The Famous Five

The Famous Five are among Enid Blyton’s best-loved creations and countless children have gone adventuring with them since the publication of *Five on a Treasure Island* in 1942, the first of twenty-one full-length adventures and numerous short stories.

Armed with maps, torches, packets of sandwiches and a plentiful supply of ginger-beer, Julian, Dick, Anne, their tomboy cousin George (Georgina by rights) and Timmy the dog like nothing better than to spend their holidays hiking and biking, camping and exploring by themselves, invariably falling into adventure.

Friends like Jo the gypsy girl, young Tinker Hayling, Sooty Lenoir, and even George’s scientist father (Uncle Quentin to the others), often get caught up in the strange goings-on too.

And what thrilling places they visit and discover — Kirrin Island, Smuggler’s Top, Owl’s Dene, the lighthouse at Demon’s Rocks and farms, castles, caves and secret passages galore.

Whether they’re outwitting thieves, smugglers or kidnappers, seeking hidden treasure or encountering spook trains, the Five’s courage and determination always wins through!

Enid Blyton’s original books were charmingly illustrated by Eileen Soper but there have been numerous interpretations and adaptations of the Famous Five over the years including continuation novels written by French author Claude Voilier, cinema films, stage plays, two television series and, more recently, a Disney cartoon series featuring the children of the Famous Five.
However, the twenty-one original books have never been out of print and remain popular with readers worldwide.  **Long live the Famous Five!**

**FAMOUS FIVE BOOKS, STORIES AND GAMES**

- Original Famous Five Novels by Enid Blyton
- Famous Five Short Stories by Enid Blyton
- Famous Five Omnibus Editions
- Famous Five TV Annuals
- Famous Five Continuation Novels by Claude Voilier
- Famous Five and You Continuation Novels by Mary Danby
- Just George Spin-off Novels
- Hodder 2004 Collection Editions
- Famous Five Specials
- Disney’s “Famous 5 on the Case” Cartoon Series
- Famous 5 Adventure Game Books by Stephen Thraves
- Famous Five Games and Puzzles

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1 Enid Blyton: (1897–1968) famous author of adventure stories for children
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- **How does the writer’s use of words and images appeal to a particular target audience?**