

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

Summer Reading Suggestions 2020 Entering Grade 1

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>

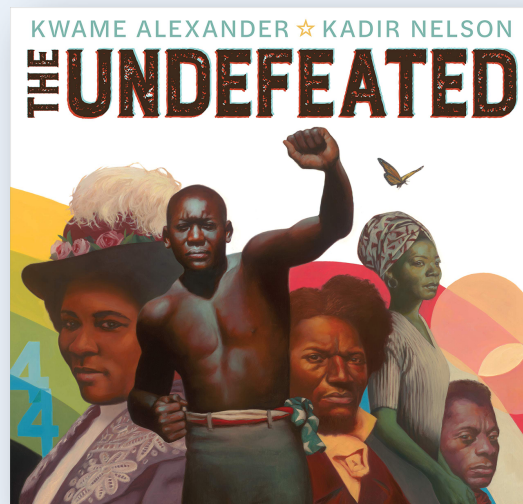
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2020 Literary Award Winners

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)
Theodor Seuss Geisel Medal (★winner ★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 Hog** – Greg Pizzoli

The Book Hog loves books—the way they look, the way they feel, the way they smell—and he'll grab whatever he can find. There's only one problem: he can't read!

★ **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.

★ **Chick and Brain: Smell My Foot!** – Cece Bell

An offbeat storybook for beginner readers that will have little ones in fits of giggles. (SHSH eBook)

★ **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.

★ **Flubby Is Not a Good Pet!** – J. E. Morris

Although Flubby the cat refuses to do pet tricks, he proves his pet worthiness during a scary situation. (SHSH eBook)

★ **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.

★ **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.

★ **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)

★ **Stop! Bot!** – James Yang

Rear Window meets Wes Anderson meets Richard Scarry in this fun picture book follow-up to *Bus! Stop!*

★ **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.

Audiobooks and eBooks

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

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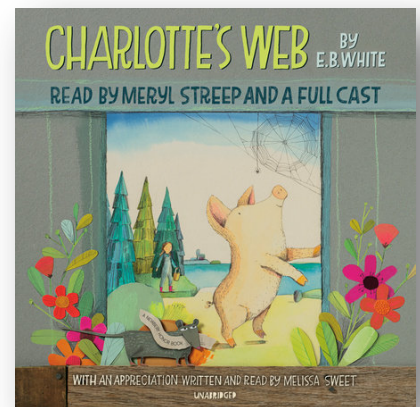
SOSH Digital Library can also be found by downloading the Sora app. on your digital device. When signing into SOSH's Digital Library, students will be asked to log in with their library card number. Contact Ms. Perna, librarian, at aperna@sthildas.org for your child's library card number. Some of the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

🏆 **The Pigeon Has to Go to School** written by Mo Willems, narrated by Mo Willems, published by Weston Woods

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



Rumple 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

Classic (and Newer) Chapter Books for Reading Aloud

Ramona the Pest – Beverly Cleary

Ramona meets lots of interesting people in kindergarten class, like Davy whom she keeps trying to kiss and Susan whose springy curls seem to ask to be pulled. (SOSH eBook)

Bicycling to the Moon – Timo Parvela

Purdy the cat and Barker the dog live together in a sky-blue house on top of a hill. But while the two friends share a house, they are as different as cat and dog can be. Their days together bring quarrels and contradictions, as they work out how friendship can win out in the end.

***The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse** – Charlie MacKesy

Enter the world of Charlie's four unlikely friends, discover their story and their most important life lessons.

The Complete Tales of Winnie-the-Pooh – A. A. Milne

The world of Pooh is a world of enchantment. It is a world where Winnie-the-Pooh and his friends Piglet, Eeyor, Tigger, Kanga and the others share unforgettable adventures with Christopher Robin.

Coyote Tales – Thomas King

Two tales, set in a time "when animals and human beings still talked to each other," display Thomas King's cheeky humor and master storytelling skills. Black-and-white illustrations.

Dory Fantasmagory – Abby Hanlon

Dory's older siblings invent scary, sharp-toothed Mrs. Gobble Gracker to get Dory to stop acting like a baby. But is their trick any match for Dory's formidable imagination? Black-and-white illustrations.

Dominic – William Steig

Dominic the dog sets out to see the world and finds many exciting adventures as well as great danger fighting the Domsday Gang.

The Great Cake Mystery: Precious Ramotswe's Very First Case – Alexander McCall Smith

Before becoming the first female private investigator in Botswana, eight-year-old Precious Ramotswe tracks down a thief who has been stealing her classmates' snacks.

James and the Giant Peach – Roald Dahl

Wonderful adventures abound after James escapes from his fearful aunts by rolling away inside a giant peach.

Juana & Lucas – Juana Medina

A spunky young girl from Colombia loves playing with her canine best friend and resists boring school activities, especially learning English, until her family tells her that a special trip is planned to an English-speaking place.

Leon Garfield's Shakespeare Stories – Leon Garfield

Here are 21 of the Bard's plays, presented in what is not a series of dry retellings, but rather a refashioning of the dramas as stories, in a way that remains true to the essential spirit of the original versions.

Mary Anning's Curiosity – Monica Kulling

Mary Anning, considered the world's greatest fossilist, discovered her first big find at the age of 12. This novel is an imaginative recreation of her childhood in early nineteenth-century Lyme Regis.

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

In these original stories based on Indian folklore, a young prince and his friend cleverly solve disputes brought before the royal court.

***Mr. Penguin and the Lost Treasure** – Alex Smith

When Bouddica Bones from the Museum of Extraordinary objects calls for help, Mr. Penguin swings into action. Can he and Colin the spider find the museum's missing treasure before bandits do? Or is this the adventure Mr. Penguin should have never answered?

Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle – Betty MacDonald

From her upside-down house, the eccentric Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle issues to parents her marvelous cures for such common children's diseases as Won't-Put-Away-Toys-itis, Answerbackism, and Fighter-Quarrelitis.

My Father's Dragon – Ruth Stiles Gannet

A young boy runs away from home to rescue an abused baby dragon held captive to serve as a free twenty-four hour, seven-days-a-week ferry for the lazy wild animals living on Wild Island.

***The Very, Very Far North** – Dan Bar-el

Duane is a sweet and curious young bear who makes friends with everyone he meets—whether they're bossy, like Major Puff the puffin, or a bit vain, like Handsome the musk ox, or very, very shy, like Boo the caribou. For these arctic friends, every day is a new adventure! (SHSH eBook)

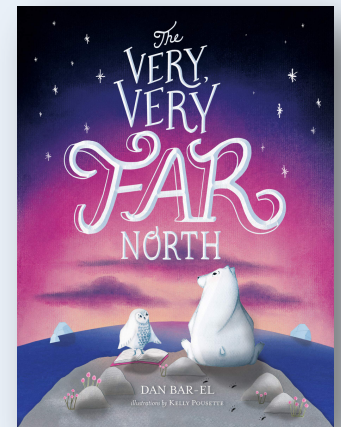
Yours Sincerely, Giraffe – Megumi Iwasa

This international bestseller is an absurd and endearing story about an African giraffe and his pen pal, a penguin.

Importance of Reading Aloud with Your Child

“Children learn to love the sound of language before they even notice the existence of printed words on a page. Reading books aloud to children stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word.”

– “Reading with Your Child.” *Reading Rockets*, 17 Nov. 2013, www.readingrockets.org/article/reading-your-child.



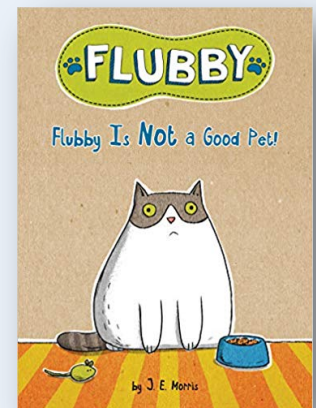
Early Readers Series by Publisher

Look for selections of stories that have large print with inviting illustrations.

- **Dive Into Reading** – Lee & Low Books
- **Easy to Read** books – Puffin
- **“I Can Read”** books – Harper
- **I Like to Read** – Holiday House
- **Just for You!** – Scholastic
- **National Geographic Kids** readers series. – National Geographic
- **Step Into Books** – Little Brown & Company
- **We Both Read** – Treasure Bay

How to Support Your Emerging Reader?

“Mix it up. When children start to pick out words, allow them to read to you some of the time, but reading time shouldn’t be strained, exhausting or feel like a test. At first, try pointing to words you know your child will recognize and have him or her read them. When your child knows more words, try reading alternating pages.”



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

Early Readers Series

- **Amanda and Oliver Pig** – Van Leeuwen
- **Amelia Bedelia** – Peggy Parish
- **Barkus: Dog Dreams** – Patricia MacLachan
- **Benjamin Bear in Brain Storms!** – Philippe Coudray
- **Bink and Gollie** – Kate DiCamillo
- **A Birthday for Bear** – Bonny Becker
- Books by **Dr. Seuss**
- **Commander Toad** – Jane Yolan
- **Dodsworth in Tokyo** – Tim Egan
- **Elephant and Piggie** – Mo Willems
- **Flop to the Top!** – Eleanor Davis & Drew Weing
- **Flubby Is Not a Good Pet!** – J. E. Morris
- **Frog and Toad** – Arnold Lobel
- **Gus and Grandpa** – Cynthia Rylant
- **Henry and Mudge** – Cynthia Rylant
- **Hi! Fly Guy** – Tedd Arnold
- **Houndsley and Catina** – James Howe
- **I Like the Farm** – Shelley Rotner
- **Lost My Tooth** – Mo Willems
- **It's Shoe Time!** – Bryan Collier
- **JoJo and Daddy Bake a Cake** – Jane O'Connor
- **Katie Woo** – Fran Manushikin
- **Kick It, Mo!** – David A. Adler
- **Lana's World: Let's Go to the Moon!** – Erica Silverman
- **Lily's New Home** – Paula Yoo
- **Mercy Watson** – Kate DiCamillo
- **Mr. Putter and Tabby** – Cynthia Rylant
- **A Narwhal and Jelly Book** – Ben Clanton
- **Nate the Great** – Marjorie W. Sharmat
- **Pass the Ball, Mo** – David Adler
- **Penny and Her Marble** – Kevin Henkes
- **Poof! A Bot!** – David Milgrim
- **Poppleton and Friends** – Cynthia Rylant
- **Princess in Black** – Shannon Hale
- **Rabbit & Robot and Ribbit** – CeCe Bell
- **Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot** – Dav Pilkey
- **Robin Hill School** – Margaret McNamara
- **See Pip Flap** – David Milgrim
- **Snail and Worm Again** – Tina Kügler
- **Sofia Martinez: My Family Adventure** – Jacqueline Jules
- **Space Cows** – Eric Seltzer
- **That's My Book! And Other Stories** – Salina Yoon
- **There's a Pest in the Garden** – Jan Thomas
- **Toon Books** – various authors
- **Upstairs Mouse, Downstairs Mouse** – Herbert Wong Yee

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 Robison

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

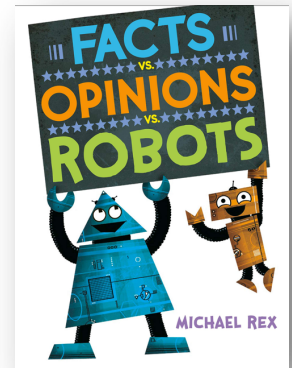
A lyrical picture book biography of Simone Biles, international gymnastics champion and Olympic superstar.

❖ **Hair Love** – Matthew Cherry

Zuri's father, a novice hairstyler, helps find the perfect hairstyle to help her feel special.

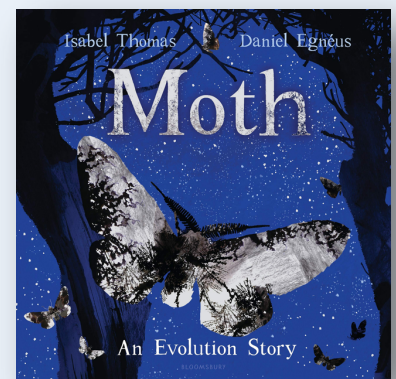
Hike – Pete Oswald

A father and child head out on a hike, keeping a cherished family tradition alive.



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.

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.

Lali's Feather – Farhana Zia

Lali finds a little feather in the field. Is it lost? Lali sets out to find feather a home, but one bird after another rejects it. Once Lali decides to keep the little feather and discovers all the things she can do with it, the other birds begin to recognize its value.

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.

Octopus Stew – Eric Velazquez

Ramsey dons his superhero cape to rescue Grandma from the huge octopus she is trying to cook—or is he simply telling a story? Includes author's note on the story's origin and a recipe for Octopus stew.

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.

Saturday – Oge Mora

Saturdays are when Mom and Ava do special things together, even when they don't go as planned.

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.

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

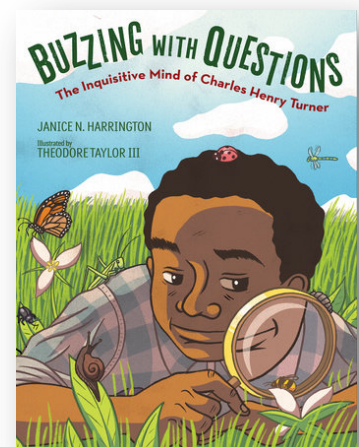
∞ A Best S.T.E.M book selected by the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA)

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 the moon.
- ∞ **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.
- ∞ **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.
- ∞ **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.
- ∞ **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 Maurer
Through failures and revisions, Samuel Morse's persistence resulted in changing communications forever – an inspiring story of a great inventor.
- ∞ **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 ill during the bridge's construction.

Additional S.T.E.M. Resources

- ✚ **The Magic School Bus** series – Joanna Cole (SHSH eBook)
These books combine fun stories with neat facts; humor, illustrations and they all feature the fabulous Ms. Fizzle!
- ✚ **National Geographic Little Kids First Big Books** series – Published by National Geographic Children
A child-friendly format helps young readers discover many facts about their everyday world through questions and answers.
- ✚ **Ordinary People Change the Word: Picture Book Biographies** – 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.
- ✚ 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

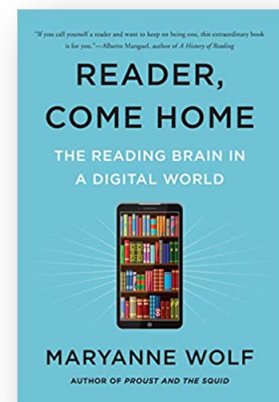
Suggested Books About Reading for Grown Ups

How to Raise a Reader – Pamela Paul and Maria Russo

Combining clear, practical advice with inspiration, wisdom, tips, and curated reading lists, *How to Raise a Reader*, from the authors of the original and viral New York Times Books feature, shows you how to instill the joy and time-stopping pleasure of reading.

Reader, Come Home: The Reading Brain in a Digital World – Maryanne Wolf

Wolf considers the future of the reading brain and our capacity for critical thinking, empathy and reflection as we become increasingly dependent upon digital technologies.



Suggested Magazines

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

Highlights High Five

Promotes reasoning, problem solving and creative self-expression. Ages 2-6.

Ladybug

Filled with enchanting stories and poems. Ages 3-7.

Ranger Rick

Suitable for children interested in learning about wildlife.

Spider

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