

**A selection of the best books for
9-11 year olds from the last 100
years**

The Wolves of Willoughby Chase by Joan Aiken

There are wolves outside the walls of Willoughby Chase, but for cousins Bonnie and Sylvia, the real danger lies inside.

Skellig by David Almond

Exploring a ramshackle garage with his new-found friend, Mina, Michael discovers a strange, magical creature.

Carrie's War by Nina Bawden

During World War II, Carrie and her younger brother Nick are evacuated to Wales and billeted with the fierce old Mr Evans and his mousy sister, Louise.

Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer

Twelve-year-old criminal mastermind Artemis Fowl hatches an ingenious plot to steal all the gold in fairy land.

Millions by Frank Cottrell Boyce

One night, a bag containing £229,370 falls from the sky and flattens the hermitage. Damian is convinced it is a gift from God.

The Witches by Roald Dahl

Real witches disguise themselves as lovely ladies, when secretly they want to squish and squelch all the wretched children they despise.

Matilda by Roald Dahl and Quentin Blake

This modern fairy-tale with a brilliantly inspiring young heroine is one of Roald Dahl's best loved stories.

Flour Babies by Anne Fine

As part of a Child Development project, each boy in Class 4C is given a 'flour baby', a sack of flour which must be looked after for three weeks, ensuring it does not get lost or dirty.

Once by Morris Gleitzman

Morris Gleitzman brings heart and humour to the difficult subject of the Holocaust in this ground-breaking children's book.

The Adventures of Tintin by Hergé

Resourceful junior reporter Tintin embarks on a series of exciting international adventures, accompanied by his faithful dog Snowy, in this favourite series.

Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson

Orphan Maia is thrilled to learn she is to live with relatives in South America and cannot wait to experience the sights, sounds and smells of the Amazon.

Stig of the Dump by Clive King

Exploring an old chalk pit, Barney meets a strange boy who wears a rabbit skin and speaks in grunts.

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C S Lewis

When Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy - step through a wardrobe door in the strange country house where they are staying, they find themselves in the land of Narnia. [be'](#)

Goodnight Mister Tom by Michelle Magorian

Willie Beech, a lonely and deprived child, is evacuated to a tiny English village just before the Second World War, and finds himself living with reclusive widower Thomas Oakley.

Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo

Set during World War I, *Private Peaceful* charts eight hours in the life of Tommo, a young soldier at the Front.

A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness

Connor's mum has cancer and life is changing. There is the nightmare, then there is school, where people avoid him, or persecute him. And then there is the immense, mythic Monster.

The Borrowers by Mary Norton

The Borrowers are tiny people who live in the secret places of old houses - behind the mantelpiece, inside the harpsichord, under the kitchen clock.

Truckers by Terry Pratchett

Random House

The first title in the *Bromeliad* trilogy, this is an enchanting fantasy from favourite author Terry Pratchett.

Swallows and Amazons by Arthur Ransome

Red Fox

It's the summer holidays, and the Walker children are excited to set sail on their boat Swallow and camp on Wild Cat Island.

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by J K Rowling

After the misery of life with his ghastly aunt and uncle, Harry Potter is delighted to have the chance to embark on an exciting new life at the Hogwart's School of Wizardry and Witchcraft.

Holes by Louis Sachar

Stanley Yelnats' family has a history of bad luck, so he is not entirely surprised when a miscarriage of justice sends him to the Camp Green Lake Juvenile Detention Centre

The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupery

An air pilot makes a forced landing deep in the Sahara Desert. There, he makes a mysterious Little Prince, who tells him a series of wise and enchanting stories.

Ballet Shoes by Noel Streatfeild

First published in the 1930s, this classic story of three very different girls who work hard to master their talents has captivated children's imaginations for decades

The Hobbit by J R R Tolkien

This well-loved fantasy story has delighted readers ever since its first publication in 1937.

The Story of Tracy Beaker by Jacqueline Wilson

Tracy lives in a children's home but constantly hopes that her absent, glamorous Mum will come and take her away.

Dial A Ghost

by Eva Ibbotson

Fulton Snodde-Brittle has gone to the Dial A Ghost agency...