



Our Top Ten Resources Pack

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We are really delighted with the three fantastic stories our voters have chosen for our Younger Reader shortlist.

But which one will be category winner and will any of them take home the overall Children's Book Award this year?

Your votes will decide but which will you choose?

To help you here are some activities you could do.

1. Create a spider diagram with words and phrases that show what you loved about each story.
2. Imagine the stories have all been sold to big film companies. See if you can come up with a brilliant poster to advertise the films. Could you write the script for a trailer?
3. Try writing a letter to your favourite characters. Did you have lots to say about the adventures they went on? Were there any questions you wanted to ask because of something you felt was missing from their story?
4. What would it be like living in the worlds of these stories? Close your eyes and imagine you are on Culion Island with Ami, watching the world through Matthew's bedroom window or making your way through the Amazon rainforest with Fred and his friends. Did you find this easy to do? What does this tell you about the way the writers have managed to describe their settings?
5. Give yourself two minutes. Fetch a timer so you know exactly how long you've got. Try talking about each book for exactly two minutes without pausing or saying um...well...kind of.... Are you ready? GO!



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***The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell**

<https://www.tes.com/teaching-resource/the-explorer-by-katherine-rundell-teachers-notes-11721724>

<https://www.tes.com/teaching-resource/the-explorer-by-katherine-rundell-guided-reading-resources-11813859>

<https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/the-explorer-9781408854877/>

***The Island at the End of Everything* by Kiran Millwood Hargrave**

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/globalassets/resources/prizes/blue-peter-book-awards/2018/resources/island-at-the-end-of-everything-teachers-notes.pdf>

<https://www.tes.com/teaching-resource/year-7-assessment-the-island-at-the-end-of-everything-11818353>

***The Goldfish Boy* by Lisa Thompson**

<https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/resources/379207>

<http://bookunitsteacher.com/wp/?p=4396>

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/The-Goldfish-Boy-Chapter-by-Chapter-Reading-Comprehension-Questions-3273772>