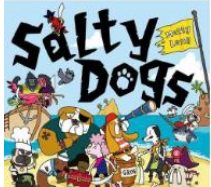
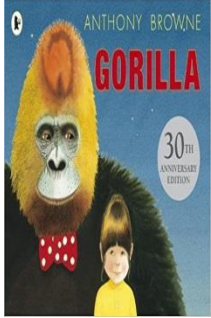
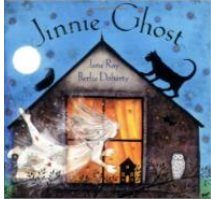
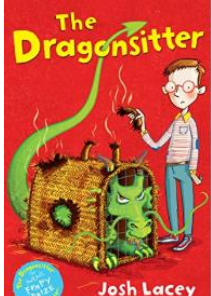
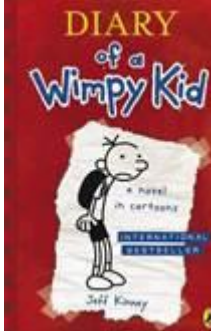
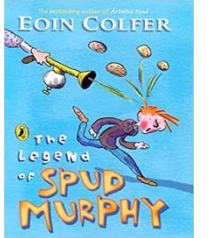
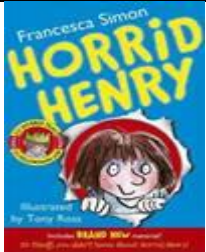
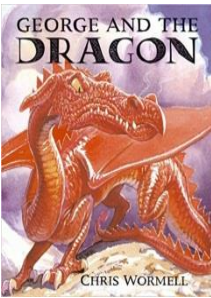
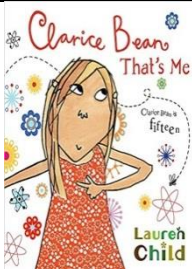


40 Recommended Reading Books for Year 2

We have carefully selected books that will capture your imagination. This list contains some descriptions so you can choose books that relate to your personal interests.

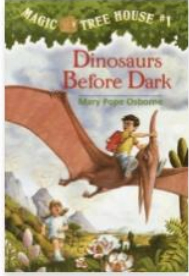


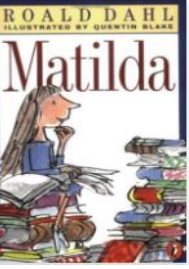
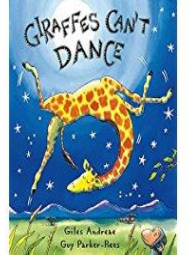

Title	Image	Author	Blurb	Review	Read
Salty dogs Fiction book		Matty Long	The Salty Dogs are a band of pirates constantly on the lookout for riches and treasure. Along the way they meet outrageous sea monsters and a ship full of monkeys.		
Gorilla Fiction book		Anthony Browne	For her birthday, Hannah asks her father for a gorilla – but is disappointed when she discovers that the gorilla she's got is just a toy one. But then something extraordinary happens ... the toy turns into a real gorilla, who puts on her father's hat and coat and takes her off for a magical visit to the zoo...		
Jinnie Ghost Poetry		Berlie Doherty	A captivating poem about Jinnie – a ghost who only exists in the daytime, who makes Charlotte's toys come to life and creates a giant who leads an expedition to a castle in the clouds.		
The dragonsitter Fiction book		Josh Lacey	Young Edward has been asked to look after his uncle's pet while he goes on holiday. But it's no ordinary pet, it's a dragon – who eats Jemima! Presented as a series of emails, this story is easy to read and very funny.		
Diary of a wimpy kid Novel		Jeff Kinney	Greg Heffley has big ideas. He's going to be rich and famous one day. But first, he's got to survive middle school – tough when you're a bit of a wimp. Writing his thoughts down was his mom's idea but don't expect "Dear Diary" this and "Dear Diary" that. Besides, it's not a diary anyway, it's a JOURNAL.		
The Legend of Spud Murphy Fiction book		Eoin Colfer	Will has four brothers and it's chaos in his house! Even worse, his mother has the brilliant idea of packing Will and Marty off to the library during the holidays. She just doesn't understand! Not only is the library no fun, it's also the habitat of the legendary		

			librarian Spud Murphy.		
Horrid Henry Popular stories		Francesca Simon	Stories about naughty characters have been told for centuries, and Horrid Henry is a modern-day rogue in the tradition of Dennis the Menace and Just William.		
Nim's Island Fiction book		Wendy Orr	Nim lives on a beautiful island in the middle of the wide blue sea with her father, Jack, an iguana called Fred, a sea lion called Selkie and a turtle called Chica. But when Jack disappears and disaster threatens her home, Nim must be braver than she's ever been before.		
George And The Dragon Novel		Christopher Wormell	'Far, far away in the high, high mountains in a deep, deep valley in a dark, dark cave - there lived a mighty dragon.' He was an awesome and frightening creature, terrorising whole armies, destroying castles, demolishing forests and kidnapping princesses. But this mighty dragon had a deep, dark secret.		
Gobolino the Witch's Cat Fiction book		Ursula Moray Williams	It's the charming tale of a cat born a witch's cat but who would much rather be a kitchen cat. While his sister Sootica learns how to ride a broomstick and turn mice into toads, Gobolino sets out to find a family to care for him and a home of his own.		
How the World Works Science Non Fiction		Christiane Dorion	How did life begin? Is the earth moving beneath our feet? Why does it rain? Encompassing all of these questions and many more, this fun, engaging, interactive book introduces the Earth's important cycles and encourages children to think about the impact of human actions on our world, inspiring respect for the natural world and all its harmonies.		
Clarice Bean, That's Me Fiction book		Lauren Child	. . All Clarice Bean wants is a bit of peace and quiet. But that can be hard to find in a house where your little brother is being <i>utterly</i> annoying, your big brother is in the dark tunnel of adolescence and your grandad's pouring soup on his cornflakes .		

<p>The Hundred-Mile-An-Hour Dog</p> <p>Fiction book</p>		<p>Jeremy Strong</p>	<p>A Children's Book Award winner that tells about Streaker, a rocket on four legs with a woof attached. Children giggle uncontrollably at the humour, and it will raise a smile in mums and dads as well.</p>		
<p>Asterix the Gaul</p> <p>Comic</p>		<p>Renné Goscinny</p>	<p>In a tiny corner of Brittany, one small village of indomitable Gauls hold out against the almighty, all-conquering Romans.</p>		
<p>The True Story of the Three Little Pigs</p> <p>Fiction book</p>		<p>Jon Scieszka</p>	<p>What really happened to the three little pigs and the big bad wolf? Find out the truth in this hilarious picture book.</p>		
<p>The World's Worst Children</p> <p>Fiction book</p>		<p>David Walliams</p>	<p>A wickedly funny and wonderfully surreal collection of ten stories about ten delightfully dreadful children, The World's Worst Children is David Walliams' unique take on the classic cautionary tale.</p>		
<p>The Secret Lake: A children's mystery adventure</p> <p>Fiction book</p>		<p>Karen Inglis</p>	<p>When Stella and her younger brother, Tom, move to their new London home, they become mystified by the disappearances of Harry, their elderly neighbour's small dog. Where does he go? And why does he keep reappearing wet-through?</p>		
<p>Fantastically Great Women Who Made History</p> <p>History</p>		<p>Kate Pankhurst</p>	<p>This beautiful title looks at the stories, accomplishments and adventures of many more brilliant women from throughout history.</p>		
<p>Mr Majeika</p> <p>Fiction book</p>		<p>Humphrey Carpenter</p>	<p>Class Three's new teacher flies in through the classroom window and lands on the floor with a bump. Mr Majeika can behave just like any ordinary teacher if he wants to, but something has to be done about Hamish Bigmore, the class nuisance, and so he uses a little magic to turn him into a frog.</p>		

<p>Alex Sparrow and the Really Big Stink</p> <p>Fiction book</p>		<p>Jennifer Killick</p>	<p>Alex Sparrow is a super-agent in training. He is also a human lie-detector. Working with Jess – who can communicate with animals – they must find out why their friends, and enemies, are all changing into polite and well-behaved pupils.</p>		
<p>Pirate School: Just a Bit of Wind</p> <p>Fiction book</p>		<p>Jeremy Strong</p>	<p>It's the first day at PIRATE SCHOOL for Ziggy, Smudge, Carkella and Flo and they have lots of new things to contend with. Their headteacher is the scary Patagonia Clasterbotton and they have to take lessons include walking the plank and hand-to-hand fighting.</p>		
<p>Captain Underpants: Three Pant-tastic Novels in One</p> <p>Fiction book</p>		<p>Dav Pilkey</p>	<p>Zoom into action and join our hero for a triple wedge of chunky action, freaky horror and crispy laffs! There are terrible toilets to defeat, evil aliens to send packing, and heaps of other totally horrible villains too. But will Captain Underpants have the wedgie-power to tackle them all?</p>		
<p>The Man Whose Mother Was a Pirate (Early Reader)</p> <p>Fiction book</p>		<p>Margaret Mahy</p>	<p>Sam has an ordinary life - but his mother used to be a pirate! One day at breakfast, they decide to go to sea and an amazing adventure begins. A brand new Early Reader edition of this hilarious story.</p>		
<p>The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me</p> <p>Fiction book</p>		<p>Roald Dahl</p>	<p>Billy's biggest wish is to turn a weird old wooden house into a wonderful sweet-shop. But then he finds a giraffe, a pelly and a monkey living inside - they're the Ladderless Window-Cleaning Company! Who needs ladders when you've got a giraffe?</p>		
<p>The Enchanted Wood</p>		<p>Enid Blyton</p>	<p>When Joe, Beth and Frannie climb up to the top of the Faraway Tree, they meet Silky, Moon-Face and the Saucepan Man. Their new friends show them an exciting secret – how to visit lots of strange and magical lands! And who could choose between the Land of Birthdays and the Land of Toys? Many thrilling and magical adventures lie ahead.</p>		

<p>Ocean: A Photicular Book</p> <p>Non Fiction</p>		<p>Carol Kaufmann</p>	<p>Ocean offers not only a refinement of inventor Dan Kainen's Photicular technology, but a subject undulating creatures of the deep perfectly suited to the immersive visual pleasure of the process. Ocean is like being on a dive.</p>		
<p>How To Train Your Dragon</p>		<p>Cressida Cowell</p>	<p>Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third is a smallish Viking with a longish name. Hiccup's father is chief of the Hairy Hooligan tribe which means Hiccup is the Hope and the Heir to the Hairy Hooligan throne - but most of the time Hiccup feels like a very ordinary boy, finding it hard to be a Hero.</p>		
<p>Triangle</p>		<p>Mac Barnett</p>	<p>Meet Triangle. He is going to play a sneaky trick on his friend, Square. Or so Triangle thinks... Visually stunning and full of wry humour, here is a perfectly-paced treat that flips the traditional concept book, and approaches it from a whole new angle.</p>		
<p>Animals A Children's Encyclopedia</p> <p>Non Fiction</p>		<p>DK</p>	<p>From aadvarks to zebras, there are billions of animals around the world. Bring your child face to face with the best of them. They'll meet the deadliest, largest, friendliest, fastest and downright strangest animals known to man, and discover what they look like, where they live, what they do, what they eat and what life is like for their young.</p>		
<p>Geronimo Stilton, Secret Agent</p>		<p>Geronimo Stilton</p>	<p>That's me! I run a newspaper, but my true passion is writing adventure stories. Here in New Mouse City, the capital of Mouse Island, my books are all bestsellers! My stories are funny, fa-mouse-ly funny. They are whisker-licking-good tales, and that's a promise!</p>		
<p>Tales from a Not-So-Fabulous Life</p> <p>Fiction book</p>		<p>Rachel Renée Russell</p>	<p>Dork Diaries follows eighth grader Nikki Maxwell as she chronicles through text and sketches her move to a snooty new school; her epic battle with her mom for an iPhone; her enthusiasm for drawing and art; and a love/hate fascination with the new school's queen bee, a girl named Mackenzie, who becomes Nikki's rival in a schoolwide art competition.</p>		

<p>Dinosaurs Before Dark</p> <p>Fiction book</p>		<p>Mary Pope Osborne</p>	<p>Where did the tree house come from? Before Jack and Annie can find out, the mysterious tree house whisks them to the prehistoric past. Now they have to figure out how to get home. Can they do it before dark . . . or will they become a dinosaur's dinner?</p>		
<p>Dragonbreath</p> <p>Fiction book</p>		<p>Ursula Vernon</p>	<p>It's not easy for Danny Dragonbreath to be the sole mythical creature in a school for reptiles and amphibians? Especially because he can't breathe fire like other dragons (as the school bully loves to remind him).</p>		
<p>The Adventures of Tin Tin</p> <p>Comic</p>		<p>Herge</p>	<p>Resourceful junior reporter Tintin embarks on a series of exciting international adventures, accompanied by his faithful dog Snowy, in this favourite series.</p>		
<p>Matilda</p> <p>Fiction book</p>		<p>Roald Dahl</p>	<p>Matilda is a little girl who is far too good to be true. At age five-and-a-half she's knocking off double-digit multiplication problems and blitz-reading Dickens. Even more remarkably, her classmates love her even though she's a super-nerd and the teacher's pet</p>		
<p>Giraffes Can't Dance</p> <p>Fiction book</p>		<p>Giles Andreae</p>	<p>Gerald the tall giraffe would love to join in with the other animals at the Jungle Dance, but everyone knows that giraffes can't dance . . . or can they?</p>		
<p>Ultimate Marvel</p>		<p>DK</p>	<p>Full of stunning comic book art, DK's <i>Avengers: The Ultimate Guide to Earth's Mightiest Heroes</i> allows readers to discover the backstories, powers, allegiances, and archenemies of each member of this spectacular Super Hero team including Iron Man, Captain America, Thor, Hawkeye, and many more.</p>		

<p>D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths</p>		<p><u>Ingri d'Aulaire</u></p>	<p>Here are the gods, goddesses, and legendary figures of ancient Greece--mighty Zeus, with his fistful of thunderbolts; gray-eyed Athena, goddess of wisdom; Helios, the sun; greedy King Midas--lavishly depicted by Caldecott winners Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire.</p>		
<p>The Hunting of the Snark Poetry</p>		<p>Chris Riddell</p>	<p>They sought it with thimbles, they sought it with care; They pursued it with forks and hope; They threatened its life with a railway-share; They charmed it with smiles and soap. Lewis Carroll's magnificent nonsense poem The Hunting of the Snark features an unlikely cast of characters drawn from the Jabberwocky in Through the Looking Glass</p>		
<p>Nadiya's Bake me a Story Cookbook Cookbook</p>		<p>Nadiya Hussain</p>	<p>A unique combination of storybook and cookbook, with all recipes and stories devised and written by Nadiya herself!</p>		