

## **Best Books for 9-11yrs**

### **Flour Babies**

**Author:** Anne Fine

**Publisher:** Penguin

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.

### **Private Peaceful**

**Author:** Sir Michael Morpurgo

**Publisher:** HarperCollins

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

### **Journey to the River Sea**

**Author:** Eva Ibbotson

**Publisher:** Macmillan Children's Books

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.

### **Millions**

**Author:** Frank Cottrell Boyce

**Publisher:** Pan Macmillan

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

### **Matilda**

**Author:** Roald Dahl **Illustrator:** Quentin Blake

**Publisher:** Puffin

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

### **Once**

**Author:** Morris Gleitzman

**Publisher:** Penguin

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

### [The Story of Tracy Beaker](#)

**Author:** Jacqueline Wilson **Illustrator:** Nick Sharratt

**Publisher:** Random House

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

### [Skellig](#)

**Author:** David Almond

**Publisher:** Hodder Children's Books

Exploring a ramshackle garage with his new-found friend Mina, Michael discovers a strange, magical creature who needs his help. A contemporary classic.

### [Artemis Fowl](#)

**Author:** Eoin Colfer

**Publisher:** Penguin

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

### [Carrie's War](#)

**Author:** Nina Bawden

**Publisher:** Puffin

Inspired by Nina Bawden's own experiences of living as an evacuee in a Welsh mining valley as a child, *Carrie's War* is now considered a modern classic. Funny, sad and thought-provoking.

### [Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone](#)

**Author:** J K Rowling

**Publisher:** Bloomsbury Children's Books

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.

### [Goodnight Mister Tom](#)

**Author:** Michelle Magorian

**Publisher:** Puffin

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.

### [The Borrowers](#)

**Author:** Mary Norton

**Publisher:** Puffin

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

### [The Hobbit](#)

**Author:** JRR Tolkien

**Publisher:** HarperCollins Children's

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

### [Stig of the Dump](#)

**Author:** Clive King

**Publisher:** Puffin

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

### [The Adventures of Tintin](#)

**Author:** Hergé **Translator:** Michael Turner and Leslie Lonsdale-Cooper

**Publisher:** Egmont

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

### [Swallows and Amazons](#)

**Author:** Arthur Ransome

**Publisher:** 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.

### [Ballet Shoes](#)

**Author:** Noel Streatfeild

**Publisher:** Penguin

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 Little Prince](#)

**Author:** Antoine de Saint-Exupery **Translator:** Katherine Woods

**Publisher:** Egmont

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.

### [The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe](#)

**Author:** C S Lewis

**Publisher:** HarperCollins Children's

When evacuees 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.

### [The Wolves of Willoughby Chase](#)

**Author:** Joan Aiken

**Publisher:** Vintage

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

### [The Witches](#)

**Author:** Roald Dahl **Illustrator:** Quentin Blake

**Publisher:** Puffin

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

### [Truckers](#)

**Author:** Terry Pratchett

**Publisher:** Random House

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

### [Holes](#)

**Author:** Louis Sachar

**Publisher:** Bloomsbury

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.

### [A Monster Calls](#)

**Author:** Patrick Ness From an idea by Siobhan Dowd **Illustrator:** Jim Kay

**Publisher:** Walker Books Ltd

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.

