

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

Summer Reading Suggestions 2020
Entering Grade 4

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 *Revolting 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://booksofwonder.com>

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New and Notable

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

📖 Indicates books that can be enjoyed also as 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)
- Coretta Scott King (Illustrator) Book Award (★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)

Additional young people's literary awards:

- ❖ 2020 Amelia Bloomer List (honoring children's books with feminist themes)
- ✚ Audie Audiobook Award Winner
- ♾️ 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.*

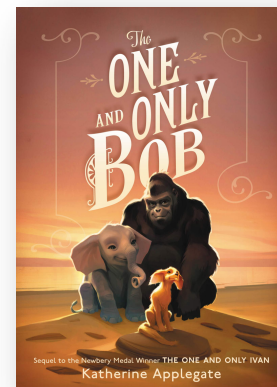
Return to the unforgettable world of the Newbery Medal-winning novel *The One and Only Ivan* (soon to be a major motion picture!) in this incredible sequel, starring Ivan's friend Bob!

***Hoffman, Cara.** *Bernard Pepperlin.*

The drowsy Dormouse from Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* is transported to modern-day New York City for the adventure of a lifetime in this middle grade novel that's perfect for fans of *Stuart Little*.

★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 3000 miles away. How will she play her song for him?



★📖 **Heidicker, Christian McKay.** *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)

***Salisbury, Graham.** *Banjo.*

Faced with having to put down his beloved dog, who was accused of attacking a neighbor, Danny abandons him in a distant forest. What will happen to Banjo?

* **Seidler, Tor.** *Oh, Rats!*

Rescued by two wharf rats, Phoenix, a tree squirrel, becomes involved in saving their beloved pier from a New York developer.

***Standish, Ali.** *Bad Bella.*

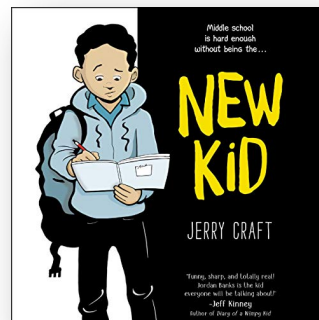
After a family leaves her at the pound, Bella is taken in by a new couple, but begins to worry that she will be abandoned again.

Audiobooks

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 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

- ★ **Bryan, Ashley.** *Infinite Hope: A Black Artist's Journey from World War II to Peace.*
This book details artist Ashley Bryan's experiences as a Black soldier in the segregated army of WWII.
- ★+ **Denise, Aneka Aldamuy.** *Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré.*
An inspiring picture book biography of storyteller, puppeteer, and New York City's first Puerto Rican librarian, who championed bilingual literature.
- ❖ **Mir, Saira.** *Muslim Girls Rise.*
This picture book illustrated profiles of 19 Muslim women of different nationalities and national origins in various fields who persevere, contribute, and change the world for the better.
- * **Nelson, Vaunda Micheaux.** *Let 'er Buck!: George Fletcher, the People's Champion.*
George Fletcher's rise to fame as a rodeo champion is recounted with colorful language, à la old Westerns, and expressive oil paintings.
- *  **Rinker, Jessica M.** *Gloria Takes a Stand: How Gloria Steinem Listened, Wrote, and Changed the World.*
This substantive picture book biography presents an important figure in the women's movement who was the founder of Ms. magazine.
- ★+ **Tonatiuh, Duncan.** *Solider for Equality: José de la luz Sáenz and the Great War.*
Duncan Tonatiuh describes the contributions of World War I veteran José de la luz Sáenz, who fought for justice but struggles with prejudice due to his heritage.
- + **Wittenstein, Barry.** *A Place to Land: Martin Luther King Jr. and the Speech That Inspired a Nation.*
The true story behind the writing of Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech.

Classics

-  **Barrie, J. M.** *Peter Pan.* Illustrated by Minalima Ltd. (A Harper Design Imprint)
A delightful full-color deluxe edition and 10 removable features specially designed by Minalima, the award-winning design studio behind the graphics for the Harry Potter films.
-  **Burnett, Frances Hodgson.** *The Secret Garden.* (Puffin Classics Series)
Ten-year-old Mary comes to live in a lonely house on the Yorkshire moors and discovers an invalid cousin and the mysteries of a locked garden.
-  **Grahame, Kenneth.** *The Wind in the Willows.* (Puffin Classics Series)
Spring is in the air and Mole has found a wonderful new world. There's boating with Ratty, a feast with Badger, and high jinx on the open road with that reckless ruffian, Mr. Toad of Toad Hall. The four become the firmest of friends, but after Toad's latest escapade, can they join together and beat the wretched weasels?
-  **Nesbit, E.** *The Railway Children.* (Puffin Classics Series)
When their father is sent away to prison, three London children move to the country where they keep busy preventing accidents on the nearby railway, making many new friends, and generally learning a good deal about themselves.

📖 **Wilde, Oscar.** *The Selfish Giant*. Illustrated by Lisbeth Zwerger. (Mineedition Minibooks)

The children loved to play in the Giant's garden, but when he returned after years away, he said, "What are you doing here?" and the children fled. This is the classic story of a giant whose gloomy outlook and self-centered ways are changed by a remarkable tiny child.

Fantasy, Science Fiction, Spooky, and the Supernatural

📖 **Barnhill, Kelly.** *The Girl Who Drank the Moon*.

An epic fantasy about a young girl raised by a witch, a swamp monster, and a perfectly tiny Dragon, who must unlock the powerful magic buried deep inside her.

***Doyle, Catherine.** *The Lost Tide Warriors*. (A trilogy. Book 2)

Deserted by his magic, Fionn Boyle, Storm Keeper of Arranmore, sees the island beginning to wither and illness sweeping the land and must find a way to summon Dagda's army of merrows.

***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.

★**Ψ Hernandez, Carlos.** *Sal and Gabi Break the Universe*. (Book 1)

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)

***Keller, Tae.** *When You Trap a Tiger*.

In a wondrous, magic-realist world rooted in Korean folklore, a tiger appears to Lily and offers the girl a deal that might allow her to save her beloved but very sick grandmother.

***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)

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

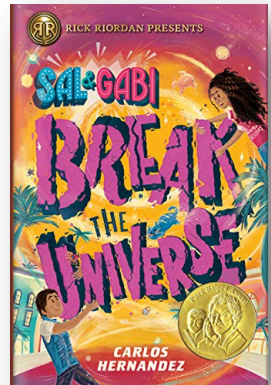
Harnessing her talent for storytelling and relating Chinese myths and history, Lin imagines a compelling account of Mulan's pre-warrior days.

★**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.

***Pavlou, Stel.** *The Betrayer: Daniel Coldstar*. (A trilogy. Book 2)

Daniel and his friends continue their mission as Truth Seekers, fighting and improvising their way through an intergalactic space adventure.



*Phelan, Matt. *Knights vs. the End (of Everything)*. (A trilogy. Book 3)

The four daring knights and one intrepid archer enter the Faerie Realm, where they find dangerous warlocks, a mysterious knight, and one very nasty dragon.

*📖 Scieszka, Jon. *AstroNuts Mission One: The Plant Planet*.

Planet Earth is overheating, and humans need to find a new home. It's up to four superpowered animal astronauts to investigate.

*Woodrow, Allan. *The Curse Of The Werpenguin*.

An unwanted orphan awakens to his destined werpenguin powers and faces an evil immortal threatening war and domination under penguin rule. Hysterical humor as this tale unfolds.

*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.

Friendship and Family (Modern Stories)

★ Balcárcel, Rebecca. *The Other Half of Happy*.

This is a heartfelt poetic portrayal of a girl growing up, fitting in, and learning what it means to belong.

★ 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.

*Choldenko, Gennifer. *One-Third Nerd*.

Liam's younger siblings are challenging in different ways, but it's their incontinent dog and their landlord who are the biggest sources of anxiety. (SHSH eBook)

★★ Craft, Jerry. *New Kid*.

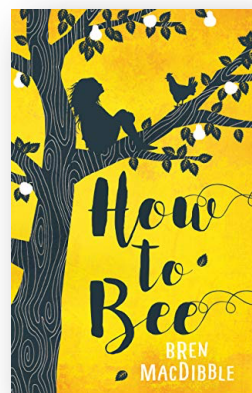
Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade. (SHSH eBook)

★ 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. *Raymie Nightingale*. (A trilogy. Book 1)

Hoping that if she wins a local beauty pageant her father will come home, Raymie practices twirling a baton and performing good deeds as she is drawn into an unlikely friendship with a drama queen and a saboteur.



***Lai, Remy.** *Pie In The Sky.*

Knowing very little English, 11-year-old Jingwen feels like an alien when his family immigrates to Australia, but copes with loneliness and the loss of his father by baking elaborate cakes.

***MacDibble, Bren.** *How to Bee.*

A story about family, loyalty, kindness and bravery, set against an all-too-possible future where climate change has forever changed the way we live.

📖 **Palacio, R. J.** *Wonder.*

Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails enduring the taunting and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student.

📖 **Sachar, Louis.** *Holes.*

Stanley Yelnats's family has a history of bad luck, so when a miscarriage of justice sends him to Camp Green Lake Juvenile Detention Centre (which isn't green and doesn't have a lake), he is not surprised. Every day, he and the other inmates are told to dig a hole, five feet wide by five feet deep, reporting anything they find. The evil warden claims that it is character building, but this is a lie, and Stanley must dig up the truth.

★ **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?

***Watson, Renée.** *Some Places More than Others.*

Amara visits her father's family in Harlem for her twelfth birthday, hoping to better understand her family and herself, but New York City is not what she expected.

Historical Fiction

📖 **Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker.** *The War That Saved My Life.*

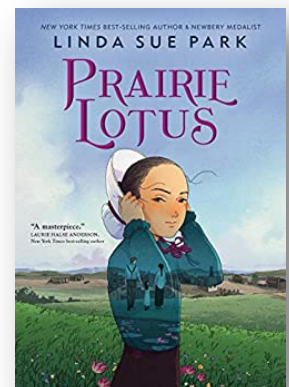
A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their neglectful mother.

★❖ **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.

***Panteleakos, Nicole.** *Planet Earth Is Blue.*

Nova narrates what it's like to be severely autistic. She loves astronomy. Big sister Bridget promises that they will be together for the Challenger launch. Will they?



***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.

Shabazz, Ilyasah. *Betty Before X.*

Raised by her aunt until she is six, Betty, who will later marry Malcolm X, joins her mother and stepfamily in 1940s Detroit, where she learns about the Civil Rights movement.

Tarshis, Lauren. *I Survived...* (A series).

Each book in this series tells a terrifying and thrilling story from history, through the eyes of a boy who lived to tell the tale. (SHSH eBook)

 **Wolk, Lauren.** *Wolf Hollow.*

Twelve-year-old Annabelle must learn to stand up for what's right in the face of a manipulative and violent new bully who targets people Annabelle cares about, including a homeless World War I veteran.

Yang, Kelly. *Front Desk.*

Recent immigrants from China, desperate for money, 10-year-old Mia Tang's parents take a job managing a rundown Southern California motel for skinflint Mr. Yao, whose son is the only other Chinese American in Mia's class.

Humor

Barnett, Mac. *The Terrible Two.* (A series. Book 1)

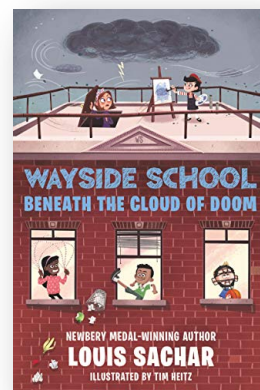
When master prankster Miles Murphy moves to sleepy Yawnee Valley, he challenges the local, mystery prankster in an epic battle of tricks, but soon the two join forces to pull off the biggest prank ever seen.

***Barrow, Annie.** *The Best of Iggy.*

Relates three times that nine-year-old Iggy got into trouble, two of which he does not regret and one for which he is very, very sorry.

***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.



Campbell, L. A. *Cartboy and the Time Capsule.* (A series. Book 1)

Sixth grade gets off to a terrible start when history teacher Mr. Tupkin gives the class an assignment to write journals that will be buried in a time capsule at the end of the year.

Fleming, Candace. *Ben Franklin's in My Bathroom.* (A series. Book 1)

History meets hijinks when Ben Franklin accidentally time travels to a 10-year-old's home in twenty-first century America!

Mack, Jeff. *Clueless McGee.* (A series. Book 1)

Through a series of letters to his father, a private investigator, fifth grader PJ "Clueless" McGee tells of his efforts to discover who stole macaroni and cheese from the school cafeteria.

Peirce, Lincoln. *Max and the Midknights.* (A series. Book 1)

Max and a group of friends dubbed the Midknights go on a quest to rescue the Kingdom of Byjovia from the mean King Gastley!

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.

Selfors, Suzanne. *Wedgie and Gizmo.* (A series. Book 1)

While his human Elliot adjusts to his new home and stepfamily, Gizmo, an evil genius guinea pig, searches for a new evil lair where he can plot to take over the world, but Gizmo is constantly thwarted by Elliot's little stepsister Jasmine (who likes to play dress-up), Abuela (who may or may not like to eat cavies), and Wedgie (a Corgi superhero and Gizmo's nemesis).

***Shepard, Andy.** *The Boy Who Grew Dragons.* (A series. Book 1)

Imagine if you could grow dragons ... in your very own garden! A wonderfully funny and sparky series!

Vivat, Booki. *Everyday Disasters and Impending Doom: Frazzled.* (A series. Book 1)

Nervous about middle school because her family does not get her and her friends know exactly what they want to do, Abbie Wu searches for her own passion before discovering a knack for leadership when injustices in the cafeteria come to light.

***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

Bosch, Pseudonymous. *The Name of the Book is Secret.* (A series. Book 1)

Cass and Max-Ernest try to solve the mystery of a dead magician and stop the evil Dr. L and Ms. Mauvais from finding the secret of immortality.

***Butler, Emily.** *Freya & Zoose.*

A penguin and a mouse overcome negative first impressions to forge a friendship while facing struggles in the frozen Far North.



***Charman, Katrina.** *Eruption at Krakatoa.* (A series. Book 4)

A parakeet, a rhinoceros, and a tiger must team up to survive the catastrophic eruption of Krakatoa.

Cuevas, Michelle. *The Care and Feeding of a Pet Black Hole.*

Bereaved 11-year-old Stella has a very unusual pet: a black hole that swallows everything—including Stella and her younger brother.

***Giles, Lamar.** *The Last Last-Day-Of-Summer.*

When adventurous cousins Otto and Sheed Alston accidentally extend the last day of summer by freezing time, they find the secrets between the unmoving seconds are not as much fun as they expected.

Healy, Christopher. *The Hero's Guide to Being an Outlaw.* (A series. Book 1)

The Princes Charming and their female cohorts can verify they didn't kill Briar Rose—once they break out of prison, fight pirates, and escape a desert island.

Johnson, Varian. *The Parker Inheritance.*

Issues of race, bullying, and identity are interwoven in this buried-treasure mystery that spans multiple decades as tween Candice unravels a series of puzzles in her community.

***Ortega, Claribel.** *Ghost Squad.*

Shortly before Halloween, Lucely and her best friend, Syd, cast a spell that accidentally awakens malicious spirits, wreaking havoc throughout St. Augustine. Together, they must join forces with Syd's witch grandmother, Babette, and her tubby tabby, Chunk, to fight the haunting head-on and reverse the curse to save the town and Lucely's firefly spirits before it's too late.

Snicket, Lemony. *The Bad Beginning.* (A series. Book 1)

After the sudden death of their parents, the Baudelaire children must depend on each other and their wits when it turns out that the distant relative who is appointed their guardian is determined to use any means necessary to get their fortune.

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.

Cornerstones of Freedom series. – Published by Children's Press

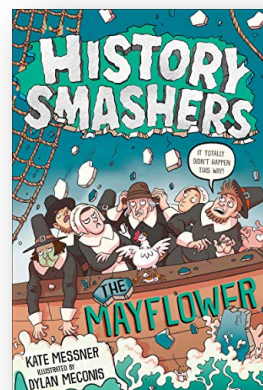
Important events and people in the history of the United States.

**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*.

If You Lived In.... series. – Published by Scholastic

Recalls daily life in different historical periods in American history.



**Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales*. – Published by Harry N. Abrams
Thrilling, daring, and downright gruesome stories from American history, in Graphic novel form.

A True Book. – Published Scholastic
Provides the perfect introduction to various nonfiction subjects.

Usborne Field 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. Great for readers who are beyond easy-to-read books, but not quite ready for long, detailed nonfiction. (SHSH eBook)

You Wouldn't Want To Be--! – Published by Franklin Watts
The series is intended to interest young 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>

Short and Sweet Treats: Books Under 150 pages

★**Alexander, Kwame**. *The Undefeated*.

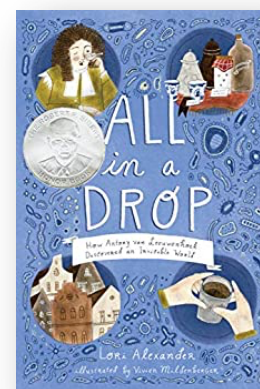
A powerful and important ode to black history: the strength and bravery of everyday people and the grit, passion, and perseverance of some of the world's greatest artists, athletes, and activists.

★**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.

Foreman, Michael. *The Tortoise and the Solider: A Story of Courage and Friendship in WWI*.

Based on true events, and with charming illustrations, this story of war, courage, and friendship will win the hearts of readers.



Gaiman, Neil. *Fortunately, the Milk.*

While picking up milk for his children's cereal, a father is abducted by aliens and finds himself on a wild adventure through time and space.

Kulling, Monica. *Mary Anning's Curiosity.*

In early 19th-century England, determination, courage, and luck make the impossible possible for Mary Anning, a fossilist since childhood. Period illustrations and informative back matter.

Lowery, Lynda Blackmon. *Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom: My Story of the 1965 Selma Voting Rights March.*

"By the time I was fifteen years old, I had been in jail nine times." The youngest participant in the 1965 Civil Rights March from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, tells her story.

MacLachlan, Patricia. *White Fur Flying.*

A sad and silent nine-year-old boy finds his voice when he moves next to a family that rescues dogs.

Morris, Gerald. *The Adventures of Sir Gawain the True: The Knights' Tales.* (A series)

Sir Gawain may be an undefeated knight, but his manners are atrocious. After he rescues a damsel, he brags about his swordsmanship, insults her, and gallops away!

***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.

Riel, Jøn. *The Shipwreck.* (A quartet. Book 1)

Shipwrecked off the coast of Greenland, Leiv Steinursson, a young Viking boy, is helped by two Inuit children 12-year-old Apuluk and his 11-year-old sister Narva, and is accepted into their community, gladly leaving his violent lifestyle behind.

***Sheinmel, Courtney.** *Magic on the Map.*

Travel around the United States of America with twins Finn and Molly in this new chapter book series that highlights a different state in each book!

Tarshis, Lauren. *I Survived the Great Molasses Flood, 1919.* (A series. Book 19)

When the massive metal tank filled with sticky brown molasses that rises up over her crowded North End neighborhood explodes, young Carmen must fight for her life, as a tsunami of molasses rushes through the streets. (SHSH eBook)

✦Thermes, Jennifer. *Manhattan: Mapping the Story of an Island.*

An innovative look back through time, this book follows the history of Manhattan Island from its natural formation to the bustling city today.

Sports: Fiction and Nonfiction

Barber, Tiki. *Kickoff.*

Twelve-year-old twin brothers Tiki and Ronde are ready to leave Peewee League to play football for their junior high school team, but the competition for starting positions is tough, and they face the possibility of spending a year on the bench.

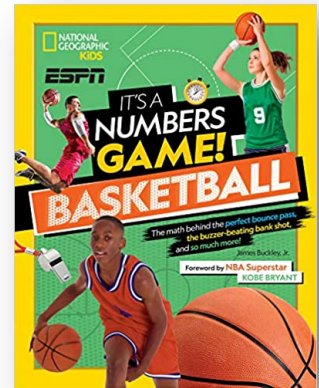
Bildner, Phil. *A Whole New Ballgame: A Rip & Red Book.* (A series. Book 1)

For best friends Rip and Red, fifth grade takes an unexpected turn when Mr. Acevedo, a funny new teacher with radical class ideas, steps up to coach basketball.

***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.



Feinstein, John. *Last Short: Mystery at the Final Four.* (A series. Book 1)

After winning a basketball reporting contest, eighth graders Stevie and Susan are sent to cover the Final Four tournament, where they discover that a talented player is being blackmailed into throwing the final game.

Flint, Shamini. *Ten: A Soccer Story.*

In 1986 Malaysia, 11-year-old Maya dreams of being a soccer star. This dream carries her through the turmoil of being a minority, navigating social challenges at school, and her parents' divorce as she pulls together a team at her girls' school despite soccer being a "boys' sport."

Gutman, Dan. *Babe & Me.* (A series. Book 1)

With their ability to travel through time using vintage baseball cards, Joe and his father have the opportunity to find out whether Babe Ruth really did call his shot when he hit that home run in the third game of the 1932 World Series against the Chicago Cubs.

Kadohata, Cynthia. *Checked.*

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

Khan, Hena. *Power Forward: Zayd Saleem, Chasing the Dream.* (A series. Book 1)

Fourth-grader Zayd yearns to play basketball on the Gold Team, but when he skips orchestra rehearsal to practice, his parents forbid anything basketball-related, and tryouts are coming soon.

Morgan, Alex. *Saving the Team.* (A series. Book 1)

After moving to California, seventh-grader Devin is afraid she will not make the soccer team but finds, instead, a team is so bad that she is compelled to take the lead and turn it into something the players and coach can all be proud of.

Smith, Matthew Ross. *Lizzy Legend.*

When Lizzy receives a strange phone call, she wishes for the ability to sink every shot. Now eviscerating the competition in the boys' basketball league is small potatoes—she has the skills to dominate in the NBA.

***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 Mathematics

∞ 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>

***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.

∞ **Bomboland.** *Paper World Planet.*

Discover the structures of Earth through flaps on every page full of interesting science facts.

📖 **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.

∞ **Cassany, Mia.** *Wilderness: Earth's Amazing Habitats.*

Get lost in Wilderness! Take a vacation and go exploring in this book of the world's habitats.

∞ **Collard, Sneed B.** *One Iguana, Two Iguanas: A Story of Accident, Natural Selection, and Evolution.*

Through photographs and the story of two iguana species, this book provides an engaging mystery of how animals can evolve from a single ancestor and be so different.

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.

- ∞ **MacLeod, Elizabeth and Frieda Wishinsky.** *How to Become an Accidental Genius.*
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.

- ∞ **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.

- * **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.

- 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.

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.

National Geographic Kids

Focuses on geography, adventure, wildlife and science issues. The web site includes links to stories, fun facts, games and other activities.

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."