



Miss Whyles' 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 **fully** recommend to my classes. They all fall into the 5-7 age range so would be perfect for KS1. I 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...

(Even though I loved reading all of these books, the books highlighted in grey are **HIGHLY** recommended!)

Book Cover	Title	Author	A Brief Guide...
	Wisp: A story of hope	Zana Fraillon and Grahame Baker Smith	The Wisp arrives, floating in on the evening breeze. Everyone who holds it finds their memories reawakened, their hopes of freedom reborn. But what about Idris, who has no memories? What will happen when he holds the magical Wisp?
	Grandad's Island	Benji Davies	When Syd and his Grandad go into the attic, they find themselves on a sailing ship travelling to a jungle-covered island. They have fun exploring the wonderful island and befriending its animals. Syd knows it will soon be time for him to go home, but Grandad decides to stay. Saying goodbye is hard as Syd returns home by himself, but he knows that Grandad will be happy staying in this beautiful place.
	Pip and Egg	Alex Latimer and David Litchfield	A picture book about the enduring power of friendship, even as characters grow and change. It tells the story of Pip, a seed, and Egg, a bird's egg, who meet and become friends. As they grow, Pip develops roots and Egg develops wings, but their friendship remains strong.
	I want my hat back	Jon Klassen	The story of a bear whose hat has gone. And he wants it back. Patiently and politely, he asks the animals he comes across, one by one, whether they have seen it. But just as it he begins to lose hope, a deer suddenly sparks the bear's memory and renews his search with a vengeance... Told completely in dialogue, this quirky, hilarious, read-aloud tale plays out in sly illustrations brimming with visual humour and winks at the reader who will be thrilled to be in on the joke.