

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

Summer Reading Suggestions 2020 Entering Grade 2

Tips for Parents

"Reading should not be presented to children as a chore or duty. It should be offered to them as a precious gift."

— Kate DiCamillo, Newbery author of *Because of Winn-Dixie*

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.

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 it a shared activity. Talk with your child about what she or he is reading, or what you have read together. Discussing and retelling stories is a way to broaden your child's understanding of the world. It also improves reading skills, builds vocabulary and fosters parent-child bonding.

Make it part of your summer routine. Try to share at least one book a day with your child. You can make reading a part of your child's bedtime routine, or perhaps a breakfast read-aloud works better for your family. The goal is to encourage your child to pick up the habit of reading.

Many of these titles can be found at your local public library and may also be available in eBook or audiobook formats. You and your child may also want to refer to this list throughout the year when borrowing books from the school library.

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>

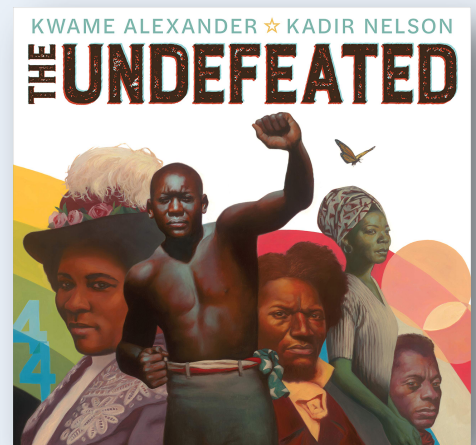
Bibliography compiled and arranged by Angela Perna, librarian, St. Hilda's & St. Hugh's. Annotations are courtesy of the American Library Association, Bank Street Best Children's Books of the Year 2020 booklist, the Library of Congress and WorldCat's cataloging-in-publication notes.

2020 Literary Award Winners

Awarded by the American Library Association (ALA)

ALA Youth Awards Noted (winner and honor books)

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



Additional young people's literary awards:

- ❖ 2020 Amelia Bloomer List (honoring children's books with feminist themes)
 - ∞ Best S.T.E.M. book awarded by National Science Teachers Association (NSTA)
 - ✧ Freeman Book Award awarded by The National Consortium for Teaching about Asia at Columbia University
 - ✚ Orbis Pictus Award (recognizing excellence in the writing of nonfiction for children)

★ **Across the Bay** – Carlos Aponte

Carlitos lives in a happy home with his mother, his abuela, and Coco the cat. Life in his hometown is cozy as can be, but the call of the capital city pulls Carlitos across the bay in search of his father.

★❖ **At the Mountain's Base** – Traci Sorell

At the mountain's base sits a cabin under an old hickory tree. And in that cabin lives a family—loving, weaving, cooking, and singing. The strength in their song sustains them through trials on the ground and in the sky, as they wait for their loved one, a pilot, to return from war.

★ **Bear Came Along** – Richard T. Morris

An assortment of animals living separate lives discover they need each other when they have a chance encounter on a river. (SHSH eBook)

★ **Bilal Cooks Daal** – Aisha Seed

Bilal and his father invite his friends to help make his favorite dish, daal, then all must wait patiently for it to be done. (SHSH eBook)

★ **Birdsong** – Julie Flett

Acclaimed author and artist Julie Flett's textured images of birds, flowers, art, and landscapes bring vibrancy and warmth to this powerful story, which highlights the fulfillment of intergenerational relationships and shared passions.

★ **The Book Rescuer** – Sue Macy

Presents the story of the man who founded the National Yiddish Book Center, and describes the worldwide effort he currently leads to collect unwanted Yiddish books and save the Yiddish language from extinction.

★ **Bowwow Powwow: Bagosenjigeniimi'idim** – Brenda J. Child

This playful story by Brenda Child is accompanied by a companion retelling in Ojibwe by Gordon Jourdain and brought to life by Jonathan Thunder's vibrant dreamscapes. The result is a powwow tale for the ages.

★ **Dancing Hands: How Teresa Carreño Played the Piano for President Lincoln** – Margarita Engle

This empowering, lyrical story of a young girl who fled Venezuela and later became known as the Piano Girl shows the journey that led to her playing for Abraham Lincoln.

★ **Double Bass Blues** – Andrea J. Loney

After school orchestra practice, young Nic carries his double bass through rough neighborhoods to his grandfather's home, where he and Granddaddy Nic play jazz music with friends, delighting the neighbors.

★ **A Friend for Henry** – Jenn Bailey

Henry would like to find a friend at school, but for a boy on the autism spectrum, making friends can be difficult, as his efforts are sometimes misinterpreted, or things just go wrong—but Henry keeps trying, and in the end he finds a friend he can play with.

★ ★ **Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story** – Kevin Noble Maillard

Using illustrations that show the diversity in Native America and spare poetic text that emphasizes fry bread in terms of provenance, this volume tells the story of a post-colonial food that is a shared tradition for Native American families all across the North American continent.

★ **Going Down Home with Daddy** – Kelly Starling Lyons

Alan looks forward to the annual family reunion at the farm where Daddy grew up, but everyone is supposed to share something special and Alan worries about arriving with empty hands.

★ **Just Ask! Be Different, Be Brave, Be You** – Sonia Sotomayor

A group of children with different abilities and strengths come together to build a community garden.

★ **The Key from Spain: Flory Jagoda and Her Music** – Debbie Levy

Just as her ancestors were forced to leave Spain during the Inquisition, Flory flees Europe for a new life in the United States, bringing with her a precious harmoniku and a passion for Ladino music.

★ **Let's Go to Market** – Raúl Gonzalez

Follow Little Lobo and his dog Bernabe on a journey to the market, where they see many friends who sell candy, comic books, and puppets in this enthralling bilingual story. (SHSH eBook)

✧ **Magic Ramen: The Story of Momofuku Ando** – Andrea Wang

Inspiration struck when Momofuku Ando spotted the long lines for a simple bowl of ramen following World War II. *Magic Ramen* tells the true story behind the creation of one of the world's most popular foods.

✧ **The Moose of Ewenki** – Gerelchimeg Blackcrane

Richly detailed, painterly illustrations by Chinese fine artist Jiu'er bring authenticity and beauty to this thoughtful book, which illuminates the traditional and vanishing way of life for the Ewenki peoples of Inner Mongolia.

★ **My Papi Has a Motorcycle** – Isabel Quintero

When Daisy Ramona zooms around her neighborhood with her papi on his motorcycle, she sees the people and places she's always known. She also sees a community that is rapidly changing around her. But as the sun sets purple-blue-gold behind Daisy Ramona and her papi, she knows that the love she feels will always be there.

✧ **The Phone Booth in Mr. Hirota's Garden** – Heather Smith

Inspired by the true story of the wind phone in Otsuchi, Japan, which was created by artist Itaru Sasaki.

★ **Queen of Physics: How Wu Chien Shiung Helped Unlock the Secrets of the Atom** – Teresa Robeson

This picture book biography follows Wu as she battles sexism at home and racism in the United States of America to become what Newsweek magazine called the "Queen of Physics" for her work on how atoms split. (SHSH eBook)

★ **Sulwe** – Lupita Nyong'o

When five-year-old Sulwe's classmates make fun of her dark skin, she tries lightening herself to no avail, but a shooting star's tale of the sisters Night and Day helps her understand there is beauty and worth in every shade.

★ **We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga** – Traci Sorell

Otsaliheliga is a Cherokee word that is used to express gratitude. Journey through the year with a Cherokee family and their tribal nation as they express thanks for celebrations big and small. This book presents a look at modern Native American life as told by a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

★ **When Aidan Became a Brother** – Kyle Lukoff

Aidan, a transgender boy, experiences complicated emotions as he and his parents prepare for the arrival of a new baby.

✧ **When Spring Comes to the DMZ** – Uk-Bae Lee

Grandfather returns each year to the demilitarized zone, the barrier—and accidental nature preserve—that separates families that live in North and South Korea.

★★★ **The Undefeated** – Kwame Alexander

A powerful and important ode to black history: the strength and bravery of everyday people and the grit, passion, and perseverance of some of the world's greatest artists, athletes, and activists.

2020 New and Notable

Listed throughout and noted with an asterisks (*) preceding the title.

Audiobooks and eBooks

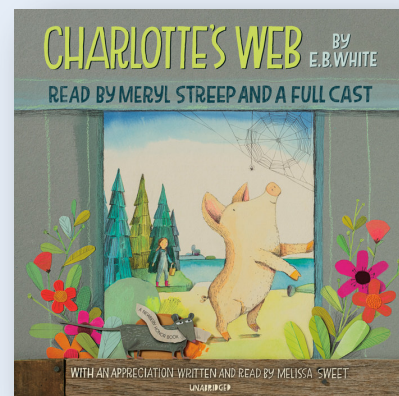
St. Hilda's & St. Hugh's Digital Library

<https://soraapp.com/>

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 is noted in the annotations.

"Why Audiobooks?"

"Audio books are a wonderful way to expose your child to complex language, expressive reading, and fantastic stories. Listening to audiobooks also gives kids the valuable and enjoyable experience of using their own imaginations to visualize the people and places they're hearing about."



— "Listen and Learn with Audio Books." *Reading Rockets*, 14 May 2019, www.readingrockets.org/article/listen-and-learn-audio-books.

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)

How to Read a Book, written and narrated by Kwame Alexander, published by HarperAudio
The Lion King by Elizabeth Rudnick and Disney Press, narrated by Janina Edwards, published by Blackstone Publishing

Rumpel Buttercup: A Story of Bananas, Belonging, and Being Yourself, written and narrated by Matthew Gray Gubler, published by Penguin Random House Audio

We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga by Traci Sorell, narrated by Lauren Hummingbird, Agalisiga (Choogie) Mackey, Ryan Mackey, Traci Sorell, and Tonia Weavel, published by Live Oak Media

Classics (and Newer) Chapter Books for Reading Aloud

Aladdin and Other Tales from the Arabian Nights – Retold by N. J. Dawood (Puffin Classic Series)

Some of the best-loved stories in the world, originating in Persia, India and Arabia, retold especially for children.

***The Little Bookroom** – Eleanor Farjeon (The New York Review Children's Collection)

A selection of treasures from Eleanor Farjeon's full store of writing for children. Including some stories which have not appeared before in book form. They make a rich combination: gems for storytelling and reading aloud, for children's own reading, and a few that may be appreciated most fully by adults.

Matilda – Roald Dahl

Matilda Wormwood's father thinks she's a little scab. Matilda's mother spends all afternoon playing bingo. And Matilda's headmistress Miss Trunchbull? Well, she's the worst of all. She is a big bully, who thinks all her pupils are rotten and locks them in the dreaded Chokey. As for Matilda, she's an extraordinary little girl with a magical mind - and now she's had enough. So all these grown-ups had better watch out, because Matilda is going to teach them a lesson they'll never forget.

The Magic Pudding – Norman Lindsay (The New York Review Children's Collection)

Bunyip Bluegum, an adventurous Australian koala bear, meets up with a sailor, a penguin, and their magic pudding, which is in constant danger of being stolen.

***Mangoes, Mischief, and Tales of Friendship: Stories from India** – Chitra Soundar

Inspired by traditional Indian folktales and perfect for children, these eight tales task Veera and Suku with outwitting the kingdom's greediest, wiliest subjects.

Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane – Kate DiCamillo

Edward Tulane, a cold-hearted and proud toy rabbit, loves only himself until he is separated from the little girl who adores him and travels across the country, acquiring new owners and listening to their hopes, dreams, and histories.

The Mouse and the Motorcycle – Beverly Cleary

A reckless young mouse named Ralph makes friends with a boy in room 215 of the Mountain View Inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling. (SHSH eBook)

***The Very, Very Far North: A Story for Gentle Readers and Listeners** – Dan Bar-el

As Duane, a polar bear, explores his new home he makes friends with the wide variety of creatures he encounters, despite their varied personalities. (SHSH eBook)

Stuart Little – E. B. White

The adventures of the debonair mouse Stuart Little as he sets out in the world to seek out his dearest friend, a little bird who stayed a few days in his family's garden.

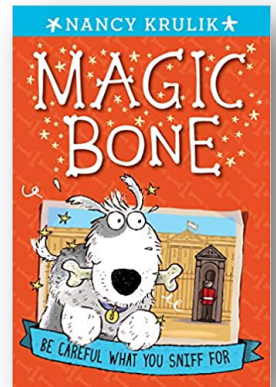
Chapter Books: Suggested Titles and Authors

⦿ Early Reader	🍏 Transitional Chapter Book	❖ Independent Reading	⌘ Series
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Animal Adventures

Adventures of Sophie Mouse: A New Friend – Poppy Green

Sophie Mouse is excited to return to school after the long winter break, but there is a new student—a snake—and Sophie and the other animals are afraid to sit near him, much less ask him to play with them, because they have heard snakes are awful. 🍏⌘ (SHSH eBook)



Bicycling to the Moon – Timo Parvela

Barker is a thoughtful, practical, hard-working dog. Purdy is a temperamental, impractical, lazy cat. Incompatible? By no means. These two are best friends. This charming tale introduces these characters by the much-loved Finnish children's author. ❖

Bramble and Maggie – Jessie Haas

Bramble the horse gets bored giving riding lessons, but regains her enthusiasm when she goes to live with a girl named Maggie. ⦿⌘

Calpurnia Tate, Girl Vet – Jacqueline Kelly

Callie Vee, Travis, and Dr. Pritzker help animals big and small in this chapter book series for younger readers. ⦿⌘

Digby O'Day in the Fast Lane – Shirley Hughes

Digby O'Day and Percy are best friends. This daring canine duo can find adventure anywhere — even entering an All-Day Race! ⦿⌘

Dodsworth in...(London, New York, Rome, Tokyo) – Tim Egan

Readers will love the slapstick humor and the odd-couple friendship between Dodsworth and the duck. ☉☼

Henry and Mudge – Cynthia Rylant

Henry, feeling lonely on a street without any other children, finds companionship and love in a big dog named Mudge. ☉☼ (SHSH eBook)

Lulu and the Duck in the Park – Hilary McKay

When Lulu finds a duck egg that has rolled out of its nest, she takes it to class to keep it safe. Lulu isn't allowed to bring pets to school. But she's not really breaking the rules because it's just an egg. Surely nothing bad will happen... ❖☼

Magic Bone: Follow That Furball – Nancy Krulik

Sparky is off to Rome! Will he be able to outsmart the cunning Italian cat that has stolen his bone, or will he have to stay in Rome forever? ❖☼

Make a Difference Mouse Scouts – Sarah Dillard

Mouse Scouts feverishly try to earn their merit badges by competing in community projects. 🍏☼

Owl Diaries – Rebecca Elliott

Presents the adventures of Eva Wingdale, an owl who likes writing in her diary, making cool crafts, and hanging out with her friends in Treetopolis. 🍏☼ (SHSH eBook)

Posy the Puppy – Jane Clarke

A cat doctor and her mouse assistant tend to patients with amusing medical problems. ❖☼

Stowaway! (*Puppy Pirate* series) – Erin Soderberg

Wally sniffs out a band of puppy pirates and wants to join in the adventure and fun. 🍏☼

Family and Friends

***A Is for Elizabeth** – Rachel Vail

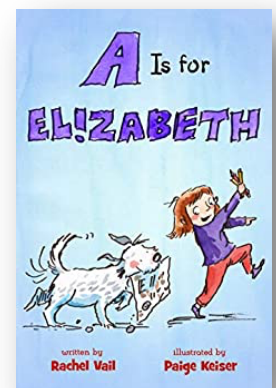
Elizabeth, the second-grade sister of Justin Case, is excited about her first homework assignment but it leads her to start a protest of alphabetical order. ❖☼

Annie and Simon: Banana Muffins and Other Stories – Catharine O'Neill

Little sister Annie and big brother Simon are (mostly) good friends, but even friends disagree sometimes. ☉☼

Anna Hibiscus – Atinuke

Anna Hibiscus lives in Africa. She lives with her whole family and there is always somebody to laugh or play with. But more than anything else in the world, Anna Hibiscus would love to see snow. ❖☼



Beatrice Zinker, Upside Down Thinker – Shelley Johannes

Beatrice is afraid she is losing her best friend so she uses her topsy-turvy way of thinking to get things looking up. ❖⌘

Bink and Gollie – Kate DiCamillo

Three stories about two best friends who don't always see eye-to-eye but share pancakes and adventures on roller skates and sometimes wear colorful socks. Ⓞ⌘

Book Uncle and Me – Uma Krishnaswami

Yasmin's cherished free lending library is about to be shut down. A voracious reader, she must unite her friends, family and fellow Indian neighbors in a political campaign to keep Book Uncle's library going. ❖

Charlie and Mouse – Laurel Snyder

Join Charlie and Mouse in their very first book as they talk to lumps, take the neighborhood to a party, sell some rocks, and invent the bedtime banana. Ⓞ⌘

Gus and Grandpa – Cynthia Rylant

A perfect team develops a close, loving relationship as they aid each other with everyday tasks. Ⓞ⌘

Heidi Hecklbeck – Wanda Coven

With easy-to-read language and illustrations on almost every page, the Heidi Heckelbeck chapter books are perfect for emerging independent readers. 🍏⌘

Horrible Harry and the Purple People – Suzy Kline

Horrible Harry, the class clown of Room 2B, returns to the spotlight with the Purple People, mysterious beings that only he can see. 🍏⌘

Judy Moody – Megan McDonald

Third grader Judy Moody is in a first day of school bad mood until she gets an assignment to create a collage all about herself and begins creating her masterpiece the "Me" collage. 🍏⌘

Keena Ford and the Second-Grade Mix-Up – Melissa Thomson

Keena Ford chronicles her many mishaps as she begins second grade. 🍏⌘

Leroy Ninker Saddles Up: Tales from Deckawoo Drive, Volume One – Kate DiCamillo

Leroy Ninker has a hat, a lasso, and boots. What he doesn't have is a horse—until he meets Maybelline, and then it's love at first sight. 🍏⌘

Life According to Dani – Rose Lagercrantz

It's Dani's first summer vacation and she is staying on an island with Ella, her best friend in the world. Dad is still in hospital but he calls every day, and Ella and Dani stay busy building huts, fishing, exploring, and swimming. Then Dad turns up, but with his nurse too! This is not the visit anyone had imagined and Dani isn't sure her life is happy any more. ❖⌘

The Life of Ty: Penguin Problems – Lauren Myracle

Seven-year-old Ty gets into mischief and big-hearted schemes while navigating second grade and becoming a big brother. 📖

Ling and Ting: Not Exactly the Same! – Grace Lin

They have the same brown eyes. They have the same pink cheeks. They have the same happy smiles. Ling and Ting are identical twins-but whether they get haircuts, perform magic, make dumplings, or tell stories, it's plain to see that they are not *exactly* the same. 📖

Meet Yasmin – Saadia Faruqi

Pakistani American second grader Yasmin learns to cope with the small problems of school and home, while gaining confidence in her own skills and creative abilities. 📖

Mostly Monty – Johanna Hurwitz

Because he suffers from asthma, Monty is nervous about starting school but he soon learns to cope with his illness and use his special talents to make friends. 📖

My Life in Pictures – Deborah Zemke

When budding artist Bea Garcia's best friend moves to Australia and a loud, rambunctious boy moves into her old house, Bea must learn to make new friends. 📖

Pinky and Rex – James Howe

Rex and Pinky, each the proud possessor of 27 stuffed animals, find their visit to the museum and its gift shop complicated by Pinky's little sister Amanda. 📖

Polly Diamond and the Magic Book – Alice Kuipers

Polly loves words, and writing, so when she finds a fancy book on her doorstep labeled "Special Delivery from the Writing and Spelling Department for Polly Diamond" she is thrilled; and when she finds that anything she writes in it actually happens she is really excited—but Polly soon realizes that she has to be very careful what she writes because that kind of power can be dangerous. 📖

Ruby Lu, Empress of Everything – Lenore Look

After Ruby Lu's deaf cousin, Flying Duck, and her parents come from China to live with her, Ruby finds life challenging as she adjusts to her new family. 📖

***Sam the Man & the Cell Phone Plan** – Frances O'Roark Dowell

Second-grader Sam Graham wants a cell phone to do research and share information but when his parents say no, he devises a new plan that starts a fad at school. 📖

Sofia Martinez – Jacqueline Jules

Growing up in a big family, young Sofia Martinez is used to fighting for attention. Her outgoing personality, mixed with her confidence and fiery passion for everything she does, gets her that attention—even if it's sometimes mixed with trouble. 📖

Stink and the Incredible Super-Galactic Jawbreaker – Megan MacDonald

Stink Moody discovers that he can get free samples by writing letters to candy companies and plans a surprise for his best friend's birthday. 🍏🌀 (SHSH eBook)

The Year of Billy Miller – Kevin Henkes

Billy Miller starts second grade with a bump on his head and a lot of worries, but by the end of the year, he has developed good relationships with his teacher, his little sister, and his parents, and learned many important lessons. 🍏🌀

Fantasy, Science Fiction, Spooky, and the Supernatural

Bigfoot and Little Foot – Ellen Potter

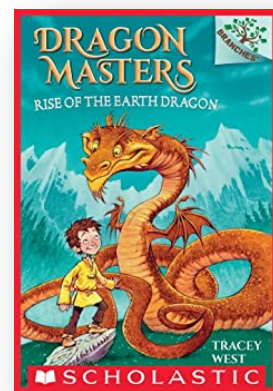
Hugo is a young Sasquatch who longs for adventure. Boone is young boy who longs to see a Sasquatch. When their worlds collide, they become the unlikely pair of best friends. 🍏🌀

Commander Toad in Space – Jane Yolan

The intrepid crew of the space ship "Star Warts" lands on a water-covered planet inhabited by Deep Wader, a horrible hungry monster. 🕒🌀

Dragon Masters – Tracey West

The Dragon Stone has chosen Drake, Ana, Rori, and Bo. They live in King Roland's castle in the Kingdom of Bracken. There, they learn how to connect with the dragon they have been paired with. With the help of Griffith, a wizard, they must uncover their dragons' special powers. 🍏🌀



Eerie Elementary – Jack Chabert

Sam Graves discovers that his elementary school is ALIVE! Sam must defend himself and his fellow students against the evil school! Is Sam up to the challenge? He'll find out soon enough: the class play is just around the corner. Sam teams up with friends Lucy and Antonio to stop this scary school before it's too late! 🍏🌀

Freddie Ramos Takes Off (*Zapato Power* series) – Jacqueline Jules

Freddie finds a mysterious package outside his apartment containing sneakers that allow him to run faster than a train, and inspire him to perform heroic deeds. 🍏🌀

Hazy Bloom and the Tomorrow Power – Jennifer Hamburg

When Hazel "Hazy" Bloom starts seeing visions of things that will happen one day in the future, she hopes to use her power to prevent doom but ends up creating more than a few disasters instead. ❖🌀

The Hidden Stairs and The Magic Carpet (*Secrets of Droon* series) – Tony Abbott

Underneath the steps leading down to the basement is a hidden storage space that leads Eric, Julie, and Neal down into the mysterious land of Droon. 🍏🌀

Isadora Moon Goes to School – Harriet Muncaster

Isadora Moon, a vampire fairy, has to decide which school she wants to go to—vampire or fairy. ❖🌀

The Magic Tree House – Mary Pope Osborne

Eight-year-old Jack and his seven-year-old sister, Annie, find a magic tree house filled with books that could transport them to the places described in the books. 🍏🌀 (SHSH eBook)

Monsters Don't Scuba Dive (*Bailey School Kids* series) – Debbie Dadey

The Bailey School kids go to camp to investigate a camp director who looks like a werewolf and a swimming teacher who just might be the Loch Ness monster. 🍏🌀

My Father's Dragon – Ruth Stiles Gannet

A young boy determines to rescue a poor baby dragon that is being used by a group of lazy wild animals to ferry them across the river on Wild Island.❖

Piper Green and the Fairy Tree – Ellen Potter

Piper's older brother leaves Peek-A-Book Island and Piper refuses to take off his old earmuffs, no matter what! Things are going from bad to worse... until she discovers The Fairy Tree. 🍏🌀

The Princess in Black – Shannon Hale and Dean Hale

Who says princesses don't wear black? When trouble raises its blue monster head, Princess Magnolia ditches her flouncy dresses and becomes the Princess in Black! 🌀🌀

Rabbit & Robot and Ribbit – Cece Bell

In this follow-up to the Geisel Honor winning *Rabbit and Robot: The Sleepover*, Rabbit gets jealous of Robot's new friend, Ribbit. 🌀🌀

Humor

Amelia Bedelia – Peggy Parish

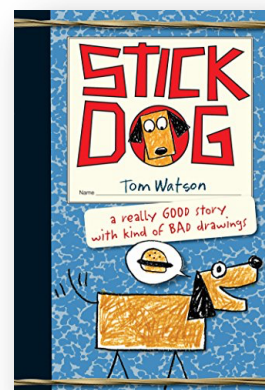
Meet Amelia Bedelia, the unflappable maid who does everything literally. 🌀🌀

The Bad Guys – Aaron Blabey

The Bad Guys, Mr. Wolf, Mr. Shark, Mr. Snake, and Mr. Piranha, want to be heroes, and they decide that the way to do it is free the 200 dogs in the city dog pound—but their plan soon goes awry. 🌀🌀

Books written by **Dr. Seuss**

Nonsensical romp through a gallery of imaginary creatures reinforces a variety of rhyming letter combinations. 🌀🌀



The Chicken Squad – Doreen Cronin

Dirt, Sweetie, Poppy, and Sugar might be chicks, but they sure aren't chicken. They're the Chicken Squad, and it's up to them to figure out what Tail, the not-so-brave squirrel, is so afraid of. 🍏🌀

George Brown Class Clown – Nancy Krulik

George cannot wait to go on his first camping trip with the Beaver Scouts, but once in the wilderness his magical super burp returns, awakening animals including, perhaps, the Ferocious Furry Frog. ❖⌘

Hi! Fly Guy – Tedd Arnold

Boy and fly meet and so begins a beautiful friendship. Using hyperbole, puns, slapstick, and silly drawings, bestselling author/illustrator Tedd Arnold creates an easy reader that is full of fun. Ⓞ⌘

Inspector Flytrap – Tom Angleberger and CeCe Bell

Hoping to become the greatest detective that ever grew, Inspector Flytrap, a Venus flytrap, and his assistant, Nina the Goat, investigate "big deal" mysteries at an art museum, a cookie shop, and a garden. ❖⌘

My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish – Mo O'Hara

When Tom's big brother decides to become an evil scientist, his first experiment involves dunking Frankie the goldfish into toxic green gunk. Tom knows that there is only one thing to do: Zap the fish with a battery and bring him back to life! But there's something weird about the new Frankie. He's now a big, fat zombie goldfish with hypnotic powers ... and he's out for revenge. ❖⌘

Stick Dog – Tom Watson

Stick Dog and his four friends - Stripes, Mutt, Poo-Poo and Karen - will do anything to steal some sweet-smelling hamburgers from a family at Picasso Park! ❖⌘

The Treehouse Books – Andy Griffiths

Life would be perfect for Andy and Terry if it wasn't for the fact that they have to write their next book, which is almost impossible because there are just so many distractions in their multistoried treehouse, including flying cats, giant bananas, sea monsters pretending to be mermaids, and dangerous burp gas-bubblegum bubbles! ❖⌘

Mystery

A to Z Mystery – Ron Roy

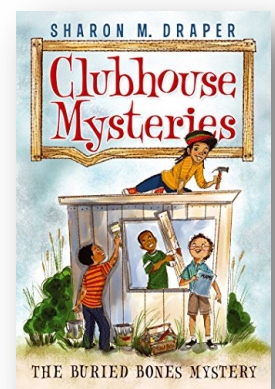
This series features three smart kids who solve crimes and mysteries. 🍏⌘

Box Car Children – Gertrude Chandler Warner

The Aldens begin their adventure by making a home in a boxcar. Their goal is to stay together, and in the process, they find a grandfather. ❖⌘

Bradford Street Buddies: Backyard Camp-Out – Jerdine Nolen

While preparing for a backyard campout, Jada and Jamal Perkins join their friends Josh Cornish and Carlita Garcia in a search for Mrs. Mason's lost cat, Daisy. Ⓞ⌘



Cam Jansen: The Mystery of the Stolen Diamonds – David A. Adler

The Cam Jansen books are perfect for young readers who are making the transition to chapter books. 🍏🌀

Can Do, Jennie Archer – Ellen Conford

Attempting to win a can-collecting contest, the winner of which will direct a class movie, Jenny risks losing her best friend. 🍏🌀

Clubhouse Mysteries – Sharon Draper

Best friends Ziggy, Rashawn, Jerome, and Rico decide to form a clubhouse, complete with secret codes, meetings, and special treasures. 🍏🌀

Encyclopedia Brown – Donald Sobol

Detective stories about 10-year-old Leroy (nicknamed Encyclopedia) Brown. ❖🌀

Geronimo Stilton – Geronimo Stilton

Geronimo is a nervous, mild-mannered mouse who would like nothing better than to live a quiet life, but he keeps getting involved in far-away adventures. ❖🌀

Hardy Boys Clue Book series – Franklin W. Dixon

Frank and Joe are on a mission to track down a thief in the first book in an all-new, interactive Hardy Boys chapter book mystery series. 🍏🌀

Hilde Cracks the Case – Hilde Lysiak

Hilde Lysiak is an aspiring reporter with her own newspaper, and she is investigating break-ins and missing baked goods—and with the help of Zeus, a little dog with a big bark, she intends to track down the thief who is trying to steal a win in the Bake-Off Bonanza, one of Selinsgrove's biggest events. ❖🌀

Jigsaw Jones Mystery – James Preller

Missing hamsters, lost coins, and haunted houses—Jigsaw Jones solves the case! 🍏🌀

Marty Frye Private Eye – Janet Tashjian

When a friend's poodle goes missing, Marty comes to the rescue! 🍏🌀

Nancy Drew and the Clue Crews – Carolyn Keene

Eight-year-old Nancy Drew has her first case to crack! 🍏🌀

Nate the Great – Marjorie Weinman Sharmant

Nate the Great, boy detective and pancake lover, is on a case; who stole Annie's painting of her dog, Fang? 🍏🌀

Nonfiction: Arts, Biography, History, and Religion

DK Readers – Published by Dorling Kindersley

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

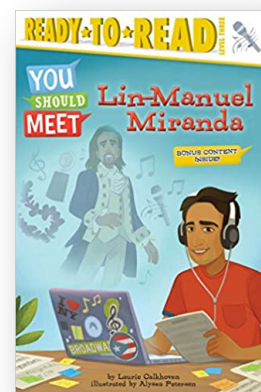
Getting to Know the World's Greatest Artists & Composers series – Mike

Venezia

A great series to prepare children for the pleasure of a museum visit or a concert.

Magic Tree House Nonfiction Companions – Random House Books for Young Readers

Filled with up-to-date information, photographs, illustrations, and tidbits from Jack and Annie, the Magic Tree House Fact Trackers are the perfect way for kids to find out more about the topics they discover in their favorite Magic Tree House adventures.



Owen and Eleanor – H. M. Bouman

Eight-year old Eleanor has just moved, against her protestations, into a new duplex with her family. Eleanor's concerns about losing her home are relieved when she's reminded that her "real home is always with God."

Ordinary People Change the Word – Brad Meltzer

Each book in the series tells the story of one of America's icons in an entertaining, conversational way that works well for the youngest readers.

You Should Meet... early reader bios. – Published by Simon & Schuster

Introduce readers to extraordinary individuals who made and continue to make a real difference. Includes a wide range of people, from astronaut Mae Jemison to ballet dancer Misty Copeland to Duke Kahanamoku, who is regarded as the father of modern surfing.

Sports: Fiction and Nonfiction

Ballpark Mysteries – David A. Kelly

Team up with baseball super-fans Mike and Kate as they knock their mystery cases out of the park! 🍏 🌀

Basketball Bats: Gym Short – Betty Hicks

When Henry and his friends play basketball on his driveway, they're unstoppable. Then a group of intimidating kids who call themselves the Tigers challenge them to a game on "Tiger Turf." Without cool team T-shirts or even a name, how can Henry and his friends hope to beat the Tigers, who play at the YMCA and have a player old enough to shave? 🍏 🌀

Eliza Bing Is (Not) a Star – Carmella Van Vleet

Eliza wants her gold belt in taekwondo. She also wants to be friends with stage-obsessed Annie. Can she learn how to break a leg in the school play and break a board in the dojang? ❖ 🌀

Izzy Barr, Running Star – Claudia Mills

Star athlete Izzy doesn't have a running-coach dad like her rival Skipper. In fact, her dad has really let her down. Will Izzy and Dad make up in time for the big 10K race? ❖⌘

Kickers – Rich Wallace

Nine-year-old Ben is new to soccer, but he's excited to play on the Bobcats. If he can only work around his obnoxious teammate Mark, the ball hog, Ben is sure he'll score his first goal. ❖⌘

Most Valuable Players: A Rip & Red Book – Phil Bildner

Tired of standardized tests, Rip, Red, and their friends protest; in retaliation, the school bans them from its anniversary gala and, worse, from playing on any school team. ❖⌘

Sports fiction written by **Jake Maddox**

His books range from the most popular team sports to outdoor activities to survival adventures and even to auto racing. ❖⌘

Willy the Scrub – Jamie McEwan

Willy and his friends have just started 5th grade and they want to be part of the 'in' crowd, the jocks. The fall football season leaves Willy a benchwarmer, or scrub, but he goes out for wrestling in the winter and things begin to change. 🍏⌘

Notable Picture Books for 2020

❖ 2020 Amelia Bloomer List (honoring children's books with feminist themes)

***Black Is a Rainbow Color** – Angela Joy

A child reflects on the meaning of being Black in this anthem about a people, a culture, a history, and a legacy that lives on.

❖**A Boy Like You** – Frank Murphy

The world needs a boy like you: thoughtful, kind, curious, smart, helpful, loving, and brave!

❖**The Bluest of Blues: Anna Atkins and the First Book of Photographs** – Fiona Robinson

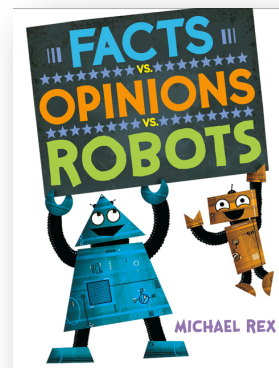
Anna Atkins' curiosity about science led her to experiment with the new art of photography, particularly cyanotypes.

***Dinosaur Feathers** – Dennis Nolan

This tongue-twisting, brightly illustrated poetry book introduces readers to a gaggle of dinosaurs.

***Fact vs. Opinion vs. Robots** – Adam Rex

Robots try to figure out the difference between facts and opinions.



***Flying High: The Story of Gymnastics Champion Simone Biles** – Michelle Meadows

A lyrical picture book biography of Simone Biles, international gymnastics champion and Olympic superstar.

***Home in the Woods** – Eliza Wheeler

During the Great Depression six-year-old Marvel, her seven siblings, and their mother find a tarpaper shack in the woods and, over the course of a year, turn it into a home. Based on the author's grandmother's childhood; includes historical notes.

✦It Began with a Page: How Gyo Fujikawa Drew the Way – Kyo Maclear

This biography for young readers recounts the life of a trailblazing Japanese American picture book artist.

***By and By: Charles Tindley, the Father of Gospel Music** – Carole Boston Weatherford

Told in lilting verse with snippets of spirituals and Tindley's own hymns woven throughout, Carole Boston Weatherford's lyrical words and Bryan Collier's luminous pictures celebrate a man whose music and conviction has inspired countless lives

***Just Like Me** – Vanessa Brantley Newton

There are all kinds of girls! With bright portraits in vibrant colors and unique patterns and fabrics, this book invites you to find yourself within its pages.

***Honeybee: The Busy Life of Apis Mellifera** – Candance Fleming

Get up close and personal with Apis, one honeybee, as she embarks on her journey through life, complete with exquisitely detailed illustrations.

***The Important Thing About Margaret Wise Brown** – Mac Barnett

In 42 inspired pages, this biography artfully plays with form and language to vividly bring to life one of greatest children's book creators who ever lived: Margaret Wise Brown.

***Moth** – Isabel Thomas

Rich illustrations help describe the survival and evolutionary adaptations of the peppered moth.

***My Grandma and Me** – Mina Javaherbin

Set in Iran, this picture book honors the power of grandmothers as models of tradition, family, and love.

***The Next President: The Unexpected Beginnings and Unwritten Future of America's Presidents** – Kate Messner

Looks at what the presidents to be who were alive at various dates were doing at that moment, including serving in government, working in different fields, studying, or being a child, and wonders what the future presidents that are alive today are doing.

***Packs: Strength in Numbers** – Hannah Salyer

A full-color, exquisitely illustrated celebration of animals who live in packs, herds, pods, and more. Packs shows how togetherness and teamwork help many creatures thrive. (SHSH eBook)

***Paper Son: The Inspiring Story of Tyrus Wong, Immigrant and Artist** – Julie Leung

As a boy, Wong Geng Yeo assumed a fake identity to immigrate to the U.S., eventually becoming a Disney artist.

***Pluto Gets the Call** – Adam Rex

In this creative nonfiction work, just after learning that Earth's scientists no longer consider him a planet, an unhappy Pluto takes a visitor from Earth on a tour of the solar system, sharing facts along the way.

***River** – Elisha Cooper

A woman in a canoe takes the reader on a journey down the Hudson River, from its source, a lake in the Adirondack Mountains, to the point where it flows into the Atlantic Ocean at New York City. Includes a note on the history of the Hudson River.

❖ **Under My Hijab** – Hena Khan

A young girl observes women in her life who each wear the hijab in a unique way, and imagines how she may someday express her personality through her hijab.

Keep Picture Books in the Picture

“When it comes to books, with a few exceptions, a child is never really too old for anything. That goes double and triple for picture books...with the assumption a parent will be reading them aloud, many picture books contain more sophisticated language than your newly independent reader can handle at this point; a reader who can manage “higher” level books on his own may still have trouble reading certain picture books himself.”



– Paul, Pamela, and Maria Russo. “How to Raise a Reader.” *The New York Times*, The New York Times, www.nytimes.com/guides/books/how-to-raise-a-reader.

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>

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

∞ A Best S.T.E.M book selected by the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA)

Annotations for all S.T.E.M books taken from *Best STEM Books*. NSTA. 2020. static.nsta.org/pdfs/2020BestSTEMBooks.pdf

- ∞ **Buzzing with Questions: The Inquisitive Mind of Charles Henry Turner** – Janice N. Harrington
Discover the power of questioning and the positive impact Charles Henry Turner had on how we observe our natural world.
- ∞ **A Computer Called Katherine: How Katherine Johnson Helped Put America on the Moon** – Suzanne Slade
Katherine Johnson loved counting and math from her earliest years. As an adult, she broke through societal barriers against black women to become an integral part of NASA’s successful race to the moon.
- ∞ **The Crayon Man: The True Story of the Invention of Crayola Crayons** – Natascha Biebow
Discover the true story of the creation of Crayola crayons by an inventor who persevered in order to bring vibrant colors to children’s fingertips.
- ∞ **A Dream of Flight: Alberto Santos-Dumont’s Race Around the Eiffel Tower** – Rob Polivka
Take flight atop Airship No. 6 with Alberto Santos-Dumont around the Eiffel Tower. Through a series of attempts, failures and lessons, young Alberto conquered the skies and opened the door for aviation.
- ∞ **The First Dinosaur: How Science Solved the Greatest Mystery on Earth** – Ian Lendler
Read about the time before people discovered dinosaurs. Medical doctors, curiosity collectors, and quarrymen pieced together the puzzle of unfamiliar animal bones to discover the existence of dinosaurs.
- ∞ **From an Idea to LEGO: The Building Bricks Behind the World’s Largest Toy Company** – Lowey Bundy Sichol
A unique sneak peek into the creative business path of LEGO foundations, where the theory of play meets engineering and design problem solving.
- ∞ **Full of Beans: Henry Ford Grows a Car** – Peggy Thomas
Encouraged by his mother to “do something useful,” Henry Ford discovers many ways to innovate using the under-appreciated, but highly adaptable, soybean.
- ∞ **Guitar Genius: How Les Paul Engineered the Solid Body Electric Guitar and Rocked the World** – Kim Tomsic
Music will never be the same because of Les Paul’s out of the box thinking. Through transformative and inspired modifications, young Paul thinks up great inventions that revolutionized music forever.

- ∞ **The House That Cleaned Itself: The True Story of Frances Gabe's (Mostly) Marvelous Invention** – Laura Dershewitz and Susan Romberg
A delightful story about the clever inventions of Frances Gabe as she worked to create a house that could clean itself.
- ∞ **How to Become an Accidental Genius** – Elizabeth MacLeod and Frieda Wishinsky
This book highlights the thinking and problem-solving strategies of ordinary people that have led to well-known inventions such as popsicles, microwaves, and Teflon.
- ∞ **Instructions Not Included: How a Team of Women Coded the Future** – Tami Lewis Brown and Debbie Loren Dunn
This is the true story of three WWII era women who, without any guidance or instructions, managed to command a computer and, in the process, change the modern world.
- ∞ **Karl's New Beak: 3-D Printing Builds a Bird a Better Life** – Lela Nargi
Tells the true story of Karl, a bird with a broken beak, and the team of people who used problem solving and 3-D printing to help him live a better life.
- ∞ **Prairie Boy: Frank Lloyd Wright Turns the Heartland into a Home** – Barb Rosenstock
Find out how Frank Lloyd Wright's childhood on the Wisconsin prairie impacted his architectural designs which celebrate the shapes of the natural world.
- ∞ **Samuel Morse, That's Who! The Story of the Telegraph and Morse Code** – Tracy Nelson
Through failures and revisions, Samuel Morse's persistence resulted in changing communications forever—an inspiring story of a great inventor.
- ∞ **Save the Crash-test Dummies** – Jennifer Swanson
From bumpers to brakes, and seat belts to airbags, this engaging book explores the science and history of automobile safety design through the eyes of crash-test dummies.
- ∞ **Secret Engineer: How Emily Roebling Built the Brooklyn Bridge** – Rachel Dougherty
An incredibly inspiring true story of the young woman who supervised the building of the Brooklyn Bridge after her husband, the chief engineer, became
- ∞ **Titan and the Wild Boars: The True Cave Rescue of the Thai Soccer Team** – Susan Hood and Pathana Sornhiran
Harrowing details about saving a boys' soccer team and their coach. They had become trapped after an afternoon of cave exploration during the monsoon season.

Additional S.T.E.M Resources

- **Disgusting Critters** – Elise Gravel
A hilarious illustrated nonfiction series about disgusting creatures, perfect for beginning readers.
- **DK Readers** – Published by Penguin Random House
Lots of photographs and facts on various subjects, with emphasis on natural sciences.
- **Junior Field Guides for Children** – Peterson, Audubon, National Geographic, or Simon & Schuster
- **The Magic School Bus** chapter book series – Joanna Cole
These books combine fun stories with neat facts, humor, illustrations and they all feature the fabulous Ms. Fizzle!
- **National Geographic Kids** – Published by National Geographic Children
This high-interest, educationally vetted series of beginning readers features the magnificent images of National Geographic, accompanied by texts written by experienced, skilled children's book authors.
- **Rookie Read-About Science** series – Allan Fowler
Full-color photos and just the right amount of text, this series immediately involves young readers as they discover intriguing facts about the fascinating world around them.
- **Scholastic True or False** – Published by Scholastic
A science series in a fun question-and-answer format.
- Science level readers by author **Seymour Simon**
With fascinating facts and amazing images, Simon presents an irresistible invitation to growing readers to question, explore and discover the exciting world around them.
- **Tell Me Why Series** – Leokum Arkady
Question-and-answer format books.
- **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.

My child is an independent reader. Should I keep reading aloud to my child?

“Don’t abruptly withdraw your reading services. Being read to is an enormous comfort and part of your bond, and you don’t want to convey to your child that becoming an independent reader jeopardizes that together time. Continue reading aloud picture book favorites — and some more-sophisticated books they can’t read on their own yet, like Roald Dahl’s “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory,” or Kate DiCamillo’s “The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane.”

– Paul, Pamela, and Maria Russo. “How to Raise a Reader.” *The New York Times*, The New York Times, www.nytimes.com/guides/books/how-to-raise-a-reader.

Suggested Magazines

Chickadee

Features colorful photos and stories emphasizing funny, unusual and true information about animals and people.

Click

Introduces young minds to the wonders of science, art and nature.

National Geographic Kids

Focuses on geography, adventure, wildlife and science issues.

Ranger Rick

Suitable for children interested in learning about wildlife.

Spider

Contains age-appropriate stories, articles, poems, drawings, cartoons and letters.