



Year 5 Book Suggestions and Boy Appeal Authors

'Beaky Malone: Worst Ever School Trip' by Barry Hutchison

A hilarious new series from best-selling author, Barry Hutchison, perfect for fans of Tom Gates, Wimpy Kid and Barry Loser.

'Beetle Queen' by M.G Leonard

Cruel beetle fashionista, Lucretia Cutter, is at large with her yellow ladybird spies. When Darkus, Virginia and Bertolt discover further evidence of her evil, they're determined to stop her. But the three friends are in trouble. Darkus' dad has forbidden them to investigate any further - and disgusting crooks Humphrey and Pickering are out of prison. Hope rests on Novak, Lucretia's daughter and a Hollywood actress, but the beetle diva is always one scuttle ahead...

'Cowboy Pug' by [Laura James](#)

Meet the brilliant, the wonderful, the courageous ... Cowboy Pug! The second book in a joyful new illustrated series for fans of Claude and Squishy McFluff.

'Daisy and the Trouble With Chocolate' by Kes Gray

Daisy is SO excited! She's been picked to look after the class hamsters, Pickle and Pops, over the Easter holidays - AND her mum's taking her to Chocolate Land!!! Trouble is, the two things probably shouldn't mix... The totally troublesome and

laugh-out-loud funny new tale from the bestselling Daisy series.

'Fish Boy' by Chloe Daykin

"People call me Fish Boy. My skin goes up and down like the waves. My mind goes in and out like the sea. They say I've always got my mouth open, that I ask too many questions. But what's wrong with that?"

'Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls' by Elena Favilli and Francesca Cavallo

My seven-year-old daughter and I have loved reading Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls because it is so inspiring. The range of women covered is incredible - from motocross riders to Egyptian pharaohs - all of them telling tales of triumph over adversity or great achievement. My daughter's imagination has been set on fire by these amazing women" - Lucy Parsons

'Hamster Princess: Ratpunzel' by Ursula Vernon

Princess Harriet Hamsterbone does not like sitting around at home. How's a princess supposed to have any fun when her parents are constantly reminding her to be careful and act princessly? So when her pal Prince Wilbur needs help finding a stolen hydra egg, Harriet happily takes up the quest. The thief's trail leads them to a wicked witch and a tall tower, occupied by a rat whose tail has more to it than meets the eye!

'King Coo' by Adam Stower.

If Peter Pan had been a girl... with a beard... then he'd have probably been called King Coo.

'Letters from The Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll

We weren't supposed to be going to the pictures that night. We weren't even meant to be outside, not in a blackout, and definitely not when German bombs had been falling on London all month like pennies from a jar.

February, 1941. After months of bombing raids in London, twelve-year-old Olive Bradshaw and her little brother Cliff are evacuated to the Devon coast. The only person with two spare beds is Mr Ephraim, the local lighthouse keeper. But he's not used to company and he certainly doesn't want any evacuees.

'Mind The Gap' by Phil Earle

When Mikey's dad died, something in Mikey died too. He loved his old man and he never stopped dreaming that one day his dad would land the role of a lifetime, prove them all wrong, and rock back up to the estate in the flashiest car anyone had ever seen. Now there's just numbness, and not caring, and really, really stupid decisions. He says the worst of it is that he can't even remember his dad's voice any more. Eventually Mikey's best mate can't bear it anymore, and so he sets out to give Mikey the memories - and his dad's voice - back.

'See You In The Cosmos' by Jack Cheng.

11-year-old Alex Petroski loves space and rockets, his mom, his brother, and his dog Carl Sagan--named for his hero, the real-life astronomer. All he wants is to launch his golden iPod into space the way Carl Sagan (the man, not the dog) launched his Golden Record on the Voyager spacecraft in 1977.

'Sputniks Guide to Life On Earth' by Frank Cottrell Boyce

The Blythes are a big, warm, rambunctious family who live on a small farm and sometimes foster children. Now Prez has come to live with them. But, though he seems cheerful and helpful, he never says a word.

Then one day Prez answers the door to someone claiming to be his relative. This small, loud stranger carries a backpack, walks with a swagger and goes by the name of Sputnik.

'The Bookshop Girl' by [Sylvia Bishop](#)

This story is about a little girl named Property Jones, so-called because she was left in the lost property cupboard of a bookshop when she was five years old. Property loves living in the bookshop, but she has a whopper of a secret ... she can't actually read

'The Girl of Ink and Stars' by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

Forbidden to leave her island, Isabella dreams of the faraway lands her cartographer father once mapped. When her friend disappears, she volunteers to guide the search. The world beyond the walls is a monster-filled wasteland - and beneath the dry rivers and smoking mountains, a fire demon is stirring from its sleep.

'The Nowhere Emporium' by Ross McKenzie

When the mysterious Nowhere Emporium arrives in Glasgow, orphan Daniel Holmes stumbles upon it quite by accident. Before long, the 'shop from nowhere' -- and its owner, Mr Silver -- draw Daniel into a breathtaking world of magic and enchantment. Recruited as Mr Silver's apprentice, Daniel learns the secrets of the Emporium's vast labyrinth of passageways and rooms -- rooms that contain wonders beyond anything Daniel has ever imagined.

'Who Let The Gods Out?' by Maz Evans

Elliot's mum is ill and his home is under threat, but a shooting star crashes to earth and changes his life forever. The star is Virgo - a young Zodiac goddess on a mission. But the pair accidentally release Thanatos, a wicked death daemon

imprisoned beneath Stonehenge, and must then turn to the old Olympian gods for help. After centuries of cushy retirement on earth, are Zeus and his crew up to the task of saving the world - and solving Elliot's problems too?

How to Get Rid of a Vampire (Using Ketchup, Garlic Cloves and a Bit of Imagination) by J.M. Erre; translated by Sander Berg

Have you ever thought there was something a little unusual about one of your teachers? Zazie confides in her beloved new diary that Mr Fleder – with his pale skin and blood-red lips – simply has to be a vampire! In order to save her life and those of her classmates, Zazie must find a way to get rid of Mr Fleder before it is too late – and what better way than by following the advice found in Bram Stoker's Dracula...

'Hopeless Heroes: Here Comes Hercules' by Stella Tarakson

When Tim Baker breaks his mum's favourite vase, it's the least of his problems. The Greek hero he's released is in danger of doing far worse. To the flowers, the rug— Oh, no! Not the kitchen! Hercules is only trying to be helpful but he's just hopeless. It's time to send this dim demigod home before Tim becomes ancient history.

Getting boys to read

Some authors with boy-appeal

Ardagh, Philip*	www.philipardagh.co.uk
Blackman, Malorie*	www.malorieblackman.co.uk
Boyne, John	www.johnboyne.com
Briggs, Andy	www.andybriggs.co.uk
Brooks, Kevin*	
Cottrell Boyce, Frank*	
Craig, Joe	www.joecraig.co.uk
Eldridge, Jim*	www.jimeldridge.com
Gibbons, Alan*	www.alangibbons.com
Gleitzman, Morris	www.morrisgleitzman.com
Horowitz, Anthony	www.anthonchorowitz.com
Meres, Jonathan*	www.jonathanmeres.com
Mulligan, Andy	www.andymulliganbooks.com
Palmer, Tom*	www.tompalmer.co.uk
Rai, Bali*	www.balirai.co.uk
Reeve, Philip	www.philip-reeve.com
Riordan, Rick	www.rickriordan.com
Sedgewick, Marcus	www.marcussedgewick.com
Walliams, David	www.worldofwalliams.com
Zephaniah, Benjamin	http://benjaminzephaniah.com

*Author's works include HILO books (high interest, low reading level)