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A collection of all-time favourite school stories Meet the world's naughtiest boys and girls, the best and the worst students and some really famous children in this book as they make their way through school.

Share via Email This is the age at which reading starts to get interesting, both for you and them. Around now most children will be reading fluently on their own and will start to develop their own distinct taste in books, although, like aliens, yo-yos and skipping, particular writers go in and out of fashion in the playground. It would, however, be a pity if you and your children stopped reading together at this point. You will both miss the closeness, and you will also miss some really good stories. As every parent with children in this age range knows, a thorough grounding in the rules of quidditch is essential if you are to have any meaningful conversation with your children. A word of warning. Take care when trying to introduce the books you loved or think you loved as a child to your own. Often your memory will be hazy as to exactly what age you were when you read it - you were almost certainly older than you think. There is sometimes a density to the writing of many of the older classics, which can be very satisfying, but which can also be a turn-off to a generation raised on the Oxford Reading Tree and Ginn. Every child is different in their reading ability and their interests, and parents need to take their cue from the child. Books are not medicine to be forced down; they should be fun, exciting doorways into other worlds and different feelings and points of view. The best books for this age group do not inform children about the world, but present it to them as a transformation. What does that mean? Between there is no such thing as a bad book, it is the habit of reading that counts. For some children this is also the age when books become friends, the same one consumed over and over in the same way that a teenager will play the same track on a new CD over and over. Assume, if this is the case, that the child is getting something crucial from it in the same way that the child who demands cheese three times a day for a week is probably unconsciously seeking some essential nutrient. At this age, books can be the most satisfying food in the world. They are bare, spare, and stripped down to the bone so that the story itself stands out like a skeleton. Less desired are the old cupboard given to him by his brother and the three-inch tall plastic Indian given to him by his friend Patrick. But it is the latter two gifts that prove best of all for when the Indian is put in the cupboard and the key is turned he comes to life. Little Bull turns out to be everything you could wish from an Indian - proud, fearless and defiant. This is a wonderful, very readable book in which our responsibilities to each other are explored through an entertaining story. There are other children living there, children who were happy there many centuries before. Cult American artist Edward Gorey adds more mischief with his illustrations. Of course it is stiff and old-fashioned, but there is also a kind of enchantment about it that survives changes in life and attitudes. How could he be so dim in school, and yet know so much about aeroplanes? But then, as Andrew starts to slowly appreciate, appearances can be very deceptive indeed and we all have our own strategies for survival. Smartly written, very enjoyable story about friendship and the differences between us all. Particularly good for boys. Gwyn gives the brooch to the wind and in return is sent the snow spider who weaves a silken web. Inside the web sits a girl who Gwyn knows but cannot place. This Smarties Award winner tells of four children who suddenly find their safe life disappearing as the mysterious house where they are living is taken over and wolves howl outside. Only when they meet one of the "Rats" do they find a way to escape. Even the cow stops milking. Discarded, they are rescued from a dustbin and repaired by a tramp before setting out on a dangerous quest to find a home of their own. Little does our heroine know that it contains the Djinn star whose evil magic threatens to take her over. Only the Finders can help her. For years the girls have persuaded themselves that life with mum is a gas except when she goes weird but now they are growing up and looking at the world and mum with new eyes. This is a wonderful, perceptive and disturbing book about mental illness, irresponsible parenthood and the falling out of love of children with their parents. Wilson holds true to the very end, offering no happy-ever-afters but plenty of possibilities instead. Playing opposite him is the King of the Shadows himself, William Shakespeare. Think Alice in Wonderland. This is a dense, fantastical book, in which the comic rubs shoulders with evil and the savage with the lyrical. Le Guin writes with a calm authority, almost a stillness, as she charts the story of the

young wizard Sparrowhawk who misuses magic and unleashes an evil shadow-beast who threatens his land. Only Sparrowhawk can destroy it, but the journey is long and difficult and takes him to the farthest corner of Earthsea. But then he finds a ghost in his bedroom who has her own grief to deal with. A Voyage of Discovery 1: It is like being taken on an amazing off-beat adventure by a 19th century explorer. This is a must-have book for the dreamer in every child, a book to awaken curiosity and the imagination. Price conjures a world of magic and danger to tell this modern, mythic fairytale about a boy imprisoned in a tower whose cries for help are heard by the witch-girl, Chingis. If they like this try the equally enthralling Ghost Dance and Ghost Song. The writing sizzles, foams, spits and bubbles over. Read it to them from six; read it alone from eight. Amy knows that the sound is an ancient oak tree half a mile away being ripped from the ground. Trapped among its roots is a secret that only she can uncover. Beautifully wrought story about the way secrets bring you together and tear you apart, and about the competitive relationship between a brother and sister from a fine writer best known for his brilliant books for teenagers. In fact, seeing the film leads naturally into wanting to read the story of the remarkable Matilda, ignored and derided by her parents and bullied by the odious teacher Miss Trunchbull, who not only has a brilliant mind but strange kinetic powers. Hodgson Burnett captures the fury of being a helpless, lonely child that makes both Mary and the invalid Colin behave badly. Eight-year-olds are likely to get frustrated by the sentence construction. Either read it to them or wait a couple of years. But this story of Barney, a small boy who makes friends with a strange, Stone Age type boy he finds living in the local quarry, is enormously appealing. A really rollicking straightforward read that celebrates a strange friendship and the way two are better than one when it comes to taking on the bullies. The girls are enrolled in stage school so they will be able to earn a living. Quite delightful and infinitely more real than all those titles currently being churned out for ballet-mad little girls. The second in the series, Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets, is the weakest; the third, The Prisoner of Azkaban the best, not least because the Dementors are so truly terrifying. But these kinds of arguments are academic: Eight upward, but younger brothers and sisters are liable to get in on the act earlier, particularly if you read it to them. It runs to 8hours and 23minutes, which sure beats nine hours of I Spy. But while village life has changed out of all recognition, the emotions of Lizzie, who wants something exciting to happen in her life, who loves her soft dad and rather severe mum but keeps getting into scrapes and who meets a witch in the way other people run into the milkman, remain as fresh as a daisy. Old-fashioned, but there is toughness beneath the whimsy. More for the girls than the boys. There is nothing in the slightest bit twee about it. Norton writes brilliantly, viewing the world as if through the eyes of her little people with a sense of wonder and terror. Even children who are addicts of the excellent but bastardised film version and the superb BBC serial version will gobble this up on the printed page. But she is not alone; the castle grounds are full of other mysterious presences including a ghostly boy, a sinister green lady, a screeching peacock and chains of desperate "stonestruck" children, engaged in a deadly game of tag with Jessica as the quarry. Cresswell writes with a spare, dense poetry about the desolation of separation, the isolating effect of unhappiness and the need to take care about what you wish. A really spellbinding piece of grown-up writing for children that makes the Goosebumps series pale into insignificance. It can be read alone at 10 upward, but both are very satisfying for adults to read to the 8-upward age range. Liable to engender plenty of hilarious discussion about whether angels have belly buttons. Ridiculously middle-class and old-fashioned and full of Christian imagery, the triumph of good over evil and being a jolly good sort. Some of the sentence structure is quite difficult and you really need to be eight upward and a confident reader not to be put off. A really rollicking story, with plenty of wild flights of the imagination, it has the essential ingredients of lost parents, an evil governess and two feisty cousins, Bonnie and Sylvia, determined to evade the clutches of the evil Miss Slighcarp. The good news for those with keen readers is that there are more than a dozen books in the Willoughby Chase sequence. The bad news is that although featuring the memorably stropy heroine Dido Twite, some of the subsequent novels are off-puttingly obscure. But with the arrival of Johnnie the pig, things begin to improve. This book is such fun that children want to gobble it down in one sitting and are absolutely amazed when you tell them it was written almost a century ago. It seems so fresh because it gets to the very heart of being a child - the wonderful sense that anything can happen to you and probably will. Plenty to choose from: The unlikely friendship between Julia and Nathan is drawn with a

delicacy that never ignores its difficulties and the final triumphant realisation that love is worth having is exhilarating. In a way it is a parable about the power of storytelling itself. But it is also part fairytale, part ghost story and part science fiction; Pullman writes with a deceptive simplicity that makes the whole thing feel both ancient and very modern at the same time. There are some wonderfully witty picture asides, but is the narrative that really winds you up: If families still did that kind of thing, this would be the perfect novel to be read out loud around the fire. While roasting chestnuts, of course. An instant modern classic. It is an atmospheric tale about Rob, on the run after the mysterious death of his dad, who crosses The Barrier and finds himself in a countryside that initially seems idyllic. So why is rebellion in the air? Natalie is attracted to the difficult, disturbed Tulip, perhaps because she seems so dangerous. They are coming to get her.

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her hand. Rowling and Roald Dahl will love the snarky humor and suspense, and animal lovers will adore her pug companion. Big kids have vistas that are expanding; give them historical fiction to imagine the past, and fantasy to imagine the future. The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick Scholastic Press, If Hugo can repair the robot-like "automaton" rescued from a fire, he feels sure its metal hand will write a note from his departed father, conveying a plan to keep him safe. Set in and out of the sewers of Paris, the cinematic quality of this novel reinvents the fiction genre for a generation of visually literate children. But the flickering lights indicate that it may be time to generate some new ideas, and fast! Number the Stars by Lois Lowry Laurel Leaf, The Danish Resistance helps a family escape capture by the Nazis, with children playing a major role even in the most terrible of situations. Non-fiction is real reading, too! Mix in magazines, cookbooks, the sports pages and biography to make reading a real-world activity and not just homework, and to keep reluctant readers in the swim. Whether Matt is attempting a new reform involving the distribution of chocolate to all of his citizens, running to do battle on a war-torn front under a false name while a lifelike doll reigns in his stead, arranging for his population to attend summer camp or on a diplomatic mission to the land of the cannibals, every chapter ends with a cliffhanger. Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli Scholastic Inc, A larger-than-life hero confronts racism while living on the street. The Twenty-One Balloons by William Pene du Bois Puffin Books, Professor William Waterman Sherman plans to spend his retirement crossing the Pacific in his hot-air balloon, but instead comes down on a volcanic island inhabited by inventors and gourmets.

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