

Mr. Morton'S Recommended Reads!



"There is no such thing as a child who hates to read; there are only children who have not found the right book."

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The following list includes *only* books that I have personally read and would **<u>fully</u>** recommend to my classes. They all fall into the 5-7 age range so would be perfect for Year 2. We have hard copies of practically all of these books so if you would like to borrow one, ask and I will see what I can do! Happy reading...

(This term, all of the books highlighted in Yellow are HIGHLY recommended! We have copies in school or are also available online or from any reputable bookstore)

Book Cover	Title	Author	A Brief Guide
THE KER'S BOY ME GREAT FIRE OF LONDON	The Baker's Boy and the Great Fire of London	Tom & Tony Bradman	This exciting story brings the tale of the great fire of London to life for young readers. When Will Farriner wakes to the sound of crackling flames and the smell of smoke, he knows something is terribly wrong! As his family escape the flames engulfing their bakery, Will realises he must stop the fire from spreading. But what can be done before all of London goes up in smoke? Full of adventure and danger, this short text is suitable for struggling readers but engaging enough to give confident readers a quick, fun read.
THE STATE	<mark>The Search for the Giant</mark> Arctic Jellyfish	Chloe Savage	In this delightful picture book, scientist Dr Morley sets out to achieve her lifelong dream of finding the mysterious giant Arctic jellyfish. This is a creature that everyone talks about but no one has ever seen. Could it be real or is it just a myth? This funny tale is a visual treat, with graphic novel elements, detailed ship cross-sections and dual underwater/above water perspectives. Younger readers will enjoy the hide-and-seek element, while the combination of scientific exploration, mythical creatures and themes of human endurance provides high interest and points of discussion for older readers.
	<mark>The Invisible</mark>	Amy Timberlake	A moving, powerful story that shines a light on those that feel invisible in our world - and shows us that we ALL belong - from the author of <i>Ruby's Worry</i> . The Invisible is the story of a young girl called Isabel and her family. They don't have much, but they have what they need to get by. Until one day, there isn't enough money to pay their rent and bills and they have to leave their home full of happy memories and move to the other side of the city. It is the story of a girl who goes on to make one of the hardest things anyone can ever makea difference. And it is the story of those who are overlooked in our society - who are made to feel invisible - and why <i>everyone</i> has a place here. We all belong.