

St. Hilda's & St. Hugh's C. V. Starr Library & Learning Center

Summer Reading Suggestions 2020
Entering Grade 5

Sharing Books with Older Students

Here is a selection of books for you and your family to enjoy over the summer months and a few simple tips to help parents and caregivers nurture a child's love of reading. Many of these titles can be found at your local public library (www.nypl.org). Students should try to read every day and are asked to read at least five books of their own choice during the summer months. Your teacher will provide one or two of these five books, depending on your grade. You may also want to refer to this list throughout the year when borrowing books from the school library.

Make it a family value. Children are expert observers. Whether you prefer to read books, blogs, manuals or magazines, let your child see your enjoyment of your own reading.

Make reading a social activity. Talk with your child about what she or he is reading or what you have read together. Start a parent-child book club, or attend a book signing at your local bookstore. Which is better the book or the movie? Sometimes children will be motivated to read a book because they liked the movie. Why not listen together to Roald Dahl's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, see the movie, and at the conclusion of the audiobook, celebrate by whipping up a dish from Dahl's *Revoluting Recipes* cookbook.

Use the books as conversation starters and allow books to lead to other learning. Reading aloud is a wonderful way to bridge discussions on topics that you may not know how to bring up. As children get older, you can choose material that leads into conversations about relationships, choices, current events, religion, and other relevant subjects.

Use audiobooks. Listening to audiobooks benefits all readers! They are an easy way to introduce children to books above their reading level and model good interpretive reading and critical listening skills. Audiobooks can also provide a bridge to important topics of discussion for parents and children who can listen together while commuting to sporting events, music lessons, or destinations.

Make it part of your summer routine. Try to encourage your child to read 20-30 minutes a day. You can make reading a part of your child's evening routine, or perhaps a morning activity of "breakfast and books" works better for your family. The goal is to encourage your child to pick up the habit of reading.

Suggested Libraries and Children's Bookstores

**St. Hilda's & St. Hugh's
C. V. Starr Library & Learning Center** (5th Floor)
Librarian: Angela Perna
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The New York Public Library
www.nypl.org

Book Culture
<https://www.bookculture.com>

Bank Street Bookstore
<http://www.bankstreetbooks.com>

Books of Wonder
<http://booksof wonder.com>

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New and Notable

Included in the following list and noted with an asterisk (*) preceding the author's name.

📖 Indicates books that will appeal to adults as well and can be enjoyed as family a read aloud.

2020 Children's Literary Award Winners

Included in the following list and noted with designated color-coded star or symbol preceding author's name.

Awarded by the American Library Association, the 2020 children's book awards include:

- American Indian Youth Literature Award (★winner ★honor)
- Asian/Pacific American Award (★winner ★honor)
- Coretta Scott King (Author) Book Award (★winner ★honor)
- John Newbery Medal (★winner ★honor)
- Pura Belpré Book Award (★winner ★honor)
- Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Award (★honor)
- Schneider Family Book Award (★winner ★honor)
- The Sydney Taylor Book Award (★winner)

Additional young people's literary awards:

- ❖ 2020 Amelia Bloomer List (honoring children's books with feminist themes)
- ✚ Audie Audiobook Award Winner
- ✧ Freeman Book Award selected by The National Consortium for Teaching about Asia at Columbia University
- Ⓞ National Book Award for Young People's Literature (finalist)
- ♾ Nebula Award (chosen by the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America)
- ✚ Orbis Pictus Award (recognizing excellence in the writing of nonfiction for children)

Science Book Awards for Children:

- ∞ Outstanding Science Trade Book for 2020 selected by the National Science Teachers Association

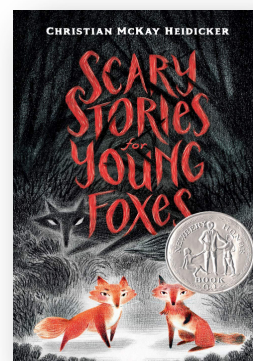
Animals: Fiction and Nonfiction

***Applegate, Katherine.** *The One and Only Bob.*

Return to the unforgettable world of the Newbery Medal-winning novel *The One and Only Ivan* (soon to be a major motion picture!) in this incredible sequel, starring Ivan's friend Bob!

***Finnegan, Margaret.** *We Could Be Heroes.*

Maisie and Hank, who has autism, become friends as they devise schemes to save a neighbor's dog, Booler, from being tied to a tree because of his epilepsy.



★**Kelly, Lynne.** *Song For A Whale.*

Iris, who is deaf, decides to invent a way to “sing” to a whale that is unable to speak to other whales. There’s just one problem: he’s three thousand miles away. How will she play her song for him?

***Maclachlan, Patricia.** *Wondrous Rex.*

Newbery Medal-winning author Patricia MacLachlan has written a magical and funny tale about the joy found in using words, sharing stories, and loving a wondrous dog: Rex.

★📖 **McKay, Christian.** *Scary Stories for Young Foxes.*

Seven fox kits, wanting a scarier story than their mother will tell, visit the old storyteller at Bog Cavern in the Antler Wood, but will any be brave enough to stay until the end? (SHSH eBook)

***Preus, Margi.** *The Littlest Voyageur.*

In 1792, Jean Pierre Petit Le Rouge, a squirrel, eager for adventure, stows away in the canoe of a group of voyageurs, unaware of what they are traveling so far to trade. Includes pronunciation guide, historical notes, and a recipe.

***Sorosiak, Carlie.** *I, Cosmo.*

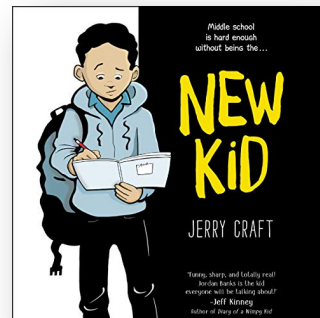
Cosmo would do anything to make his boy happy, but when Max decides they should learn a dance routine to stave off his parents' divorce, will the old dog be up to the challenge?

Audiobooks and eBooks

St. Hilda’s & St. Hugh’s Digital Library

<https://soraapp.com/welcome>

SHSH Digital Library can also be found by downloading the Sora app. on your digital device. When signing into SHSH’s Digital Library, students will be asked to log in with their library card number. Contact Ms. Perna, librarian, at aperna@sthildas.org for your child’s library card number. Some of the titles on this list are part of SHSH’s eBook collection and and is noted in the annotations.



2020 Audie Award Winner (🏆) and Finalists

🏆 *Charlotte’s Web* written by E.B. White, narrated by Meryl Streep and a full cast, published by Penguin Random House Audio (SHSH audiobook)

New Kid written by Jerry Craft, narrated by Jerry Craft, Jesus Del Orden, Nile Bullock, Robin Miles, Guy Lockard, Peyton Lusk, Rebecca Soler, Dan Bittner, Phoebe Strole, Marc Thompson, Miles Harvey, and Ron Butler, published by HarperAudio

Our Castle by the Sea, written and narrated by Lucy Strange, published by Scholastic Audio

Roller Girl written by Victoria Jamieson, narrated by Almarie Guerra and a full cast, published by Penguin Random House Audio

The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise written by Dan Gemeinhart, narrated by Kristine Hvam, published by Macmillan Audio

Biographies and Memoirs

***Bolden, Tonya.** *Changing the Equation: 50+ US Black Women in STEM.*

This book celebrates over 50 women who have shattered the glass ceiling, defied racial discrimination, and pioneered in their fields.

***Levy, Debbie.** *Becoming RBG: Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Journey to Justice.*

Life experiences shaped this feminist icon's legal perspective and ascent to the Supreme Court.

***Weatherford, Carole Boston.** *Box: Henry Brown Mails Himself to Freedom.*

In a moving, lyrical tale about the cost and fragility of freedom, a *New York Times* best-selling author and an acclaimed artist follow the life of a man who courageously shipped himself out of slavery.

Classics

 **Carroll, Lewis.** *Alice in Wonderland.* Illustrated by Lisbeth Zwerger (Mineedition Minibooks)


A handsome, compact edition of this classic tale, graced with lively illustrations by a legendary illustrator. By falling down a rabbit hole and stepping through a mirror, Alice experiences unusual adventures with a variety of nonsensical characters.

 **Green, Richard Lancelyn.** *The Adventures of Robin Hood.* (Puffin Classics Series)


Robin Hood, champion of the poor and oppressed, stands against the cruel power of Prince John and the brutal Sheriff of Nottingham. Taking refuge in the vast Sherwood Forest with his band of men, he remains determined to outwit his enemies.

 **Kipling, Rudyard.** *The Jungle Book.* (A Harper Design Imprint)

Rudyard Kipling's complete collection of enchanting fables set in India. This edition features stunning artwork and nine 3-D interactive elements crafted by Minalima Design, the award-winning design studio behind the graphics for the *Harry Potter* film franchise.

 **Nesbit, E.** *Five Children and It.* (Puffin Classics Series)

When Cyril, Anthea, Robert, Jane, and their baby brother go digging in the gravel pit, the last thing they expect to find is a Psammead—an ancient sand-fairy! Having a sand-fairy for a pet means having one wish granted each day. But the children don't realize all the trouble wishes can cause.

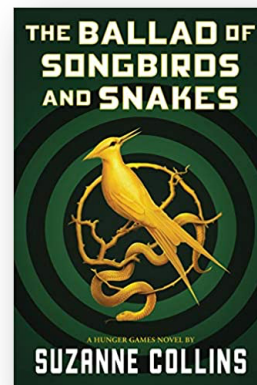
 **Tolkien, J. R. R.** *The Hobbit or There and Back Again.*

Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to take part in an adventure from which he may never return.

Fantasy, Science Fiction, Spooky Tales, and the Supernatural

***Armstrong, Kelley.** *A Royal Guide to Monster Slaying.*

Twelve-year-old Rowan resigns herself to admiring her monster hunting aunt's glorious sword and joining her queen mother for boring diplomatic teas. But tragedy shatters the longstanding rule, and Rowan finds herself hunting the most dangerous monster of all: a gryphon.



📖 **Auxier, Jonathan.** *Sweep: The Story of a Girl and Her Monster.*

In nineteenth-century England, after her father's disappearance, Nan Sparrow, 10, works as a "climbing boy," aiding chimney sweeps, but when her most treasured possessions end up in a fireplace, she unwittingly creates a golem.

***Byrne, Gabrielle.** *Rise of the Dragon Moon.*

Princess Toli may be heir to the throne, but she longs to be a fierce hunter and warrior. With her sister and best friend at her side, Toli makes the treacherous journey across the vast ice barrens to Dragon Mountain, where long-held secrets await.

***Collins, Suzanne.** *The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes.* (A series. Book 4)

Revisit the world of Panem, 64 years before the events of *The Hunger Games*, starting on the morning of the reaping of the Tenth Hunger Games.

***DasGupta, Sayantani.** *The Chaos Curse.* (A trilogy. Book 3)

Kiranmala must leave the Kingdom Beyond and travel to her hometown of Parsippany to save Prince Lal, who has been spirited to the unlikeliest of places—a tree in the yard of her best-enemy-for-life.

***Hahn, Mary Downing.** *Guest: A Changeling Tale.*

Young Mollie traverses eerie, perilous lands to retrieve her baby brother, Thomas, from the Kinde Folke, malicious sprites who snatched him and left a hideous changeling in his place.

★ **Hernandez, Carlos.** *Sal and Gabi Break the Universe.*

In order to heal after his mother's death, 13-year-old Sal learns to reach into time and space to retrieve things—and people—from other universes. (SHSH eBook)

***Kelly, Erin Entrada.** *Lalani of the Distant Sea.*

Feeling responsible for her island's catastrophes, Lalani, 12, sets off on an epic quest. Interspersed with her adventures are finely illustrated vignettes of fantastical creatures and plants she encounters. (SHSH eBook)

***Orton, Katherine.** *Nevertell.*

After escaping a Soviet prison camp, Lina is pursued by a powerful witch and her shadow wolves in a riveting debut that imbues frozen wilderness with fairy-tale magic.

***Rodkey, Geoff.** *We're Not From Here.*

After a year on Mars, a young boy and his family migrate to the planet Choom, but the inhabitants of Choom, the Zhuri, who look like giant mosquitoes, don't really like humans and it's up to the boy and his family to change their minds if they hope to survive.

***Smith, Ronald L.** *Gloom Town.*

Twelve-year-old Rory and his friend Izzy try to foil the plans of Lord Foxglove, for whom Rory works as a valet, and his inhuman accomplices from taking over the world.

***Soontornvat, Christina.** *A Wish in the Dark.*

This "Thai-inspired . . . twist on Victor Hugo's *Les Misérables*" explores social justice through two young characters from contrary social classes. This masterfully paced adventure invokes Eastern.

Historical Fiction

Choi, Sook Nyul. *Year of Impossible Goodbyes.*

The story of a Korean girl who, with her family, must try to escape Japanese and Russian occupation in North Korea.

***Cline-Ransome, Lesa.** *Leaving Lymon.*

Raised by his grandparents, first in Mississippi then in Wisconsin, ten-year-old Lymon moves to Chicago in 1945 to live with the mother he never knew, while yearning for his father.

Hiranandani, Veera. *The Night Diary.*

Shy, 12-year-old Nisha, forced to flee her home with her Hindu family during the 1947 partition of India, tries to find her voice and make sense of the world falling apart around her by writing to her deceased Muslim mother in the pages of her diary.

Lai, Thanahhà. *Inside Out and Back Again.*

Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.

★❖ **McManis, Charlene Willing.** *Indian No More.*

In 1957, 10-year-old Regina Petit's Umpqua tribe is legally terminated and forced to leave Oregon, but in Los Angeles her family faces prejudice and she struggles to understand her identity as an Indian far from tribal lands.

★ **Palacio, R. J.** *White Bird.*

Tells the story of Julian's Grandmère's childhood as she, a Jewish girl, was hidden by a family in a Nazi-occupied French village during World War II and how the boy she once shunned became her savior and best friend.

***Park, Linda Sue.** *Prairie Lotus.*

In Dakota Territory in the 1880s, half-Chinese Hanna and her white father face racism and resistance to change as they try to make a home for themselves.

Uchida, Yoshiko. *A Jar of Dreams.*

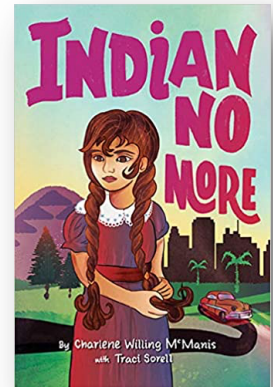
A young girl grows up in a closely-knit Japanese American family in California during the 1930s, a time of great prejudice.

Wenxuan, Cao. *Bronze and Sunflower.*

During China's Cultural Revolution, a poor village family adopts an orphaned city girl, and together they survive poverty, floods, and famine.

***Wolk, Lauren.** *Echo Mountain.*

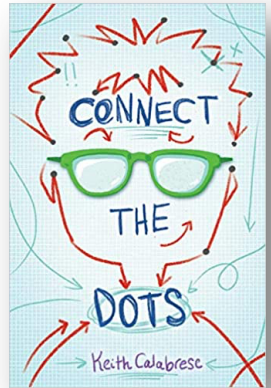
After the financial crash, Ellie and her family have lost nearly everything--including their home in town. They have started over, carving out a new life in the unforgiving terrain of Echo Mountain.



Humor

Angleberger, Tom. *The Strange Case of Origami Yoda.* (A series. Book 1)

Tommy and his friends describe their interactions with a paper finger puppet of Yoda, worn by their weird classmate Dwight, as they try to figure out whether or not the puppet can really predict the future. Includes instructions for making Origami Yoda.



***Calabrese, Keith.** *Connect the Dots.*

Liar & Spy meets *The Parker Inheritance* in this whimsically complex story about human connection and the power we all have to determine our own fate.

Fleming, Candace. *Eleanor Roosevelt's In My Garage!*

When Eleanor Roosevelt and Fala turn up in 10-year-old Nolan's bedroom closet, his mother, taking Mrs. Roosevelt for the new baby sitter, leaves him and his little sister Olive with her.

***Lai, Remy.** *Fly on the Wall.*

Twelve-year-old Henry Khoo wants his overprotective family to stop treating him like a baby, so he hatches a scheme to prove his maturity and independence. It goes hilariously wrong!

Pastis, Stephan. *Timmy Failure: Mistakes Were Made.* (A series. Book 1)

Timmy Failure is the clueless, comically self-confident CEO of the best detective agency in town; add his impressively lazy business partner, a very large polar bear named Total—and what you have is Total Failure, Inc., a global enterprise destined to make Timmy so rich his mother won't have to stress out about the bills anymore.

Patterson, James. *Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life!* (A series. Book 1)

When Rafe Khatchadorian enters middle school, he teams up with his best friend, "Leo the Silent," to create a game to make school more fun by trying to break every rule in the school's code of conduct.

Russell, Rachel Renée. *Dork Diaries.* (A series. Book 1)

Nikki Maxwell writes in her diary of her struggle to be popular at her exclusive new private school, then of finding her place after she gives up on being part of the elite group.

***Sachar, Louis.** *Wayside School Beneath the Cloud of Doom.* (A series. Book 4)

Welcome back to Wayside School. Your favorite students and teachers are all here. That includes Sharie, Kathy, Jason, and the rest of Mrs. Jewls's class on the thirtieth floor. Everyone is scrambling to prepare for the all-important Ultimate Test, but meanwhile, there is a mysterious Cloud of Doom looming above them.

Tashjian, Janet. *My Life as a Book.* (A series. Book 1)

Dubbed a "reluctant reader" by his teacher, 12-year-old Derek spends summer vacation learning important lessons even though he does not complete his summer reading list.

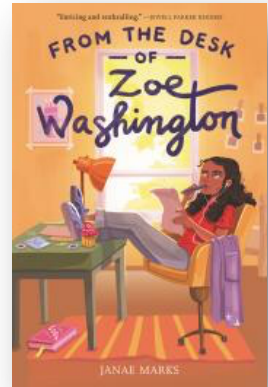
***Walliams, David.** *Slime.*

The new children's book from No. 1 bestselling author David Walliams—a fantastically funny tale illustrated by artistic genius, Tony Ross.

Mystery and Adventure Stories

***Marks, Janae.** *From the Desk of Zoe Washington.*

From debut author Janae Marks comes a captivating mystery full of heart, as one courageous girl questions assumptions, searches for the truth, and does what she believes is right—even in the face of great opposition.



***Jocelyn, Marthe.** *Aggie Morton, Mystery Queen: The Body Under the Piano.*

A smart and charming middle-grade mystery series starring young detective Aggie Morton and her friend Hector, inspired by the imagined life of Agatha Christie as a child and her most popular creation, Hercule Poirot

***Nesbet, Anne.** *Daring Darleen, Queen of the Screen.*

When a publicity stunt goes terribly wrong, 12-year-old Darleen Darling, star of the silent film era, must defeat villains both on screen and off in this edge-of-your-seat adventure.

***Ponti, James.** *City Spies.*

In this thrilling new series that Stuart Gibbs called “a must-read,” Edgar Award winner James Ponti brings together five kids from all over the world and transforms them into real-life spies—perfect for fans of *Spy School* and *Mrs. Smith’s Spy School for Girls*.

***Preller, James.** *Blood Mountain.*

Thirteen-year-old Grace and her 11-year-old brother Carter are watched by a mountain man when they get lost during a strenuous hike on Blood Mountain

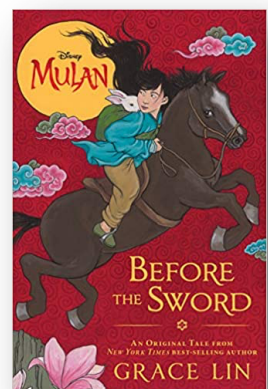
***Seymour, Jeff.** *Nadya Skylung and the Masked Kidnapper.* (A sequel)

A gang leader called Silvermask is kidnapping skylung and cloudling children in the port of Far Agondy, and it is up to Nadya and her friends to rescue the missing kids and put a stop to Silvermask once and for all.

Mythologies of the World

Chokshi, Roshani. *Aru Shah and the End of Time.* (A trilogy. Book 1)

Twelve-year-old Aru stretches the truth to fit in at her private school, but when she is dared to prove an ancient lamp is cursed, she inadvertently frees an ancient demon. In this story inspired by the ancient Indian epic, the Mahabharata, Aru Shah discovers she must enter the Kingdom of Death to save the world.



Green, Roger Lancelyn. *Myths of the Norsemen.* (Puffin Classics Series)

The great Norse sagas are full of magic and heroic deeds. Odin’s wanderings, Thor’s hammer, the death of Bakkur, the vision of Ragnarok—tales which have been told since time immemorial—are given a fresh life in this version, written as one continuous exciting adventure story.

----- . *Tales of Greek Heroes*. (Puffin Classics Series)

The mysterious and exciting legends of the gods and heroes in Ancient Greece, from the adventures of Perseus, the labors of Heracles, the voyage of Jason and the Argonauts, to Odysseus and the Trojan wars.

***Lin, Grace.** *Mulan: Before the Sword*.

Harnessing her talent for storytelling and relating Chinese myths and history, Lin imagines a compelling account of Mulan's pre-warrior days.

★ **Mbalia, Kwame.** *Tristan Strong Punches the Sky*.

Seventh-grader Tristan Strong tumbles into the MidPass and, with allies John Henry and Brer Rabbit, must entice the god Anansi to come out of hiding and seal the hole Tristan accidentally ripped in the sky.

O'Hearn, Kate. *Pegasus: Flame of Olympus*. (A series. Book 1)

Reborn as the Flame, thirteen-year-old Emily has saved Olympus from destruction but when the gruesome Nirads begin a new invasion, Emily and her friends become entangled in the conflict as old grudges are unearthed and new enemies are discovered.

***Roanhorse, Rebecca.** *Race to the Sun*.

Guided by her Navajo ancestors, seventh-grader Nizhoni Begay discovers she is descended from a holy woman and destined to become a monster slayer, starting with the evil businessman who kidnapped her father.

***Zhao, Kate.** *The Dragon Warrior*.

Siblings Faryn Liu and Alex defend their parents' honor and battle demons in this lively fantasy adventure that seamlessly blends gods and demons from myriad mythologies, including Greek, Phoenician, and Chinese.

Nonfiction Series: Arts, Biography, Religious Knowledge, and Social Studies

Basher Basics. – Published by Kingfisher

A world of little books that bring big ideas to life in ingenious ways.

DK Eyewitness Book. – Published by DK

Lots of photographs and facts on various subjects.

Field Guides. – Peterson, Audubon, or Simon & Schuster

***History Smashers**. – Published by Random House Books for Young Readers

Myths! Lies! Secrets! Smash the stories behind famous moments in history and expose the hidden truth. Perfect for fans of *I Survived* and *Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales*.

Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales. – Published by Harry N. Abrams

Thrilling, daring, and downright gruesome stories from American history, in Graphic novel form.

Sterling Biographies Series. – Published by Sterling

A True Book. – Published Scholastic

Provides the perfect introduction to various nonfiction subjects.

Usborne Guides. – Published by Usborne

Fact filled publications on all sorts of history, science, and health topics.

Weird But True! – Published by Scholastic

Based on the hugely popular magazine page of quirky, fun facts that many readers of *National Geographic Kids* magazine turn to first.

Who Is--?, Who Was--?, What Is--?, and What Was--? – Published by Grosset & Dunlap

Each biography and nonfiction publication is complete with facts, interesting anecdotes, and compelling black-and-white illustrations. (SHSH eBook)

You Wouldn't Want To Be--! – Published by Franklin Watts

The series is intended to interest children in history, by combining a factual eyewitness narrative with cartoon-style illustrations.

Poetry Picks: 2020 Young People's Poet Laureate Naomi Shihab Nye

Each month, Young People's Poet Laureate Naomi Shihab Nye recommends a book of poetry for children. Selections include classics of children's literature, adult collections that are well suited to children, as well as newly published books. For more information: <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/learn/young-peoples-poet-laureate>

Realistic Fiction (Modern Stories)

📖 **Buyea, Rob.** *Because of Mr. Terupt.* (A trilogy. Book 1)

Seven fifth-graders at Snow Hill School in Connecticut relate how their lives are changed for the better by rookie teacher Mr. Terupt.

★ **Cartaya, Pablo.** *Each Tiny Spark.*

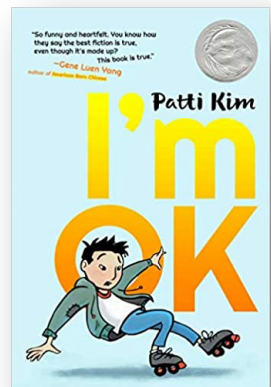
Sixth-grader Emilia Torres struggles with ADHD, her controlling abuela, her mother's work commitments, her father's distance after returning from deployment, evolving friendships, and a conflict over school redistricting.

★ **Cervantes, Angela.** *Lety Out Loud.*

A bilingual girl named Lety volunteers at an animal shelter where she gets drawn into a competition with a boy she finds unkind. At its heart, this is a sweet, entertaining story about a kindhearted girl who has compassion for both animals and people.

✧ **Chapman, Elise.** *All the Ways Home.*

Kaede Hirano is given a summer assignment: write an essay about what home means to him, which will be even tougher now that he's on his way to Japan to reconnect with his estranged father. Still, if there's a chance Kaede can finally build a new family from an old one, he's willing to try. But building new relationships isn't as easy as destroying his old ones, and one last desperate act will change the way Kaede sees everyone—including himself.



★★**Craft, Jerry.** *New Kid.*

Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade. (SHSH eBook)

★**Day, Christine.** *I Can Make This Promise.*

When 12-year-old Edie finds letters and photographs in her attic that change everything she thought she knew about her Native American mother's adoption, she realizes she has a lot to learn about her family's history and her own identity.

📖 **DiCamillo, Kate.** *Louisiana's Way Home. (A trilogy. Book 2)*

Louisiana Elefante's granny wakes her up in the middle of the night and tells her they need to leave home immediately, and this time Granny intends for them never to return.

📖 **Foxlee, Karen.** *Lenny's Book of Everything.*

In 1970s Ohio, Lenny and her younger brother, Davey, who suffers from a rare form of gigantism, cope with his declining health by poring over each installment of Burrell's Build-It-at-Home Encyclopedia Set.

★**Kim, Patti.** *I'm OK.*

Ok, a Korean American boy, tries a get rich quick scheme of starting a hair braiding business and winning the school talent competition to hide the fact that he is struggling with the loss of his father and the financial hardships he and his mother must now bear.

***McDunn, Gillian.** *The Queen Bee and Me.*

Twelve-year-old Meg is anxious about growing apart from her best friend Beatrix, but she is also interested in learning about the quirky new student Hazel and her backyard beehive.

***Nugent, Carly.** *The Peacock Detectives.*

Almost 12 years old, Cassie is good at finding her neighbors' pet peacocks but not so good at figuring out the changes in her parents, her older sister, and her best friend Jonas.

***Peretti, Paola.** Translated from the Italian by Denise Muir. *The Distance Between Me and the Cherry Tree.*

In Italy, 10-year-old Mafalda struggles to live a normal life after she learns she is losing her eyesight from a genetic illness.

❖**Pérez, Celia C.** *Strange Birds: A Field Guide to Ruffling Feathers.*

The summer before starting middle school, four very different girls—a journalist, a chef, a birdwatcher, and an artist—form a secret Scout troop dedicated to “truth, kindness, justice, and community.”

★📖 **Reynolds, Jason.** *Look Both Ways: A Tale Told in Ten Blocks.*

Jason Reynolds conjures ten tales (one per block) about what happens after the dismissal bell rings, and weaves them into one funny, poignant look at the detours we face on the walk home, and in life.

***Stone, Nic.** *Clean Getaway.*

Set against the backdrop of the segregation history of the American South, take a trip with this *New York Times* best seller and an 11-year-old boy who is about to discover that the world hasn't always been a welcoming place for kids like him, and things aren't always what they seem—his G'ma included.

★**Wang, Jen.** *Stargazing.*

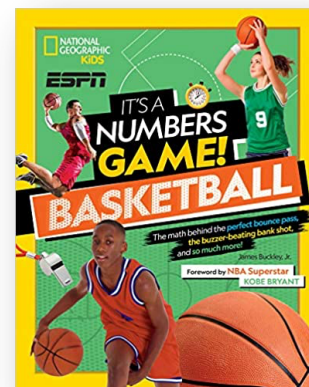
Moon is everything Christine isn't. She's confident, impulsive, artistic . . . and though they both grew up in the same Chinese-American suburb, Moon is somehow unlike anyone Christine has ever known. Can Moon and Christine truly be friends?

Sports: Fiction and Nonfiction

Alexander, Kwame. *Crossover.*

Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.

***Buckley, Jr., James.** *It's a Numbers Game! Basketball: The Math Behind the Perfect Bounce Pass, the Buzzer-Beating Bank Shot, and So Much More!* Why do NBA players only have 24 seconds to score a basket? What's the geometry behind making the perfect shot? Become a basketball pro and learn all about the numbers and math behind this popular sport.



***Lupica, Mike.** *Strike Zone*

Nick Garcia, 12, star pitcher for his summer league team, wants to focus on his fastball but is deeply anxious that his undocumented Dominican-born parents may be deported.

Kadohata, Cynthia. *Checked.*

A hockey player must discover who he is without the sport that defines him.

Reynolds, Jason. *Track Series: Ghost, Patina, Sunny, Lu.*

Ghost. Patina. Sunny. Lu. A fast but fiery group of kids from wildly different backgrounds, chosen to compete on an elite track team. They all have a lot to lose, but they also have a lot to prove, not only to each other, but to themselves.

***Wetzel, Dan.** *Lionel Messi: Epic Athletes.* (A series. Book 6)

Renowned sports journalist Dan Wetzel shoots and scores with *Epic Athletes: Lionel Messi*, an inspiring young readers biography of a soccer great who rose from an underdog to a champion!

S.T.E.M.: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math

∞ Outstanding Science Trade Book for 2020 selected by the National Science Teachers Association
Annotations for Outstanding Science Trade Books taken from <http://static.nsta.org/pdfs/2020OSTB.pdf>

★∞**Alexander, Lori.** *All in a Drop: How Antony van Leeuwenhoek Discovered an Invisible World.*

For fans of the "Who Was" series, this lively, accessible, and full-color chapter book biography shows how a self-taught scientist was the first to observe the microbial life in and around us.

***America's Test Kitchen.** *The Complete Baking Book for Young Chefs.*

Young aspiring chefs will find many interesting recipes and additional information.

Basher Science. – Published by Kingfisher

Little books that teach big science concepts in ingenious ways. Simon Basher's hip, kicky style and colorful characters make science learning fun and fundamental ideas easy to remember.

Brown, Don. *Rocket to the Moon! (Big Ideas that Changed the World series)*

Humor combines with facts to describe scientific, political, and social factors involved in the history of space travel.

DK Eyewitness Book. – Published by DK

Lots of photographs and facts on various subjects, with emphasis on natural sciences.

Field Guides. – Peterson, Audubon, or Simon & Schuster

∞**Fries-Gaither, Jessica.** *Exemplary Evidence: Scientists and their Data.*

A great exploration of major scientific figures and the data they collected. This is a great, fun way to engage readers on the importance of evidence and data!

∞**Grant, Benjamin** and **Sandra Markle.** *Overview, Young Explorer's Edition: A New Way of Seeing Earth.*

A stunning collection of satellite photographs and text that allows us to see Earth from a range of perspectives.

∞**Grolleau, Fabien.** *Darwin: An Exceptional Voyage.*

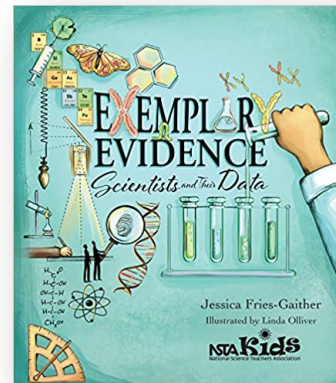
A biographical graphic novel detailing Darwin's journey of The Beagle, combining elements of historical fiction and science directly from Darwin's own writing.

∞**Hoare, Ben.** *The Wonders of Nature.*

Beautiful illustrations depict some of Earth's interesting inhabitants—both living and nonliving.

***Kyi, Tanya Lloyd.** *Under Pressure: The Science of Stress.*

What happens to our bodies under stress, situations when stress can be helpful, and "stress busters" are explained simply. Humorous digital art.



∞**Lowey Bundy Sichol.** *From an Idea to LEGO: The Building Bricks Behind the World's Largest Toy Company*
A unique sneak peek into the creative business path of LEGO foundations, where the theory of play meets engineering and design problem solving.

∞**Ottaviani, Jim.** *Hawking.*
A fascinating graphic biography of Stephen Hawking, full of humor and deep insight into black holes and cosmology

***Radeva, Sabina.** *Charles Darwin's On the Origin of Species.*
Complex concepts such as variation and natural selection are introduced through accessible text and quotes, supported by stylized but accurate depictions of species.

***Rajcak, Hélène and Damien Laverdunt.** *Unseen Worlds: Real-Life Microscopic Creatures Hiding All Around Us.*
Supported by wonderful illustrations, the text shares a collection of microscopic organisms classified by areas in which they live—your bed, leg, water, house.

***Science Comics.** – Published by First Second
Useful introduction to various science topics in graphic novel format.

***Superpower Field Guide.** – HMH Books for Young Readers
Informative, laugh-out-loud full-color look at the most unsuspecting of animal heroes, perfect for readers who like their facts served with a large dose of humor.

Usborne Guides. – Published by Usborne
Fact filled publications on all sorts of history, science and health topics.

Suggested Magazines

Ask: Arts & Science For Kids

Features puzzles, riddles, cartoons, articles and more inviting readers to explore the world's greatest artists, inventors and other thinkers.

Chop Chop

The magazine whose mission is to inspire and teach kids to cook and eat real food with their families.

Cricket

Cricket focuses on high-quality fiction and non-fiction stories to the mailboxes of kids who want to know more about history, science, culture, and the arts.

Discovery Girls

The magazine addresses honestly the problems that are faced by girls of this age. *Discovery Girls* offers friendly advice, stimulating contests, and articles that any young girl would find entertaining and relevant.

Sports Illustrated for Kids

Monthly magazine for elementary age children includes interviews with sports heroes, comics, action photos and much more.

Stone Soup

Founded in 1973, *Stone Soup* features the creative stories, poems and artwork of children from all over the world. This unique literary magazine was once referred to as "The New Yorker of the eight to thirteen set."

Time for Kids

Issues cover a wide range of real-world topics kids love to learn about.