



Foreword

Why reading for pleasure matters

By Alan Gibbons

A reading child is a successful child. So says the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development. This body has concluded that reading for pleasure is even more important than a child's home background in determining academic and social success.

That shouldn't come as a surprise. Children who read regularly and for fun open up new worlds. They embark on journeys. They step into other people's shoes and walk around in them, as one truly great writer put it. They empathise with people from different backgrounds, different countries. They find it easier to understand, even change the world around them. Maybe most importantly, they embark on the most epic voyage of all, the one that takes them deep into their own identity and imagination.

But where do you start? There are so many books, stories of adventure, comedy and romance, spies and monsters and real life. There are picture books to read on Mum or Dad's knee, quick reads you can devour in an afternoon and extended, challenging series in which you follow a vast array of characters across the continents and down the centuries. The good news is that there are dedicated groups of book-mad people who spend hours choosing the right title for the right child. They're called librarians and they put together guides like this one.

There are signposts in these pages. Readers, teachers and parents can use them to find their way to great treasures.

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Introduction

Who Next...? A guide to children's authors is designed as a tool to help parents, teachers and librarians in schools and public libraries to guide children who have already enjoyed stories by one writer to find other authors they will enjoy reading.

The book lists 759 writers of children's fiction, and with each name suggests other authors who write in a similar way. The idea is that you look up one of your favourite children's authors, then try reading a book by one of the other authors listed underneath. By moving from one entry to another, readers can expand the number of writers they enjoy. The same system has been used successfully in a similar guide to adult fiction, also published by LISU, *Who Else Writes Like...? A reader's guide to fiction authors*, which is now in its sixth edition.

The links that have been made between authors are of genre and theme, and also of styles of writing, or similar aspects of characterisation and settings. Of course no author writes exactly like another and readers will not agree with all the choices. Questioning *Who Next...?* may be one of the pleasures of using it, and a source for discussion and debate.

Most of the authors listed have written several books. We have tried to include books that are easily available, so you should be able to find the recommended titles in either a library or available from a bookshop/online supplier. Whilst recognising their importance in encouraging the love of reading, it was decided to exclude picture books for younger readers as the aim is to focus on the story rather than illustration. However, some classic picture books have been included as it is considered that they are multi-layered and work on any level for any age range of reader.

Also, we have tried to point out some titles aimed at young people with lower than average reading ages. These are in the main text and are indicated by **BS** after the title. This means that they have been produced by the publisher Barrington Stoke, who publishes books, written by popular authors, for children who have dyslexia, or who are struggling or reluctant readers - further information can be found on their website, www.barringtonstoke.co.uk. There are many other publishers who produce some titles with the same aim, but **BS** are specialists.



A new category added to this edition is entitled **Easy reader** and indicates that the author listed is a contributor to one of the many series which are aimed at helping children to master the art of reading.

We have also widened the age group to include 14-18 years. This section is not as comprehensive as the other age groups but is an attempt to highlight other titles that are often overlooked. Some of the stories involve difficult and often controversial material such as eating disorders, suicide and fatal illness and, therefore, should be recommended with sensitivity. Adults' authors that may be suitable for this age group can be found in the adult companion title **Who Else Writes Like....?**

Who Next...? is arranged by four 'audience age groups': children aged 5-7, 8-11, 12-14 and 14+. Where an author writes for more than one age group, this is shown. We have not attempted to define age ranges exactly, as this is limiting and our aim is to encourage children to read as widely as possible. We ask users of **Who Next...?** to bear in mind the preferences, abilities and needs of individual children.

We have also included in the text a selection of titles for each author, so that readers trying an author new to them have some idea of where to start.

At the end of **Who Next...?** are indexes of authors by theme and genre as well as a list of prize winners. There is also a section entitled Exploring Further, which suggests a small number of books, magazines and websites to enable readers to research further and to keep up to date.

We very much hope that this book will help many readers to enjoy more children's books.

Viv Warren

Mary Yardley



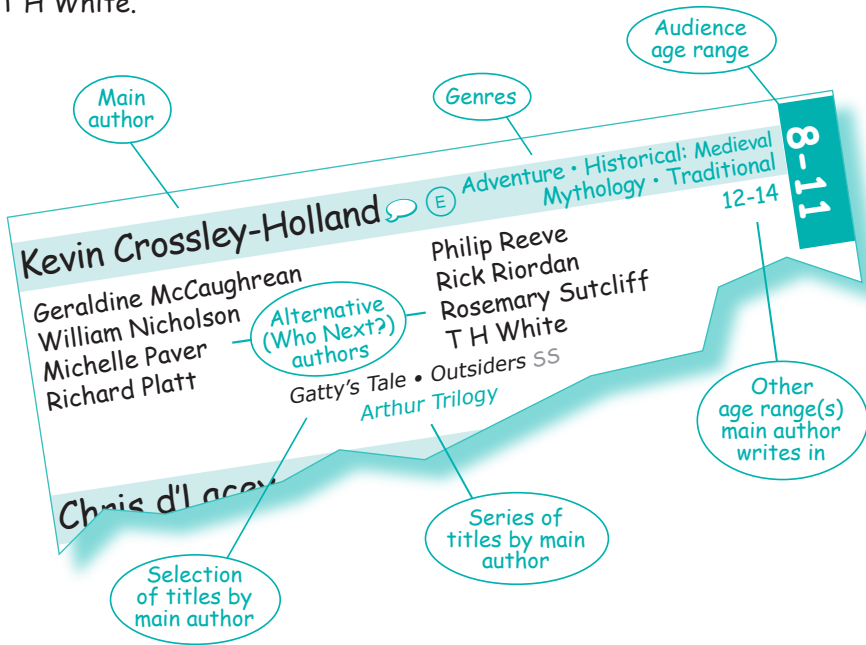
How to Use this Guide

Author Lists

We have arranged the lists of authors by age range then alphabetically by author surname.

So, to use *Who Next...?*, first select the appropriate age range, 5-7, 8-11, 12-14 or 14+. Then, in the alphabetical list, locate the author you want to match. There you will find the suggested alternative authors.

For example, a reader who is nine years old and who likes books by Kevin Crossley-Holland, might also enjoy stories by Geraldine McCaughrean, William Nicholson, Michelle Paver, Richard Platt, Philip Reeve, Rick Riordan, Rosemary Sutcliff or T H White.



Where an author writes in a theme or genre, this is indicated. Do remember that some authors who frequently write in a particular category or for a specific age group sometimes produce a book in a quite different genre or for another age group. You can check this by reading the jacket details and summaries on the books themselves.

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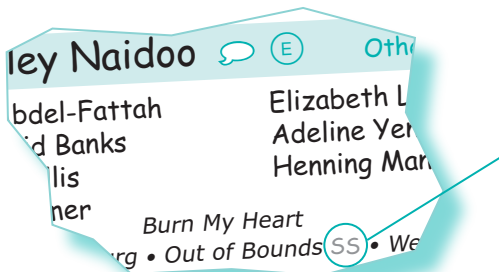
BS indicates that this title is published by Barrington Stoke who specialise in resources for dyslexic and struggling readers
www.barringtonstoke.co.uk

Graphic Novels

GN indicates that this title is a Graphic Novel. Some titles can be found both as a straight text and as a Graphic Novel format. A list of all those titles featured in the text can be found on pages 232-234.




Short Stories



In this edition we have included some collections of short stories. These are indicated by the letters SS under the author entry. A list of all those indicated can be found on page 235.

Talking Books

Where some books by an author are available on CD and/or audio download as talking books, the symbol  has been included by the author's name. (This does not necessarily imply that the listed titles for that author are available in this format.)



eBooks



The symbol (E) by the author's name indicates that some of his/her books are available as ebooks, in one or more formats.

It does not imply that the listed titles are available as ebooks. Given the rapidly developing ebook market, the absence of the symbol should not be seen as a definitive indication that ebooks are not available by that author.

Genres and Themes

If you only want a list of authors who write in a particular category or genre, such as Adventure or Animals, then turn straight to the Genre lists which start on page 197.

Current Children's Book Prizes

For this edition we have added a new list of current children's book prizes and these can be found on pages 236-237. The most long-lasting awards, listed in previous editions of the book, have been updated and are covered in detail on pages 238-246, together with their prize winners.

We believe you will find this guide easy to use, but please remember, it is not infallible. We have tried to ensure that you can navigate through a wealth of children's literature for all ages, particularly as there are fewer specialists to help now. BUT, if you do need more information, ask - **library and bookshop staff are very willing to help.**



Authors for Ages 5-7

5-7

Anne Adeney

Animals • Easy reader • Fairy/folk • Humour

Andy Blackford
Anne Cassidy
Penny Dolan
Sue Graves
Stella Gurney

Maggie Moore
Margaret Nash
Jillian Powell
Hilary Robinson
Barrie Wade

*Agnes and the Giant • Ben and the Bear • The Big Duck
Five Teddy Bears • George and the Dragon • Lighthouse Mouse*

Allan Ahlberg

🗨️ (E) Animals • Easy reader • Family • Humour

Jonathan Allen
Giles Andreae
John Burningham
Chris d'Lacey
P D Eastman

Kes Gray
Daren King
David Orme
Julie Sykes

8-11

*Burglar Bill • Chicken, Chips and Peas • Cops and Robbers
The Pencil • The Runaway Dinner • Shopping Expedition
Fast Fox, Slow Dog Series • Funnybones Series
The Gaskitts Series • Happy Families Series*

Jenny Alexander

Adventure • Easy reader • Humour • Transport

Benedict Blathwayt
Jeff Brown

John Cunliffe
Jon Scieszka

Car-Mad Jack Series

Jonathan Allen

Humour • Magic

Allan Ahlberg
Terence Blacker
Humphrey Carpenter
Lauren Child

Jonathan Emmett
Ann Jungman
Jill Murphy
Shoo Rayner

I'm Not Cute! • I'm Not Sleepy! • When the Snow Comes





Authors for Ages 8-11

8-11

Deborah Abela

Adventure • Detective mysteries

Enid Blyton
Carol Hedges

Anthony Read

Max Remy: Spyforce Series

Richard Adams

Animals • Environment • Fantasy

David Clement-Davies
Colin Dann

Timothee de Fombelle
Brian Jacques

Watership Down

Allan Ahlberg

Family • Fantasy • Humour

Giles Andreae
Ian Beck

Alf Prøysen
Shoo Rayner

5-7

The Bear Nobody Wanted

The Boy, the Wolf, the Sheep and the Lettuce • Woof!

The Gaskitts Series

Joan Aiken

Adventure • Family • Fantasy
Ghost/supernatural

Paul Bajoria
Linda Buckley-Archer
Frances Hardinge
Robin Jarvis

Garry Kilworth
Penelope Lively
William Nicholson
Philip Pullman

12-14

The Wolves of Willoughby Chase Series


Louisa May Alcott

Family

Jeanne Birdsall
Frances Hodgson Burnett
Hilary McKay

L M Montgomery
Johanna Spyri
Laura Ingalls Wilder

Good Wives • Jo's Boys • Little Women

 Some titles are available as Talking books





Authors for Ages 12-14

12-14

Randa Abdel-Fattah



Family • Friends • Other cultures
Other lands • Social issues

Narinder Dhani
Mary Hooper
Cathy Hopkins
Beverley Naidoo

Bali Rai
Na'ima B Robert
Rosie Rushton

14+

Does My Head Look Big in This?

Ten Things I Hate About Me • Where the Streets Had a Name

L J Adlington



Fantasy • Ghost/supernatural
Science fiction • War 1939-45

Malorie Blackman
Sharon Dogar

Gemma Malley

Burning Mountain • Cherry Heaven • Diary of Pelly-D • Glittering Eye

Joan Aiken



Adventure • Fantasy
Ghost/supernatural • Historical

Paul Bajoria
Linda Buckley-Archer
Ann Halam
Frances Hardinge

Robin Jarvis
Ben Jeapes
Diana Wynne Jones

8-11

The Wolves of Willoughby Chase Series

Lloyd Alexander



Fantasy

N M Browne
Susan Cooper
Alison Croggon

Garth Nix
Jonathan Stroud

The Chronicles of Prydain Series

Alison Allen-Gray

Family • Mystery • Science fiction

Stephen Baxter
Patrick Cave
Alan Gibbons
Rhiannon Lassiter
Neal Shusterman

Marc Sumerak
A G Taylor
David Thorpe
Scott Westerfeld
Tim Wynne-Jones

Lifegame • Unique





Authors for Ages 14+

Randa Abdel-Fattah

Family • Friends
Other cultures • Social issues
12-14

Faïza Guène
Bali Rai

Marjane Satrapi
Gabrielle Zevin

Does My Head Look Big in This?
Ten Things I Hate About Me • *Where the Streets Had a Name*

Sherman Alexie

Family • Humour • Social issues

Stephen Emond
Bali Rai

Marjane Satrapi

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian

Laurie Halse Anderson

Crime • Eating disorders
Friends • Social issues
12-14

Jay Asher
Judith Fathallah

Kate Morgenroth

Twisted • *Wintergirls*

Kelley Armstrong

Ghost/supernatural • Magic

Holly Black
P C & Kristin Cast
Alex Duval
Lauren Kate
Stephenie Meyer

Alyson Noel
Cynthia Leitich Smith
L J Smith
Gabrielle Zevin

Darkest Powers Series

Jay Asher

Death • Friends • Social issues

Laurie Halse Anderson
Jenny Downham
Judith Fathallah
Gayle Forman
Joanna Kenrick

Catherine MacPhail
Lauren Oliver
Matt Whyman
Benjamin Zephaniah
Gabrielle Zevin

Thirteen Reasons Why



Genres and Themes



Adoption

8-11

Pippa Funnell

12-14

Chris Higgins
Theresa Tomlinson



Adventure

5-7

Jenny Alexander
Simon Bartram
Martyn Beardsley
Emily Bearn
Ben 10
Sue Bentley
Malorie Blackman
Jon Blake
Benedict Blathwayt
Michael Broad
Jeff Brown
Judy Brown
Nick Butterworth
Alex Cliff
Andrew Cope
Jonathan Emmett
Joe Friedman
Mick Gowar
John Grant
Sally Grindley

Stella Gurney
Mary Hoffman
Harry Horse
Elizabeth Singer Hunt
Julia Jarman
Ann Jungman
Diana Kimpton
Timothy Knapman
H I Larry
Michael Lawrence
Neal Layton
Astrid Lindgren
Elizabeth Lindsay
Colin McNaughton
Martine Murray
Hilda Offen
Hiawyn Oram
David Orme
Laura Owen

Daniel Postgate
Chris Powling
Alf Prøysen
Shoo Rayner
Margaret Ryan
Dyan Sheldon
Dee Shulman
Sophie Smiley
Geronimo Stilton
Rex Stone
Jeremy Strong
Martin Waddell
Summer Waters
Holly Webb
Ian Whybrow
David Henry Wilson
Jacqueline Wilson
Philip Wooderson
Jonny Zucker

8-11

Deborah Abela
Joan Aiken
Roy Apps
Philip Ardagh
Paul Bajoria
Blue Balliett
Dominic Barker
Betty G Birney
Terence Blacker
Malorie Blackman
Adam Blade

Enid Blyton
Pseudonymous Bosch
Lucy M Boston
Frank Cottrell Boyce
Chris Bradford
Tony Bradman
Herbie Brennan
Linda Buckley-Archer
Annette Butterworth
Georgia Byng
Philip Caveney

Henry Chancellor
Simon Cheshire
Michael Coleman
Eoin Colfer
Susan Cooper
Zizou Corder
Gillian Cross
Kevin Crossley-Holland
Chris d'Lacey
Anna Dale
Colin Dann



Graphic Novels

As mentioned in the previous edition of *Who Next...?*, graphic novels have become a major part of children's publishing with many successful authors and illustrators of adult graphic novels producing successful children's titles. Publishers also continue to reformat already popular titles and TV characters into graphic novels and these continue to attract boys to reading.

In this edition we have included some titles for older readers. This means that some of the material may depict violent scenes, as well as dealing with difficult subject matter. For more information on the genre, please look up the individual authors in the relevant age group.

Please be aware that the quality and suitability of an individual book may vary because many series have a number of different authors and illustrators.

For more information generally on graphic novels and up to date lists of other titles please visit: www.dr-mel-comics.co.uk/sources run by Mel Gibson, a UK based comics scholar and consultant.

5-7

Ben 10	<i>Ben 10 Comic Books Series</i>
David Orme	<i>Boffin Boy Series</i>
Philip Wooderson	<i>Arf and the Metal Detector</i>

8-11

David Almond	<i>The Savage</i>
Raymond Briggs	<i>Father Christmas</i> <i>Fungus and the Bogeyman</i>
Rob Childs	<i>Moving the Goalposts</i>
Eoin Colfer	<i>Arctic Incident</i>
René Goscinny	<i>Asterix Series</i>
Hergé	<i>Tintin Series</i>
Erin Hunter	<i>Warriors Manga: Seekers Series</i> <i>Warriors: Manga Series</i>
Geronimo Stilton	<i>Geronimo Stilton</i>
J R R Tolkien	<i>The Hobbit</i>



Current Children's Book Prizes

Prizes

For this edition we have updated those awards listed in previous books and added a new list of awards which are currently in place (probably not exhaustive!). Many local Schools Library Services and public library authorities run ballots locally, involving young people within their areas in voting for their favourite children's books in various categories. Details about all those awards appearing below are easily accessible by entering the name of the award into a search engine.

Bedfordshire Children's Book of the Year

Berkshire Children's Book Award

Best New Illustrators Award

Bisto Book of the Year Awards (CBI - Children's Books Ireland)

Bolton Children's Book Award

Booktrust Early Years Awards

Booktrust Teenage Prize

Calderdale Children's Book Awards

Cambridgeshire Children's Picture Book Award (Read it Again!)

Coventry Inspiration Book Awards

Doncaster Book Award

Dundee City of Discovery Picture Book Award

East Sussex Children's Book Award

English 4-11 Book Awards
(for the best illustrated children's books of the year)

Essex Book Award

Falkirk RED (Read Enjoy Debate) Children's Book Award

Frances Lincoln Diverse Voices Children's Book Award

Gateshead Children's Book Award

Grampian Children's Book Award

Hampshire Book Award

