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Reading

Our Book Club recommends ...

This month's issue is about children's literature. We have asked four young readers to tell us about their favourite books and authors. Here are their tips for this month.

[1] Kaycee, 11

5 My favourite book is *The Story of Tracy Beaker*. It's about a
 10 ten-year-old girl who lives in a children's home. It sounds very sad,
 but it is told from Tracy's point of view and she tells the story of her
 life in a really funny way. There are more books about Tracy
 Beaker, for example *The Dare Game* or *Starring Tracy Beaker*. The
 books are so popular that they were made into a TV-series of 120
 15 episodes. The author, Jacqueline Wilson, has written over 100 books
 for children and teenagers. Her books often deal with things like
 adoption, family problems or illness. But they are not just books
 about difficult topics. They are always an interesting and funny read.
 That's why Jacqueline Wilson has won many awards.



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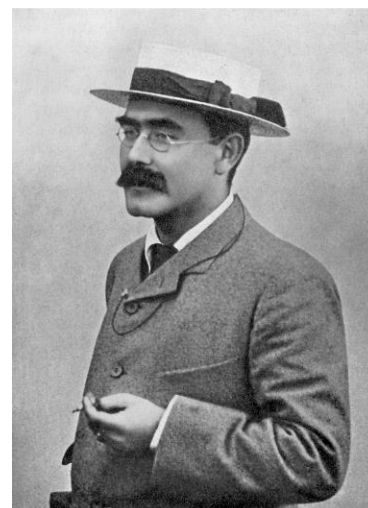
[2] Dylan, 13

20 I watched the film *Mortal Engines* a few weeks ago and I wanted to
 know more about the details of this fantasy world. I found out that
 the film is based on a book by Philip Reeve. I read it and it was really
 good. The story takes place in the future after a terrible war. Nature is
 almost destroyed and there are hardly any resources like gas or water
 left. Big cities like London have turned into huge machines which
 25 move around and 'feed on' smaller towns and cities. In the first book
 the teenagers Tom and Hester meet and start their adventures
 together. The author Philip Reeve worked in a bookshop and drew
 cartoons before he became a writer. He says he doesn't plan his
 books at the beginning. He starts to write, and then he finds out what
 is going to happen.

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[3] Brian, 12

30 We read *The Jungle Book* in class last month. At first I thought it
 would be boring because everybody knows the story of Mowgli,
 Baloo the bear and Bagheera the panther. I mean, we have all seen
 the film, haven't we? But it was really interesting to find out that this
 isn't the only story in *The Jungle Book*. Actually, there are seven
 35 different stories and only three of them are about Mowgli. Other
 stories are for example about Rikki-Tikki-Tavi, a little animal that
 fights against two terrible snakes, or about Tomai, a boy who has a
 special meeting with a group of elephants. Even though the language
 was a little bit old-fashioned, it was fun to read. The book was
 published in 1894. Rudyard Kipling wrote it for his little daughter.
 40 Most of his stories take place in India, where Kipling was born and
 where he worked for some time.



[4] Samantha, 14

I love books about horses like *War Horse* by Michael Morpurgo. At first I wasn't very interested in the book because it takes place at the time of World War I. But Morpurgo tells this story of adventure and friendship from the perspective of a horse, Joey, and this is really cool. Joey's owner is a young boy called Albert who loves to care for Joey. But then Albert's father sells Joey to the army so he has to go to war in France. He has many adventures together with his friend Topthorn, another war horse. The book deals with some of the terrible things that happened to people and animals in the war. The whole time I was hoping that Joey would stay alive and return home to Albert. Michael Morpurgo got the idea for the book when he met a boy who was on a school trip at the author's farm. The teachers said the boy was afraid to talk. He was always silent. But then Mr Morpurgo saw him speaking to a horse and the horse really listened to the boy. Then the author knew that he wanted to write a story about the love between a horse and its owner.



1 Read the text. Match each sentence with the right paragraph (1–4) of the text. Be careful: One sentence doesn't fit.

- The author wrote this book in the 19th century. 3
- The main character is a teenage girl. 1
- This book is based on a popular film. -
- This story takes place in a fantasy version of our world. 2
- An animal tells this story. 4

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2 Right, wrong or not in the text? Tick (✓) the correct box for each sentence.

	right	wrong	not in the text
1. There is a popular TV-series about Tracy Beaker.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Jacqueline Wilson has written many other books.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. <i>Mortal Engines</i> is the first book of a four-part series.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Philip Reeve was always a writer.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. In the <i>Jungle Book</i> all the animals can talk.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. The author of the <i>Jungle Book</i> was born in England.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. <i>War Horse</i> is about a historical event: World War I.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Michael Morpurgo wanted to write about two horses who become friends.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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3 Match the right parts of the sentences. Write the right letters (a–f) in the boxes. Be careful: Two endings are wrong.

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| 1. Jacqueline Wilson ... | <input type="text" value="f"/> | a) is good at drawing. |
| 2. Philip Reeve ... | <input type="text" value="a"/> | b) owns a farm. |
| 3. Rudyard Kipling ... | <input type="text" value="d"/> | c) helps children without parents. |
| 4. Michael Morpurgo ... | <input type="text" value="b"/> | d) wrote a book for his or her own child. |
| | | e) gets his or her ideas from other books. |
| | | f) often writes about childrens' problems. |

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4 The following words have different meanings. Which meaning is used in the text? The line numbers in brackets will help you find the words in the text.

1. **just** (line 12)

- a) gerade (eben)
- b) gerecht
- c) nur, bloß
- d) gerade noch

3. **mean** (line 31)

- a) gemein, fies
- b) bedeuten
- c) meinen
- c) beabsichtigen, vorhaben

2. **turned** (line 21)

- a) gedreht
- b) gewendet
- c) verwandelt
- d) eingeschaltet

4. **care** (line 46)

- a) sich kümmern
- b) sich interessieren
- c) betroffen sein
- c) etwas wichtig nehmen

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Your points: _____ / XX

Mark:

Lehrerhinweise

Die folgenden Wörter, die im Lesetext vorkommen, sind im Schülerbuch zu diesem Zeitpunkt noch nicht als obligatorischer Lernwortschatz eingeführt. Sie werden hier nicht explizit abgefragt, sondern werden rein rezeptiv bzw. reproduktiv verwendet und können von den Schülerinnen und Schülern mit Hilfe des Kontextes bzw. aufgrund der Ähnlichkeit zum Deutschen oder zu bereits bekannten Wörtern sicher problemlos erschlossen werden. Selbstverständlich können diese Wörter auch durch die Lehrkraft vorentlastet werden.

- issue
- children's home
- episode
- adoption
- illness
- read (Nomen)
- topic
- fantasy
- future
- war
- nature
- be destroyed
- resources
- panther
- snake
- old-fashioned
- be published
- World War II
- friendship
- perspective
- owner