

## **Bridging books for lower secondary**

### **Some suggestions**

#### **Environmental issues**

Dinosaurs and all that Rubbish, Puffin  
Five Little Fiends, Bloomsbury

#### **Love, Friendship and Tolerance**

Something Else, Puffin  
Long Neck and Thunder Foot, Puffin  
Fox, Cat's Whiskers  
Mr Biff the Boxer, Puffin  
Two Monsters, Red Fox  
Moose, Puffin  
Black Dog, Puffin

#### **Racism**

Mon ami Jim, Pastel  
Tusk, Tusk, Red Fox

#### **Gender**

Princess Smartypants, Puffin  
Tarzana, Puffin  
Prince Cinders, Puffin  
Piggy Book, Walker Books  
The Paper Bag Princess, Little Hippo  
The Tough Princess, Walker Books

#### **Family**

I will not ever, NEVER eat a tomato, Orchard Books  
Clarice Bean, That's Me, Orchard Books  
My Uncle in a Huncle says Clarice  
Bean, Orchard Books  
Eat your Peas, Red Fox

#### **Perseverance**

Tortoise's Dream, Puffin

#### **Fairy tales, fables and modern retellings**

Foxy Fables, Puffin  
The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse, Walker  
Jim and the Beanstalk, Puffin  
Revolting Rhymes, Puffin  
Lazy Jack, Puffin  
The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs! Puffin  
The Stinky Cheese Man, Viking  
Little Red Riding Hood, Puffin  
The Boy Who Cried Wolf, Red Fox  
Mrs Goat and Her Seven Little Kids, Andersen  
Press  
Jamil's Clever Cat, Frances Lincoln  
Into the Forest, Walker Books

#### **Famous people/creatures**

Joan of Arc, Red Fox  
Hiawatha, Puffin  
Moby Dick, Orchard Books

#### **Cartoon**

Fred, Puffin

**Identity**

Two Can Toucan, Andersen Press  
Daley B, Walker Books  
I want to be a Cowgirl, Andersen Press  
That Pesky Rat, Orchard Books  
The Bunyip of Berkeley's Creek, Puffin

**Information books**

The Emperor's Egg, Walker Books

**Different view points**

Voices in the Park, Picture Corgi Books  
Fourteen Rats and a Rat Catcher, Puffin  
A Walk in the Park, Hamish Hamilton  
Dear Diary, Walker Books

**Jealousy**

Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters, Puffin

**Courage**

Muhamad's Desert Night, Puffin

**Greed**

War and Peas, Andersen Press

**War**

A child's garden – a story of hope, Walker Books

**Poetry**

Poems by Benjamin Zephaniah – We are Britain!  
Frances Lincoln  
Spike Milligan, Silly Verse for Kids, Puffin  
Colin McNaughton, There's an awful lot of Weirdots  
In our Neighbourhood, Walker Books  
Allan Ahlberg, Heard it in the Playground, Viking

**Jokes and Tongue Twisters**

The Christmas Stocking Joke Book, Puffin  
The Crack-a-Joke Book – chosen by children in aid of Oxfam,  
Puffin  
The Puffin Book of Tongue Twisters

**Novels**

Lola Rose, Jacqueline Wilson, Corgi Books  
Girls under Pressure, Jacqueline Wilson, Corgi Books  
Esperanza Rising, Pam Munoz Ryan, The Chicken House  
The Illustrated Mum, Jacqueline Wilson, Corgi Books  
Holes, Louis Sachar, Bloomsbury  
Artemis Fowl, Eoin Colfer, Puffin  
Northern Lights, Philip Pullman, Scholastic  
Coram Boy, Jamila Gavin, Egmont Books  
The Other Side of Truth, Beverly Naidoo, Puffin  
Witch Child, Celia Rees, Bloomsbury  
Seasons of Splendour, Madhur Jaffrey, Puffin  
Bad Dreams, Anne Fine, Corgi Yearling Books  
The Wreck of the Zanzibar, Michael Mophorgo

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