



10 books that are guaranteed  
to make your children fall in  
love with reading



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A habit of endless possibilities



# What makes a reader?

No child is born a natural reader. Children are simply raised by families that have the confidence and passion for reading themselves.

Encouraging your child to read won't guarantee them a place at Oxford. But it will give them a skill that can open any door and tackle any hurdle.

***You don't want your child to just read though. You want them to choose to read. To feel the comforting embrace of a good book and reserve a special place in their hearts for the act of reading.***

Don't just take my word for it though. The OECD outlined that there's much 'value in reading for enjoyment and it is strongly related to social mobility' (2002).

We want to give you the tools and knowledge to get your child to fall in love with reading, TODAY.

***I've often found that the reluctant readers among my students don't have a deep hatred of reading. They just haven't found the right book yet.***

So, I've put together a list of books that I think could turn the non-readers into full on bookworms. It's not been easy to keep this list short, but I think if you've got these books up your sleeve — or on your bookshelves at least — you're going to grow yourself a very keen reader.





# The books...

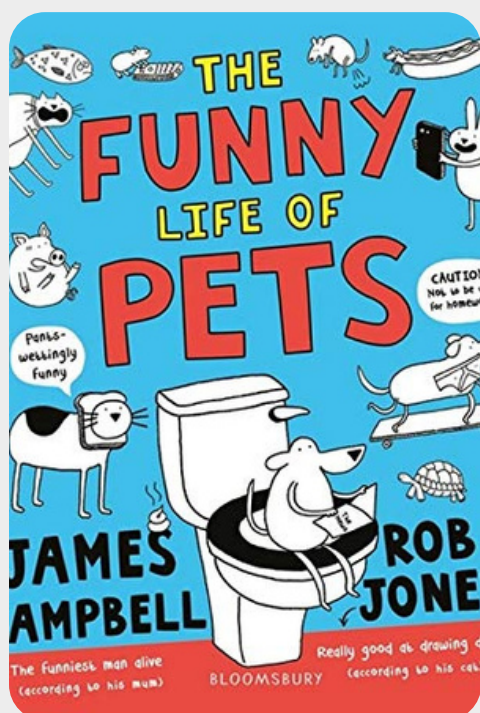
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**Where the Wild Things Are, by Maurice Sendak (age 2+)** — join Max on an epic adventure which has inspired generations of children to let out their inner 'monsters'. This book's also a wonderful tribute to family love when Max returns from his daydream, his mum brings him back down to earth with a hot dinner.



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**The Funny Life of Pets, by James Campbell (age 8+)** — highly interactive and an excellent hybrid of fiction and non-fiction. This is packed full of cartoon-style illustrations which guide the reader on the different types of pets. But it's also filled with hilarious nuggets of debate around why big dogs are better than smaller dogs and where cats originate from (I'll give you a clue, think ET...). This is superb for readers lacking with patience for complicated stories. You can very much pick this up and put it down whenever you like!



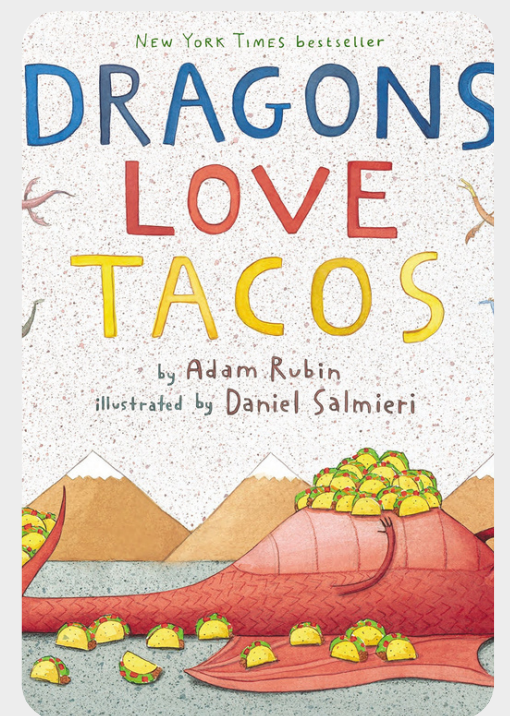
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**Press Here, by Herve Tullet (age 4+) –** this isn't just a book, it's a game! It will leave your child wanting to read it again and again in the hope they can work out how the magic works. In order to turn the pages, you have to complete different tasks and can be a lot of fun to read together over and over again!.



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**Dragons Love Tacos, by Adam Rubin (age 3+) –** who doesn't love tacos? And dragons? This cheeky story will open up your child's imagination and help them see dragons as just misunderstood party monsters. Once you've finished reading, you'll be ready to tackle your own deepest fears!







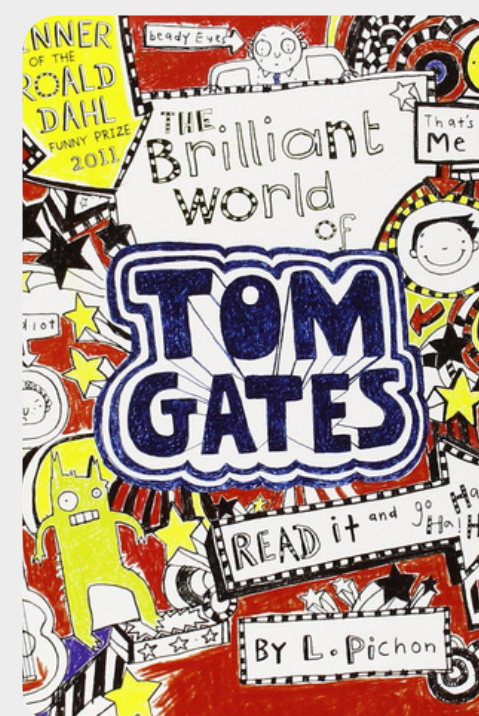
**The Book With No Pictures,**  
**B.J. Novak (age 5+) —** sounds terribly boring doesn't it? It's actually the exact opposite. This book is one of my most requested stories by my students because of how funny it is. The reader has to follow the instructions (to the literal letter) throughout the book and say everything that's inside it (including 'I am a monkey who taught myself to read').

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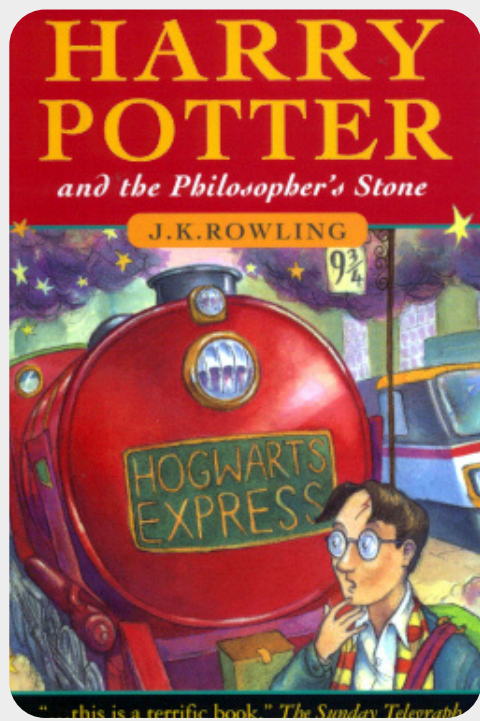
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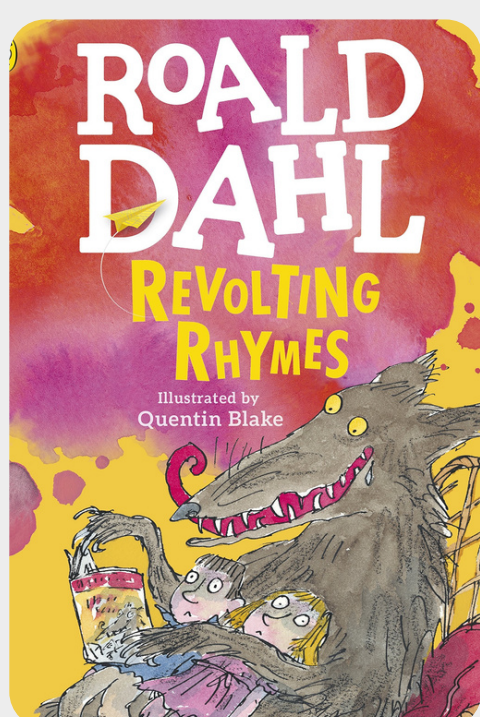
**The Brilliant World of Tom Gates, by Liz Pichon (age 7+) —** this series is packed full of original humour and eye-catching illustrations. Many of my students (boys and girls) love these books as it follows a boy in year 5 who has a passion for doodling and doing fun experiments. There's plenty to choose from in this series too so you won't be struggling for recommendations if you get hooked!



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**Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, by J.K Rowling (age 8+) —** I am yet to teach a student that hasn't fallen in love with Hagrid's constant failure to keep secrets and share a hatred for the Dursleys. If your child isn't quite ready to tackle the text, listen to the audiobooks as they're a magical experience themselves.

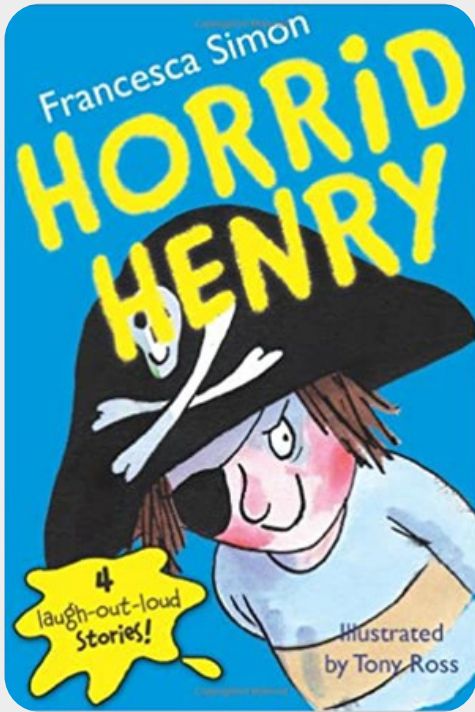


**Revolting Rhymes, by Roald Dahl (age 7 +) —** this is not your average book of poems. Filled with twisted tales of familiar characters like Snow-White and Cinderella, Dahl uses rude words and witty rhyme to capture your child's sense of humour and imagination. Like with all of Dahl's books, humour is at the centre of this story and will make you happy from the inside out..

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**Horrid Henry, by Francesca Simon (age 7+) –** if I was to do an inventory of what all my students are reading or would choose to read right now, Horrid Henry would be it. This is partly down to the dastardly and naughty little boy Henry who's extremely funny. This series is filled with short to medium length texts that're illustration heavy. Your child will be left with a real sense of pride (and maybe with some devilish inspiration) once reading these.



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**Wonder, by R. J. Palacio (age 10+) -** Like most children, August ('Auggie') Pullman just wants to fit in at his new school, especially as he's been previously home-schooled. However, Auggie has no choice but to stand out - he was born with a severe facial deformity. Thought-provoking, engaging and uplifting, this is a wonderful read with a powerful message – kindness is a choice we all have to face.



***"There's a book out there for every child. The hard part is finding it. But once you do, it's like finding the gold at the end of the rainbow. I promise."***

*- Readingmate*



Hopefully you've made it through that list and now feel inspired to tool up with some of these books and get your child on the path towards a life-long love of reading.

The ability to read should be accessible for all. Unfortunately for some children certain limitations and boundaries stand in the way of their learning and attempts to better themselves. 1 in 11 families in the UK don't have a book in their home. That's a heart-breaking statistic, don't you think?

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Books are reflection.  
Books change your  
mind."***

*— Tony Morrison*

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All of these wonderful books are available from our bookstore (<https://shop.readingmate.co.uk>). Buying your children's next read through us means that you'll be donating 20p towards a literacy charity of your choice and your child's school.

Your money will help them, and the nation's schools run vital literacy programs and grant access and support to those who need it most. That's pretty awesome.

Reading may not come naturally to us all. Remember, walking, talking and eating solid food were all foreign concepts to us once?