

Recommended books for ages 13+

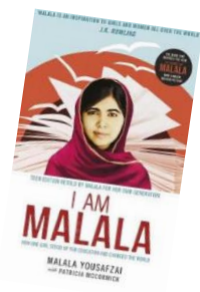
Giving young people a wide variety of exciting and engaging new books to choose from is vital to their development as a reader and a key part of our Young Readers Programme. Here, we've put together some of our current favourite books for young people, as well as some advice for finding books that will excite and engage your readers.

Click [here](#) to find all these titles on Browns Books. Our current favourites for ages 13+

- *And The Stars Were Burning Brightly* by Jwando Danielle
- *When Shadows Fall* by Sita Brahmachari
- *When the World Was Ours* by Liz Kessler
- *Afterlove* by Tanya Byrne
- *Musical Truth* by Jeffrey Boakye
- *The Crossing* by Manjeet Mann
- *When the Sky Falls* by Phil Earle
- *The Blue Book of Nebo* by Manon Steffan Ros
- *Fight Back* by A.M Dassu
- *The Dark Lady* by Akala
- *Green Rising* by Lauren James
- *Deeplight* by Frances Hardinge
- *The Boxer* by Nikesh Shukla
- *The World Between Us* by Sarah Ann Juckes
- *Children of Blood and Bone* by Tomi Adeyemi
- *Secrets of the Henna Girl* by Sufiya Ahmed
- *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie
- *Future Girl* by Asphyxia
- *Am I Normal Yet?* by Holly Bourne
- *Boys Don't Cry* by Malorie Blackman
- *Crossfire* by Malorie Blackman
- *Chinglish* by Sue Cheung



- *Illegal* by Eoin Colfer, Andrew Donkin and Giovanni Rigano
- *The Throne of Swans* by Katharine and Elizabeth Corr
- *Mind Your Head* by Juno Dawson
- *Being Billy* by Phil Earle
- *Melissa* by Alex Gino
- *Coming Out Stories* by Emma Goswell and Sam Walker (eds)
- *Gone* by Michael Grant
- *Ostrich Boys* by Keith Gray
- *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* by Mark Haddon
- *Silverfin* by Charlie Higson
- *Clouds Cannot Cover Us* by Jay Hulme
- *The Curious Tale of the Lady Caraboo* by Catherine Johnson
- *Orangeboy* by Patrice Lawrence
- *Everybody Jam* by Ali Lewis
- *Throne of Glass* by Sarah J Maas
- *A Very Wide Expanse of Sea* by Tahereh Mafi
- *Warm Bodies* by Isaac Marion
- *A Beautiful Life* by Irfan Master
- *Drop Zone: Terminal Velocity* by Andy McNab
- *People's Republic* by Robert Muchamore
- *Things a Bright Girl Can Do* by Sally Nicholls
- *Life: An Exploded Diagram* by Mal Preet
- *Unboxed* by Non Pratt
- *La Belle Sauvage: The Book of Dust Volume 1* by Phillip Pullman
- *Small Blue Thing* by S.C. Ransom
- *Sovay* by Celia Rees
- *A Midsummer Tights Dream* by Louise Rennison
- *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds and Chris Priestley
- *Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe* by Benjamin Alire Saenz
- *The Fountains of Silence* by Ruta Sepetys
- *The List of Things That Will Not Change* by Rebecca Stead
- *One Dollar Horse* by Lauren St John
- *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas
- *A Change is Gonna Come* by Various
- *Out of the Shadows* by Jason Wallace
- *Cane Warriors* by Alex Wheatle
- *I am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai
- *Gangsta Rap* by Benjamin Zephaniah



Finding more books

There are plenty of ways to find books for your children but you do need to know where to look. In addition to the latest Young Readers Programme book lists, these are some great places to check out:

- Awards shortlists
- Websites
- Twitter handles
- Specialist publishers

Awards Shortlists



You can use the latest book award shortlists to find high quality books for your children. Click on the links to see the shortlists and discover more about the awards.

- [The CILIP Carnegie Award](#): Awarded by children's librarians for an outstanding book written in English for children and young people.
- [The CILIP Kate Greenaway Award](#): Awarded by children's librarians for an outstanding book in terms of illustration for children and young people.
- [The Klaus Flugge Prize](#): Awarded to the most exciting newcomer to picture book illustration.
- [Blue Peter Book Awards](#): Two awards, one for best story and one for best story with facts, managed by the Book Trust.
- [Children's Book Award](#): The only children's book award voted for solely by children.
- [The Branford Boase Award](#): Awarded annually to outstanding first novel, recognising both the author and their editor.
- [The UKLA Book Awards](#): Celebrates children's books that teachers can use in the classroom.



- [Waterstones Children’s Book Prize](#): Award has three categories – Picture Books, Fiction 5-12, and Teen.
- [Lollies](#): Award for the funniest children’s book.
- [Oscar’s Book Prize](#): Annual Prize for the best under-fives book of the year.
- [Sainsbury’s Children’s Book Award](#): Award with seven categories – Activity books, Baby & toddler, Favourite characters, Fiction, Learning and development, Picture Book, Children’s classic.
- [Costa Children’s Book Award](#): Annual prize for a children’s book of the year, selected by a nine-member panel.
- [Jhalak Prize](#): Book of the year from a writer of colour.
- [The People’s Book Prize](#): Award for new and undiscovered writers with the winners chosen by the public.

Websites



The following websites include reviews and recommendations of children’s books.

- [Toppsta](#): A website dedicated to children’s book reviews by children and their families.
- [Scoop](#): A bi-monthly magazine for children 7+, which aims to inspire a love of reading and includes children’s book reviews.
- [Good Reads](#): Reviews of the latest children’s books.
- **Love Reading – [Lovereadings4kids](#) and [Lovereadings4schools](#)**: Book reviews for children and teachers.
- [Books For Keeps](#): Magazine and website with reviews of the latest children’s books
- [Carousel](#): Magazine and website with reviews of the latest children’s books.
- [Reading Zone](#): Children’s books website with news, extracts and reviews.
- [Book Trust](#): Includes recommendations of the latest children’s books as well as forgotten classics.
- [The School Reading List](#): Website containing lots of reading lists based on age and school year.



Twitter

If you use twitter then these hashtags are useful to follow to keep up-to-date in the world of children's books:

- [@_Reading_Rocks_](#)
- [@Teenreads](#)
- [@yabookcentral](#)
- [@bookpenpals](#)
- [@FunnyBookChat](#)
- [@KidLitReaders](#)
- [@Literacy_Trust](#)
- [#ReadingforPleasure](#)
- [@BookBuddyUK](#)
- [@picturesmeanb](#)
- [#childrensbookday](#)
- [#kidsbooks](#)
- [@WorldBookDayUK](#)
- [@Booktrust](#)

Specialist Publishers

Finally, the following publishers may be helpful:

- [Mantra Lingua](#): for finding dual language books
- [Barrington Stoke](#): for finding dyslexia-friendly books or books for reluctant readers

