

# THE GROVE'S READING RECOMMENDATIONS

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reading.



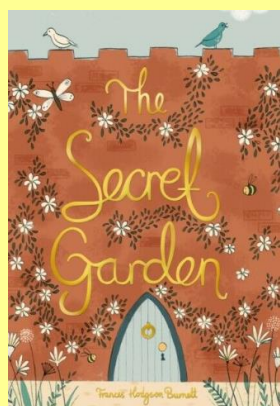
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Welcome! Please read on for some reading recommendations by Grove children, staff and school governors. These reading recommendations can help you find the next book you and your child might like to try out whilst you're at home.

Emily in Year 6 recommends,  
'The Secret Garden', by  
Frances Hodge Burnett

This is an interesting book, because it is full of mystery about what happened before the story began and as the story unfolds. The characters are interesting, which makes the story even more interesting and mysterious. It makes me want to read more and more of it and I wish the book wouldn't end.

A book about love, kindness, friendship and family.



Wonderfully descriptive, this classic children's book was published in 1911.

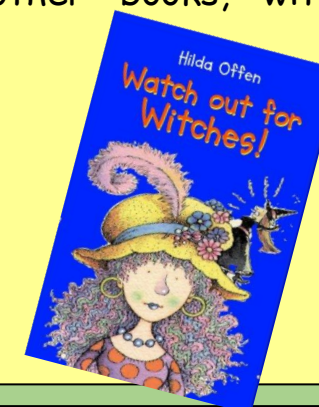
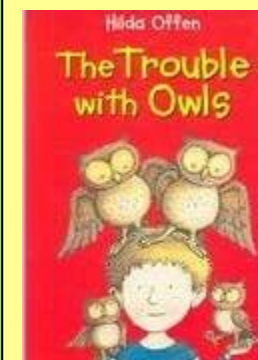
Lyra in Year 1 recommends,  
'Rosie Revere Engineer', by Andrea Beaty

The book is about a little girl called Rosie. <sup>that wants to be an engineer.</sup> she is very shy because once she tried shearing her ideers and she got thuged at.  
My favourite part was when Rosie tried to bild a helycopter out of scrap and old toys. It did not go well!  
It rmds me of olivia books because thay are just byign ther selvs. This book wold be loved by children of all ages!

Rosie Revere Engineer is a charming and witty picture book, suitable for 5-8-year olds, filled with humor, delightful rhyming verse, and colourful, detailed watercolor and pen-and-ink illustrations. A book great to inspire young writers as well as artists!

Mrs. Blakely, Year 5/6 teacher, recommends,  
'The Trouble with Owls', by Hilda Offen.

A hoot of a story about a group of very annoying owls, which cause chaos for the Honeybell family, who are fed up with the owls and decide to get rid of the noisy owl pests, but one family member thinks the owls are special and decides to hatch up a plan to save them! This book really made me chuckle. This would be a great book to read to KS1 children and Year 2+ would be able to read by themselves. If you enjoy this book, the author, Hilda Offen has written a few other books, with similar characters and settings.



Zari in Year 3 recommends,  
'Clarice Beans: Utterly me', by Lauren child.

This is one of a series. This is a very witty book, all the pages have pictures, mostly of the main character herself, Clarice. There are some bits about her annoying brother. This book is recommended for 6-10-year olds.





## Dog in the Playground, by Allan Ahlberg

Dog in the playground:  
Oh, no he don't.  
He'll come with me,  
You see if he won't.

The word gets round;  
The crowd gets bigger.  
His name's Bob.  
It ain't - it's Trigger.

They call him Archie!  
They call him Frank!  
Lives by the Fish Shop!  
Lives up the Bank!  
Who told you that?  
Pipe down! Shut up!  
I know that dog  
Since he was a pup.

Dog in the playground:  
We'll catch him, Miss.  
Leave it to us.  
Just watch this!

Dog in the playground  
What a to-do!  
Thirty-five children,  
Caretaker too,  
Chasing the dog,  
Chasing each other.  
I know that dog -  
He's our dog's brother!



We've cornered him now;  
He can't get away.  
Told you we'd catch him,  
Robert and - Hey!  
Don't open that door -  
Oh, Glenis, you fool!  
Look, Miss, what's  
happened:  
Dog in the school.

Dog in the classroom,  
Dog in the hall,  
Dog in the toilets -  
He's paying a call!  
Forty-six children,  
Caretaker too,  
Headmaster, three  
teachers,  
Hullabaloo!

Lost him! Can't find him!  
He's vanished! And then:  
Look, Miss, he's back  
In the playground again.

Shouting and shoving -  
I'll give you what for!  
Sixty-five children  
Head for the door.

Dog in the playground,  
Smile on his face,  
Tail in the air,  
Winning the race.

Dog in his element  
Off at a jog,  
Out of the gates:  
Wish I was a dog.

Dog in the playground:  
Couldn't he run?

Dog in the playground  
... Gone!

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### Dave Lee, School Governor, recommends, Poems from, 'Please Mrs. Butler', by Allan Ahlberg.

#### 1. Why did you enjoy this poem?

The language used for effect is great and the imagery used is emotive. "Headmaster's Hymn" reminds me when I was a Headteacher and used to take morning assemblies. I would tell the story, then go off the point and end up rambling. I used to sing this poem to my children at school and they LOVED it. Also, "Dog on the Playground" reminds me of the chaos that suddenly can happen when something unexpected happens on a school playground.

#### 2. Where did you find / hear about this poem?

I went to a poetry reading, held by Allan Ahlberg in 1984 when he read some of these poems out loud - I instantly loved them as a teacher, and my children loved them instantly because they were so true.

**3. Has the poet written any other materials?** Yes, loads of stuff. Really worth a read. Very relevant for children and staff of schools alike!

### Luke in Year 5 recommends, 'The Dream Snatcher, The Shadow Keeper and The Night Spinner' - a trilogy by Abi Elphinstone

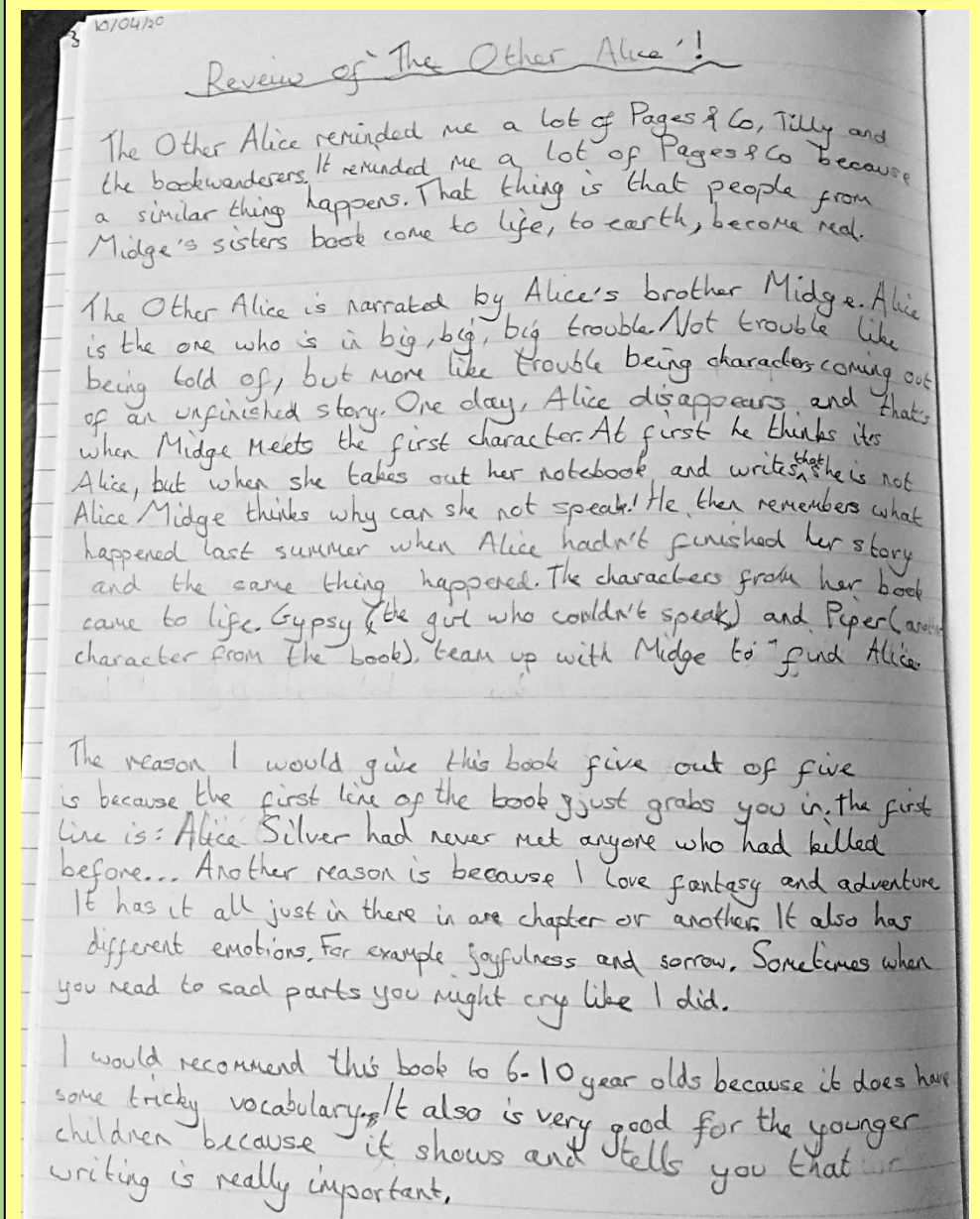
**These books are about** a girl named Moll and her wild cat, Gryff. The book starts in Tanglefern Forest. Moll and her tribe are on a hunting trip for food when Gryff came from the mountains and finds the tribe and he and Moll become friends.

**I decided to read these books because** when I did Reading Gladiators with Mrs Robinson in Year 4, I read another book by Abi Elphinstone. I really enjoyed it, so I decided to read these books too.

**I love these books** because Moll and her friend Sid and Gryff have to solve puzzles, like anagrams, to find the special items. The puzzles are fun to think about. I also like the books because Moll has lots of adventures and it is exciting to read. Each book has a map so you can see the area Moll is exploring and follow where she travels. During her adventures Moll also makes new friends and I enjoyed finding out about new characters during the stories. Each of the special items Moll finds contains a surprise. You will have to read the book to find out what it is!

**If you enjoyed books like Harry Potter**, then you may like these too! If you have read and enjoyed any other books by Abi Elphinstone, then I suggest you try these as well. This trilogy aimed at children 7 and above. The books show you the puzzles Moll and her friends need to solve - you could have a go at these yourself! And if you give this set of books a read, I hope you enjoy them as much as I did!

### Anastasia in Year 5's review of, 'The Other Alice', by Michelle Harrison.



Last week, Anastasia (Y5) and Patrick Higney (Y7, ex-pupil) kindly donated bags of recently published books in glowing condition, for our school library. This book caught my attention (not just because it has my first name in!), but also the first line pulled me in. I then read this book myself and was captivated by it, its description, storyline and complete and utter mystery. The idea of a book within a book was also intriguing! A big THANK YOU to the Higney family and thanks for sending your review of this great book!

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