

Recommended Resources for Preteens and Teens with Dyslexia & Reluctant Readers

Saddleback Educational Publishing

<http://www.sdlback.com>

- **Hi-Lo Series**

http://www.sdlback.com/estore/b/reading/?v=hilo_reading

You can select the reading level of the student and interest area, and locate books for preteens and teens that will be interesting but match lower-reading levels. They even have Shakespeare renditions!

Ransom Publishing

“The online resource for supporting reluctant and struggling readers”

Find many excellent titles here as well as a blog with information about working with dyslexic and reluctant readers of all ages; good books for preteens and teens needing lower level, high interest materials.

<http://www.ransom.co.uk/index.html>

- **Pearson Education’s Dark Man series**

An option for students who require minimal text but maximum interest level. Dark Man is a fiction series designed for teenagers with a reading age of 5 to 7. Each book in the series has a strong plot and dark evocative illustrations, but with simple language focusing on high frequency words. The Dark Man features in each book as a shadowy, brooding loner recruited to play a part in a secret, cataclysmic struggle between good and evil. His continued mission is to seek out a Golden Cup which can channel limitless power and energy. Opposed to him is a sinister and corrupt organization, The Shadow Masters.

This series can be found at Ransom Publishing.

University of Michigan: Dyslexia Help

Book list: <http://dyslexiahelp.umich.edu/tools/books-get-kids-reading>

Barrington Stoke – www.barringtonstoke.co.uk

Barrington Stoke books help children to enjoy reading.

They publish accessible, enjoyable and unpatronizing short books for children who are dyslexic, struggling to read, or simply reluctant to sit down with a book.

Barrington Stoke offers great stories by some of the best children's authors working today. Each book is read before publication by struggling readers of the right age, so we know the final book is both accessible and a terrific read. And there's nothing on the up-to-the-minute covers to suggest that the books are for less fluent readers.

Barrington Stoke offer readers the chance to become consultants, commenting on books prior to publication. They also offer books for adults. See the website for more information.

Titles

- Snakebite by Robert Swindells
- Speed by Alison Prince
- Thing by Chris Powling
- Playing Against the Odds by Bernard Ashley
- Prisoner in Alcatraz by Theresa Breslin
- To Be A Millionaire by Yvonne Coppard
- Alligator by Theresa Breslin
- Crow Girl Returns by Kate Cann
- All We Know of Heaven by Peter Crowther
- The Shadow on the Stairs by Ann Halam
- Until Proven Guilty by Nigel Hinton

- Diary of an (Un)Teenager by Pete Johnson
- The Goblin of Tara by Oisín McGann
- What's Your Problem? By Bali Rai
- Love Dad by Jonathon Meres
- Fox Friend by Michael Morpurgo
- Dade Country's Big Summer by Lesley Howarth
- The New Girl by Mary Hooper • Game Boy Reloaded by Alan Durant

Read All About It! By Jim Trelease

Intended for preteens and teens

<http://www.trelease-on-reading.com/aai.html>

Selections for reluctant teen readers from Mary Curtis, reading researcher at Lesley College, and Ann Marie Longo, director of the Boys Town Reading Center:

- Avi. Something Upstairs. (1990)
- Bennett, J. Death Grip. (1993)
- Cannon, A. The Shadow Brothers. (1990)
- Clark, M. Freedom Crossing. (1991)
- Hayes, D. The Trouble with Lemons. (1995)
- Hesse, K. Letters from Rifka. (2001)

Hobbs, W. Bearstone. (1997)
Nixon, J. A Place to Belong. (1996)
O'Connor, J. Blizzard (Survive!). (1994)
Paulsen, G. Canyons. (1991).
 The River. (1995)
Rylant, C. Fine White Dust. (2000)
Taylor, M. The Road to Memphis. (1999)

The LEXILE Framework for Reading

<http://www.lexile.com/fab/>

You can find high interest books at this site by typing in your grade level/reading level. You can set up an account to create a list of books; Lexile has a link with Barnes and Noble so you can purchase titles from the site as well.

Other materials that may be suitable or useful for reluctant readers:

- Books on CD and tape, podcasts
 See Learning Ally (Formally Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic)
 <https://www.learningally.org>
- People Learn tapes (Formally, Narkaling; book and tape, where tape can be slowed or sped up according to user's preference) <http://www.peoplelearn.com.au/>
- Magazines