

Bettering Youth Book Suggestions:

These are some of my favourite books to recommend:

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle - The Lost World, Sherlock Holmes, The Hound of the Baskervilles
Arthur Ransome - Swallows and Amazons and other books in this series
C.S Lewis – All of the Narnia Series starting with The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe
Laura Ingalls Wilder - Little House on the Prairie, Little House in the Big Woods (good for girl readers)
Frances Hodgson Burnett - The Secret Garden, A Little Princess
William Golding - Lord of the Flies
J.R.R Tolkien - The Lord of the Ring (3 books: The Fellowship of the Ring, The Two Towers, The Return of the King) The Hobbit
Mark Twain - The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
George Orwell – Animal Farm
Arthur Ransome – Swallows and Amazons series
Malorie Blackman – Noughts and Crosses Trilogy, Tell Me No Lies, Thief, Pig Heart Boy
Susan Coolidge – What Katy Did series (good for girl readers)
Roald Dahl books – e.g. The BFG, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, The Giant Peach (There are plenty more good books also written by Roald Dahl)
Anne Holm – I Am David
Daniel Defoe – Robinson Crusoe
E. Nesbit – The Railway Children, The Phoenix and the Carpet, Five Children and It, The Wouldbegoods, The Treasure Seekers
Michael Morpurgo books – e.g. The Butterfly Lion, War Horse, From Hereabout Hill, Why the Whales Came (there are plenty more good books he has also written)
Louis Sachar – Holes
Joan Aiken – Wolves of Willoughby Chase series
Nina Bawden – Carrie’s War
Brian Jacques – Redwall series (Good for reluctant boy readers)
Carolyn Keene – Nancy Drew mysteries
Charles Kingsley – The Water Babies
Clive King – Stig of the Dump
Lucy Montgomery – Anne of Green Gables and other books in this series (good for girl readers)
Gerald Durrell – My family and Other Animals, Birds, Beasts and Relatives, A Zoo in my Luggage, Encounters with Animals
Jonathan Swift - Gulliver’s Travels
Robert Louis Stevenson – Treasure Island, Kidnapped
Paul Gallico – The Snow Goose, Scruffy
Kenneth Graham – The Wind in the Willows
Rudyard Kipling – Jungle Book, Just So Stories
Eleanor H. Porter – Pollanna (good for girl readers)
R.M. Ballantyne – Coral Island



Anna Sewell – Black Beauty (good for girl readers)
Erich Kästner – Emil and the Detectives (good for boy readers)
Elizabeth Goudge – The Little White Horse
Johanna Spyri – Heidi (good for girl readers)
Noel Stretford – Ballet Shoes, White Boots (good for girl readers)
Ian Serrailier – The Silver Sword
Mary Norton – The Borrowers and other books in this series
Louisa May Alcott – Little Women (good for girl readers)
Lewis Carroll – Alice in Wonderland
Hugh Lofting – Dr Dolittle
Eva Ibbotson - The Star of Kazan
Eoin Colfer - Artemis Fowl series of books (good for reluctant boy readers)
Richard Adams – Watership Down
Richmal Crompton - Just William books (good for boy readers)
E.B. White – Charlotte’s Web
Jules Verne – Journey to the Centre of the Earth, Around the World in 80 days
Ted Hughes – How the Whale Became, The Iron Man
T.H. White – The Sword in the Stone
Philipa Pearce – Tom’s Midnight Garden
Susan Coolidge – What Katy Did Next (good for girl readers)
Dick-King Smith books – e.g. The Crowstarver, The Sheep Pig
Anthony Horowitz – Granny, Alex Rider series, Stormbreaker (good for boy readers)
Robert O’Brian – Mrs Frisby and the Rats of Nimh series of books
Anne Fine books – e.g. The Flour Babies, Madame Doubtfire
James Herriot - All Creatures Great and Small
Yan Martel – The Life of Pi
Mark Haddon - The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time
Charlotte Bronte – Jane Eyre
H.G. Wells – The Time Machine
Charles Dickens – A Christmas Carol
D Adams - The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy
J.K. Rowling – Harry Potter series of books
John Boyne – Boy in the Striped Pyjamas
Eva Ibbotson - The Star of Kazan
Jenny Nimmo – Children of the Red King series of books (Charlie Bone)
Helen Dunmore - Ingo adventures series of books
Terry Deary – The Fire Thief Fight Back
Kate DiCamillo - The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane
Snicket, Lemony - A Series of Unfortunate Events series of books
Lee Trenton Stewart - The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Perilous Journey, The Mysterious Benedict Society

