

A group of diverse children, including boys and girls of various ethnicities, are sitting on the floor in a library. They are smiling and holding books, suggesting a reading time or a book club. The background shows bookshelves filled with books.

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CHOICES LISTS 2015

**Children's Choices
Teachers' Choices
Young Adults' Choices**



From the Executive Director

When it comes to engaging students to read, we know the importance of choice. We know that when students can select the books they want to read, with topics in which they are truly interested, they are more likely not only to read them, but also to understand and to reflect upon them.

With that in mind, we are delighted to bring to you the 2015 Choices Reading Lists—Children’s Choices, Teachers’ Choices, and Young Adults’ Choices. These highly anticipated lists come just in time, whether you’re looking to squeeze in some summer reading of your own or with your children, to build up your classroom library for the fall, or to add new favorites to your curriculum.

The best part is these annual lists are chosen by students and teachers themselves, so you know they will please children from our youngest readers to our most selective teenagers.

We know this because choice matters—and it can make all the difference.

Marcie Craig Post
Executive Director

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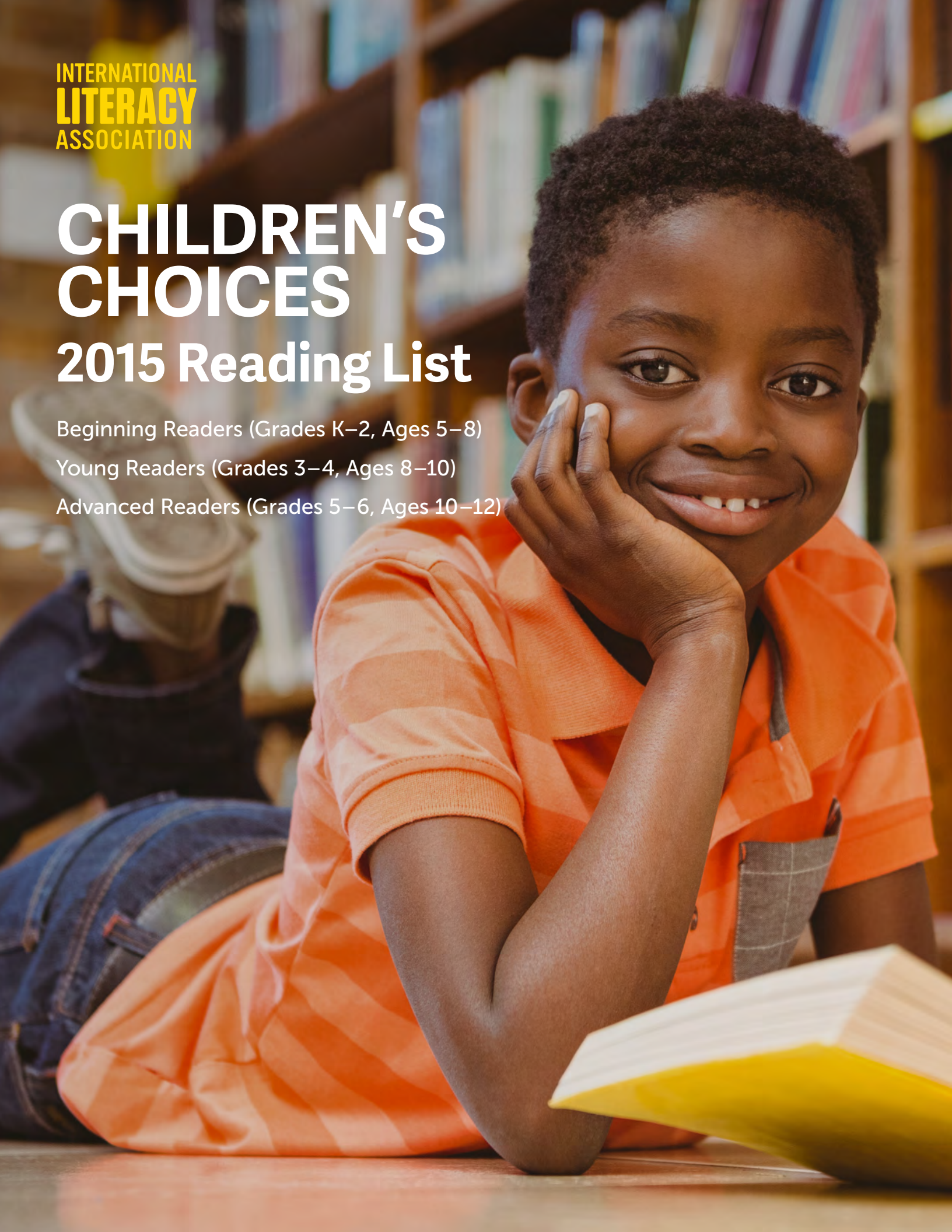
CHILDREN'S CHOICES

2015 Reading List

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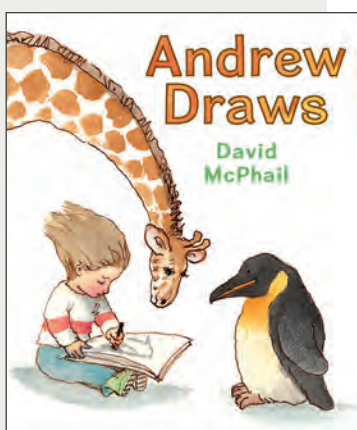
Young Readers (Grades 3–4, Ages 8–10)

Advanced Readers (Grades 5–6, Ages 10–12)

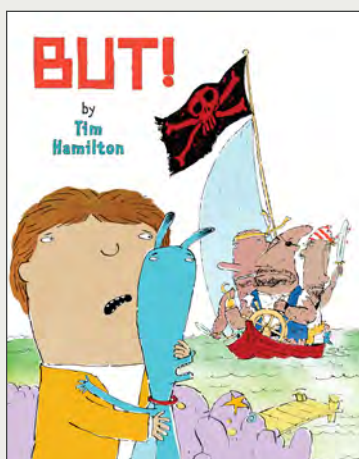


What Is the Children's Choices List?

Each year, 12,500 schoolchildren from different regions of the United States read newly published children's and young adults' trade books and vote for the ones they like best. These Children's Choices, selected from more than 600 titles, can be counted on as books children *really* enjoy reading. This list, a project of a joint committee supported by the International Literacy Association (ILA) and the Children's Book Council (CBC), is designed for use not only by teachers, librarians, administrators, and booksellers, but also by parents, grandparents, caregivers, and everyone else who wishes to encourage young people to read for pleasure.



Andrew Draws. David McPhail.
Holiday House.



But! Tim Hamilton. Holiday House.

Beginning Readers (Grades K–2, Ages 5–8)

Andrew Draws

David McPhail. Holiday House.

As Andrew continually hones his artistic talents throughout the book, readers enter a fantasy world where carefully designed drawings leave the paper and come to life, thereby bringing happiness and solving world problems.

Because I Stubbed My Toe

Shawn Byous. Capstone Young Readers.

This story is about a boy who stubbed his toe one morning and the hilarious events that followed.

Buddy and the Bunnies In: Don't Play With Your Food!

Bob Shea. Disney-Hyperion.

This is a tale of foes to friends. The bunnies seemingly outwit the not-so-scary monster, Buddy, by doing friendly things to make Buddy no longer want to eat them. When he realizes his food is actually his friends, he is pleasantly surprised at the outcome.

But!

Tim Hamilton. Holiday House.

Eddie and Phil give up their fishing plans to help Aunt Sue with her chores and throw a pirate birthday for a cantankerous Captain Rugbeard. Every time they think their plans are coming together, there is a "BUT..." to complicate matters. Children will enjoy the humor and the captain's special birthday gift.

Cats Are Cats

Valeri Gorbachev. *Holiday House.*

Miss Bell's new striped kitten soon grows into a huge, messy house tiger. Miss Bell still loves her "little" Tiger. Children will enjoy the warm-hearted, funny story about unconditional love and will say with Miss Bell, "Cats are cats."

Charlie and the New Baby

Ree Drummond. Ill. Diane deGroat. HarperCollins.

Charlie enjoys his tummy rubs, bacon scraps, and being king of the ranch. One day, the calf, Abigail, arrives and gets all of the attention. Charlie becomes jealous but soon learns the joy of love and being a big brother.



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Churchill's Tale of Tails

Anca Sandu. Peachtree.

Friends try to help Churchill replace his missing tail. But Churchill's fun makes him forget his friends. Will Churchill put friends first and find his lost tail along the way? Children will enjoy the delightful friendship tale.

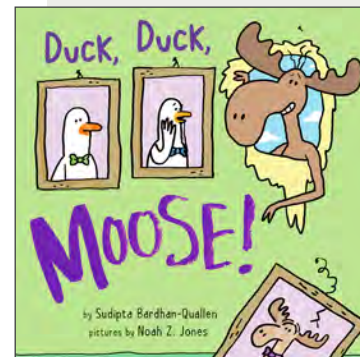


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*Duck, Duck, Moose!

Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen. Ill. Noah Z. Jones. Disney-Hyperion.

Poor Moose is always making a mess of things. The organized ducks are planning something very important, but Moose makes a mess of things very quickly. Join in finding out what the ducks are planning in this fun book where the words mimic the childhood game of Duck, Duck, Goose.

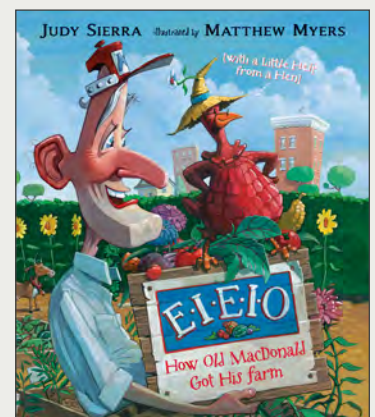


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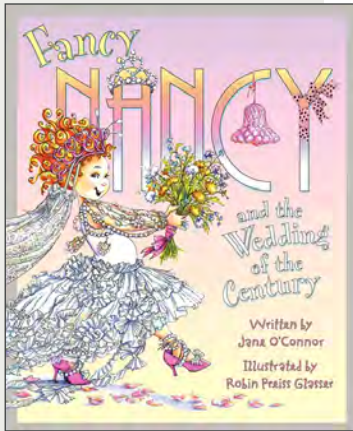
E-I-E-I-O! How Old MacDonald Got His Farm With a Little Help From a Hen

Judy Sierra. Ill. Matthew Myers. Candlewick.

Old Mac hatches a plan with an ecologically smart Little Red Hen. Together they start a suburban farm. The mud and smell does not make neighbors happy, but soon beautiful plants and flowers win them over to the farm.



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Fancy Nancy envisions an exquisite celebration for her uncle's wedding. However, she is disappointed when they arrive in the country and find the couple is taking a nontraditional route. Can Nancy adjust her expectations and still enjoy the wedding?

Fix This Mess!
Tedd Arnold. Holiday House.

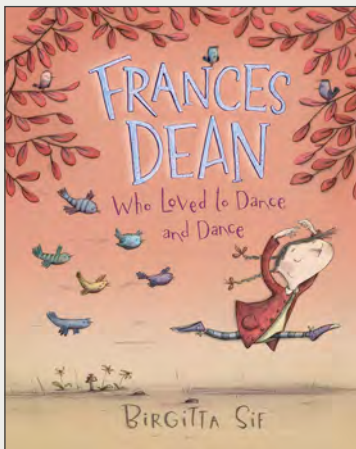
This is a nicely illustrated read-aloud about taking responsibility. Jake receives a Remote Operating Basic Utility Gizmo to fix his messes and ends up learning a lesson about the importance of solving his own problems.

Found
Salina Yoon. Bloomsbury/Walker Children's Books.

In this sweet little tale, a bear finds a toy bunny in the forest. As he diligently searches for the original owner, he grows to love his stuffed companion and learns how love can lead to surprising and happy endings.

****Frances Dean Who Loved to Dance and Dance***
Birgitta Sif. Candlewick.

Frances Dean is a girl who loves to dance for the wind and birds, but for other people, she forgets how. She overcomes her fear when she happens upon another little girl who has a song to sing and share.



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Frank!
Connah Brecon. Running Press Kids.

Frank comes up with some absurd excuses to explain his continual tardiness, but his solution to the giant zombie lizard king threatening the class is offered just in time. This fun picture book can spark discussions about timeliness and cooperation.

Hello, Moon!
Francesca Simon. Ill. Ben Cort. Orchard/Scholastic.

In this bedtime story, a little boy goes on a magical goodnight adventure with the moon. He asks the moon many questions about its favorite animals, ice cream flavors, and number of friends, as they gradually become friends themselves.



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Hot Rod Hamster: Monster Truck Mania!

Cynthia Lord. Ill. Derek Anderson. Scholastic.

As Hot Rod Hamster and his friends seek the most exciting ride and tastiest treats at the fair, readers are engaged through the repeated question, "What would you choose?" Readers are surprised by the monster truck show's unexpected *best* attraction.

***How to Babysit a Grandma**

Jean Reagan. Ill. Lee Wildish. Knopf Books for Young Readers.

Roles are reversed in this cute book where the little girl takes care of her grandma and is sure to do all of grandma's favorite things. Have fun with these two ladies as they spend the day together. You, too, can learn how to babysit your own grandma.



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I Am Otter

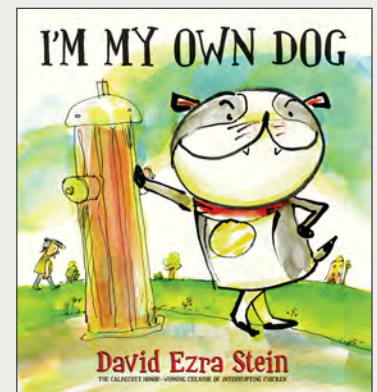
Sam Garton. HarperCollins Children's Books.

Otter learns through life experience what it means to have a best friend. In this story, Otter and Teddy are sure to find something messy to do when Otter Keeper is away at work. They enter into business for themselves and find it isn't always easy to work together. After a tragic event, Otter understands what it means to have a friend.

I'm My Own Dog

David Ezra Stein. Candlewick.

Dog is independent and self-sufficient. One day, he can't reach an itch, so he picks up a stray boy to help him. Children will enjoy the humorous role-reversal story of Dog and his pet boy.



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A Library Book for Bear

Bonny Becker. Ill. Kady MacDonald Denton. Candlewick.

Bear is not interested in reading any books other than the ones he already has read. He believes libraries are excessive and have no books that will interest him. One day, his friend Mouse convinces him to go to the library.

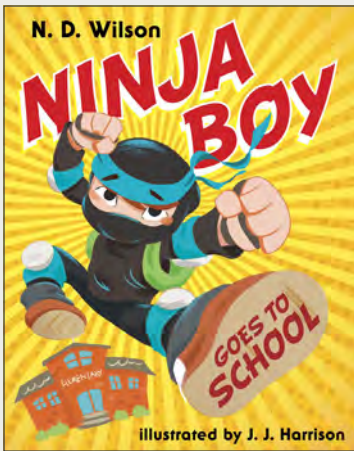
My Teacher Is a Monster! (No, I Am Not)

Peter Brown. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

This story is about a little boy who thinks his teacher is mean because of rules he is required to follow in the classroom. After running into his teacher outside of the classroom, his perspective and what he thinks about his teacher changes.



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Ninja Boy Goes to School. N.D. Wilson. Ill. J.J. Harrison. Random House Books for Young Readers.

Naughty Kitty!

Adam Stower. Orchard/Scholastic.

In this hilarious tale of misplaced recognition, Lili's cute new kitty gets blamed for the repeated messes that an escaped tiger creates at Lili's home in her absence. However, Kitty also receives undue credit when the tiger saves the day.

Ninja Boy Goes to School

N.D. Wilson. Ill. J.J. Harrison. Random House Books for Young Readers.

School is a tough place for a young ninja boy. With true Ninja spirit, Ninja Boy perseveres in the face of injustice, remains calm, and survives his school day. Children will enjoy following the path of Ninja Boy at school.



Ninja Red Riding Hood. Corey Rosen Schwartz. Ill. Dan Santat. G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers.

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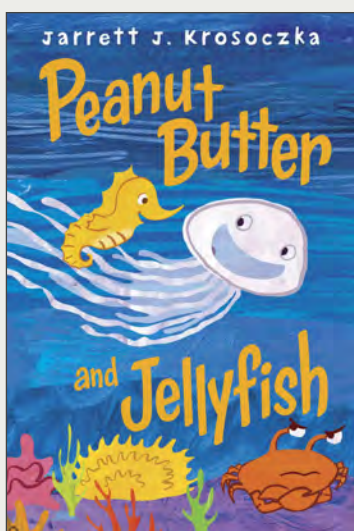
Corey Rosen Schwartz. Ill. Dan Santat. G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers.

Bold and detailed illustrations help portray a twist on the Little Red Riding Hood tale. In this version, the wolf attends classes at the dojo to prepare for his attack. Little does he know he's not the only ninja in the forest.

Peanut Butter and Jellyfish

Jarrett J. Krosoczka. Knopf Books for Young Readers.

Peanut Butter and Jellyfish are best friends and swim and explore the ocean together. Crabby, who is not their best friend, gets into trouble and is caught in a lobster trap. Peanut Butter and Jellyfish decide to help Crabby escape.



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A Perfectly Messed-Up Story

Patrick McDonnell. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

While Louie is writing this book, someone reading it soils the pages with everything from jelly to scribbles. Infuriated that his story is ruined, Louie contemplates giving up, before discovering the powerful life lesson that little messes can be conquered.

Pete the Cat and the New Guy

Kimberly Dean and James Dean. HarperCollins.

Pete the Cat returns for a new adventure with a platypus who moves into the neighborhood. The platypus is sad because he can't do some of the things Pete and his friends can do, but Pete reassures him that they will find something he can do...and you'll never guess what that something is.

***A Pet for Fly Guy**

Tedd Arnold. Orchard/Scholastic.

While picnicking at the park, Buzz and Fly Guy watch owners play with their pets. Fly Guy wants his own pet, but his search for a perfect pet is unsuccessful. Buzz and Fly Guy discover a happy ending in this heartwarming story.

The Pigeon Needs a Bath!

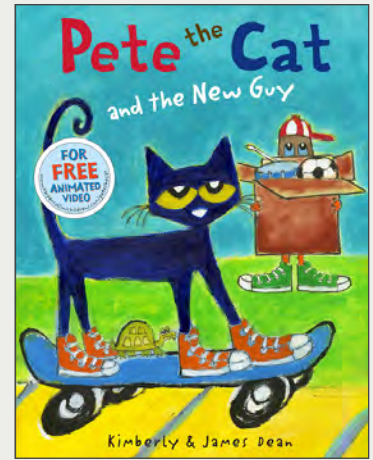
Mo Willems. Disney-Hyperion.

In this easy and fun-to-read book, a filthy pigeon resists the idea of taking a bath. Each page magnifies how much he needs one until he finally splashes in—and then doesn't want to come out.

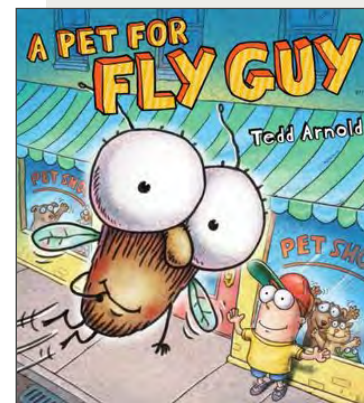
This Is a Moose

Richard T. Morris. Ill. Tom Lichtenheld. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

A movie is being made, a documentary about the wild moose—except that this moose wants to be an astronaut. In fact, none of his relatives or friends behave as expected, much to the director's frustration. This is a great book about defying and exceeding expectations.



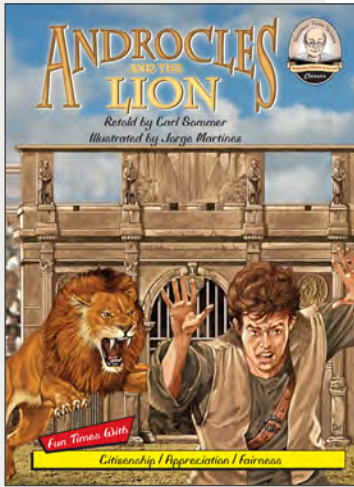
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Androcles and the Lion. Carl Sommer. Ill. Jorge Martinez. Advance.

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Carl Sommer. Ill. Jorge Martinez. Advance.

In this retell, runaway slave Androcles puts his life in danger for freedom. After escaping and making friends with a lion, he is recaptured and sentenced to death. Will his friendship with the lion somehow save him? Children will be rooting for his deliverance.

Bone Collection: Skulls

Camilla de la Bédoyère and Rob Scott Colson. Ill. Sandra Doyle. Scholastic.

This spectacular collection of awesome skulls will take a closer look inside some of the world’s most fascinating creatures. Discover the narwhal, the unicorn of the sea. Marvel at how a hippo’s eyeballs nearly pop out of its head. Take a look at the rhinoceros’s enormous beak.

Captain Underpants and the Retaliation of the Tyrannical Turbo Toilet 2000

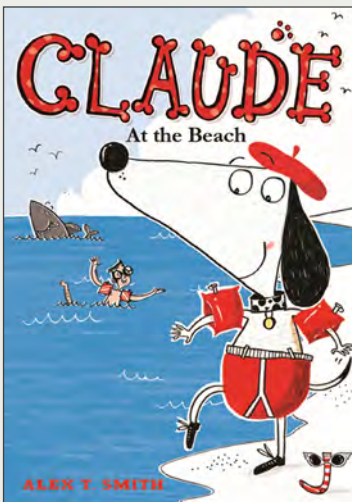
Dav Pilkey. Scholastic.

In this installment of the Captain Underpants series, our hero, Captain Underpants, again faces a now-vengeful Turbo Toilet 2000 with the help of his creators, George and Harold.

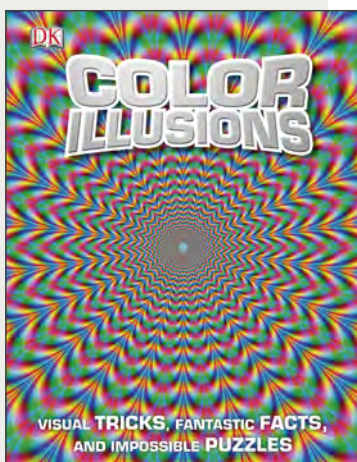
**Claude at the Beach*

Alex T. Smith. Peachtree.

A small dog named Claude and his animated sock companion, Sir Bobblysock, head to the beach for their latest adventure that includes rescuing a swimmer, winning a sand castle contest, and searching for treasure. Claude’s silly antics will keep readers laughing.



Claude at the Beach. Alex T. Smith. Peachtree.



Color Illusions. DK Publishing.

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DK Publishing.

In the multi-interactive book of tabs and flaps, older readers will investigate the science of optical illusions. An amazing pop-up rainbow adds to the reading fun, and the decoder with 3D glasses will delight readers as they work with optical illusions.

El Deafo

Cece Bell. Amulet.

This is the humorous journey of a girl who loses her hearing and tries to find acceptance in elementary school. Written in a comic book style and based on the author’s own experiences, readers will discover how she turns a disability to her advantage while making true friends.

The Emperor's New Clothes

Carl Sommer. Ill. Ignacio Noe. Advance.

Two sneaky swindlers come up with a plan to teach the emperor a lesson. Luckily, a brave little boy is able to change the emperor's viewpoint by telling the truth. This is a colorful retelling of the classic tale.

Flying Beaver Brothers and the Hot-Air Baboons

Maxwell Eaton III. Knopf Books for Young Readers.

Ace and Bub investigate the mysterious influx of swimming pools that, although tempting, may pose a threat to the environmental balance of Beaver Island. Once again, this fun-loving, action-packed Beaver adventure is loaded with hilarious dialogue and fabulous sound effects.

***The Glorkian Warrior Delivers a Pizza**

James Kochalka. First Second.

The Glorkian Warrior may not be the smartest cookie, but he makes up for it with his adventurous spirit. With the help of Super Backpack, he won't stop until he gets the pizza delivered to the mysterious caller.

***Happy Birthday, Babymouse**

Jennifer L. Holm and Matthew Holm. Random House Books for Young Readers.

Have you ever planned your own birthday party? Babymouse has not had experiences with birthdays, so she decides to plan the best birthday party ever. However, Felicia has a birthday the same day and is determined to have everyone come to her party instead. The competition is on.

I Love You Just Enough

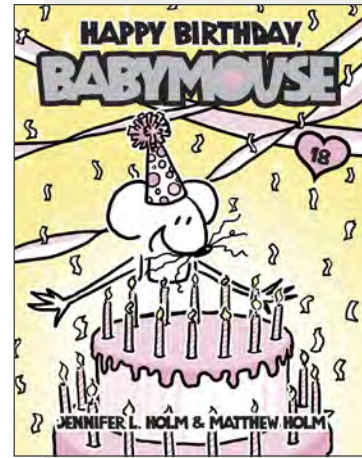
Robbyn Smith van Frankenhuyzen. Ill. Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen. Sleeping Bear.

Heather discovers a wood duckling all alone in the grass. Heather names the duckling Mr. Peet, and they spend the summer swimming together in the pond, where Mr. Peet eventually masters how to fly. When she hasn't seen Mr. Peet in 10 days, she wonders what has happened. Was her love "just enough"?

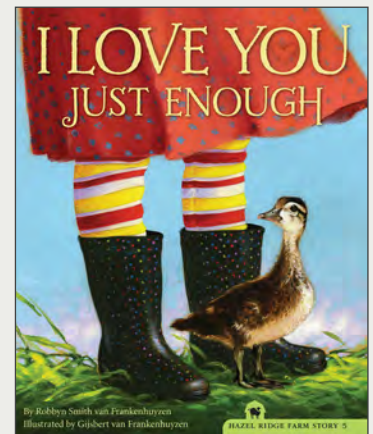
In New York

Marc Brown. Knopf Books for Young Readers.

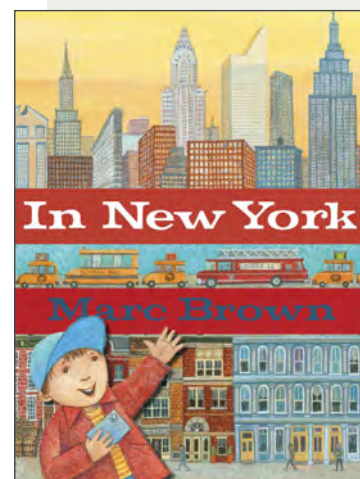
Brown describes how different New York City was in the early days as farmlands in New Amsterdam from today's modern and cosmopolitan city. New York is considered the capital of the world, where many languages are spoken by many people.



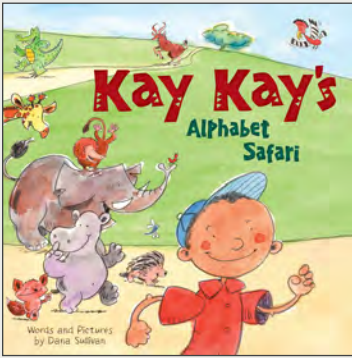
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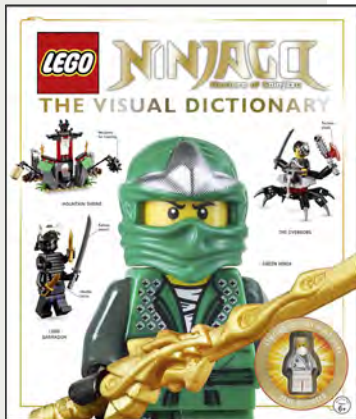
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LEGO NINJAGO: The Visual Dictionary (Masters of Spinjitzu). Hannah Dolan. DK Publishing.



Lucky Leopards! And More True Stories of Amazing Animal Rescues! (NGK Chapters). Aline Alexander Newman. National Geographic Children's Books.

I Survived the Destruction of Pompeii, AD 79

Lauren Tarshis. Ill. Scott Dawson. Scholastic.

Mount Vesuvius exploded, and the ground of the city of Pompeii trembled. Marcus and his father knew something was wrong because ashes and rocks were falling from the sky. People were afraid and tried to escape the eruption.

****Kali's Story: An Orphaned Polar Bear Rescue***

Jennifer Keats Curtis. Ill. John Gomes. Arbordale.

Kali is a rescued, orphaned polar bear cub who travels from the Inupiat village to Anchorage, and finally arrives at the Buffalo Zoo. The picture book vividly follows Kali's journey, survival, and eventual friendship with another polar bear named Luna.

Kay Kay's Alphabet Safari

Dana Sullivan. Sleeping Bear.

This heartwarming book is based on the Star of Hope orphanage in Kenya. As Kay Kay takes a walk to locate animals from A–Z to paint on the walls of the new classroom, he is inspired by Kenya's beautiful countryside.

LEGO NINJAGO: The Visual Dictionary (Masters of Spinjitzu)

Hannah Dolan. DK Publishing.

A visual dictionary highlights the friends, foes, specialist sets, and Ninjago's story. The visual reading tells the story of making and merchandizing Ninjago and all things Spinjitzu.

Little Red Riding Hood

Carl Sommer. Ill. Ignacio Noe. Advance.

This retell provides a kid-friendly version of the classic version. The full and brightly colored illustrations help dramatize Little Red Riding Hood's adventure to deliver soup to her grandmother.

Lucky Leopards! And More True Stories of Amazing Animal Rescues! (NGK Chapters)

Aline Alexander Newman. National Geographic Children's Books.

With pictures and prose, readers follow suspenseful daring rescues of two leopards, a sea turtle, and a loon. The lively, informative stories help readers understand the animals' plights, their rescues, and the caring people who help them with their rehabilitation.

Lunch Lady and the Schoolwide Scuffle

Jarrett J. Krosoczka. Knopf Books for Young Readers.

All of the villains from the Lunch Lady's adventures return to Thomas Brook School with bad intentions. With the help of the Lunch Lady and the Librarian League, the Breakfast Bunch cracks the case to stop their evil plan.

Minecraft: Redstone Handbook: An Official Mojang Book

Scholastic.

Older readers interested in mining and building in different terrains will enjoy the basic introduction into the gaming world of Minecraft. The book gives a variety of how-to for readers interested in exploring and learning to build with redstone.

Mumbet's Declaration of Independence

Gretchen Woelfle. Ill. Alix Delinois. Carolrhoda.

During the American Revolution, a slave named Mumbet longed for freedom. With the help of a young lawyer, she fights for her right to become "free and equal." The biographical account of Elizabeth Freedman is an inspirational story all readers will enjoy.

Next Time You See the Moon

Emily Morgan. NSTA Kids.

With beautiful photographs and simple text, this book explains how the moon's phases work and what causes them. It would be a good book for families to read together as inspiration for stargazing.

101 Hidden Animals

Melvin Berger and Gilda Berger. Scholastic.

This is a fun and interesting fact book depicting animals blending into their natural habitat. Students will be intrigued by the short explanations complemented by color photos comparing the animals in and out of hiding.

Rags, Hero Dog of WWI: A True Story

Margot Theis Raven. Ill. Petra Brown. Sleeping Bear.

During World War I, James Donovan worked for one of the United States Army stations in France, where he met a dog that he named Rags. Donovan and Rags became friends and accompanied each other in the battlefield.

***Sisters**

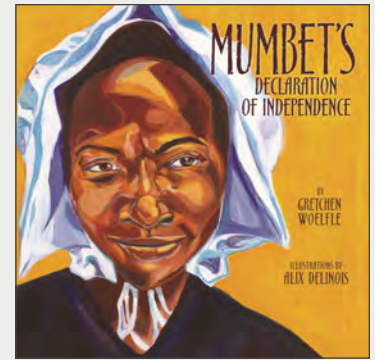
Raina Telgemeier. Graphix.

This humorous story of sibling rivalry alternates between the past, when Raina's parents brought home the sister she thought she so desperately wanted, and the present, when Raina feels trapped with this horribly annoying 9-year-old during a three-week road trip.

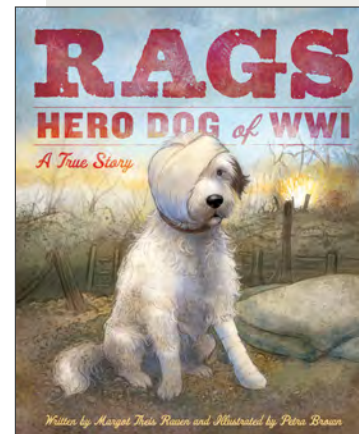
Squish: Fear the Amoeba

Jennifer L. Holm and Matthew Holm. Random House Books for Young Readers.

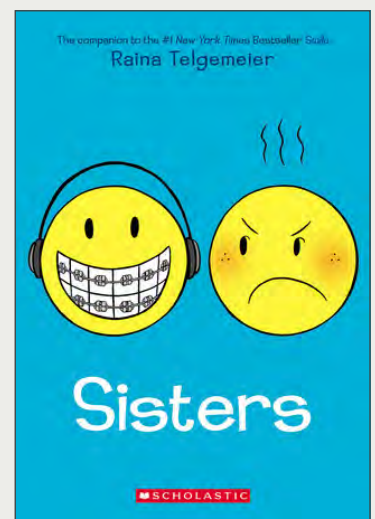
In this graphic novel within a graphic novel, Squish learns to come to terms with how scared he is of a movie's Water Bear monster. As his hero, Super Amoeba, says, "It takes real courage to admit you're scared."



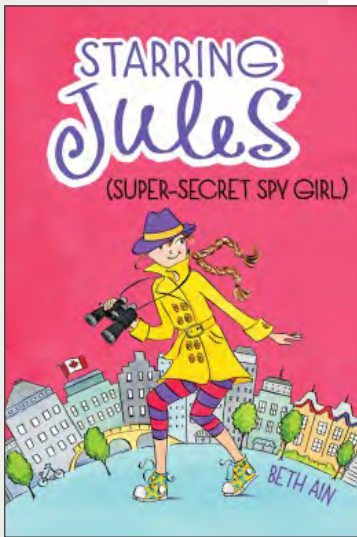
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Beth Ain. Scholastic.

Jules is struggling to fit into third grade. With witty dialogue and a humorous plot, readers will connect to Jules's story of starting something different. Her new favorite teacher helps her overcome her "what-if" fears, and she finds that change takes positive steps.

Superstars of History

R.J. Grant. Ill. Simon Basher. Scholastic.

This nonfiction book presents fascinating facts about 40 historical figures categorized into four time periods: ancient, middle ages, revolutionary, and modern. Readers will be drawn to the unique formatting that includes colorful illustrations, cleverly designed graphic organizers, and thought-provoking quotes.



Target Practice: Cleopatra in Space, Book One. Mike Maihack. Graphix.

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Mike Maihack. Graphix.

Sassy 15-year-old Cleopatra of ancient Egypt, who prefers shooting slingshots to attending school, is blasted into the future to save the Nile galaxy, a futuristic world ruled by talking cats. Colorful illustrations complement the action-packed adventures of this graphic novel.

True or False?

DK Publishing.

Full of facts, this book addresses the validity of many popular myths about the human body, nature, science, space, Earth, and history. Each page is packed with interesting information and pictures that make it a fun reference for engaging students' curiosity.



True or False? DK Publishing.

Whatever After #5: Bad Hair Day

Sarah Mlynowski. Scholastic.

Abby is in no mood to go through the magic mirror in her basement and visit another fairy tale with her little brother and their mischievous puppy, but it turns out she doesn't have a choice. A meeting with Rapunzel leads to a disastrous haircut, an annoyed witch, and a stressed-out prince.

The Yeti Files: Meet the Bigfeet

Kevin Sherry. Scholastic.

A comical look at a yeti with big feet and his friends—all animals whose existence has been alleged but never proven. He must thwart the bad intentions of a cryptozoologist determined to prove he exists. Children will delight in the silly characters and their antics.

Advanced Readers (Grades 5–6, Ages 10–12)

Abandoned Amusement Parks

Dinah Williams. Bearport.

Interesting pictures and lively text draw readers into an exploration of 11 eerie, haunted amusement parks. Readers will learn about each park's history and the spooky ghosts hovering in the old parks worn and forgotten over time.

The Blood of Olympus: The Heroes of Olympus, Book Five

Rick Riordan. Disney-Hyperion.

In this finale to The Heroes of Olympus series, the young demigods must defeat earth mother Gaea before the Feast of Spes. Young readers will be engrossed as their heroes must overcome obstacles and get to Athens before Gaea awakes and the demigods are sacrificed.

The Dark Lady: Sherlock, Lupin & Me

Irene Adler. Ill. Iacopo Bruno. Capstone Young Readers.

The three title characters meet as adolescents during summer vacation. When a dead body washes ashore, they combine their budding detective skills to piece together mysterious events and solve the case. Cliffhanger chapters compel young mystery enthusiasts to continue reading.

Death by Toilet Paper

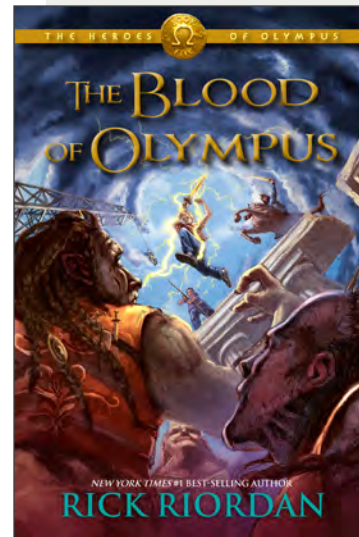
Donna Gephart. Delacorte Books for Young Readers.

While his mother tries to pass her CPA exam and find a job, seventh grader Benjamin does his part to save his family from eviction and keep a promise to his late father. His perseverance leads to success and lots of toilet paper.

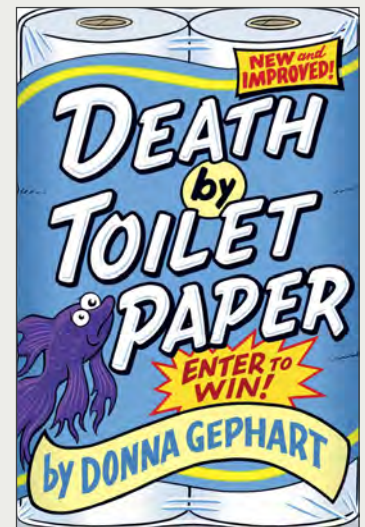
Deep Blue: Waterfire Saga, Book One

Jennifer Donnelly. Disney-Hyperion.

Serafina is a mermaid and a princess destined to become queen of her people. When her kingdom is attacked, she must answer a prophecy and go on a journey to save her people and herself, finding inner strength and resources she never knew she had.



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Finding Ruby Starling. Karen Rivers. Arthur A. Levine.

Dog Tags: Prisoners of War

C. Alexander London. Scholastic.

Nearing the end of World War II, Army medic Miguel encounters a dog abandoned by German forces. Though the dog at first is hostile and aggressive, their relationship takes as many turns as they do on Miguel's quest to rescue his imprisoned brethren.

****The Dumbest Idea Ever!***

Jimmy Gownley. Graphix.

When Jimmy was 13 years old, he was popular, a top student, and the leading scorer for his basketball team, but his life takes a turn for the worse when he gets chicken pox and pneumonia and is forced to miss the championship game.

Everything Dinosaurs: Chomp on Tons of Earthshaking Facts and Fun

Blake Hoena. National Geographic Society.

This book explores the fascinating world of dinosaurs, meeting prehistoric creatures as tall as houses and others that were as tiny as chickens. Browse the eye-popping illustrations and absorb the authoritative information, made extra fun through a lively and humor-infused presentation.

Extreme Weather: Surviving Tornadoes, Sandstorms, Hailstorms, Blizzards, Hurricanes, and More!

Thomas M. Kostigen. National Geographic Society.

Record heat. Record storms. Record drought, snow, rain, and ocean levels. What's going on? In a world of crazy weather exacerbated by climate change, knowing about tornadoes, hurricanes, droughts, derechos, blizzards, and storms is more important than ever.

Finding Ruby Starling

Karen Rivers. Arthur A. Levine.

Ruby is startled to find on the Internet a girl's picture that looks like her and launches a family investigation. Her search uncovers a family secret and helps her find a long-lost twin sister. The story explores themes of family, sisters, and friendship.

The Fourteenth Goldfish

Jennifer L. Holm. Random House Books for Young Readers.

Can you imagine attending middle school with your own grandfather? That's what Ellie must do when her crazy scientist grandfather learns how to reverse aging and turns himself into a teenager.

Gold Medal Winter

Donna Freitas. Scholastic.

Figure skating fans will enjoy this behind-the-scenes look at fictional figure skating great Esperanza Flores as she journeys from her small town to compete in big qualifying competitions. Will Esperanza earn a place on the United States Olympic figure skating team? Will she ever fit in with her teammates?

The Haunted Library

Dori Hillestad Butler. Ill. Aurore Damant. Grosset & Dunlap.

Kaz is a ghost whose family is blown away with their old home. While searching for them, Kaz has to solve another mystery of finding the library ghost while solving the puzzle of his perplexing new “solid” friend, Claire.



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Hidden Like Anne Frank: 14 True Stories of Survival

Marcel Prins and Peter Henk Steenhuis. Arthur A. Levine.

A collection of 14 eye-opening, first-person accounts that share what it was like to go into hiding during World War II. The children in this book describe the secret network of brave people who kept them safe, similar to the Underground Railroad. Their stories provide a historical window into the horrific situations they had to face to survive the war.

House of Secrets: Battle of the Beasts

Chris Columbus and Ned Vizzini. Ill. Greg Call. Balzer + Bray.

The story begins when the Walker family moves into the Kristoff House and is forced into the Wind Witch world. Trying to save this world, find their parents, and brave an assortment of evildoers while surviving an evil queen sets the stage for this action-filled fantasy.

How to Outrun a Crocodile When Your Shoes Are Untied

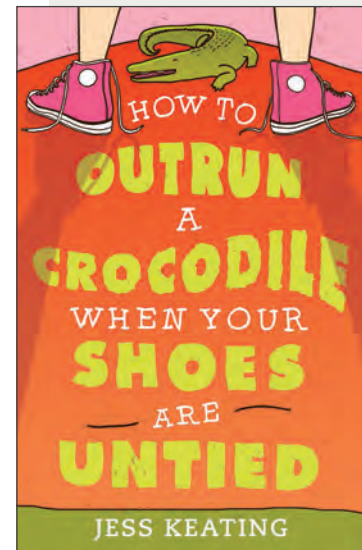
Jess Keating. Sourcebooks.

Ana Wright's social life is becoming endangered at the age of 12. Can she come out of her shell and overcome the obstacles of her best friend moving, her famous grandfather coming to town, and all the drama of seventh grade?

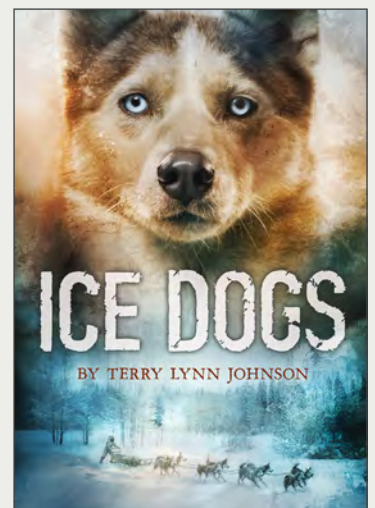
*Ice Dogs

Terry Lynn Johnson. HMH Books for Young Readers.

Victoria's father died, but she became stronger and independent—an expert in surviving the frozen wilderness of Alaska. Victoria meets an injured boy and becomes caught in a snowstorm. She tries to save the boy and her dog team.



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Mission: Wolf Rescue: All About Wolves and How to Save Them.
Kitson Jazyzka. Ed. Daniel Raven-Ellison. National Geographic Society.

The Meaning of Maggie

Megan Jean Sovern. Chronicle.

Maggie is a smart girl whose life changes when she turns 11. She recounts her experiences with a loving and happy family that is facing a serious issue. Students will relate to Maggie’s search for meaning.

Middle-School Cool

Maiya Williams. Delacorte Books for Young Readers.

Kaboom Academy is designed for misfits and people who don’t fit in at the neighboring Horsemouth High. Nine students research the school’s history and find the secrets behind the Academy’s teachers and their unusual teaching methods.

Mission: Wolf Rescue: All About Wolves and How to Save Them

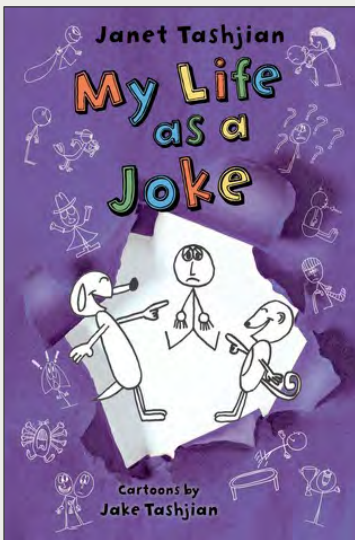
Kitson Jazyzka. Ed. Daniel Raven-Ellison. National Geographic Society.

Meet real-life wolves and learn about their habitats, challenges, and successes, plus learn how *you* can take action and save these amazing endangered creatures.

My Life as a Joke

Janet Tashjian. Ill. Jake Tashjian. Henry Holt.

Derek Fallon is an angry 12-year-old who wants to be seen and treated as an adult. He gets into mishaps that make him seem immature. Luckily, friends and a fundraiser come to Derek’s rescue and help him get things going in his favor again.



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National Geographic Kids Almanac 2015

National Geographic Society.

This book is full of great photos; fun facts about animals, astronomy, cultures, food, geography, and technology; and other interesting facts about anything you could ever think of. It includes games and activities that allow kids to learn and have fun.

100 Things to Do Before You Grow Up

Lisa Gerry. National Geographic Society.

A book of recommended things to do over the course of kidhood that are fun and oftentimes healthy or personally challenging. Includes pictures and tips for each idea along with a checklist to track one’s progress. Bored? Open to a page and take a challenge.



100 Things to Do Before You Grow Up. Lisa Gerry. National Geographic Society.

***Percy Jackson's Greek Gods**

Rick Riordan. Ill. John Rocco. Disney-Hyperion.

This book will attract both readers of the series and readers who want to enter the mystical world of Greek mythology for the first time. Those who have yet to read the series may be drawn in after reading Percy's lively narration of tales about gods, heroes, and monsters.

Poop Fountain! The Qwikipick Papers

Tom Angleberger. Amulet.

Learning that the nearby sewage plant is being upgraded, three nerdy friends decide they must visit the sludge fountain before it is permanently retired. Gross subject matter presented through scrapbook formatting makes this hilarious tale irresistible, even for reluctant readers.

***The Return of Zita the Spacegirl**

Ben Hatke. First Second.

Zita the Spacegirl is back. In her final adventure, Zita has to escape from jail in order to save the universe from the evil prisoner warden. Graphic novel fans won't want to put this captivating book down.

Tales From My Closet

Jennifer Anne Moses. Scholastic.

Told from the alternating perspectives of five high school girls, whose common thread is their obsession with fashion, this story captures the joys and struggles that many adolescent females encounter in their quest to discover and embrace their personal identities.

***Temple Run: Race Through Time to Unlock Secrets of Ancient Worlds**

Tracey West. National Geographic Society.

In this action adventure book, readers pair with game characters from the mobile game Temple Run to fight evil. This book will build not only background knowledge for the game, but also knowledge of famous archaeologists and ancient civilizations.

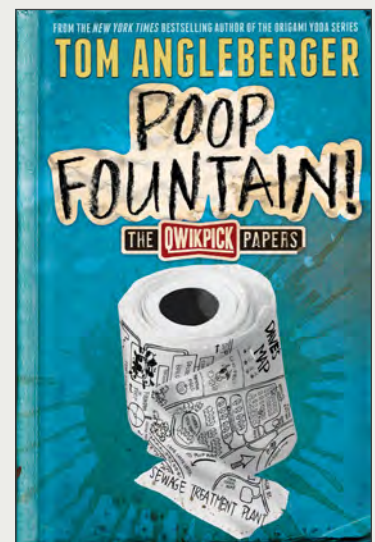
This or That? The Wacky Book of Choices to Reveal the Hidden You

Crispin Boyer. National Geographic Society.

Readers are prompted through a series of this-or-that choices and then find out how their choices relate to other things in the world. At the end of each section, a psychologist/comedian offers insight into what the choices reveal about the reader.



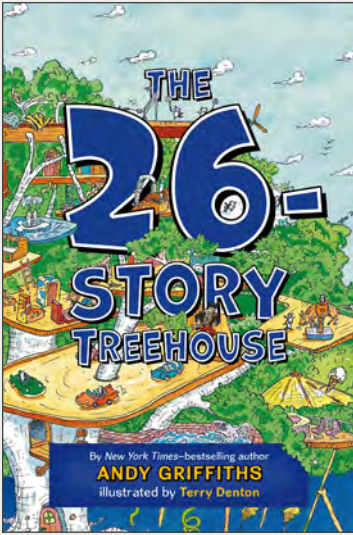
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Andy and Terry are best friends who live together in a 26-story treehouse, where they have many crazy adventures. They are actually writing their next book together, if they can ever stop interrupting each other to talk about their crazy adventures. You won't want to miss out on this rollercoaster ride of a fun read.

The Walk On

John Feinstein. Knopf Books for Young Readers.

Standout athlete Alex fights for the position of quarterback in this first book of a three-part series. While familial, ethical, and romantic issues will appeal to a broad audience, considerable play-by-play football action will especially thrill middle-grade sports fans.

What in the World?

National Geographic Society.

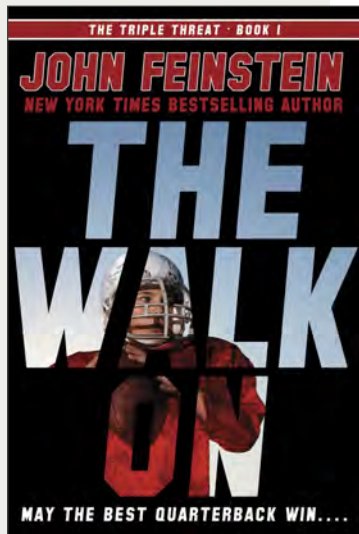
Full of fun facts, quizzes, and visual mysteries, this stunning photo illusion book is great fun, especially for your most curious reader. Prepare to be challenged—National Geographic Kids does not disappoint.

World's Scariest Prisons

Emma Carlson Berne. Scholastic.

Featuring photos and stories from the world's scariest prisons, discover why prison is to be avoided at all costs. From the Roman Coliseum to the Bastille, the Tower of London to Alcatraz, this book will captivate young readers.

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Andrew Draws. David McPhail. Holiday House.
Because I Stubbed My Toe. Shawn Byous. Capstone Young Readers.
Buddy and the Bunnies In: Don't Play With Your Food! Bob Shea. Disney-Hyperion.
But! Tim Hamilton. Holiday House.
Cats Are Cats. Valeri Gorbachev. Holiday House.
Charlie and the New Baby. Ree Drummond. Ill. Diane deGroat. HarperCollins.
Churchill's Tale of Tails. Anca Sandu. Peachtree.
**Duck, Duck, Moose!* Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen. Ill. Noah Z. Jones. Disney-Hyperion.
E-I-E-I-O! How Old MacDonald Got His Farm With a Little Help From a Hen. Judy Sierra. Ill. Matthew Myers. Candlewick.
**Eva and Sadie and the Worst Haircut EVER!* Jeff Cohen. Ill. Elanna Allen. HarperCollins.
Fancy Nancy and the Wedding of the Century. Jane O'Connor. Ill. Robin Preiss Glasser. HarperCollins.
Fix This Mess! Tedd Arnold. Holiday House.
Found. Salina Yoon. Bloomsbury/Walker Children's Books.
**Frances Dean Who Loved to Dance and Dance.* Birgitta Sif. Candlewick.
Frank! Connah Brecon. Running Press Kids.
Hello, Moon! Francesca Simon. Ill. Ben Cort. Orchard/Scholastic.
Hot Rod Hamster: Monster Truck Mania! Cynthia Lord. Ill. Derek Anderson. Scholastic.
**How to Babysit a Grandma.* Jean Reagan. Ill. Lee Wildish. Knopf Books for Young Readers.
I Am Otter. Sam Garton. HarperCollins Children's Books.
I'm My Own Dog. David Ezra Stein. Candlewick.
A Library Book for Bear. Bonny Becker. Ill. Kady MacDonald Denton. Candlewick.
My Teacher Is a Monster! (No, I Am Not). Peter Brown. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.
Naughty Kitty! Adam Stower. Orchard/Scholastic.
Ninja Boy Goes to School. N.D. Wilson. Ill. J.J. Harrison. Random House Books for Young Readers.
Ninja Red Riding Hood. Corey Rosen Schwartz. Ill. Dan Santat. G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers.
Peanut Butter and Jellyfish. Jarrett J. Krosoczka. Knopf Books for Young Readers.
A Perfectly Messed-Up Story. Patrick McDonnell. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.
Pete the Cat and the New Guy. Kimberly Dean and James Dean. HarperCollins.
**A Pet for Fly Guy.* Tedd Arnold. Orchard/Scholastic.
The Pigeon Needs a Bath! Mo Willems. Disney-Hyperion.
This Is a Moose. Richard T. Morris. Ill. Tom Lichtenheld. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

Young Readers (Grades 3–4, Ages 8–10)

Androcles and the Lion. Carl Sommer. Ill. Jorge Martinez. Advance.
Bone Collection: Skulls. Camilla de la Bédoyère and Rob Scott Colson. Ill. Sandra Doyle. Scholastic.
Captain Underpants and the Retaliation of the Tyrannical Turbo Toilet 2000. Dav Pilkey. Scholastic.
**Claude at the Beach.* Alex T. Smith. Peachtree.
Color Illusions. DK Publishing.
El Deafo. Cece Bell. Amulet.
The Emperor's New Clothes. Carl Sommer. Ill. Ignacio Noe. Advance.
Flying Beaver Brothers and the Hot-Air Baboons. Maxwell Eaton III. Knopf Books for Young Readers.
**The Glorkian Warrior Delivers a Pizza.* James Kochalka. First Second.
**Happy Birthday, Babymouse.* Jennifer L. Holm and Matthew Holm. Random House Books for Young Readers.
I Love You Just Enough. Robbyn Smith van Frankenhuyzen. Ill. Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen. Sleeping Bear.
In New York. Marc Brown. Knopf Books for Young Readers.
I Survived the Destruction of Pompeii, AD 79. Lauren Tarshis. Ill. Scott Dawson. Scholastic.
**Kali's Story: An Orphaned Polar Bear Rescue.* Jennifer Keats Curtis. Ill. John Gomes. Arbordale.
Kay Kay's Alphabet Safari. Dana Sullivan. Sleeping Bear.
LEGO NINJAGO: The Visual Dictionary (Masters of Spinjitzu). Hannah Dolan. DK Publishing.
Little Red Riding Hood. Carl Sommer. Ill. Ignacio Noe. Advance.
Lucky Leopards! And More True Stories of Amazing Animal Rescues! (NGK Chapters). Aline Alexander Newman. National Geographic Children's Books.
Lunch Lady and the Schoolwide Scuffle. Jarrett J. Krosoczka. Knopf Books for Young Readers.
Minecraft: Redstone Handbook: An Official Mojang Book. Scholastic.
Mumbet's Declaration of Independence. Gretchen Woelfle. Ill. Alix Delinois. Carolrhoda.
Next Time You See the Moon. Emily Morgan. NSTA Kids.
101 Hidden Animals. Melvin Berger and Gilda Berger. Scholastic.
Rags, Hero Dog of WWI: A True Story. Margot Theis Raven. Ill. Petra Brown. Sleeping Bear.
**Sisters.* Raina Telgemeier. Graphix.
Squish: Fear the Amoeba. Jennifer L. Holm and Matthew Holm. Random House Books for Young Readers.
Starring Jules #3: Starring Jules (super-secret spy girl). Beth Ain. Scholastic.
Superstars of History. R.J. Grant. Ill. Simon Basher. Scholastic.

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For more information on the Children's Choices list, or to learn how to become involved, visit literacyworldwide.org/choices.

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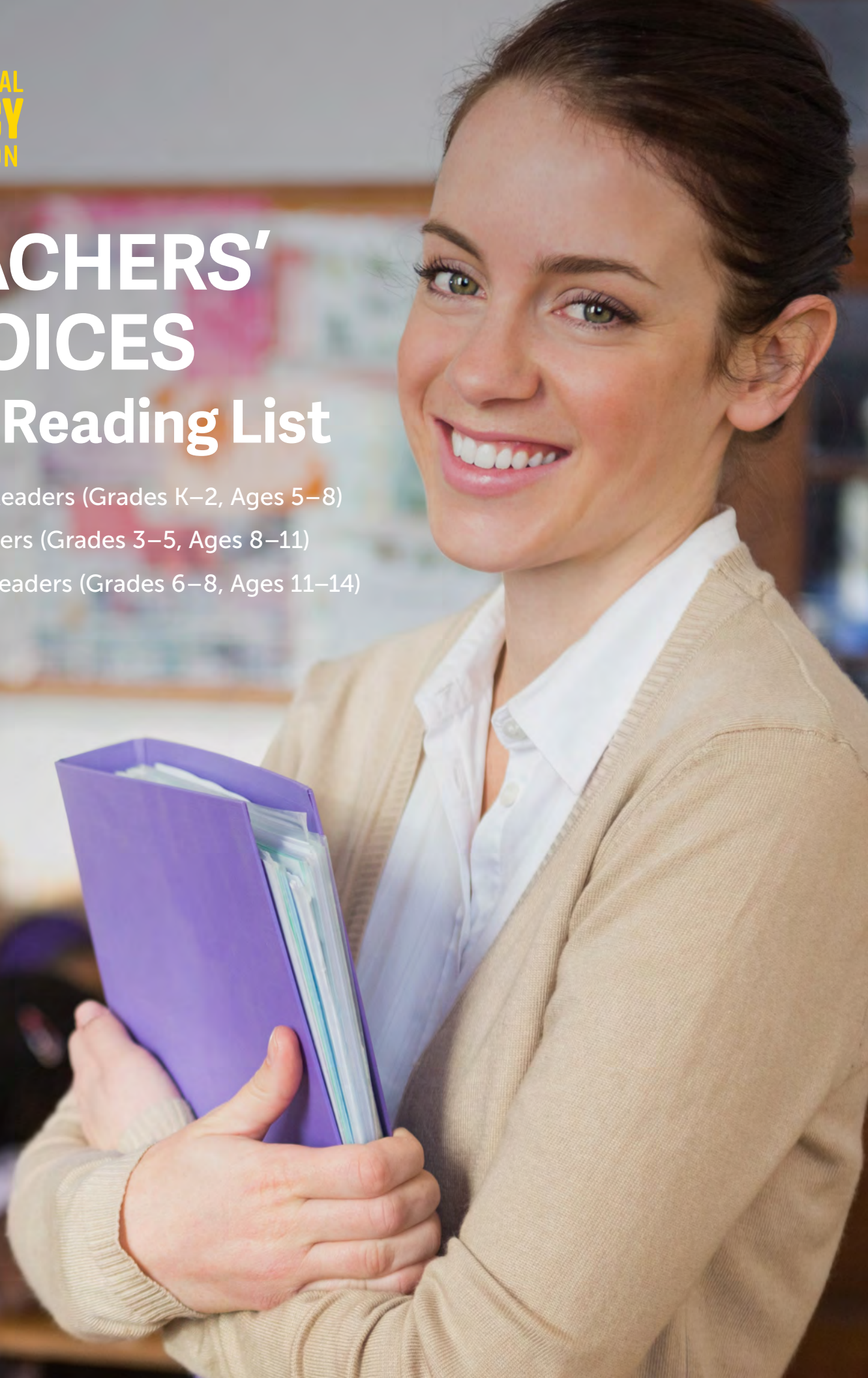
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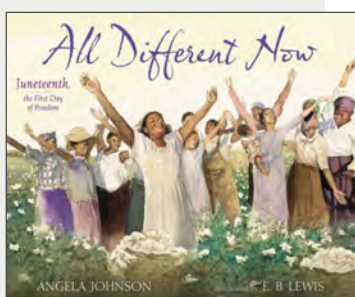
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What Is the Teachers' Choices List?

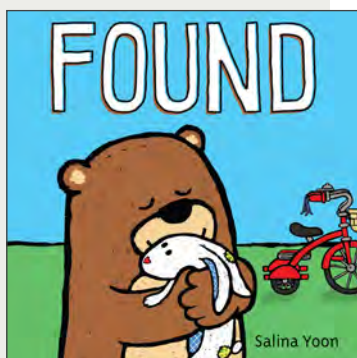
For teachers looking for the best new titles to add to their classroom library, the Teachers' Choices list is *the* place to start. Not only is it where they'll find the best books for ages 5 to 14, but they'll also know it comes from a source they can rely on—their fellow educators. Since 1989, the International Literacy Association's Teachers' Choices project has identified outstanding trade books published in the last year that teachers themselves choose as being exceptional for curriculum use. Parents will also find the list invaluable, as it provides excellent choices for reading aloud or for help answering important questions prompted by children's experiences as they grow up.



All Different Now: Juneteenth, the First Day of Freedom. Angela Johnson. Ill. E.B. Lewis. Simon & Schuster.



Feathers: Not Just for Flying. Melissa Stewart. Ill. Sarah S. Brannen. Charlesbridge.



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All Different Now: Juneteenth, the First Day of Freedom

Angela Johnson. Ill. E.B. Lewis. Simon & Schuster.

Under the hot Texas sun in 1865, a family celebrates the first Juneteenth, the day that freedom comes to the slaves. Endnotes provide a timeline and additional resources about the holiday.

Feathers: Not Just for Flying

Melissa Stewart. Ill. Sarah S. Brannen. Charlesbridge.

Sixteen diverse birds from five continents are highlighted with detailed descriptions of how these birds use their feathers for a multitude of tasks.

**Fiona's Lace*

Patricia Polacco. Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman.

When Fiona's family emigrated from Ireland to Chicago, her beautiful handmade lace helped supplement the family's income—until one fateful night when it helped save their lives.

Found

Salina Yoon. Bloomsbury/Walker Children's Books.

Bear finds a lost stuffed bunny and is determined to find its owner, but when he starts to become attached to the toy, will he still be able to do the right thing?

Gaston

Kelly DiPucchio. Ill. Christian Robinson. Atheneum.

When a poodle and a bulldog puppy are inadvertently switched at birth and raised by the wrong mothers, readers learn about the importance of accepting and celebrating each other's differences.

Ivan: The Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla

Katherine Applegate. Ill. G. Brian Karas. Clarion/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

This is the nonfiction account of the life of Ivan, the shopping mall gorilla whom readers first met in the novel, *The One and Only Ivan*.

The Noisy Paint Box: The Colors and Sounds of Kandinsky's Abstract Art

Barb Rosenstock. Ill. Mary GrandPré. Knopf Books for Young Readers.

This picture book biography of the Russian painter, Vasya Kandinsky, explains how he ventured from his staid and controlled upbringing into the uncharted world of abstract art.

The Scraps Book: Notes From a Colorful Life

Lois Ehlert. Beach Lane.

Children's book illustrator Lois Ehlert takes readers inside her studio as she shares her life's story and the creative process that inspires her picture book art.

***Under the Same Sun**

Sharon Robinson. Ill. AG Ford. Scholastic.

The daughter of baseball great Jackie Robinson has created a picture book account of her mother's return to the family's ancestral home of Tanzania on the occasion of her 85th birthday.

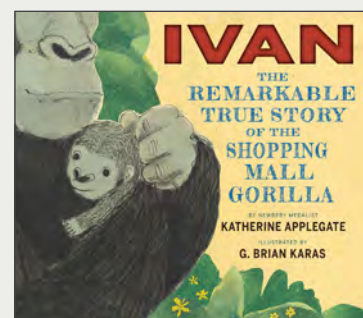
Who Was Here: Discovering Wild Animal Tracks

Mia Posada. Millbrook.

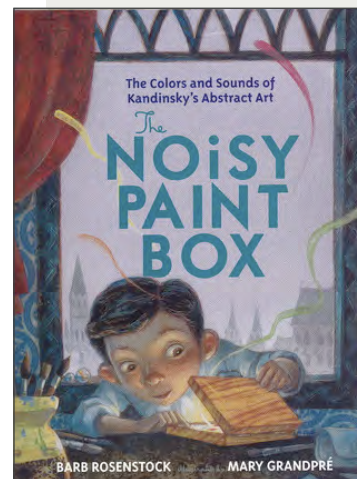
Life-size animal prints are displayed in the habitat where they were found and readers must guess who left these marks behind. Factual descriptions of each animal accompany the guessing game.



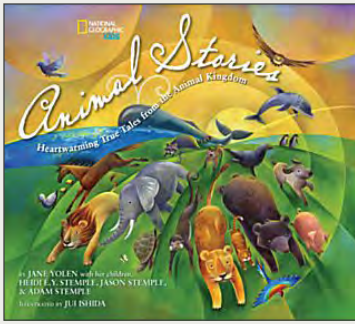
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True stories of remarkable contributions from animals from around the world are showcased. Additional facts, a map, timeline, and other resources supplement the text.

Fly Away

Patricia MacLachlan. Margaret K. McElderry.

Lucy is the only one in her family who does not sing. When they visit a relative in North Dakota just as flood waters threaten their home, Lucy finds her voice and the courage to use it to save her younger brother.



Fly Away. Patricia MacLachlan. Margaret K. McElderry.

Guts & Glory: The American Civil War

Ben Thompson. Ill. C.M. Butzer. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

Told in chronological order from the first battle to the last, this book recounts the stories of the heroes and villains and the good luck and misfortune that define the bloodiest years in our country's history.

Hidden: A Child's Story of the Holocaust

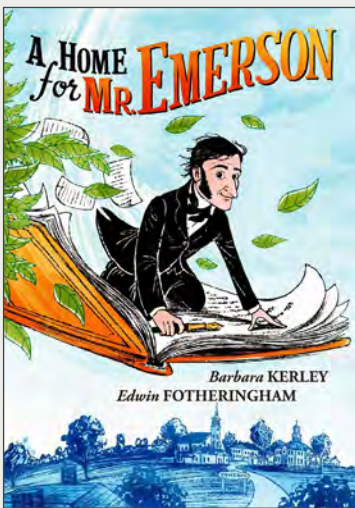
Loïc Dauvillier. Ill. Marc Lizano and Greg Salsedo. Translated by Alexis Siegel. First Second.

This graphic novel recounts a Jewish grandmother's memories of being hidden during her childhood when the Nazis occupied France during World War II.

****A Home for Mr. Emerson***

Barbara Kerley. Ill. Edwin Fotheringham. Scholastic.

Quotes from Ralph Waldo Emerson supplement this picture book biography of the life of one of America's greatest philosophers.



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Pay It Forward: Young Readers Edition

Catherine Ryan Hyde. Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman.

Rewritten for a middle-grades audience, this book recounts how the “pay it forward” movement began. A curriculum guide for teachers is included.

The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus

Jen Bryant. Ill. Melissa Sweet. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers.

This picture book biography about Peter Roget’s fascination with words explains how his famous thesaurus came to be. Extensive endnotes supplement the reading for teachers and students.

Separate Is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez & Her Family’s Fight for Desegregation

Duncan Tonatiuh. Abrams Books for Young Readers.

Sylvia Mendez and her family fought for the rights of Mexican immigrants to attend public schools in California seven years before the federal case of *Brown v. Board of Education*.

***Super Sniffers: Dog Detectives on the Job**

Dorothy Hinshaw Patent. Bloomsbury USA Children’s.

Dogs use their noses for amazing work, from finding victims of avalanches to detecting cancer and sniffing out invasive weeds. Endnotes provide additional resources.

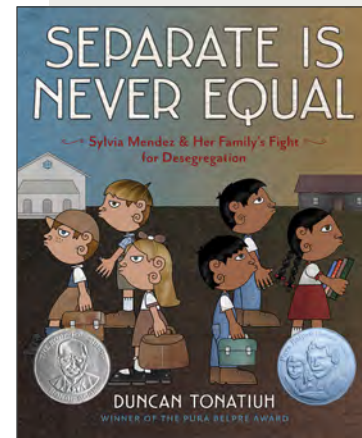
Winter Bees and Other Poems of the Cold

Joyce Sidman. Ill. Rick Allen. HMH Books for Young Readers.

Poems about how various living things survive the cold, combined with new scientific facts and detailed linoleum prints, convince readers that winter is not as barren as it seems.



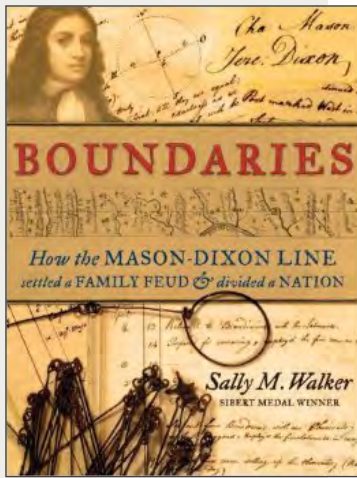
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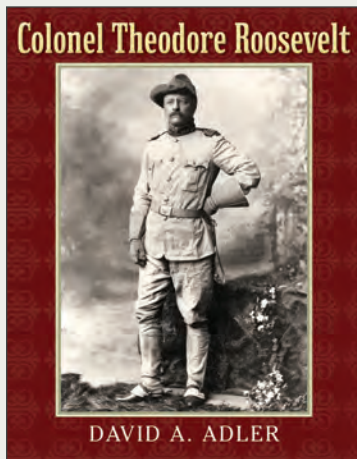
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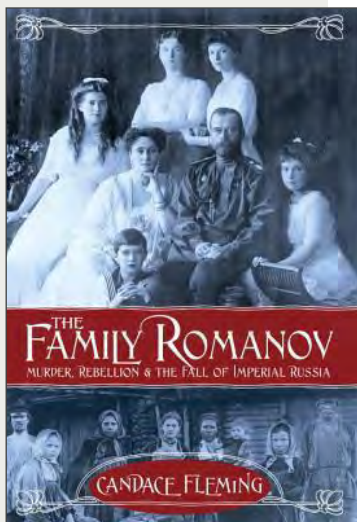
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The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion & the Fall of Imperial Russia. Candace Fleming. Schwartz & Wade.

Advanced Readers (Grades 6–8, Ages 11–14)

Because They Marched: The People's Campaign for Voting Rights That Changed America

Russell Freedman. Holiday House.

Archival photographs combined with journalistic essays commemorate the 50th anniversary of the marches that led to the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Endnotes provide additional resources.

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This nonfiction text explains the family feuds, surveying science, and natural boundaries that led to the demarcation of the Mason-Dixon Line, and ultimately the divide between North and South.

Bugged: How Insects Changed History

Sarah Albee. Ill. Robert Leighton. Bloomsbury USA Children's.

This examination of insects—both beneficial and destructive—shows how these fascinating creatures have influenced human life throughout history.

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From cowboy to soldier, from conservationist to Nobel Peace Prize winner, this biography includes photographs, letters, and primary documents to retell the life story of our 26th president.

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This biography, with supporting photographs, details the Romanov family history, contrasting their exorbitant wealth with the suffering of peasants and industrial workers, while also explaining the changing political climate.

*5 Elephants

Rob Laidlaw. Fitzhenry & Whiteside.

By showcasing the stories of five famous elephants, the author introduces readers to facts and figures about the elephant population and the challenges they face in their natural habitats and in captivity.

I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World (Young Readers Edition)

Malala Yousafzai with Patricia McCormick. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

Adolescent readers will learn how a girl their age found the courage to stand up for what she believed and, despite a near-fatal injury, overcame countless obstacles to become an international champion for peace. A glossary and timeline of important events accompany the text.

I Lived on Butterfly Hill

Marjorie Agosín. Ill. Lee White. Translated by E.M. O'Connor. Atheneum Books for Young Readers.

Eleven-year-old Celeste's idyllic world is uprooted when her native Chile falls under the dictatorship of Pinochet. Her philanthropist parents must go into hiding, while Celeste is sent to stay with an aunt in Maine.

**The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights*

Steve Sheinkin. Roaring Brook.

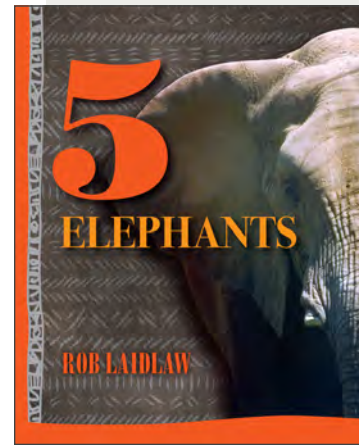
Port Chicago was a busy Navy base during World War II, and like most units in the military, it was highly segregated. When a devastating explosion killed many servicemen, a group of 50 brave sailors dared to fight for better working conditions.

Threatened

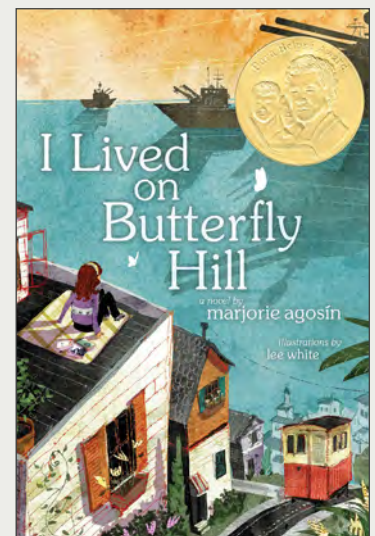
Eliot Schrefer. Scholastic.

Luc, an orphan living in Gabon, leaves his home to accompany a scientist into the jungle to study chimpanzees. When the professor disappears, Luc is left alone to fight for his own life, as well as to protect these creatures he has grown to love.

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Beginning Readers (Grades K–2, Ages 5–8)

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- Feathers: Not Just for Flying.* Melissa Stewart. Ill. Sarah S. Brannen. Charlesbridge.
- **Fiona's Lace.* Patricia Polacco. Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman.
- Found.* Salina Yoon. Bloomsbury/Walker Children's Books.
- Gaston.* Kelly DiPucchio. Ill. Christian Robinson. Atheneum.
- Ivan: The Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla.* Katherine Applegate. Ill. G. Brian Karas. Clarion/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.
- The Noisy Paint Box: The Colors and Sounds of Kandinsky's Abstract Art.* Barb Rosenstock. Ill. Mary GrandPré. Knopf Books for Young Readers.
- The Scraps Book: Notes From a Colorful Life.* Lois Ehlert. Beach Lane.
- **Under the Same Sun.* Sharon Robinson. Ill. AG Ford. Scholastic.
- Who Was Here: Discovering Wild Animal Tracks.* Mia Posada. Millbrook.

Young Readers (Grades 3–5, Ages 8–11)

- Animal Stories: Heartwarming True Tales From the Animal Kingdom.* Jane Yolen, Heidi E.Y. Stemple, Adam Stemple, and Jason Stemple. Ill. Jui Ishida. National Geographic Children's Books.
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What Is the Young Adults' Choices List?

The value of young adult literature is certainly not something new, but it is true that its popularity is increasing at a rapid rate. According to the Association of American Publishers, YA book sales increased by 22.4% during the first three quarters of 2014 compared with the year prior. And we believe it's safe to say the books included on this list are going to keep those stats high.

The Young Adults' Choices project began in 1986, funded by a special grant given to what was then the International Reading Association (now the International Literacy Association), and was supervised by the Literature for Young Adults Committee. The goals of the project are to encourage young people to read; to make teens, teachers, librarians, and parents aware of new literature for young adults; and to provide middle and secondary school students with an opportunity to voice their opinions about books being written for them.



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The enigmatic Magnus Bane, the gorgeous, powerful high warlock from *The Mortal Instruments* and *The Infernal Devices* series, gets his time in the limelight in this collection of 11 short stories. Events that take place over two centuries highlight Magnus's alluring personality, flamboyant style, and sharp wit.

Better Off Friends

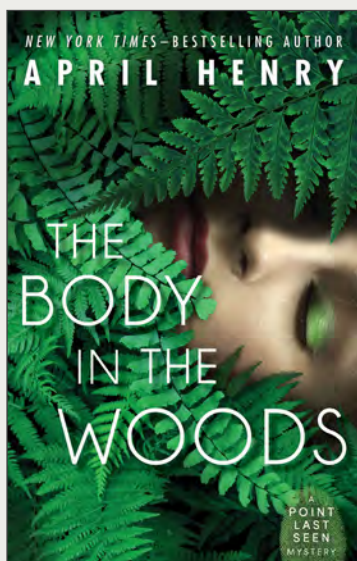
Elizabeth Eulberg. Point.

For Macallan and Levi, it was "friends at first sight." They hang out after school and share inside jokes, and their families are close. They are platonic and happy, except they keep getting in each other's way. If they become more than friends, will it be worth the complications?

The Body in the Woods

April Henry. Henry Holt.

Three very different teens join Portland County Sheriff's Search and Rescue to search for an autistic man lost in the woods, but what they find instead is a dead body. In a friendship forged in danger, fear, and courage, they work to find the victim's killer before it's too late.



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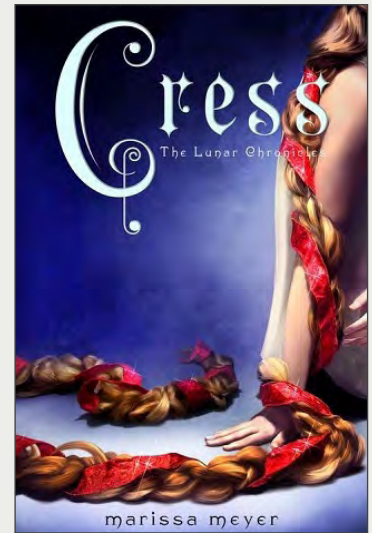
Cassandra Clare. Margaret K. McElderry.

Darkness has descended on the Shadowhunter world. Chaos and destruction overwhelm the Nephilim as Clary, Jace, Simon, and their friends band together to fight the greatest evil they have ever faced. Sebastian Morgenstern is on the move. Lives are lost, love is sacrificed, and the whole world changes.

Cress: The Lunar Chronicles, Book Three

Marissa Meyer. Feiwel & Friends.

The fugitives Cinder, Captain Thorne, Scarlet, and Wolf plot to overthrow Queen Levana and her army, and their best hope lies with Cress, who has been trapped on a satellite since childhood. After a daring rescue, Cress finally wins her freedom, but at a high price.

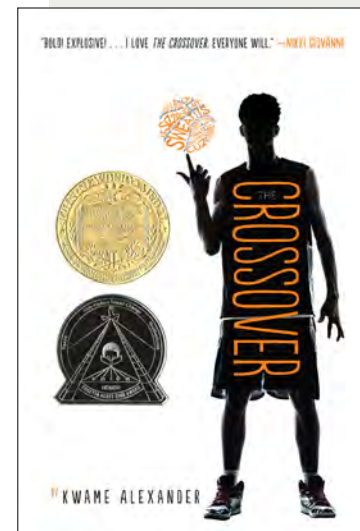


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The Crossover

Kwame Alexander. HMH Books for Young Readers.

Josh Bell and his twin brother, Jordan, are awesome on the basketball court. They must come to grips with growing up on and off the court as they realize breaking the rules comes at a terrible price. This story's heart-pounding climax proves to be a game changer for the entire family.



The Crossover. Kwame Alexander. HMH Books for Young Readers.

Cruel Beauty

Rosamund Hodge. Balzer + Bray.

Betrothed to Ignifex, the evil ruler of her kingdom, Nyx has always known her fate was to marry him, kill him, and free her people from his tyranny. But on her 17th birthday, she moves into his castle, and nothing is what she expected—particularly her charming and beguiling new husband.

Dangerous

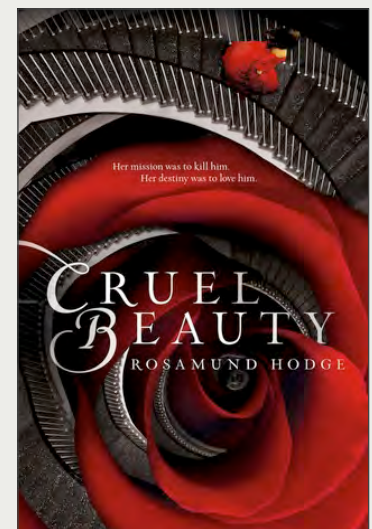
Shannon Hale. Bloomsbury USA Children's.

At a NASA-like summer boot camp, Maisie Danger Brown uncovers a conspiracy, making her the only person standing between Earth and annihilation. Just a regular girl from Salt Lake City, Maisie must devise a plan to save the world and courageously act before she loses her heart—and her life.

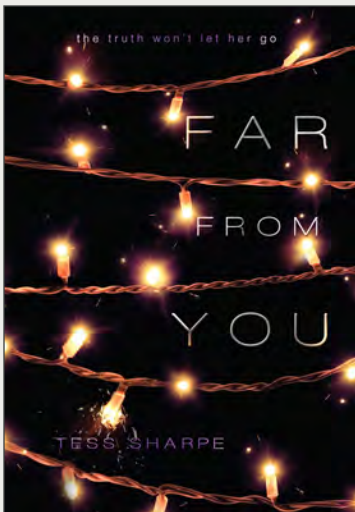
Divided We Fall: Divided We Fall, Book One

Trent Reedy. Arthur A. Levine.

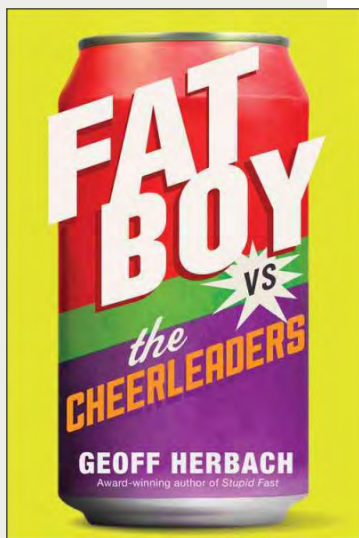
Danny Wright enlisted in the Idaho National Guard because he wanted to serve his country. When the governor orders the Guard to police a protest in Boise, his gun misfires, causing 12 to die. As tensions build, a second American civil war could be in the offing.



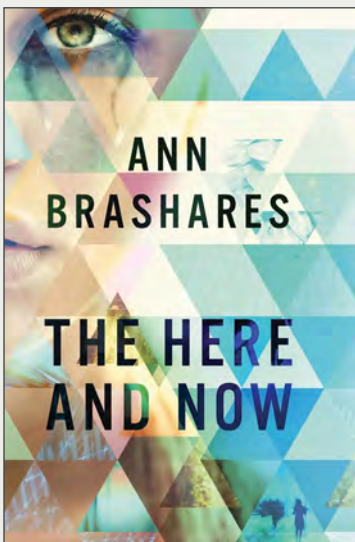
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Don't Look Back

Jennifer L. Armentrout. Disney-Hyperion.

Before she disappeared with her best friend, Cassie, everyone said Sam had it all—popularity, wealth, and a dream boyfriend. Now she has resurfaced, but Cassie is still missing. She doesn't know who she is or what happened that fateful night. Will Sam remember before it's too late?

Escape From Lucien: Amulet, Book Six

Kazu Kibuishi. Graphix.

Navin and his classmates journey to Lucien, a city ravaged by war and plagued by mysterious creatures, where they search for a beacon essential to their fight against the Elf King. Meanwhile, Emily heads back into the Void with Max, one of the Elf King's loyal followers, where she learns his darkest secrets.

Far From You

Tess Sharpe. Disney-Hyperion.

Sophie and her best friend Mina are confronted by a masked man in the woods. Sophie survives, but Mina is not so lucky. When the cops cast blame on Sophie, no one believes her innocence. After a forced stint in rehab, Sophie returns home to find the truth on her own.

Fat Boy vs. The Cheerleaders (Paperback title: Gabe Johnson Takes Over)

Geoff Herbach. Sourcebooks Fire.

It's geeks versus jocks in an epic battle of the beverages! Gabe, aka Chunk, a marching band geek, drowns his dysfunctional family woes in a voracious soda habit. When the proceeds from the school's soda machine are transferred from the band to the cheerleaders, hijinks and trouble ensues. Revenge can be sweet.

Girls Like Us

Gail Giles. Candlewick.

Quincy and Bidy are both graduates of their high school's special ed program, but they are quite different. Suspicious Quincy aggressively faces the world, while gentle Bidy is frightened to move outside her front door. As roommates in their first "real world" apartment, they must rely on each other to survive.

The Here and Now

Ann Brashares. Delacorte.

Prenna James came to New York from a different time—a future where a mosquito-borne illness has mutated into a pandemic, leaving the world in ruins. Those who escaped to the present day must follow a strict set of rules to ensure future survival. When Prenna finds forbidden love, everyone's life is in danger.

The Impossible Knife of Memory

Laurie Halse Anderson. Viking Books for Young Readers.

For the past five years, Hayley Kincaid and her father, Andy, have been on the road, never staying long in one place as he struggles to escape the demons that have tortured him since his return from Iraq. When they return home, Hayley hopes for normalcy and a boyfriend.

In Real Life

Cory Doctorow. Ill. Jen Wang. First Second.

Anda is obsessive about Coarsegold Online, a massive multiplayer role-playing game, where she can be a leader, a fighter, and a hero. When Anda befriends a Chinese player who violates the rules, she realizes questions of morality are complex when the virtual world meets reality.

The Iron Trial: Magisterium, Book One

Holly Black and Cassandra Clare. Scholastic.

Call has been warned by his father to stay away from magic. But despite his best efforts, he succeeds at Iron Trial and is admitted into the Magisterium. Call finds a place that's both sensational and sinister, with dark ties to his past and a twisty path to his future.

The Night Gardener

Jonathan Auxier. Abrams.

In this spine-chilling fable, two abandoned Irish siblings travel to work as servants at a creepy, crumbling English manor house that is as mysterious as the inhabitants themselves. Soon the children are confronted by a mysterious stranger and an ancient curse that threatens their lives.

Noggin

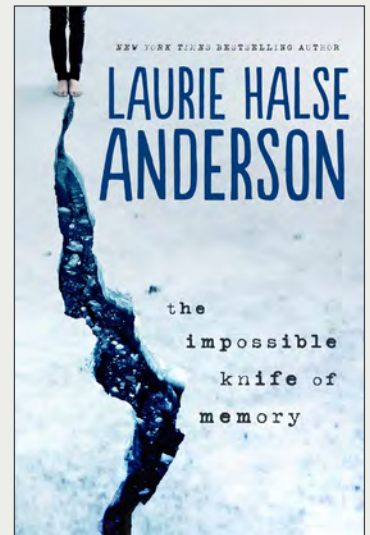
John Corey Whaley. Atheneum Books for Young Readers.

When Travis Coates died from leukemia, his head was removed and stored in a freezer. Five years later, it was reattached to some other guy's body. Yes, Travis is still 16, but everything and everyone around him has changed. How can the new Travis and the old Travis exist together?

The Only Thing to Fear

Caroline Tung Richmond. Scholastic.

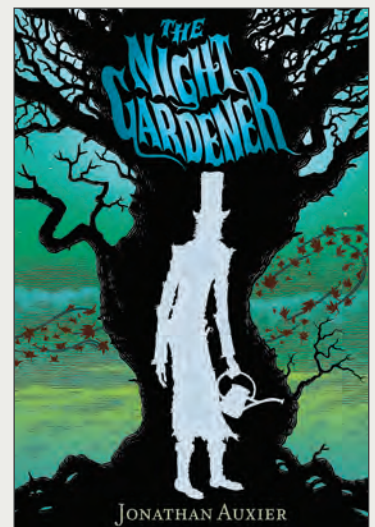
It's been nearly 80 years since the allies lost WWII in a crushing defeat against Hitler's genetically engineered super soldiers. Zara lives a life of oppression in the Eastern America Territories. A revolution is growing, and a rogue rebel group is plotting a deadly coup. Can Zara help take down the Führer?



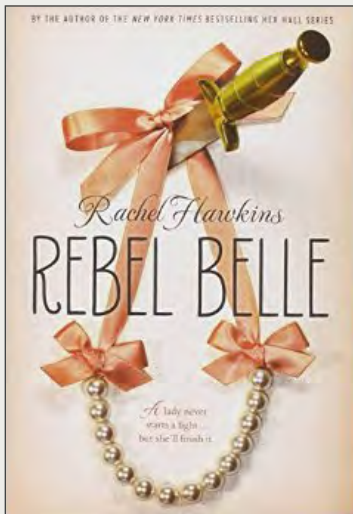
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After a strange dispute at a homecoming dance, Harper Price is imbued with incredible abilities. She becomes a Paladin, one of an ancient line of guardians with agility, super strength, and lethal fighting instincts. When Harper finds she is charged to protect David Stark, the subject of a mysterious prophecy, life gets complicated.

The Rule of Three

Eric Walters. Farrar, Straus and Giroux.

One shocking afternoon, computers around the globe shut down in a viral catastrophe. Driving home, Adam encounters a storm tide of anger and fear as the region becomes paralyzed. As resources dwindle, crises mount, and chaos descends, he will see his suburban neighborhood band together for protection and survival.



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After Matthew's younger brother Luke commits suicide, his family struggles to make sense of the situation. Matthew blames himself for not doing more to prevent the bullying that Luke, who was gay, experienced. As Matthew becomes increasingly cynical and unforgiving, it seems not even his girlfriend, Hayden, can help, until the unexpected happens.

Since You've Been Gone

Morgan Matson. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers.

Before Sloane, Emily didn't go to parties. She barely talked to guys and didn't do anything crazy. Enter Sloane, a social tornado and the best kind of friend. Sloane disappears, however, leaving a list with 13 bizarre tasks for Emily to accomplish. What will Emily do?



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***Sisters**

Raina Telgemeier. Graphix.

Raina and Amara are sisters, but their relationship isn't perfect. Raina is a music-loving homebody, while her little sister is outdoorsy, adventuresome, and constantly getting on Raina's nerves. When a baby brother enters the picture and something doesn't seem right between their parents, they must figure out a way to get along.

To All the Boys I've Loved Before

Jenny Han. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers.

Lara Jean Song has five secret love letters in her hatbox, one to each boy she's ever loved. When the letters are unexpectedly mailed, Lara Jean's love life goes from imaginary to out of control.

True or False?

DK Publishing.

This browsing treat offers tidbits on topics that include nature, space, history, culture, and the human body. Each page presents a piece of information commonly believed to be true; the book then sheds light on the fact's veracity and also includes some related content.



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The Walled City

Ryan Graudin. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

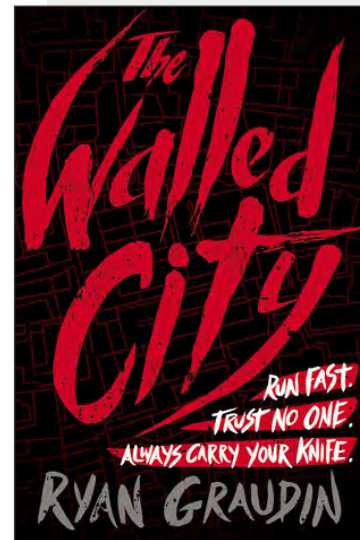
Jin, Mei Yee, and Dai all live in the Walled City, a lawless labyrinth run by crime lords and overrun with street gangs. Teens must traffic drugs or work in brothels—or, like Jin, hide. But when Dai offers Jin a chance to find her lost sister, she begins a breathtaking race to escape.

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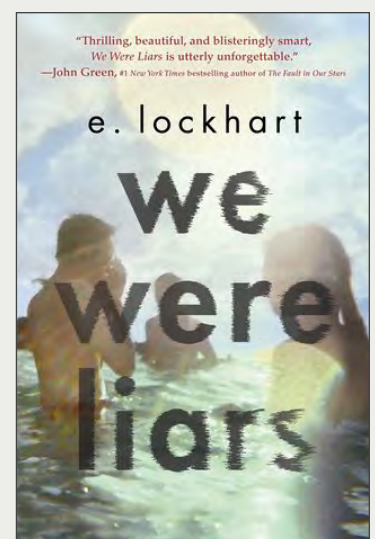
E. Lockhart. Delacorte.

Beauty and wealth can't overcome the disaster caused by a group of four friends: the Liars. When a revolution leads to an accident, secrets are kept, and lies are told. The truth is buried deeply in the mind of a brilliant, damaged girl, where reality becomes an illusion.

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True or False? DK Publishing.

The Walled City. Ryan Graudin. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

**We Were Liars*. E. Lockhart. Delacorte.

*Books that received the highest amount of votes.

More About Young Adults' Choices

Thank you to the 2014–2015 ILA Young Adults' Choices cochairs, team leaders, and review teams. The project members were Stephanie Burdic (cochair) and Lisa Morris-Wilkey (cochair). Team leaders in the field test were Carrie Brandon, David Grossman, Cathy Heller, Debbie Remington, and Anne Taylor.

For more information on the Young Adults' Choices list, or to learn how to become involved, visit literacyworldwide.org/choices.

Choices Project Recruitment

We need your help! We are looking for Team Leaders for our Children's, Teachers', and Young Adults' Choices projects in the areas listed below for the years 2016–2019. If you know of anyone in your area who is willing to participate, please have them complete the online application form, which can be found at literacyworldwide.org/choices.

Please note this requires a three-year commitment to the project and support from area schools.

Children's Choices

Area 1: Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington

Teachers' Choices

Area 1: Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington

Area 3: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Texas

Area 4: Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming

Young Adults' Choices

Area 3: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Texas

Area 5: Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin

Want More Reading Lists?

You can view our online archive of Children's, Teachers', and Young Adults' Choices reading lists dating back to 2010 at literacyworldwide.org/choices. That's nearly 1,000 trusted book recommendations for your classroom library—right at your fingertips. Want lists from prior years? E-mail committees@reading.org.

You can also find weekly, themed book reviews on our *Literacy Daily* blog at literacyworldwide.org/literacy-daily.

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