



Significant Authors at Key Stage 2

Years 5 & 6

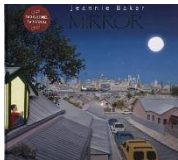


Almond, David

Award winning author whose titles challenge all readers. His books are beautifully crafted with creative use of language and plenty of inference and deduction as themes are pulled together from across the narrative. Some of his titles are more suited to secondary.

Group sets available: **Savage**

<http://www.davidalmond.com/>



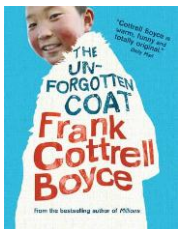
Baker, Jeannie

Award winning picture books all produced in collage. These are thought provoking with environmental themes and contrasts of habitats. Minimal or wordless texts encourage the children to discuss all the detail in the pictures and develop their own stories using these books as a visual stimulus.

<http://www.jeanniebaker.com/index.htm>

<http://www.walker.co.uk/contributors/Jeannie-Baker-3387.aspx>

<http://www.walker.co.uk/UserFiles/file/Downloads/Mirror%20Classroom%20Ideas.pdf>



Boyce, F C

Award winning writer. The **Unforgotten Coat** is an amazing read and was written to support 'The Reader Organisation'. **Cosmic** is great to do with Year 6 as it is about the transition to secondary school. These are just two of his outstanding works.

Group sets available: **Cosmic, Framed, Millions**

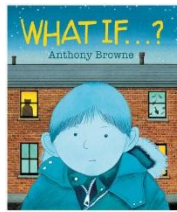
<http://www.thereader.org.uk/what-we-do-and-why/education-young-people.aspx>



Boyne, John

Award winning adult and children's writer. **Stay Where You are and Then Leave** is an engaging and emotional read set in WWI. Characterisation and literary style are very good and the plot is an unusual examination of prevailing attitudes within a community to conscientious objectors and the mental health of returning soldiers.

<http://www.randomhousechildrens.co.uk/index.php/Books/?book=Stay+Where+You+Are+And+Then+Leave&ean=9780857532930>



Browne, Anthony

This author is an International award winner and former Children's Laureate. Books demand to be studied in detail. His stories are often told using a dual narrative between text and illustration and provide an accessible way of discussing issues and writing technique.

Group sets available: **Voices in the Park, Shape Game, Zoo, Into the Forest**

<http://www.teachingideas.co.uk/library/authors/anthonybrowne.htm>

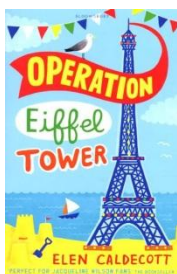
<http://education.scholastic.co.uk/content/11403>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O1Wou6mDra8>

<http://www.creativeeducation.co.uk/videos/watch-video.aspx?id=2648>

<http://www.tes.co.uk/teaching-resource/Anthony-Browne-6051942/>

http://www.teachprimary.com/learning_resources/view/ks2-book-topic-voices-in-the-park



Caldecott, Elen

Nominated for national and regional awards this author has been successful from her first novel. All have great covers and intriguing titles. Her website contains interviews with her talking about the different titles. This would appeal to both genders.

Group sets available: **How Kirsty Jenkins stole the Elephant**

<http://elencaldecott.com/work>

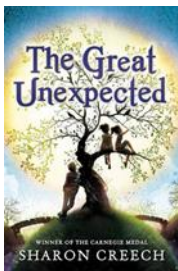


Caveney, Philip

This author writes for both adults and children. The **Sebastian Darke** and **Movie Maniacs** series are accessible to Years 5/6 and share his sense of humour and adventure. Distinctive genre writing with the **Sebastian Darke** as a fantasy series and **Movie Maniacs** as a thriller adventure set in the present day.

Group sets available: **Sebastian Darke: Prince of Fools**

<http://www.philip-caveney.co.uk/>

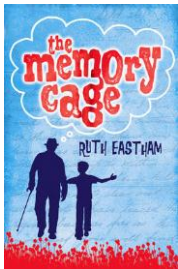


Creech, Sharon

Award winning author who writes in prose and verse. Teacher's notes, discussion questions and activities accompany many of her books. The first author to win the British Carnegie award & the American Newbury Medal.

Group sets available: **Love that Dog**

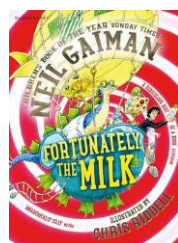
<http://sharoncreech.com/>



Eastham, Ruth

A quality writer who uses beautiful language and has involved plots. Ruth is a relatively new author, originally teacher trained, all her novels have accompanying teacher's notes.

<http://www.rutheastham.com/>

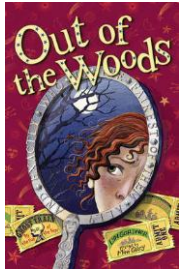


Gaiman, Neil

This internationally acclaimed Hampshire author is famous for his graphic novels for adults. He has written several picture books for older readers such as **Crazy Hair** and the **Wolves in the Wall**. **The Graveyard Book** would also be suitable for Year 6.

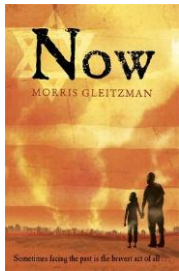
<http://www.webenglishteacher.com/gaiman.html> has notes on The Wolves in the Wall and The Graveyard Book

<http://www.booktrust.org.uk/books/view/29125>



Gardner, Lyn

Into and **Out of the Woods** are books with feisty females on a quest. They are remarkable for drawing on traditional fairy tales, Greek myths, Grimm and Perrault and the depiction of archetypal characters (Frog Prince, Snow White, Red Riding Hood) and classic motifs.

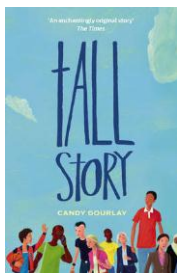


Gleitzman, Morris

Morris is an award winning Australian writer of the series **Once, Then, Now** and **After** as well as many other titles. His website includes true stories which provided the inspiration for the above series and a bibliography of some of the books he read as part of his research.

Group sets available: **Toad Away, Toad Rage**

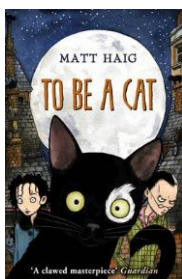
<http://www.morrisgleitzman.com/>



Gourlay, Candy

Currently two books are available. **Tall Story** was shortlisted for several prizes and **Shine** is even stronger. Her website has plenty of ideas about how to use her books and there is advice on how to write a legend. Both titles are multi layered with dual narrative settings in two countries.

<http://www.candygourlay.com/>



Haig, Matt

An award winning writer for children, **Shadow Forest** won the Nestle and Blue Peter Awards. **To be a Cat** takes the classic animal switching with a human story line. Watch out for the head mistress!

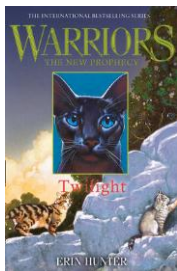
<http://www.shadowforest.co.uk/extrasreadingguide.htm>



Hiaasen, Carl

Hoot is written with characteristic humour which pervades all of Hiaasen's novels. Hiaasen won the Newbery Award with this debut novel. It deals with environmental issues; the protagonist battles to protect a colony of burrowing owls threatened by a new development. The overwhelming theme is one of morality and decision making.

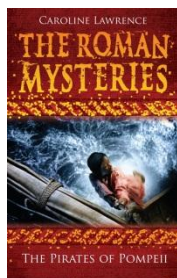
<http://www.scholastic.com/hoot/>



Hunter, Erin

Very popular series – not actually one author but 6! There are several series **Warriors**, **Warriors the new prophecy** and **Seekers**. The website gives a link to a free app and games etc all linked to the books.

<http://www.warriorcats.com/>



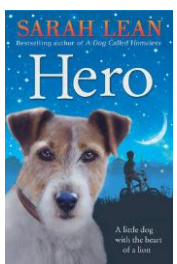
Lawrence, Caroline

The **Roman Mysteries** series has been serialised on TV. These adventures are great for grabbing the readers' attention as well as imparting plenty of historical detail.

Vesuvius

Group sets available: **Enemies of Jupiter**, **Pirates of Pompeii**, **Secrets of**

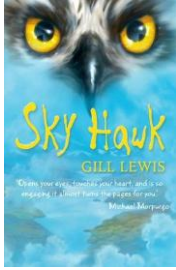
<http://www.romanmysteries.com/>



Lean, Sarah

Wonderful stories usually with an animal theme. Her website has activities including drama etc. linked to each of her titles. There are also teacher resources and further reading packs. Common themes include friendship, animals and the stories will tax a reader's emotional intelligence.

<http://www.sarahlean.co.uk/>



Lewis, Gill

These novels have a strong environmental theme and the author's website contains blogs about the animals in her stories with links to organisations.

Sky Hawk was a nomination for the Carnegie Award, **White Dolphin** covers transition amongst other themes and **Moon Bear** is set in Vietnam and is the most powerful read. They appeal to both genders.

Group sets available: **Sky Hawk**

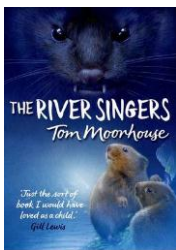
<http://gilllewis.com/>



Mitchell, Barbara

From this author there is plenty of well written historical writing, engaging characters and strong plots as well as pacy contemporary thrillers. There is also a detective series aimed at lower KS2. Her website includes readings, trailers etc.

<http://barbaramitchell.com/>

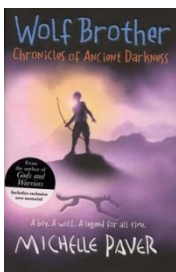


Moorhouse, Tom

A new author to watch. Currently he has published one title **The River Singers** which follows a family of water voles bringing the river banks to life.

Lyrical writing, a strong sense of place and characterisation guarantee the reader's emotional involvement. He is featured in the WRD magazine Winter 2013.

<http://tom-moorhouse.com/>

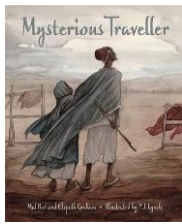


Paver, Michelle

The award winning **Chronicles of Ancient Darkness** series and her new series set in Bronze Age Greece **Gods and Warrior's**. Her writing is great for setting and evoking the feel of the time period. They will appeal to both genders with strong male & female protagonists.

Group sets available: **Wolf Brother**

<http://www.michellepaver.com/>



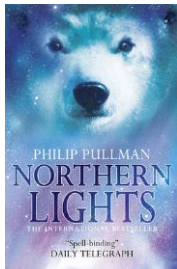
Mal Peet

Award winning author. **Cloud Tea Monkeys** and the **Mysterious Traveller** are both beautifully produced with wonderful use of language and setting.

<http://malpeet.com/>

<http://www.walker.co.uk/contributors/Mal-Peet-2722.aspx>

<http://www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/shadowingsite/groupleaders/resources/2011/CILIP%20Shadowing%20Cloud%20Tea%20Monkeys.pdf>



Pullman, Philip

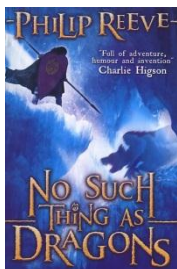
An award winning writer. **Northern Lights** is for the able reader in Year 6. **Clockwork, I was a Rat** and the **Scarecrow and his Servant** are all beautifully crafted tales and suitable for able Year 4 and up. A master story teller.

Group Sets available: **Clockwork, Firework-maker's Daughter, I was a Rat, Scarecrow and his servant**

<http://www.philip-pullman.com/>

<http://www.tes.co.uk/teaching-resource/Clockwork-by-Philip-Pullman-1-week-plan-6289457/>

<http://clubs-kids.scholastic.co.uk/authors/5685>

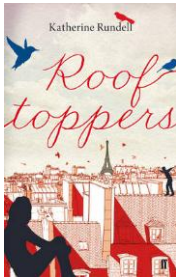


Reeve, Philip

An award winning fantasy writer. These books are packed with action and adventure and full of imagination. His novels have a range of reading ability from **Buster Bayliss** to **The Goblins** and **Predator City** series. Good for use of language and how traditional tales and characters have become infuse into the plots.

Group sets available: **Buster Bayliss: The Big Freeze**

<http://philip-reeve.com/>



Rundell, Katherine

An award winning writer, this novel has been shortlisted for numerous awards and is her second novel. There is plenty for the reader to dwell on and also links to other stories with plenty of inference.

<http://authors.simonandschuster.com/Katherine-Rundell/410789881>



Sachar, Louis

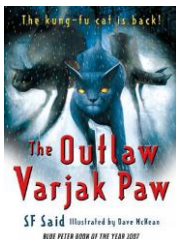
An award winning American author. Try **Holes** and **There's a Boy in the Girls Bathroom**. The books lend themselves to great class discussions.

<http://www.louissachar.com/>

<http://www.tes.co.uk/teaching-resource/There-s-a-boy-in-the-girls-bathroom-planning-3011224/>

<http://www.teachingideas.co.uk/library/books/theresaboyinthegirlsbathroom.htm>

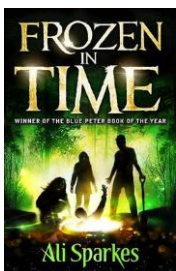
<http://www.tes.co.uk/teaching-resource/Lesson-Plans-1-to-5-Holes-by-Louis-Sachar-6057196/>



Said, S F

He is an award winning author for the more able reader. The website has book trailers etc. **Varjak Paw** is currently featured on the CLPE's recommended reading list for primary schools and his latest title **Phoenix** was nominated for Carnegie 2014

<http://www.sfsaid.com/>



Sparkes, Ali

An award winning local author with a wide range of books to appeal to all reading levels and abilities.

Group sets available: **Frozen in Time**

<http://www.alisparkes.com/> Book trailers available on this site.

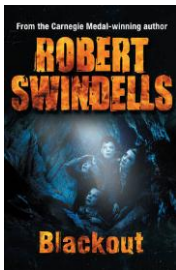


St John, Lauren

This award winning author has written several great series. A series of animal stories set in different countries, mysteries, the first of which won the Blue Peter Award and for Yr6 a horse series.

Group sets available: **White Giraffe**

<http://laurenstjohn.com/>



Swindells, Robert

Award winning author. Short chapters make his books ideal to read aloud but often challenge the reader. Some of the titles are best suited to secondary pupils.

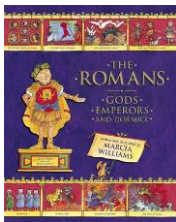
Group sets available: **Blitzed**



Tan, Shaun

An award winning picture book writer and illustrator. These titles will challenge all abilities.

<http://shauntan.net/>



Williams, Marcia

See Shakespeare, Dickens and the myths of Sinbad, Greece and India as you have never seen them before! Great website.

<http://www.marciawilliams.co.uk/>

<http://www.walker.co.uk/contributors/Marcia-Williams-1423.aspx>

<http://www.walker.co.uk/bookshelf/my-secret-war-diary.aspx>

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