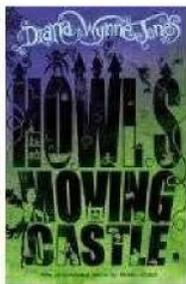

Great Reads for Children in Years 5 & 6

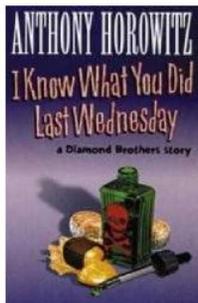
Want to buy you're a book for Christmas, but not sure what is suitable for their age range? Look no further for a great list of books that not only will your child enjoy, but will also support and develop their reading.

All books that appear on this list are available on Amazon.



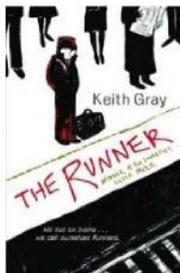
Howl's Moving Castle by Diana Wynne Jones

Sophie Hatter is the eldest of three sisters and, in true fairytale tradition, believes that she will be the least successful in life. After being turned into an old woman by the Witch of the Waste, Sophie encounters Wizard Howl, who has a dangerous reputation. However, in the worlds Diana Wynne Jones creates, nothing is quite what it seems.



Know What You Did Last Wednesday by Anthony Horowitz

A suspenseful short novel peppered with plenty of humour as well as dead bodies, which is narrated by Nick Diamond whose clueless older brother Tim is a private detective. They travel to Crocodile Island, to attend a school reunion, and soon Tim's former classmates are dropping like flies, in true Agatha Christie style.



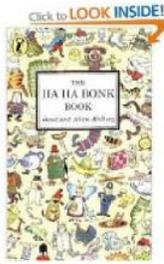
The Runner By Keith Gray

Jason is fed up with his parents arguing at home and boards a train for Liverpool to see his older brother. All the action takes place on the train journey where Jason meets Jam, a boy who calls himself a 'runner', but is everything as it seems? The journey and its culmination turn into a learning experience for Jason.



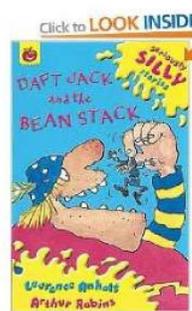
The Silver Donkey by Sonya Hartnett, illustrated by Laura Carlin

Two French girls find a soldier in the woods during the First World War. He has left the army and needs to return home to see his sick brother as well as escape the horrors he has seen and which have affected his eyesight. How they build a relationship with him, in the course of which he tells them stories inspired by the silver donkey he carries.



***The Ha Ha Bonk Book* By Janet and Allan Ahlberg Puffin**

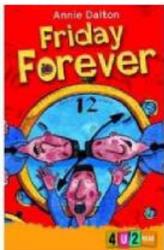
Jam-packed with brilliant jokes to tell your Mum, your Dad, your dog or even your teacher!



Daft Jack and the Bean Stack (Seriously Silly Stories) By Laurence Anholt

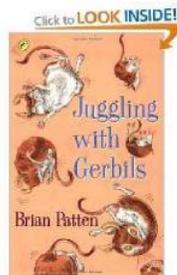
Daft Jack is such a silly-billy. Who else would swap a cow for some baked beans – and think it's his lucky day?

This book is one of a series of seriously silly stories, retelling well known fairy tales and giving them a modern twist.



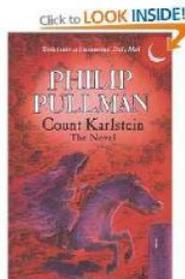
Friday Forever By Annie Dalton

A great book for reluctant readers. Lenny is having a stressful day with highs and lows, mostly created by his own bad behaviour. At the point where he avoids getting the blame for playing a trick, he makes a wish that it would be Friday forever.



Juggling with Gerbils By Brian Patten

A fantastic selection of animal poems, where Brian Patten explains the life of animals from the inside. Whether it's the rabbit left alone while its owners go on holiday, or a fly on a statue, his poems will give you lots to think and laugh about.



Count Karlstein By Phillip Pullman

In Karlstein village, huddled on the mountain slopes below gloomy Castle Karlstein, there's a tale of terror often told: of Zamiel, the Demon Huntsman, who rides the mountains every All Souls' Eve with his Wild Hunt of skeleton huntsmen and phantom hounds. No one quite believes the story -- but no one quite disbelieves it either