

# Best Books for 6-8 year olds



We've put together a list of the 100 best books for children from the last 100 years.

**The books below are ones suitable for children aged 6-8.**

How many have you read?

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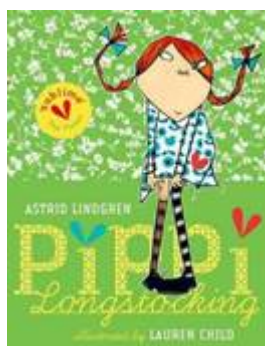
## **The Magic Faraway Tree**

**Author:** Enid Blyton

**Interest level:** 7+

**Reading age:** 7+

When Joe, Beth and Frannie move to a new home, an Enchanted Wood is on their doorstep. And when they discover the Faraway Tree, it...



## **Pippi Longstocking**

**Author:** Astrid Lindgren **Translator:** Tiina Nunnally **Illustrator:** Lauren Child

**Interest level:** 6+

**Reading age:** 8+

Follow Pippi Longstocking on her amazing adventures as she moves into Villa Villekulla with a horse, a monkey, and a big suitcase ...



## Dog Man

**Author:** Dav Pilkey

**Interest level:** 6-8

**Reading age:** 6+

Dog Man, created by *Captain Underpants*' Dav Pilkey, is a comic masterclass, perfect for the surreal sense of humour of t...



## Finn Family Moomintroll

**Author:** Tove Jansson **Translator:** Elizabeth Portch

**Interest level:** 5-8

**Reading age:** 6+

Moomintroll is cheerful and chubby and lives in the magical Moominvalley with his mother, Moominmamma, his father, Moominpappa and...



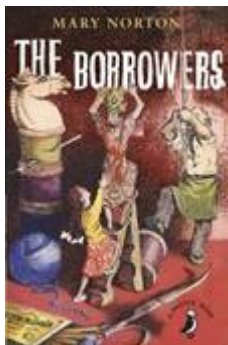
## Charlotte's Web

**Author:** E B White **Illustrator:** Garth Williams

**Interest level:** 6+

**Reading age:** 7+

This is the tale of how a little girl named Fern - with the help of a friendly talking spider called Charlotte - saved her pig, Wi...



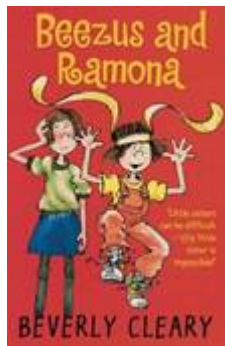
## The Borrowers

**Author:** Mary Norton

**Interest level:** 9+

**Reading age:** 9+

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



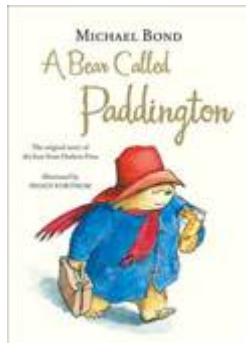
## **Beezus and Ramona**

**Author:** Beverly Cleary

**Interest level:** 6-11

**Reading age:** 7+

Life with a very naughty little sister is both funny and excruciating in the six complete stories that make up this classic chapte...



## **A Bear Called Paddington**

**Author:** Michael Bond **Illustrator:** Peggy Fortnum

**Interest level:** 6-8

**Reading age:** 7+

Paddington, the brown bear from darkest Peru, is found by the Brown family on Paddington Station with his hat, duffel coat and mar...



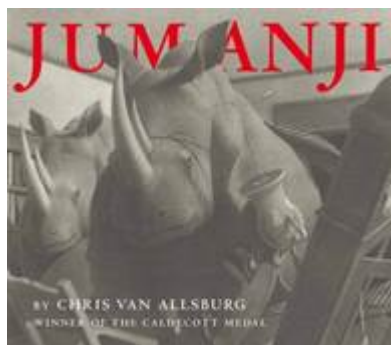
## **Fungus the Bogeyman**

**Author:** Raymond Briggs

**Interest level:** 6-11

**Reading age:** 7+

This sophisticated cartoon-strip picture book for older children follows one day in the life of Fungus, a morose bogeyman who scar...



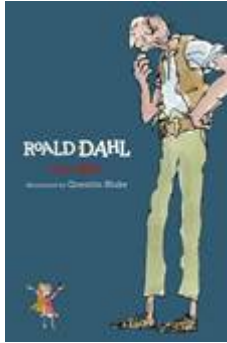
## **Jumanji**

**Author:** Chris Van Allsburg

**Interest level:** 6+

**Reading age:** 7+

Judy and Peter are bored and alone - until they discover a mysterious board game, *Jumanji*, that comes to life as soon as they star...



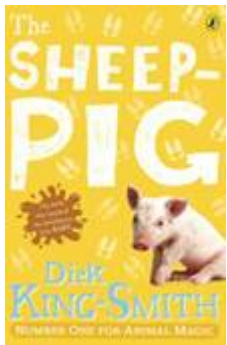
## The BFG

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

**Interest level:** 6-10

**Reading age:** 7+

The BFG stands for Big Friendly Giant, who unexpectedly spirits a little girl named Sophie out of bed, and into the land of the ch...



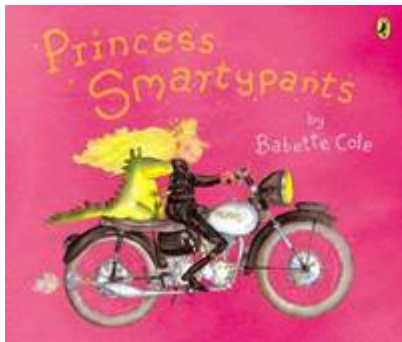
## The Sheep-Pig

**Author:** Dick King-Smith **Illustrator:** Mike Terry

**Interest level:** 6+

**Reading age:** 7+

When Farmer Hogget wins a piglet at the fair, he is amazed that Fly, his sheep-dog, welcomes him as one of her own pups.



## Princess Smartypants

**Author:** Babette Cole

**Interest level:** 6-8

**Reading age:** 6+

Princess Smartypants is rebellious, independent, and very happy being single - but her parents want her to get married and settle

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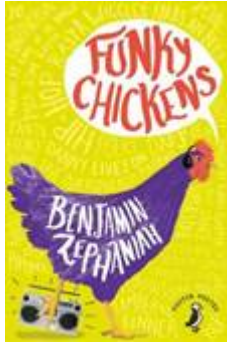
## Flour Babies

**Author:** Anne Fine

**Interest level:** 9-12

**Reading age:** 9+

A classic, touching and very funny coming-of-age story about an unusual science project that teaches the boys in 4C so much more t...



## Funky Chickens

**Author:** Benjamin Zephaniah

**Interest level:** 9-11

**Reading age:** 9+

A funny, thought-provoking collection of poems for older children from Britain's best-loved rap poet, Benjamin Zephaniah, which co...



## How to Train Your Dragon

**Author:** Cressida Cowell

**Interest level:** 9+

**Reading age:** 9+

Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III was an incredible sword-fighter, dragon-whisperer and the greatest Viking hero who ever lived.



## The Arrival

**Author:** Shaun Tan

**Interest level:** 8+

**Reading age:** 8+

In this unusual book, we follow a young man as he packs his bags and leaves his family to go and start a new life in another count...



## You're a Bad Man, Mr Gum!

**Author:** Andy Stanton **Illustrator:** David Tazzyman

**Interest level:** 5+

**Reading age:** 6+

Mr Gum is an extremely nasty man who hates everyone and lives in a disgusting tip of a house.





### **This is Our House**

**Author:** Michael Rosen **Illustrator:** Bob Graham

**Interest level:** 3+

**Reading age:** 5+

George wants his cardboard house all to himself. But when he goes to the loo, his friends fill his house ...



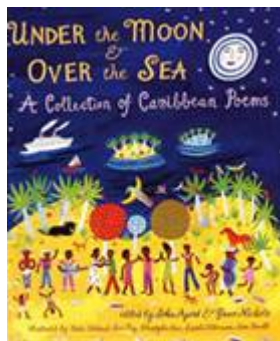
### **The Great Big Book of Families**

**Author:** Mary Hoffman **Illustrator:** Ros Asquith

**Interest level:** 4+

**Reading age:** 7+

*The Great Big Book of Families* is about the diversity of families. The simple message is that every family is unique and...



### **Under the Moon and Over the Sea**

**Author:** John Agard and Grace Nichols **Illustrator:** Cathie Felstead Jane Ray Christopher Corr Sara Fanelli and Satoshi Kitamura

**Interest level:** 6-11

**Reading age:** 6+

This joyful collection of more than 50 poems superbly conjures the sights, sounds and rhythms of the Caribbean.



### **Hilda and the Troll**

**Author:** Luke Pearson

**Interest level:** 6+

**Reading age:** 7+

Blue-haired explorer Hilda has an uncanny ability to find weird and wonderful adventures and befriend peculiar creatures.



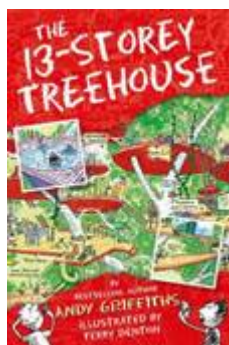
### **Werewolf Club Rules**

**Author:** Joseph Coelho **Illustrator:** John O'Leary

**Interest level:** 7-12

**Reading age:** 8

Coelho follows in a noble tradition headed by Agard, Ahlberg, McGough and Rosen, who turn everyday life into memorable poetic mini...



### **The 13-Storey Treehouse**

**Author:** Andy Griffiths **Illustrator:** Terry Denton

**Interest level:** 6+

**Reading age:** 8+

Griffiths and Denton create a triumph to engage even the most determined hater of books, which includes hilarious cartoon drawings...



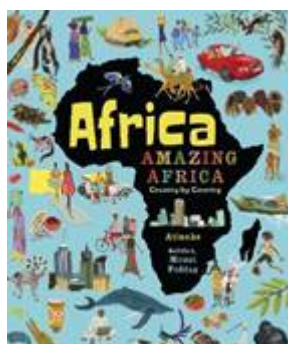
### **The Journey**

**Author:** Francesca Sanna

**Interest level:** 7-9

**Reading age:** 7+

What is it like to leave everything behind and travel somewhere strange? This incredibly poignant story introduces the concept of ...



### **Africa, Amazing Africa: Country by Country**

**Author:** Atinuke **Illustrator:** Mouni Feddag

**Interest level:** 6-11

**Reading age:** 7+

A perfect book for young children interested in their cultural heritage or for those with a passion for travel and geography, this...