

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



Summer Reading Suggestions 2021  
Entering Grade 3

## 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 Sora, the school’s online eBook collection as well as the school library.

## Choosing A “Just Right Book”

One key to student success is ensuring the student’s reading level, comprehension ability, and the difficulty level of the text are aligned. One quick way to assess whether a book is at the appropriate level is to use the “five finger rule.” The student should choose a book that he or she wants to read. Open to any page and begin reading. As the child comes to words he or she can’t pronounce or doesn’t understand, put up a finger. If the reader puts up five fingers, put the book back and set it aside as something to read later on.

## Suggested Libraries and Children’s Bookstores

St. Hilda’s & St. Hugh’s

C. V. Starr Library & Learning Center

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The New York Public Library

[www.nypl.org](http://www.nypl.org)

Book Culture

<https://www.bookculture.com>

SOSH Sora eBook Library

<https://soraapp.com/welcome>

Books of Wonder

<http://booksofwonder.com>

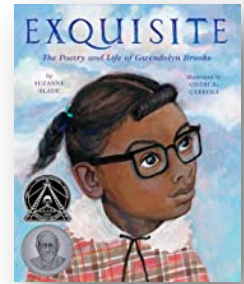
Bibliography compiled and arranged by Angela Perna, librarian, St. Hilda’s & St. Hugh’s. Annotations are courtesy of the American Library Association, the Library of Congress, and The New York Public Library cataloging-in-publication notes.

## 2021 Literary Award Winners

Awarded by the American Library Association (ALA)

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- Asian/Pacific American Award (★winner ★honor)
- Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award (★winner ★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)
- The Sydney Taylor Book Award (★winner)



Additional young people's literary awards:

- ❖ 2021 Amelia Bloomer List (honoring children's books with feminist themes)
- ✚ Audie Audiobook Award Winner
- ∞ 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)

New and notable titles for 2020-21

\*Listed throughout and identified with an asterisk preceding the title.

- ★ **All the Way to the Top: How One Girl's Fight for Americans with Disabilities Changed Everything** – Annette Bay Pimentel  
A powerfully illustrated biography of Jennifer Keelan's life and activism which helped pressure Congress into passing the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- ★ **The Cat Man of Aleppo** – Irene Latham and Karim Shamsi-Basha; illustrated by Yuko Shimizu  
War-torn Aleppo is given hope from Mohammad Aljaleel's humanitarian efforts to care for the deserted cats in the city.
- ★ **Danbi Leads the School Parade** – Anna Kim  
A story of a girl on her first day of school in the United States after immigrating with her family from South Korea.
- ★★ ❖ **Exquisite: The Poetry and Life of Gwendolyn Brooks** – Suzanne Slade; illustrated by Cozbi A. Cabrera  
The biography of Pulitzer-winning poet Gwendolyn Brooks reveals her childhood dreams and inspirations, her challenges with race, gender, and poverty, and her desires to share stories through poetry.

- ★ **How We Got to the Moon: The People, Technology, and Daring Feats of Science Behind Humanity's Greatest Adventure** – John Rocco  
This ambitious nonfiction book chronicles one of the most exciting and miraculous accomplishments in American history—the 1969 lunar landing.
  
- ★ **I Talk Like a River** – Jordan Scott  
A young person with a stutter feels isolated. His father helps him understand that his speech moves like the ebb and flow of the river, giving him a new understanding of his way of speaking.
  
- ★ **Itzhak: A Boy who Loved the Violin** – Tracy Newman  
Tells the early life story of Itzhak Perlman. His early love of music, contracting polio, and his fame from appearing on the Ed Sullivan show.
  
- ★ **Magnificent Homespun Brown: A Celebration** – Samara Cole Doyon; illustrated by Kaylani Juanita  
Joyful young narrators celebrate feeling at home in one's own skin.
  
- ★ ★ **Me & Mama** – written and illustrated by Cozbi A. Cabrera  
Lyrical prose and captivating paintings chronicle a day in the life of a mother and daughter and celebrate their special bond.
  
- ★ **Outside In** – Deborah Underwood; illustrated by Cindy Derby  
This picture book explores the ever-present lure of the outdoors as it appears at our windows and tempts us with sounds and fragrances, even as we spend most of our time inside.
  
- ★ **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.
  
- ★ **A Place Inside of Me: A Poem to Heal the Heart** – Zetta Elliott; illustrated by Noa Denmon  
Illustrations and easy-to-read text express a child's awareness of being filled with deep emotions, from joy to sorrow and anger to compassion, but above all, love.
  
- ★ **R-E-S-P-E-C-T: Aretha Franklin, the Queen of Soul** – Carole Boston Weatherford; illustrated by Frank Morrison  
With words that sing and art that shines, this vibrant portrait of Aretha Franklin pays her the R-E-S-P-E-C-T this Queen of Soul deserves.
  
- ★ **Sharuko: El Arqueólogo Peruano/Peruvian Archaeologist Julio C. Tello** – Monica Brown  
This bilingual biography traces the life of Julio C. Tello, from a curious, young boy to an accomplished archaeologist who elevated Peru's indigenous history.
  
- ★ ¡**Vamos! Let's Go Eat** – 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.
  
- ★ **We Are Water Protectors** – Carole Lindstrom; illustrated by Michaela Goade  
An indigenous girl explains why water is sacred and that the "Black Snake" (pipelines) will destroy the earth. She takes up a rallying cry with her people to defend water and the planet.

★**Welcoming Elijah: A Passover Tale with a Tail** – Lesléa Newman

Inside the house, a boy prepares for the Passover ritual of welcoming Elijah—meanwhile, outside the house, a kitten lingers in the cold.

## Audiobooks: 2021 Audie Award Winner (🏆) and Finalists for Young Listeners Category

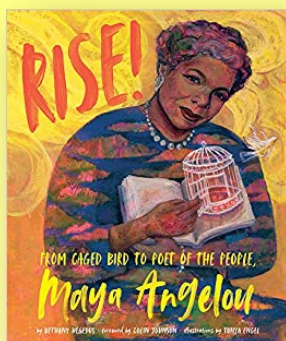
**Going Down Home with Daddy**, written by Kelly Starling Lyons, narrated by Daxton Edwards, published by Dreamscape Media LLC.

🏆**The Overground Railroad**, written by Lesa Cline-Ransome, narrated by Shayna Small and Dion Graham, published by Live Oak Media.

**Rise! From Caged Bird to Poet of the People, Maya Angelou**, written by Bethany Hegedus, narrated by Cherise Boothe, published by Live Oak Media.

**Say Something**, written and narrated by Peter H. Reynolds, published by Weston Woods Studios.

**Stuck**, written by Chris Grabenstein, narrated by Mark Sanderlin, Elizabeth Hess, Oliver Wyman, Farah Bala, Rita Wolf, Caroline Grogan, Cynthia Darlow, Mateo D'Amato, J.J. Myers, Neil Hellegers, Genesis Oliver, and Chris Grabenstein, published by Audible Originals.



### 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](http://www.readingrockets.org/article/listen-and-learn-audio-books).

## New and Notable Titles for 2020-21: Fiction and Nonfiction

📖 Suggested title for a family read aloud

❖ 2021 Amelia Bloomer List (honoring children's books with feminist themes)

### **\*After School Super Stars: Lucy Lopez Coding Star**

– Claudia Mills

Third-grader Lucy Lopez attends coding camp at her after-school program and becomes a coding star.

### **\*Albert Hopper, Science Hero: Blasting Through the Solar System!**

– John Himmelman

Albert Hopper is a frog—and a science hero! He seeks to explore the world and beyond, generating laughs and imparting STEM wisdom as he goes.

### **\*Ben Yokoyama and the Cookie of Doom**

– Matthew Swanson

Eight-year-old Ben takes a fortune cookie literally, and believing he has only one day left to live, tries to do everything he has always wanted to before nightfall.

### **\*Billy Miller Makes a Wish**

– Kevin Henkes  
On his eighth birthday, Billy Miller wishes for something exciting to happen. None of his wishes are answered the way he expects, but he does have lots of surprises--and the final one is possibly the best one ever.

### 📖 **\*The Boy Who Sang with Dragons**

– Andy Shepherd

Get ready for the ride of your life in this fizzing, sparkling final story in the BOY WHO GREW DRAGONS series.

### ❖ **The Every Body Book: The LGBTQ+ Inclusive Guide for Kids about Sex, Gender, Bodies, and Families**

– Rachel E. Simon  
A modern LGBTQ+ inclusive guide for children to all things sex, gender, changing bodies, and families meant to provide information and answers to young people learning about themselves and others.

### 📖 **\*Glory: Magical Visions of Black Beauty**

– Kahran Bethencourt  
*Glory* puts Black beauty front and center with more than 100 breathtaking photographs and a collection of powerful essays about the children.

### **\*Ivy and Bean Get to Work**

– Annie Barrows  
Ivy and Bean go searching for treasure in Book 12, the final story in the *New York Times* bestselling early chapter book series!

### 📖 **\*Ladybird Tales of Crown and Thrones**

– Chitra Soundar  
Perfect for bedtime, to read aloud or to enjoy alone, these exciting stories taken from myth and legend show that there is more to royalty than bows and curtsies.

### **\*Megabat and the Not-Happy Birthday**

– Anna Humphrey  
It's Daniel's birthday, and Megabat wants to join in all the fun, but his excitement gets the best of him and suddenly the birthday celebrations are on the brink of disaster.

### 📖 **\*McTavish Goes Wild**

– Meg Rosoff  
When a camping trip unleashes a reluctant Peachey family on the great outdoors, it's up to their savvy dog, McTavish, to show them how it's done.

### ❖ **Mindy Kim and the Yummy Seaweed Business**

– Lyla Lee  
Mindy Kim struggles to fit in at her new school and finds that trading – or even selling – her delicious seaweed snacks can help.

### **\*Jasmine Green Rescues: A Lamb Called Lucky**

– Helen Peters  
Nurturing an orphaned lamb pays an unexpected benefit when sheep rustlers come to town in this exciting episode in the Jasmine Green Rescues series.



**📖 \*Saucy** – Cynthia Kadohata

When 11-year-old Becca, a quadruplet, finds a sick piglet on the side of the road, her life is changed forever.

**📖 \*Skunk and Badger** – Amy Timberlake

Everything in Badger's quiet and ordered life studying rocks is turned upside down when Skunk moves in—but after he drives Skunk and his chickens away, Badger starts to miss his roommate and sets out to find him and make amends.

**📖\*Stella Endicott and the Anything-Is-Possible Poem** – Kate DiCamillo

In the newest spirited outing in the *Deckawoo Drive* series, anything is possible—even a friendship with a boy deemed to be (metaphorically speaking) an overblown balloon.

**\*Too Small Tola** – Atinuke

Three delightful tales from a renowned Nigerian storyteller introduce a chapter-book heroine who is every bit as mighty as she is small.

**\*Ways to Grow Love** – Renée Watson

Ryan Hart and her family are back in another installment of stories about a Black girl finding her way and her voice as she grows through change and challenges.

**\*Wicked Nix** – Lena Coakley

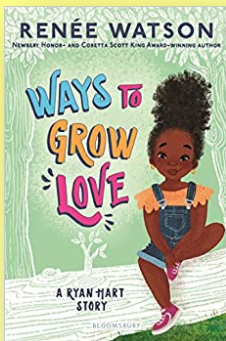
Mischievous woodland fairy Nix is up to no good. His beloved fairy queen has gone away, leaving him with a very important job: He must protect the forest from a most dangerous enemy—humans.

**\*Wings of Fire: The Dangerous Gift** – Tui T. Sutherland

In the newest installment of the *Wings of Fire* series, tensions are higher than ever as we prepare for a fight for the survival of dragon kind!

**❖Work It, Girl: Michelle Obama** – Caroline Moss

Follow the incredible journey of Michelle Obama from lawyer to advocate for social change to First Lady of the United States, and learn how to be a leader just like her.



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

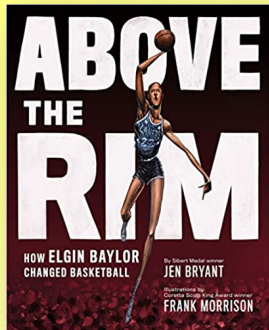
“Don’t abruptly withdraw your reading services. Being read to is an enormous comfort and part of your bond, and you don’t want to convey to your child that becoming an independent reader jeopardizes that together time. Continue reading aloud picture book favorites — and some more-sophisticated books 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](http://www.nytimes.com/guides/books/how-to-raise-a-reader)

## Notable Picture Books for 2020-21

❖2021 Amelia Bloomer List (honoring children’s books with feminist themes)

✦Orbis Pictus Award (recognizing excellence in the writing of nonfiction for children)



### 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](http://www.nytimes.com/guides/books/how-to-raise-a-reader)

### ✦Above the Rim: How Elgin Baylor Changed Basketball – Jen Bryant

In the midst of the Black Civil Rights movement, NBA Hall of Famer Elgin Baylor made an impact on and off the basketball court in Jim Crow 1950s and 1960s.

### \*All Because You Matter – Tami Charles

In a beautiful ode to generations of Black sacrifice, happiness, and love, a family tells the story that brought a young boy into being and emphasizes his inherent worth.

### \*America, My Love, America, My Heart – Daria Peoples-Riley

America, do you love me? A single question from a single child multiplies across the country with every page turn, inviting in more and more children of color—and their questions.

### \*A Boy Named Isamu: A Story of Isamu Noguchi – James Yang

Imagines a day in the boyhood of Japanese American artist, Isamu Noguchi, while wandering through an outdoor market, through the forest, and then by the ocean, seeing things Isamu sees through the eyes of a young artist.

### ❖Beautiful Shades of Brown: The Art of Laura Wheeler Waring – Nancy Churnin

Laura Wheeler Waring was a pioneering African American artist who became one of the first African American women to exhibit at the Smithsonian’s National Portrait Gallery.

### \*Big Feelings – Alexandra Penfold

A group of kids express a multitude of feelings and discover they are not alone.



**\*Eyes That Kiss in the Corners** – Joanna Ho Bradshaw

A young Asian girl notices that her eyes look different from her peers. They have big, round eyes and long lashes. She realizes that her eyes are like her mother's, her grandmother's, and her little sister's. They have eyes that "kiss in the corners and glow like warm tea." Drawing from the strength of these powerful women in her life, she recognizes her own beauty and discovers a path to self-love and empowerment.

❖ **Evelyn Del Rey is Moving Away** – Meg Medina

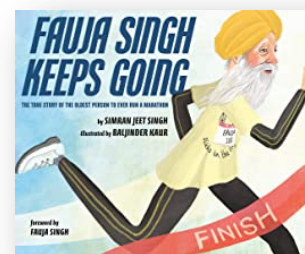
In a tender picture book that acknowledges loss and the power of friendship, two best friends spend one last afternoon playing together in their families' apartments before Evelyn moves away.

**\*The Fearless Flights of Hazel Ying Lee** – Julie Leung

An inspiring picture book biography about Hazel Ying Lee, the first Chinese American woman to fly for the US military.

**\*Fauja Singh Keeps Going: The True Story of The Oldest Person to Ever Run A Marathon** – Simran Jeet Singh

The inspiring true story of Fauja Singh, who broke world records to become the first one hundred-year-old to run a marathon, shares valuable lessons on the source of his grit, determination to overcome obstacles, and commitment to positive representation of the Sikh community.



**\*The Floating Field: How a Group of Thai Boys Built Their Own Soccer Field** – Scott Riley

On a tiny Thai island without room for a soccer field, a group of resourceful teen boys gathers scraps and works together to build a floating field so they can play the game they love.

❖ **For Spacious Skies: Katharine Lee Bates and the Inspiration for "America the Beautiful"** – Nancy Churnin

Inspired by the beauty of the country during a long trip, Katherine Lee Bates wrote the poem that would become "America the Beautiful."

**\*The Highest Tribute: Thurgood Marshall's Life, Leadership, and Legacy** – Kekla Magoon

A picture book portrait of the first Black justice on the Supreme Court, presented by two Coretta Scott King Honor winners, includes coverage of Thurgood Marshall's upbringing in segregated Baltimore, achievements with the NAACP and contributions to landmark equality rulings.

**\*In My Mosque** – M. O. Yuksel

No matter who you are or where you're from, everyone is welcome here. From grandmothers reading lines of the Qur'an and the imam telling stories of living as one, to meeting new friends and learning to help others, mosques are centers for friendship, community, and love.

❖ **Making Their Voices Heard: The Inspiring Friendship of Ella Fitzgerald and Marilyn Monroe** – Vivian Kirkfield

This historical picture book recounts the friendship, mutual uplifting, and support between Ella Fitzgerald and Marilyn Monroe in the face of racism and sexism in their respective industries.

**\*Memory Jars** – Vera Brosgol

Freda uses jars to save everything from a chocolate chip cookie to the full moon, just as her grandmother saves summer blueberries. Includes a recipe for blueberry jam.

**\*The Musician – Xuefeng Liu**

Elegant and evocative, this culturally authentic folktale beautifully conveys the powerful bonds of music and friendship.

**\*My Day with the Payne – Tami Charles**

Lyrical and inspiring, with vibrant illustrations highlighting the beauty of Haiti, *My Day with the Payne* is a story of family legacy, cultural tradition, and hope for the future.

**❖❖The Ocean Calls: A Haenyeo Mermaid Story – Tina Cho**

Dayeon wants to be a haenyeo diver just like her grandmother, but is afraid of the deep ocean. With encouragement from her grandmother, they dive together in search of treasure.

**\*The Ode to the Goddess of the Luo River – Ye Luying**

In this retelling of an ancient Chinese poem, a writer imagines the doomed love between the earthly and heavenly.

**\*Ohana Means Family – Ilima Loomis**

Told in the cadence of “The House that Jack Built,” we follow the growing process on a taro root farm through the lens of Hawaiian culture, concluding with the Hawaiian ohana sharing a pot of poi.

**❖Ritu Weds Chandni – Ameya Narvankar**

Ayesha is thrilled that her cousin, Ritu, is marrying her girlfriend, Chandni. Some, however, do not want to see them together. Can Ayesha find a way to help them celebrate?

**❖Ruth Objects: The Life of Ruth Bader Ginsburg – Doreen Rappaport**

From her lace collars to her incredible work ethic, this picture book biography chronicles the hard work and dedication of RBG to become a Supreme Court Justice.

**\*Shirley Chisholm Dared: The Story of the First Black Woman in Congress – Alicia D. Williams**

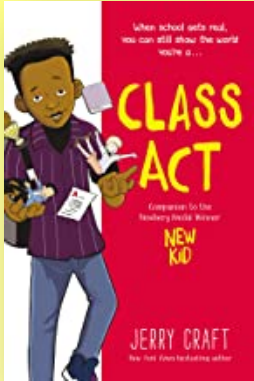
Discover the inspiring story of the first black woman elected to Congress and to run for president in this picture book biography from a Newbery Honor-winning author and a Coretta Scott King-John Steptoe New Talent Award-winning illustrator.

**❖A Thousand Glass Flowers: Marietta Barovier and the Invention of the Rosetta Bead – Evan Turk**

Despite being told that girls can't blow glass, Marietta learns the artform of glassblowing from her father and rediscovers the technique of creating rosettas.

**\*Welcome Flower Child: The Magic of Your Birth Flower – Brigette Barrager**

This book reveals the qualities of babies born in each month of the year, and the accompanying flower that blooms in each birth month.



## The Graphic Novel Dilemma

“Make room for comics and manga. Don’t denigrate your child’s interest in this genre. Many of the most celebrated literary figures of our time not only grew up devouring comics, but also incorporate comics-inspired themes into their prize-winning novels: Michael Chabon, Junot Díaz and Jonathan Lethem, to name a few. Many children become avid readers through their love of comics. You may have even loved reading Archie, Smurfs or Superman before going on to read Gabriel García Márquez.”

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## Poetry Picks: 2021 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>

## Suggested Resources for Parents and Caregivers

Paul, Pamela. “Your Kids Aren’t Too Old for Picture Books, and Neither Are You.” *The New York Times*, The New York Times, 20 Feb. 2021, [www.nytimes.com/2021/02/20/opinion/sunday/picture-books-reading.html?referringSource=articleShare](http://www.nytimes.com/2021/02/20/opinion/sunday/picture-books-reading.html?referringSource=articleShare).

### \*Steeped in Stories: Timeless Children’s Novels to Refresh Our Tired Souls – Mitali Perkins

Blending personal narrative, accessible literary criticism, and spiritual and moral formation, Perkins delves into novels by Louisa May Alcott, C. S. Lewis, L. M. Montgomery, Frances Hodgson Burnett, and other literary “uncles” and “aunts” that illuminate the virtuous, abundant life we still desire. These novels are not perfect—and Perkins honestly assesses their frailties and flaws—but reading or rereading these books as adults can help us build virtue, unmask our vices, and restore our hope.

## Popular Series

- ☐ Shorter Chapter Book
- 🌀 Longer Chapter Book

## Animal Stories

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- 🌀 **Bat and the End of Everything** – Elana K. Arnold
- ☐ **Calpurnia Tate, Girl Vet** – Jacqueline Kelly
- 🌀 **Heartwood Hotel** – Kallie George
- 🌀 **Megabat** – Anna Humphrey
- ☐ **Owl Diaries** – Rebecca Elliot
- 🌀 **Winnie's Great War** – Linday Mattick

## Family and Friends

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| 🌀 <b>Absolutely Alfie</b> – Sally Warner                         | 🌀 <b>EllRay Jakes</b> – Sally Warner              | ☐ <b>Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie</b> – Julie Steinberg                      |
| 🌀 <b>Amber Brown Is Not A Crayon</b> – Paula Danzinger           | 🌀 <b>Franklin School Friends</b> – Claudia Mills  | ☐ <b>Pinky and Rex</b> – James Howe                                           |
| ☐ <b>Ana and Andrew</b> – Christine Platt                        | ☐ <b>Heidi Heckelbeck</b> – Wanda Coven           | ☐ <b>Polly Diamond</b> – Alice Kuipers                                        |
| ☐ <b>Bailey School Kids</b> – Debbie Dadey                       | ☐ <b>Ivy and Bean</b> – Annie Barrows             | 🌀 <b>Ramona the Brave</b> – Beverly Cleary                                    |
| ☐ <b>Bea Garcia</b> – Deborah Zemke                              | 🌀 <b>Jasmine Toguchi</b> – Debbi Michiko Florence | ☐ <b>Ruby and the Brooker Boys</b> – Derrick Barnes                           |
| ☐ <b>Beatrice Zinker, Upside Down Thinker</b> – Shelley Johannes | 🌀 <b>Judy Moody</b> – Megan MacDonald             | 🌀 <b>Stella Batts Needs a New Name</b> – Courtney Sheinmel                    |
| ☐ <b>Bramble and Maggie</b> – Jessie Hass                        | ☐ <b>Juana &amp; Lucas</b> – Juana Medina         | 🌀 <b>Stink and the Incredible Super-Galactic Jawbreaker</b> – Megan MacDonald |
| ☐ <b>Dory Fantasmagory</b> – Abby Hanlon                         | ☐ <b>King &amp; Kayla</b> – Dori Hillestad Butler | 🌀 <b>The Year of the Book</b> – Andrea Cheng                                  |
| 🌀 <b>The Carver Chronicles</b> – Karen English                   | ☐ <b>Life of Ty</b> – Lauren Myracle              |                                                                               |

## Fantasy, Science Fiction, Spooky, and the Supernatural

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- Eerie Elementary** – Jack Chabert
- Dragon Masters** – Tracey West
- Goosebumps** – R. L. Stine
- How to Train Your Dragon** – Cressida Cowell
- Isadora Moon Goes to School** – Harriet Muncaster
- Knights vs Dinosaurs** – Matt Phelan
- The Last Firehawk** – Katrina Charman
- The Magic Tree House** – Mary Pope Osborne
- Press Start** – Thomas Flintham
- Secrets of Droon** – Tony Abbot
- Sisters Eight** – Lauren Baratz-Logsted
- \*The Unicorn Rescue Society** – Adam Gidwitz
- Wings of Fire** – Tui T. Sutherland
- \*Zoey and Sassafras** – Asia Citro

## Humorous Stories

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- The Best of Iggy** – Annie Barrows
- Calvin Coconut** – Graham Salisbury
- Clueless McGee** – Jeff Mack
- Doctor Doolittle** – Hugh Lofting
- Hazy Bloom and the Tomorrow Power** – Jennifer Hamburg
- Marvin Redpost** – Louis Sachar
- Max and the Midknights** – Lincoln Pierce
- My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish** – Mo O’Hara
- A Series of Unfortunate Events** – Lemony Snicket
- The Terrible Two** – Mac Bennett
- The Treehouse Books** – Andy Griffiths
- Wedgie & Gizmo** – Suzanne Selfors

## Mystery

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- Box Car Children** – Gertrude Chandler Warner
- Cam Jansen** – David A. Adler
- Clubhouse Mysteries** – Sharon Draper
- Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol** – Andres Miedoso
- Encyclopedia Brown** – Donald Sobol
- Geronimo Stilton** – Geronimo Stilton
- Hardy Boys Clue Book** – Franklin W. Dixon
- Hilde Cracks the Case** – Hilde Lysiak
- Jigsaw Jones Mysteries** – James Preller
- Mac B., Kid Spy** – Mac Barnett
- Nancy Drew Clue Crew** – Carolyn Keene

## Nonfiction: Arts, Biography, History, and Religion

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- ❑ **DK Readers** – Published by Penguin Random House  
DK's fun and factual kids' books cover everything from space, dinosaurs, animals, and craft activities, cookery and beyond.
- 📍 **Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales** – Nathan Hale  
Presents history's roughest, toughest, and craziest stories in the graphic novel format.
- ❑ **Penguin Young Readers** – Published by Penguin Group USA  
A wide variety of nonfiction titles, which are generally shorter than traditional chapter books.
- 📍 **\*The Story Of: A Biography Series for New Readers** – various authors  
Take an exciting stroll through history with this new illustrated biography series for newly independent readers.
- 📍 **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.

## Sports: Fiction and Nonfiction

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- ❑ **Ballpark Mysteries** – David A. Kelly
- ❑ **DK Readers** – Published by Penguin Random House
- 📍 **Eliza Bing Is (Not) a Star** – Carmella Van Vleet
- 📍 **Izzy Barr, Running Star** – Claudia Mills
- ❑ Fiction written by **Jake Maddox**
- 📍 **Kickers** – Rich Wallace
- 📍 **The Kicks** – Alex Morgan
- 📍 **Rip & Red** – Phil Bildner
- 📍 **STAT: Standing Tall and Talented** – Amar'e Stoudemire
- ❑ **Step Into Reading Readers** – Published by Random House

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

∞Outstanding Science Trade Books selected by the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA). Annotations borrowed from Outstanding Science Trade Books. NSTA. 2021. <https://www.nsta.org/ostb-2021>.

❖2021 Amelia Bloomer List (honoring children's books with feminist themes)

∞**Animal Homes** – Mary Holland

Take a home tour of selected bugs, birds, and mammals. Beautiful, full-page photos complement descriptions, materials, and uses of animals' homes.

\***Crossings: Extraordinary Structures for Extraordinary Animals** – Katy S. Duffield.

This nonfiction picture book explores the variety of accommodations built around the world so that animals can safely access areas encroached upon by humans.



❖ **Cubs in the Tub** – Candace Fleming

Readers are told the story of Helen Martini's care for lion and tiger cubs, and her emergence as the Bronx Zoo's first woman zookeeper.

∞ **Dinosaur Lady: The Daring Discoveries of Mary Anning, the First Paleontologist** – Linda Skeers

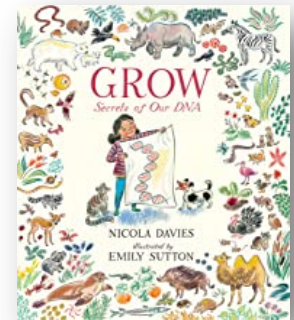
Follow Mary Anning on her fearless exploring and thirst for knowledge that led to the formation of paleontology as a scientific field of study.

∞ **Grow: Secrets of Our DNA** – Nicola Davies

This book introduces readers to DNA in a clear, engaging manner, beginning with plants and animals, then connecting to humans.

★ **Honeybee: The Busy Life of Apis Mellifera** – Candace Fleming

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



★ ∞ **How We Got to the Moon: The People, Technology, and Daring Feats of Science Behind Humanity's Greatest Adventure** – John Rocco

This ambitious nonfiction book chronicles one of the most exciting and miraculous accomplishments in American history—the 1969 lunar landing.

✦ ∞ **If You Take Away the Otter** – Susannah Buhrman-Deever

What happens to an entire habitat when a single element is depleted by hunters? Through striking illustrations, the role of sea otters over time in the Pacific Coast of North America is explored in detail.

∞ **JUMBO: The Making of the Boeing 747** – Chris Gall

For the 50th anniversary of the Boeing 747's first commercial flight, a picture book about the development of the iconic passenger plane and how it changed the history of air travel.

∞ **Marjory Saves the Everglades: The Story of Marjory Stoneman Douglas** – Sandra Neil Wallace

This book is a beautifully illustrated biography of Marjory Stoneman Douglas who advocated for designating the Florida Everglades as a national park. Her lifelong environmental activism helped save the diverse animal and plant species living in the Florida Everglades.

\* **Outdoor School: Spot and Sticker (Birds, Animals, Plants)** – Published by Odd Dot

Finally--a sticker book for the curious and the adventurous! *The Outdoor School Sticker* series delivers the natural wonders of the world in gorgeous, scientifically-accurate stickers. Peel and place each sticker once you've seen each bird--or simply decorate your surroundings to make a bird-spotter's paradise.

∞ **What Do Scientists Do All Day?** – Jane Wilsher

Discover the daily actions of different scientists on a visual tour of fourteen different places, from a nature reserve to an energy plant.

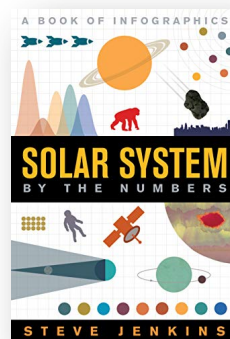
\* **Your Place in the Universe** – Jason Chen

A non-fiction introduction to the massive scale of the known universe.

## Additional S.T.E.M. Resources

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- 📍 **100 Fun Facts About...** – National Geographic For Kids  
National Geographic Fact Readers feature the same expert-vetted running text as traditional readers—with a bonus of 100 fun facts sprinkled throughout!
- 📍 **By the Numbers** – Steve Jenkins  
With his signature style, Steve Jenkins explores the most fascinating fields of natural science through infographics, illustrations, facts, and figures,
- 📍 **Field Guides for Children** – Peterson, Audubon, National Geographic, or Simon & Schuster
- ❑ **The Questioners** – Andrea Beaty
- ❑ **Tell Me Why Series** – Leokum Arkady  
Question-and-answer format books.
- ❑ **A True Book.** – Published Scholastic  
Provides the perfect introduction to various nonfiction subjects.



## Suggested Magazines

### Ask: Arts & Science for Kids

Designed to spark your child's interest in arts and science, *Ask* explores intriguing topics such as why animals sleep, why people love music, and how the solar system was formed. Perfect for readers who are ready for more challenging reading!

### Chop Chop

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

### Faces

Learn about the important inventions and ideas from other cultures through articles, folk tales, recipes, and hands-on projects.

### National Geographic Kids

Focuses on geography, adventure, 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.