

Secondary Empathy List 2025

EmpathyLab has produced a #ReadforEmpathy book collection, with accompanying book guides, annually since 2017. Each title in the collection has been chosen by a panel of judges to do a specific empathy-building job. The list has been created as a practical tool to help young people learn more about empathy and put it into action, giving adults the resources they need to raise an empathy-educated generation.

Our judges are a group of national experts and grassroots practitioners from schools, public libraries and organisations including the School Library Association (SLA), The Open University, Youth Libraries Group (YLG) and the Centre for Literacy in Primary Education (CLPE). They work hard to assemble a contemporary, diverse list of books.

- The books on this list can be purchased from the School Library Service
- Individual titles can be purchased at a saving of 25% off RRP
- Please contact us at schoollibraryservice@devon.gov.uk or 01392 287244

	ISBN	Title	Author	RRP
Emotions				
holly bourne COULD begins RE box	9781474966832	You Could Be So Pretty AR: 4.8 UY	Bourne, Holly	£8.99
Kate De Goldi	9781910646946	The 10 p.m. Question AR: 5.5 MY+	De Goldi, Kate	£8.99
PHILFARLE NORTHERN STULL	9781800902039	Northern Soul AR: 4.1 MY+	Earle, Phil	£7.99
BOY SUIT	9780702333101	The Boy in the Suit BB: Dark Blue	Fox, James	£7.99
HAGE COLLS FIGURE OF	9781801315791	The Fights That Make Us AR: 4.7 MY+ BB: Dark Red	Hagger-Holt, Sarah	£7.99
RUNNING NAAY FOR BEGINNERS	9780702329937	Running Away for Beginners	Illis, Mark	£8.99

DANIELLE JAWANDO WORDS & HAD WINGS	9781398514034	If My Words Had Wings AR: 5.2 UY	Jawando, Danielle	£8.99
SH!T BAG	9781444972054	Sh!t Bag	Knox, Xena	£8.99
KING OFFING NOTHING	9781471413247	King of Nothing AR: 4.9 MY+	Lessore, Nathanael	£7.99
LITTLE BANG	9781406375725	Little Bang	McCaughrain, Kelly	£8.99
American Service of Se	9780571382972	Glasgow Boys AR: 4.4 UY	McDonald, Margaret	£8.99
Reedie L	9781913311988	Keedie AR: 4.8 MY BB: Dark Red	McNicoll, Elle	£7.99
OJINN'S	9781911107859	The Djinn's Apple	Morani, Djamila	£8.99
ALL THAT IT EVER MEANT	9781035902514	All That It Ever Meant AR: 5.4 UY	Musariri, Blessing	£8.99
ONLY THIS BEAUTIFUL MOMENT	9781788957045	Only This Beautiful Moment	Nazemian, Abdi	£8.99
STORM,	9781800902534	A Sudden Storm AR: 3.4 UY	Rai, Bali	£7.99
GIRL /	9781805316749	The Girl Who Couldn't Lie AR: 4.6 MY BB: Dark Red	Sanghani, Radhika	£7.99

SISTER ISPIRITOR	9781035907571	Sister Spirit	Traore, Efua	£8.99			
Verse novels	Verse novels and poetry						
THE DOOR NO RETURN	9781839133077	The Door of No Return AR: 5.9 MY +	Alexander, Kwame	£8.99			
WHERE THE ART SHOULD BE SARAH CROSSAM	9781526666574	Where the Heart Should Be AR: 4.1 UY	Crossan, Sarah	£8.99			
PART OF A STORY THAT STARTED BEFORE ME 1007 1001 GEORGE THE POET	9780241567005 NF 821	Part of a Story That Started Before Me	Fryar, Dr Christienna	£9.99			
EAST ASSECT HEASTH-LIVING	9780241645444	Wild East	Hickson-Lovence, Ashley	£8.99			
LOUDER (((()THAN ())) HUNGER JOHN SCHU	9781529514568	Louder Than Hunger	Schu, John	£9.99			
Non-fiction							
BODY (9780711279056 NF 306.46	The Body Confidence Book	Diedrichs, Phillippa	£9.99			
Everyday ACTION Everyday CHANGE CHANGE	9781526365095 NF 305.8	Everyday Action, Everyday Change AR: 6.9 MY+	Evans, Natalie	£9.99			
RISE UP AND SING! Poor February In USE 1000	9781778402159 NF 920.008	Rise Up and Sing!	Warner, Andrea	£9.99			

Graphic novels					
CRUSS OF PRE LENET	9780008653750	Cross My Heart and Never Lie AR: 3.2 MY+	Dasnes, Nora	£10.99	
HOME BODY THE PROSSI	9781035017621	Homebody	Parish, Theo	£14.99	
DRAWN SCHANGE WORLD COMMENTATION COMMENTATIO	9780063084216 NF 920.008	Drawn to Change the World	Reynolds, Emma	£8.99	
Tashs and the same of the same	9781788453332	Tosh's Island	Sargent, Linda	£10.99	