

# 50(ish) Brilliant Books to Read during Year 6/7 Transition



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- All the books on this list should be available at your public library
- This list contains just 1 title per author. Most of the authors have written other equally good books. **If you enjoy reading a particular book, then do try other books by the same author.**
- Titles in italics are the first in a series.

Agbabi, Patience	<i>The Infinite</i>	A fantasy adventure series in which children born on 29 February are able to leap backwards and forwards in time and solve mysteries.
Adeyinka, Sabine	<b>Jummy at the River School</b>	First in a new series. River School is a prestigious boarding school in Nigeria which is both very similar and very different from Malory Towers.
Anderson, Sophie	<b>The House with Chicken Legs</b>	A story based on the Russian Folk Tales about Baba Yaga. Twelve year old Marinka is destined to become a Yaga, like her grandmother with whom she lives. But she is tired of constantly moving and only meeting dead people.
Applebaum, Kirsty	<b>The Middler</b>	Maggie resents being the middle child in her family. She lives in a boring town where nothing ever happens. But things are not as they seem.
Balen, Katya	<b>The Light in Everything</b>	When their parents decide to live together Zofia and Tom are both aghast. The future step-siblings have nothing in common. Surely, this will end in disaster!
Brahmachari, Sita	<b>Where the River Runs Gold</b>	An adventure story set in a frightening future world where thanks to climate change, children have to pollinate crops by hand.
Bruton, Catherine	<b>No Ballet Shoes in Syria</b>	Aya is an asylum seeker and talented ballet dancer living in Manchester. She dreams of attending a prestigious ballet school whilst facing the real danger of being sent back to Syria.

Campbell-Johnston, Rachel	<b>The Child's Elephant</b>	An adventure story set in East Africa about a boy who cares for an orphaned baby elephant and he finds himself in conflict with elephant poachers and child kidnappers.
Earle, Phil	<b>When the Sky Falls</b>	Joseph is a troubled child. During World War 2 he is sent to live with a family friend who owns a zoo. Joseph has to look after the remaining animals, including Adonis, the lonely gorilla. Be prepared to shed tears at the ending
Edge, Christopher	<b>The Longest Night of Charlie Noon</b>	An adventure story with a twist. When new girl Charlie is teased by her classmates about a monster lurking in the woods, they end up getting lost and spending the night amongst the trees.
Elphinstone, Abi	<b>Sky Song</b>	In a faraway cold and magical land. Esta and Flint are on a quest to defeat the evil Ice Queen
Fine, Anne	<b>The Tulip Touch</b>	When she starts a new school, Natalie is drawn to Tulip, although the rest of the class avoid her. It is not until the girls become best friends, that Natalie realises she has made a huge mistake. but it is too late. A modern classic.
Fraillon, Zana	<b>The Bone Sparrow</b>	Subhi's family are Rohingya Muslims from Myanmar. Subhi was born in a refugee camp. Now he is 10 and still in the camp. Will he ever go beyond the fence which separates the camp from the world outside?
Hickes, Phil	<b><i>The Haunting of Aveline Jones</i></b>	When Aveline has to spend the Autumn half term with her aunt in a small seaside village, she expects to be bored. In fact, it is the scariest time of her life when she comes face to face with a ghost.
Jackson, Sharna	<b><i>High Rise Mystery</i></b>	Modern mystery series featuring 2 young female detectives who live in a tower block on a London estate.
Laird, Elizabeth	<b>The Fastest boy in the World</b>	A short adventure story set in Ethiopia, Solomon is an excellent runner who dreams of becoming an Olympic athlete.

Lester, Cas	<b>Do you speak chocolate?</b>	Jas has just started Year 7 and is unhappy because her friends from primary school are moving away from her. Then Nadima joins the class.
McKay, Hilary	<b><i>Binny for Short</i></b>	First in a series about the Cornwallis family. During the summer before Binny starts secondary school, her family move to a Cornish seaside village.
Mulligan, Andy	<b>Trash</b>	A thriller about a group of children living in extreme poverty in the Philippines who find a bag of money.
Palacio, R J	<b>Wonder</b>	August is severely disfigured. At the age of 10, he is going to school for the first time. How will his new classmates react to his face?
Reynolds, Jason	<b>Look Both Ways</b>	A prize-winning collection of short stories about pupils from an American inner city Middle School and what they get up to as they walk home.
Rundell, Catherine	<b>The Explorer</b>	When their small plane crashes in the Amazon Rainforest, 4 children must survive with little chance of rescue. A long, absorbing adventure story, which also is full of information about Amazon animals and plants.
Taylor, Thomas	<b><i>Malamander</i></b>	Eerie-on-sea in winter, a place where a ferocious fishman monster lurks, a 200 year old sailor can materialise out of a tap and a cat can talk.
Saunders, Kate	<b>Five Children on the Western Front</b>	This “sequel” to Edith Nesbit’s <i>Five children and it</i> can be enjoyed without having read the original. It is a family story with a bit of fantasy which takes place during World War One.
Torday, Piers	<b><i>The Last Wild</i></b>	In a fantasy future world where there are supposedly no animals left and all food is flavoured pink gloop, Kester embarks on a great adventure.
Townsend, Jessica	<b><i>Nevermoor</i></b>	A fantasy that will appeal to Harry Potter fans. Morrigan is doomed to die on her 11th birthday. Then, she is given the opportunity to train for the Wondrous Society in the secret city of

		Nevermoor.
Winter, Tamsin	<b>Being Miss Nobody</b>	Starting secondary school is daunting for everyone, but imagine being unable to speak. Tamsin can talk, but only in places where she feels safe, like at home. She is bullied relentlessly, until she finds a way to fight back. Another recommended recent book about starting secondary school is <b>Best Friends Forever</b> by Lisa Williamson

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