

Primary 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				
TOPPIDE AND	9781529520934	Terrible Horses	Antrobus, Raymond	£7.99
GRAND HOTEL OF FEELINGS	9781800660557	The Grand Hotel of Feelings	Brankovic, Lidia	£7.99
The CAT Who COULDN'T BE BOTREAED	9780711287440	The Cat Who Couldn't Be Bothered	Kurland, Jack	£7.99
Cornegies Elefication Caldida Ericeres	9781802583410	April's Garden AR: 2.6 LY	McGuckin, Isla	£7.99
TROLL	9781915569677	Troll	Stickley, Frances	£7.99
GRANDADS	9781915395108	Grandad's Star	Tosdevin, Frances	£12.99

Picture books				
Name CIFT	9781800782297	My Name is a Gift	Akhter, Zeshan	£7.99
DANCE DANCE SOL	9781912923397	Dance Just Like So!	Anang, Annemarie	£8.99
All Sections of the section of the s	9780241611371	Flower Block AR: 3.3 LY	Butterfield, Lanisha	£7.99
Lyna Love Gardeninge	9781839131585	Luna Loves Gardening AR: 3.9 LY	Coelho, Joseph	£7.99
Company of the contract of the	9781911679516	Where?	Collins, Jordan	£6.99
BESTOR ALL MINIOL NO BOOK	9781529080735	Best of All AR: 4.8 MY+ BB: Dark Red	Halls, Smriti	£12.99
GRANDPA	9781913292720	Grandpa Kuma AR :1.7 LY	Maiden, Michelle	£8.99
Elki is Not My Dog	9781915252364	Elki is Not My Dog	Melville, Elena Arevalo	£12.99
WE ARE HERE	9781838346133	We Are Here	Rafiq, Kate	£12.99
A Better Best Friend	9781776575732	A Better Best Friend	Tallec, Olivier	£12.99

Poetry				
And CLIMED And I ACTIONED AND	9781912745296 NF 821	And I Climbed, And I Climbed	Lightbown, Stephen	£8.99
WORDS	9781801992091 NF 821	Who Let the Words Out?	Seigal, Joshua	£7.99
EIND PEACE	9781838915643 NF 821	Find Peace in a Poem		£12.99
DRAGONS	9781915444578 NF 821	And I Hear Dragons		£7.99
Early readers				
DESTINY WKY	9781805132318	Sleepover Surprise AR: 3.9 LY BB: White	Sokunbi, Adeola	£6.99
Sidney and Carrie Have at PARTY	9781800901902	Sidney and Carrie Have a Party AR: 3.5 LY BB: White	Thompson, Lisa	£6.99
Early graphics	S			
Bumble & Snug	9781444972344	Bumble and Snug and the Jealous Giants	Bradley, Mark	£7.99
GORDÓN THE MEANEST GOOSE ON EARTH	9780192788658	Gordon the Meanest Goose on Earth BB: White	Latimer, Alex	£6.99
Graphic novels				
ANIMA COPEANUT	9780702329876	Nina Peanut is Amazing AR: 4.5 MY BB: Grey	Bowie, Sarah	£8.99
RUNE	9781838741211	Rune	Sanchez, Carlos	£10.99

Fiction				
Bird Boy	9781839946493	Bird Boy AR: 5.6 MY BB: Dark Red	Bruton, Catherine	£7.99
ON THE WALL	9781910646991	On the Wall AR: 4.8 MY+ BB: Dark Red	Fine, Anne	£8.99
TURTLE MOON JA	9780008582050	Turtle Moon BB: Dark Blue	Gold, Hannah	£14.99
babala microst FLERA STORMER Galde Lta	9781408370018	Flora Stormer and the Golden Lotus BB: Brown	Harcourt, Isabella	£7.99
THE LAST PRAGON	9781913311612	The Last Dragon BB: Dark Blue	Ho-Yen, Polly	£7.99
ANGEL OF GRASMERE TOM PALMER	9781800902169	Angel of Grasmere AR: 5 MY	Palmer, Tom	£7.99
JAOLS	9781398527126	The Wrong Shoes	Percival, Tom	£12.99
BALI RAI	9781800902541	Bobby Bains Plays a Blinder AR: 3.5 MY	Rai, Bali	£7.99
CHEAT B-BOOK OLD TO TO SAMEE	9781444973389	Can Kamal Cheat His Way on to the Cool Table? BB: Dark Blue	Ramzee	£7.99
Letter Golden	9781510108929	The Letter with the Golden Stamp AR: 5.3 MY BB: Dark Blue	Rauf, Onjali Q	£7.99
CHANCES DANCES	9781915026507	One Chance Dance BB: Dark Blue	Traore, Efua	£7.99

Norah's Ark Votoria Williamson	9781911107996	Norah's Ark AR: 5.2 MY BB: Grey	Williamson, Victoria	£8.99
Non-fiction				
How I Feel	9780008649975 NF152.4	How I Feel	Goddard-Hill, Becky	£9.99
Me militario	9781805312703 NF 646.724	Me and My Hair	Kinloch, Kimberley	£9.99