

Grades K - 1 reading at 3rd Grade level

- **Ada Twist, Scientist**, by Andrea Beaty; Illus. David Roberts (Abrams, 2016)
- **Anna Hibiscus**, by Atinuke; Illus. Lauren Tobia (Kane Miller, 2010)
- **Chef Roy Choi and the Street Food Remix**, by Jacqueline Briggs Martin and June Jo Lee; Illus. Man One (Readers to Eaters, 2017)
- **The Day the Universe Exploded My Head**, by Allan Wolf; Illus. Anna Raff (Candlewick Press, 2019)
- **Detective Gordon: The First Case**, by Ulf Nilsson; Illus. Gitte Spee (Gecko Press, 2015)
- **Do Not Lick This Book**, by Idan Ben-Barak; Illus. Julian Frost (MCPG/Roaring Brook Press/Neal Porter Books, 2018)
- **Echo Echo: Reverso Poems about Greek Myths**, by Marilyn Singer; Illus. Josée Masse (PRH/Dial, 2016)
- **Firebird**, by Misty Copeland; Illus. Christopher Myers (PRH/G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2014)
- **Flora and Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures**, by Kate DiCamillo; Illus. K.G. Campbell (Candlewick Press, 2013)
- **I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark**, by Debbie Levy; Illus. Elizabeth Baddeley (S&S Books for Young Readers, 2016)
- **Insect Superpowers**, by Kate Messner; Illus. Jillian Nickell (Chronicle Books, 2019)
- **Mr. Wolf's Class**, by Aron Nels Steinke (Scholastic/Graphix, 2018)
- **National Geographic Book of Nature Poetry**, ed. J. Patrick Lewis (National Geographic, 2015)
- **One Proud Penny**, by Randy Siegel; Illus. Serge Bloch (MCPG/Roaring Brook Press, 2017)
- **The Princess in Black**, by Shannon Hale & Dean Hale; Illus. LeUyen Pham (Candlewick Press, 2014)
- **Pugs of the Frozen North**, by Philip Reeve; Illus. Sarah McIntyre (PRH/Yearling Books, 2017)
- **The Roots of Rap: 16 Bars on the 4 Pillars of Hip-Hop**, by Carole Boston Weatherford; Illus. Frank Morrison (Little Bee Books, 2019)
- **Sam Wu is Not Afraid of Ghosts**, by Katie Tsang and Kevin Tsang; Illus. Nathan Reed (Sterling Children's Books, 2018)
- **Snowman - Cold = Puddle: Spring Equations**, by Laura Purdie Salas; Illus. Micha Archer (Charlesbridge, 2019)
- **The Stuff of Stars**, by Marion Dane Bauer; Illus. Ekua Holmes (Candlewick Press, 2018)
- **The Thing About Bees: A Love Letter**, by Shabazz Larkin (Readers to Eaters, 2019)
- **Trombone Shorty**, by Troy Andrews; Illus. Bryan Collier (Abrams, 2015)
- **Weekends with Max and His Dad**, by Linda Urban (HMH Books for Young Readers, 2016)
- **Wet Cement: A Mix of Concrete Poems**, by Bob Raczka (MCPG/Roaring Brook Press, 2016)
- **Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions**, by Chris Barton; Illus. Don Tate (Charlesbridge, 2016)

Grades 2-3 reading at 5th Grade level

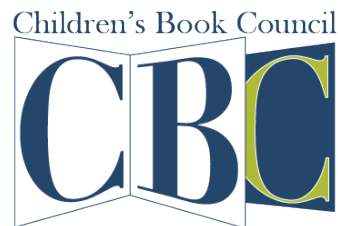
- **Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart**, by Candace Fleming (PRH/Schwartz & Wade, 2011)
- **Echo**, by Pam Muñoz Ryan (Scholastic, 2015)
- **Genius!: The Most Astonishing Inventions of All Time**, by Deborah Kespert (Thames & Hudson, 2015)
- **The Girl Who Drew Butterflies: How Maria Merian's Art Changed Science**, by Joyce Sidman (HMH Books for Young Readers, 2018)
- **Go for the Moon: A Rocket, a Boy, and the First Moon Landing**, by Chris Gall (MCPG/Roaring Brook Press, 2019)
- **Her Own Two Feet: A Rwandan Girl's Brave Fight to Walk**, by Meredith Davis & Rebeka Uwitonze (Scholastic Focus, 2019)
- **Migrations: Open Hearts, Open Borders**, by ICPBS; Illus. Various (Candlewick Studio, 2019)
- **Mountain Dog**, by Margarita Engle; Illus. Aleksey and Olga Ivanov (MCPG/Henry Holt and Co., 2013)
- **The One and Only Ivan**, by Katherine Applegate; Illus. Patricia Castelao (HarperCollins, 2012)
- **The Parker Inheritance**, by Varian Johnson (Scholastic/Arthur A. Levine Books, 2018)
- **A Place to Belong**, by Cynthia Kadohata; Illus. Julia Kuo (S&S/Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books, 2019)
- **The Poetry of US: More than 200 Poems that Celebrate the People, Places, and Passions of the United States**, ed. J. Patrick Lewis (National Geographic, 2018)
- **Random Body Parts: Gross Anatomy Riddles in Verse**, by Leslie Bulion; Illus. Mike Lowery (Peachtree, 2015)
- **The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus**, by Jen Bryant; Illus. Melissa Sweet (Eerdmans Books Young Readers, 2014)
- **Science Comics: Trees: Kings of the Forest**, by Andy Hirsch (MCPG/First Second, 2018)
- **Secret Coders Vol. 1**, by Gene Luen Yang; Illus. Mike Holmes (MCPG/First Second, 2015)
- **The Serpent's Secret (Kiranmala and the Kingdom Beyond #1)**, by Sayantani DasGupta (Scholastic, 2018)
- **Smile**, by Raina Telgemeier (Scholastic/Graphix, 2010)
- **The Way Things Work Now**, by David Macaulay (HMH Books for Young Readers, 2016)
- **What Elephants Know**, by Eric Dinerstein (Disney-Hyperion, 2016)
- **What Do You Do with a Voice Like That?: The Story of Extraordinary Congresswoman Barbara Jordan**, by Chris Barton; Illus. Ekua Holmes (S&S/Beach Lane Books, 2018)
- **When the Sea Turned to Silver**, by Grace Lin (Little, Brown BYR, 2016)
- **The Wild Robot**, by Peter Brown (Little, Brown BYR, 2016)
- **Wings of Fire: The Dragonet Prophecy**, by Tui T. Sutherland (Scholastic, 2012) -Also available as a graphic novel
- **Women in Science: 50 Fearless Pioneers Who Changed the World**, by Rachel Ignotofsky (PRH/Ten Speed Press, 2016)

Grades 4-5 reading at 7th Grade level

- **The Best at It**, by Maulik Pancholy (HarperCollins/Balzer + Bray, 2019)
- **The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind, Young Reader's Ed.**, by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer (PRH/Dial, 2015)
- **The Bridge Home**, by Padma Venkatraman (PRH/Nancy Paulsen Books, 2019)
- **Front Desk**, by Kelly Yang (Scholastic/Arthur A. Levine Books, 2018)
- **Girl Rising: Changing the World One Girl at a Time**, by Tanya Lee Stone (PRH/Wendy Lamb Books, 2017)
- **Gracefully Grayson**, by Ami Polonsky (Disney-Hyperion, 2014)
- **Harbor Me**, by Jacqueline Woodson (PRH/Nancy Paulsen Books, 2018)
- **Hurricane Child**, by Kheryn Callender (Scholastic, 2018)
- **Illegal**, by Eoin Colfer and Andrew Donkin; Illus. Giovanni Rigano (Sourcebooks, 2018)
- **The Inquisitor's Tale: Or, The Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog**, by Adam Gidwitz; Illus. Hatem Aly (PRH/Dutton, 2016)
- **Internment**, by Samira Ahmed (Little, Brown BYR, 2019)
- **The Journey of Little Charlie**, by Christopher Paul Curtis (Scholastic, 2018)
- **Legends, Icons & Rebels: Music that Changed the World**, by Robbie Robertson, et al. (PRH/Tundra Books, 2013)
- **The Lightning Queen**, by Laura Resau (Scholastic, 2015)
- **Lincoln's Grave Robbers**, by Steve Sheinkin (Scholastic, 2013)
- **Moonbird: A Year on the Wind with the Great Survivor B95**, by Phillip Hoose (MCPG/Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2012)
- **The Night Diary**, by Veera Hiranandani (PRH/Kokila, 2018)
- **One Last Word: Wisdom from the Harlem Renaissance**, by Nikki Grimes (Bloomsbury, 2017)
- **Pathfinders: The Journeys of 16 Extraordinary Black Souls**, by Tonya Bolden (Abrams, 2017)
- **Refugee**, by Alan Gratz (Scholastic, 2017)
- **Sachiko: A Nagasaki Bomb Survivor's Story**, by Caren Stelson (Lerner/Carolrhoda Books, 2016)
- **Samurai Rising: The Epic Life of Minamoto Yoshitsune**, by Pamela S. Turner; Illus. Gareth Hinds (Charlesbridge, 2016)
- **This Promise of Change: One Girl's Story in the Fight for School Equality**, by Jo Ann Allen Boyce and Debbie Levy (Bloomsbury, 2019)
- **The Watch that Ends the Night: Voices from the Titanic**, by Allan Wolf (Candlewick Press, 2013)
- **We Will Not Be Silent: The White Rose Student Resistance Movement That Defied Adolf Hitler**, by Russell Freedman (HMH/Clarion Books, 2016)

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