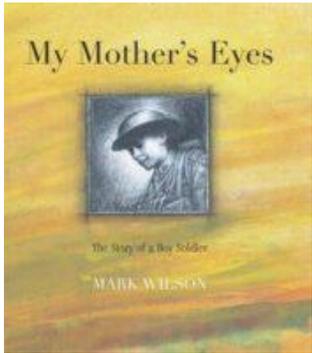


Year 5 Recommended Reading List: Best Books for 9 and 10 Year Olds

Australian Literature

Text	Author	About
My Mother's Eyes: The Story of a Boy Soldier	Mark Wilson	<p>A young Australian boy lies about his age to fight in WWI. While fighting on the Western Front, he writes home to his mother.</p> <p>My Mother's Eyes describes the horror of war through simple language, but is extremely thought-provoking.</p>

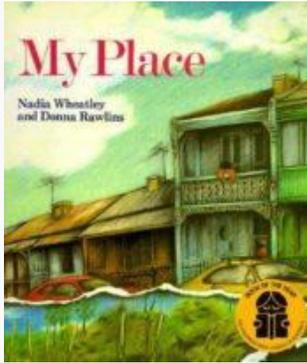


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Mark Wilson*

My Place

Nadia Wheatley

Told by the children that lived there at every stage, My Place explores the same area of land over the space of 200 years.



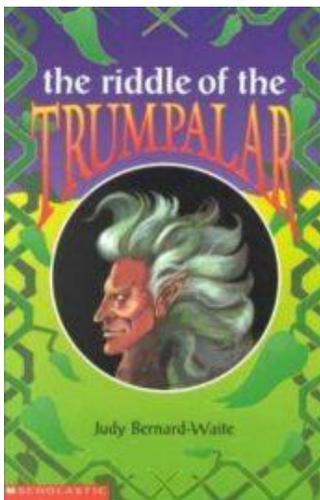
The story starts in 1988 and travels backwards in time, passing the spotlight to children such as Sofia, Bertie and Wilhelmina.

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The Riddle of the Trumpalad

Judy Bernard-Waite

At the local park, an old tree is at risk of being cut down. The twins, Cass and Carl, try everything they can to stop the tree from being damaged.



This story features the importance of collaboration, community and the environment.

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Uncanny!

Paul Jennings

As a collection of short stories, *Uncanny!* focuses on many exciting and absurd situations.

Magic lipstick, smart ice cream, and bathroom ghosts are just some of the memorable stories in this acclaimed collection.

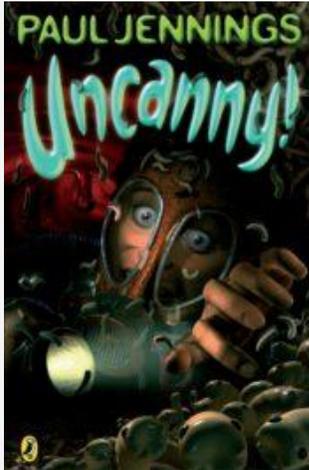
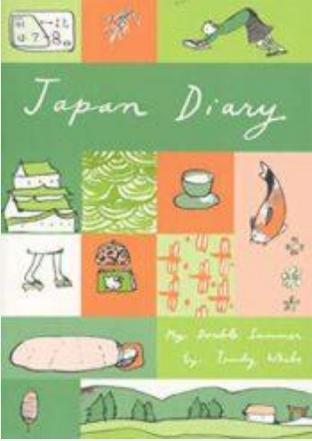
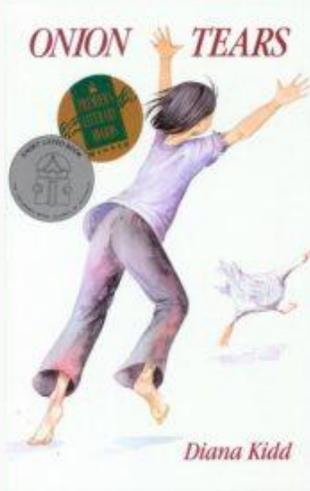


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Insights about the Peoples and Cultures of Asia

Text	Author	About
<p>Japan Diary</p>  <p>Image sourced from Goodreads</p>	<p>Trudy White</p>	<p>This is the story of two teenaged exchange students living in Australia and Japan. Amy and Taro discover the unique aspects of each other's culture, as well as the connection between the two.</p> <p>This is a very relatable book for anybody who has travelled to another country, and is a good introduction to cultural differences.</p>

Onion Tears



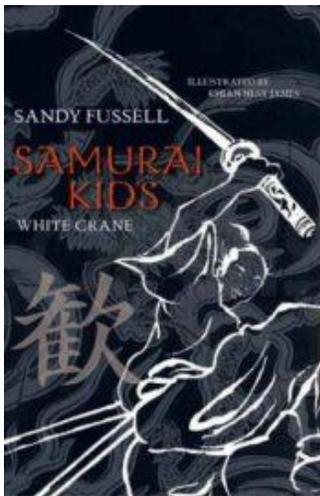
Diana Kidd

Nam-Huong has left Vietnam as a refugee and struggles to adjust to her new life in Australia. Her traumatic experiences leave her unable to fit in with her peers.

This is an eye-opening story for many children who don't have much knowledge about refugees.

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White Crane



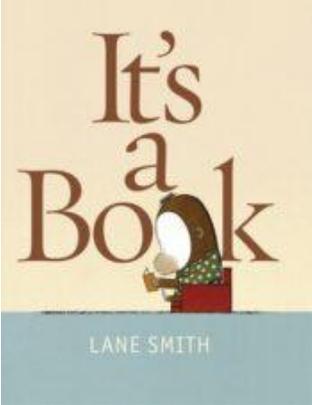
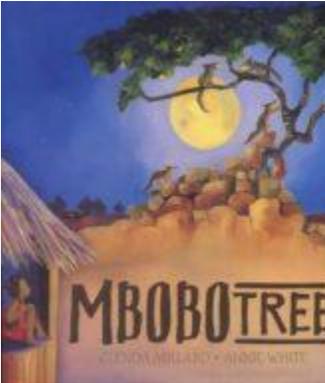
Sandy
Fussell

The first in a series of eight books, Samurai Kids is about a school in feudal Japan which takes in students with disabilities. These students are all fantastic fighters and don't let their disabilities stop them.

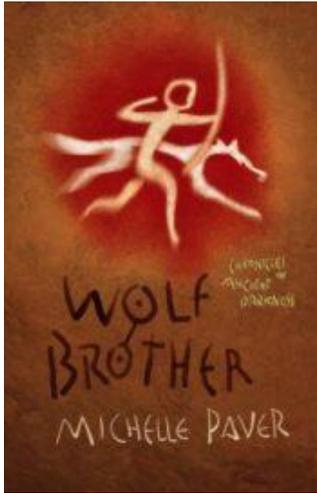
The support that these kids receive is a perfect model for readers to learn from.

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Literary Texts from Other Countries and Times

Text	Author	About
<p data-bbox="207 485 354 516">It's a Book</p> 	<p data-bbox="553 485 699 516">Lane Smith</p>	<p data-bbox="743 485 1341 554">A monkey is reading a book, but his friend has no idea what it is!</p> <p data-bbox="743 590 1349 737">This humorous reference to the rise of E-books will make older readers laugh and encourage younger readers to try out print books rather than technology.</p>
<p data-bbox="207 1003 467 1073"><i>Image sourced from Goodreads</i></p> <p data-bbox="207 1146 370 1178">Mbobotree</p> 	<p data-bbox="553 1146 651 1215">Glenda Millard</p>	<p data-bbox="743 1146 1328 1293">A baby is discovered in a tree, and is welcomed into the community. She learns the traditions, customs and culture of the community but she refuses to speak.</p> <p data-bbox="743 1329 1338 1440">When the tree that she loves comes under threat, she needs to find her bravery and save the village.</p>

Wolf Brother



Michelle Paver

Torak is a Native American boy living during the Stone Age, around 6,000 years ago. With his wolf companion, he goes on an adventure to stop the evil that is taking hold of the world.

The bond between human and animal is one of the most effective parts of this novel which makes it all the more memorable.

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