

These books cover a wide variety of themes and genres. A strong vocabulary and comprehending more challenging texts is a key part of 11 Plus success. Some of the topics covered in the books listed below cover mature concepts so please read the blurb of a book to decide if you would like your child to read it. Some of the texts may contain outdated, incorrect views and inappropriate cultural depictions. If you encounter this, we recommend having an open dialogue about culture and diversity.

Inspiration & Motivation

- Gareth Southgate - Anything is Possible
- Marcus Rashford - You Are A Champion
- Amanda Li - Rise Up

Historical Fiction

- Charles Dickens - Oliver Twist
- Michelle Magorian - Goodnight Mister Tom
- Michael Morpurgo - War Horse
- Howard Pyle - The Story of King Arthur and His Knights
- Anna Sewell - Black Beauty

Alternative Fiction

- Malorie Blackman - Pig-Heart Boy
- William Golding - Lord of The Flies
- George Orwell - Animal Farm
- Sir Arthur Conan Doyle - The Hound of The Baskervilles

Fantasy

- J.R.R Tolkien - The Lord of The Rings Trilogy
- Kiran Millwood Hargrave - The Girl of Ink & Stars

Fiction That Celebrates Difference

- R.J Palacio - Wonder
- Lisa Thompson - The Goldfish Boy
- Kate Darbishire - Speechless
- Libby Scott - Can You See Me?
- Libby Scott - Do You Know Me?
- Libby Scott - Ways To Be Me

Non Fiction

- Floella Benjamin - Coming to England
- Vicki Hird - Rebugging the Planet
- Hendrikus van Hensbergen - How You Can Save The Planet
- Leo Hickman - Will Jellyfish Rule The World?
- Joseph Lambert - Annie Sullivan and the Trials of Helen Keller