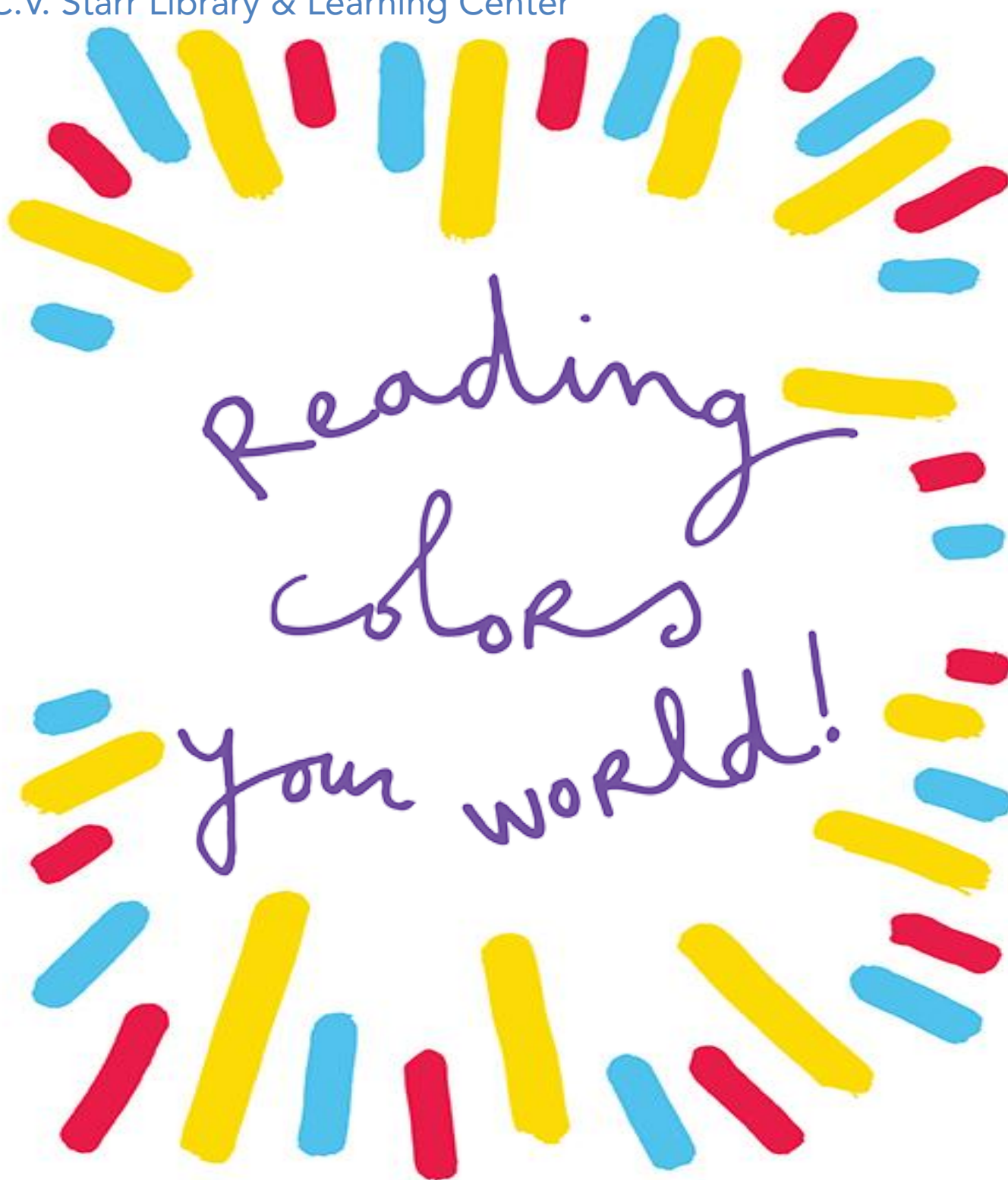


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Summer Reading Suggestions 2022  
Entering Grade 2

## Tips for Parents

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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 and [Sora](#), our online eBook and audiobook collection.

## Choosing A "Just Right Book"

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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

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[SHSH's Sora eBook Library](#)

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## 2022 Children's Literary Award Winners

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Awarded by the American Library Association, the 2022 children's book awards include:

Asian/Pacific American Award (★winner ★honor)  
Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award (★honor)  
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 (★honor)  
Stonewall Book Award (★honor)

Additional young people's literary awards:

- ∞ Best S.T.E.M. book awarded by National Science Teachers Association (NSTA)
- ✚ Orbis Pictus Award (recognizing excellence in the writing of nonfiction for children)
- ❖ Rise: A Feminist Book Project (formerly the Amelia Bloomer Project)

## New and notable titles for 2022

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\*Listed throughout and identified with an asterisk preceding the title. Links to titles available in Sora are included.

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

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"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*,  
[www.nytimes.com/guides/books/how-to-raise-a-reader](http://www.nytimes.com/guides/books/how-to-raise-a-reader)

## Suggested Family Read Alouds

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

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

*King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table* – Roger Lancelyn Green (Puffin Classic Series)

From the magical moment when Arthur releases the sword in the stone to the quest for the Holy Grail and the final tragedy of the Last Battle, Roger Lancelyn Green brings the enchanting world of King Arthur stunningly to life.

*Matilda* – Roald Dahl

Matilda, a brilliant, sensitive little girl, uses her talents and ingenuity to seek revenge on her crooked father, lazy mother, and the terrifying Miss Trunchbull, her wicked headmistress, and save her beloved teacher, Miss Honey.

*Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* – Kate DiCamillo

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

*The Mouse and the Motorcycle* – Beverly Cleary

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

## Independent Reading: Suggested Titles and Authors

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- Early Reader
- Transitional Chapter Book
- ◆ Independent Reading
- ⌘ Series

### Animal Adventures

*Adventures of Sophie Mouse: A New Friend* – Poppy Green

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

*Bramble and Maggie* – Jessie Haas

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

*Calpurnia Tate, Girl Vet* – Jacqueline Kelly

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

*Digby O'Day in the Fast Lane* – Shirley Hughes

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

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

Readers will love the slapstick humor and the odd-couple friendship between Dodsworth and the duck. ●⌘

*Lulu and the Duck in the Park* – Hilary McKay

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

*Magic Bone: Follow That Furball* – Nancy Krulik

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

*Owl Diaries* – Rebecca Elliott

Presents the adventures of Eva Wingdale, an owl who likes writing in her diary, making cool crafts, and hanging out with her friends in Treetopolis. ⌘

## Family and Friends

*A Is for Elizabeth* – Rachel Vail

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

*Ana and Andrew* – Christine Platt

Ana & Andrew are always on an adventure! They live in Washington, DC with their parents, but with family in Savannah, Georgia and Trinidad, there's always something exciting and new to learn about African American history and culture. ✂

*Charlie and Mouse* – Laurel Snyder

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

*\*Definitely Dominga: Knight of the Cape* – Terry Jennings

Dominguita Melendez is on a quest to teach the class bully that girls can most definitely be knights, no matter what he has to say about it. ❖✂

*Heidi Heckelbeck* – Wanda Coven

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

*\*Jo Jo Makoons: The Used-to-Be Best Friend* – Dawn Quigley

A joyful book about growing up Native in a loving community.

*Judy Moody* – Megan McDonald

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

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

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

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

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

*Life According to Dani* – Rose Lagercrantz

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

*The Life of Ty: Penguin Problems* – Lauren Myracle

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

*Meet Yasmin* – Saadia Faruqi

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

*Mostly Monty* – Johanna Hurwitz

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

*My Life in Pictures* – Deborah Zemke

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

*Pinky and Rex* – James Howe

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

*Polly Diamond and the Magic Book* – Alice Kuipers

A magic spelling book turns a young girl's world upside down as her family prepares for the arrival of a new baby brother. ♦☸

*Ruby Lu, Empress of Everything* – Lenore Look

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

*Sofia Martinez* – Jacqueline Jules

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

\**Sona Sharma, Very Best Big Sister?* – Chitra Soundar

The book features a highly accessible story about transitioning from being an only child to a sibling, and it depicts well-developed, positive relationships among members of three generations, all of whom burst with personality. ♦

*Stink and the Incredible Super-Galactic Jawbreaker* – Megan MacDonald

Stink Moody discovers that he can get free samples by writing letters to candy companies and plans a surprise for his best friend's birthday. ☸

\**Too Small Tola* – Atinuke

A young girl learns that she doesn't have to be big to make a difference.

*Ways to Make Sunshine* – Renée Watson

The Hart family of Portland, Oregon, faces many setbacks after Ryan's father loses his job, but no matter what, Ryan tries to bring sunshine to her loved ones. ♦☸

*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. ♦☸

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

*Desmond Cole, Ghost Patrol: The Haunted House Next Door* – Andres Miedoso

When supernatural things start happening in the house timid Andres and his parents just moved into, next-door-neighbor Desmond Cole, eight, comes to the rescue. ☸

*Diary of an Ice Princess: Snow Place Like Home* – Christina Soontornvat

Lina, a Windtamer who controls the wind and lives in a palace in the clouds, wants to go to a regular, non-magical school with her best friend Claudia, but first her grandfather must teach her to control her powers. ☸

*Dragon Masters* – Tracey West

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

*Eerie Elementary: The School is Alive!* – Jack Chabert

Sam Graves discovers that his elementary school is alive and plotting against the students, and, as hall monitor, it is his job to protect them--but he will need some help from his friends. ☸

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

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

*Geeger the Robot Goes to School* – Jarrett Lerner

An adventure of Geeger, a robot who goes to school for the very first time, in the first story in a new, fun-to-read Aladdin QUIX chapter book series that's perfect for emerging readers! ☸

*\*Happily Ever After Rescue Team* – Sam Hay

A young girl's wish to help out in her family's seaside café gets out of hand when she accidentally summons a rescue squad of fairytale princesses. ♦

*Hazy Bloom and the Tomorrow Power* – Jennifer Hamburg

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

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

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

*Isadora Moon Goes to School* – Harriet Muncaster

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

*The Magic Tree House* – Mary Pope Osborne

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

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

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



*My Father's Dragon* – Ruth Stiles Gannett

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

*Piper Green and the Fairy Tree* – Ellen Potter

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

*The Princess in Black* – Shannon Hale and Dean Hale

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

*Rabbit & Robot and Ribbit* – Cece Bell

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

## Humor

*Amelia Bedelia* – Peggy Parish

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

*The Bad Guys* – Aaron Blabey

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

*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. ❖⚔

*The Chicken Squad* – Doreen Cronin

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

*George Brown Class Clown* – Nancy Krulik

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

*Inspector Flytrap* – Tom Angleberger and CeCe Bell

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

*Stick Dog* – Tom Watson

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

*The Treehouse Books* – Andy Griffiths

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



## Mystery

*A to Z Mystery* – Ron Roy

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

*Boxcar Children* – Gertrude Chandler Warner

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

*Bradford Street Buddies: Backyard Camp-Out* – Jerdine Nolen

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

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

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

*Clubhouse Mysteries* – Sharon Draper

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

*Encyclopedia Brown* – Donald Sobol

Detective stories about 10-year-old Leroy (nicknamed Encyclopedia) Brown. ♦⌘

*Geronimo Stilton* – Geronimo Stilton

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

*Hardy Boys Clue Book* series – Franklin W. Dixon

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

*Hilde Cracks the Case* – Hilde Lysiak

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

*Marty Frye Private Eye* – Janet Tashjian

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

*Nancy Drew and the Clue Crews* – Carolyn Keene

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

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

*DK Readers* – Published by Dorling Kindersley

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

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

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

*Ordinary People Change the World* – 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.

*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.

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

Introduce readers to extraordinary individuals who made and continue to make a real difference.

Includes a wide range of people, from astronaut Mae Jemison to ballet dancer Misty Copeland to Duke Kahanamoku, who is regarded as the father of modern surfing.

## Sports: Fiction and Nonfiction

*Ballpark Mysteries* – David A. Kelly

Team up with baseball superfans Mike and Kate as they knock their mystery cases out of the park! ⚾

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

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

*Izzy Barr, Running Star* – Claudia Mills

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

*Kickers* – Rich Wallace

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

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

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

Sports fiction written by Jake Maddox

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

## Keep Picture Books in the Picture

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"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*,  
[www.nytimes.com/guides/books/how-to-raise-a-reader](https://www.nytimes.com/guides/books/how-to-raise-a-reader).

## New Picture Books for 2022

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

❖ Rise: A Feminist Book Project (formerly the Amelia Bloomer Project)

❖ *Between Two Worlds: The Art and Life of Amrita Sher-Gil* – Meera Sriram

A woman of two countries, Amrita Sher-Gil used art to express herself and her love for both India and Hungary.

★ *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. (A 2022 Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature Honor Book)

❖ *A Girl Named Rosita: The Story of Rita Moreno: Actor, Singer, Dancer, Trailblazer!* – Anika Aldamuy Denise  
Rosita Dolores Alverio moved from Puerto Rico to New York and became award-winning entertainer Rita Moreno.

★ *Grandad's Camper* – Harry Woodgate

A child who enjoys Grandad's stories of his travels and adventures with Gramps persuades him to fix up their old camper and take another trip, in honor of Gramps. (A 2022 Stonewall Honor Book)

★ *Have You Ever Seen a Flower?* – Shawn Harris

A young child leaves the drab city for a multi-sensory experience among effervescent flowers in this electric celebration of our connection to, and place within, the natural world. (A 2022 Caldecott Honor Book)

★ *May Your Life Be Deliciosa* – Michael Genhart

Rosie's Abuela doesn't need a recipe because she truly cooks "by heart." Rosie compares the steps of making tamales to the wishes she has for her family. (A 2022 Pura Belpré Illustrator Honor Book)

★ *Mel Fell* – Corey R. Tabor

As Mel the kingfisher plunges from a treetop on her first flight, readers are invited to turn the book sideways and upside-down as they follow her journey. (A 2022 Caldecott Honor Book)

★ *Nina: A Story of Nina Simone* – Traci N. Todd

A biography of Nina Simone, an acclaimed singer whose music gave voice to the struggle for racial equality during the Civil Rights Movement. (A 2022 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor Book)

- ❖ *Secrets of the Sea: The Story of Jeanne Power, Revolutionary Marine Scientist* – Evan Griffith  
A picture book biography celebrating Jeanne Power's influence in the use of aquariums for scientific study.
- ❖ *Shaped by Her Hands: Potter Maria Martinez* – Anna Harber Freeman and Barbara Gonzales  
Tewa Pueblo potter, Maria Povika Martinez, developed a technique of creating shiny black pottery using traditional methods, sharing her work with her family and the world.
- ★ *A Sky-Blue Bench* – Bahram Rahman  
Young Aria returns to school after recovering from an accident and being fitted with a prosthetic leg, but the school has no furniture and sitting on the floor is too painful. She finds a way to build her own bench, surprising and inspiring her classmates. (A 2022 Schneider Family Honor Book)
- ★ *Soul Food Sunday* – Winsome Bingham  
On Soul Food Sunday, a young Black boy helps his granny grate the cheese, prep the greens, and skin and slice the meat for the meal before making the sweet tea all by himself. (A 2022 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor Book)
- ❖ *The Stuff Between the Stars: How Vera Rubin Discovered Most of the Universe* – Sandra Nickel  
A picture book biography of astronomer Vera Rubin.
- ✦ *Unbound: The Life and Art of Judith Scott* – Joyce Scott with Brie Spangler  
In this visually splendid and moving book, Joyce Scott tells the story of her beloved twin sister and renowned artist Judith Scott, bringing to life and experiences of people with Down Syndromes.
- ★ *¡Vamos! Let's Cross the Bridge* – Raúl the Third  
Pals Little Lobo, Bernabé, La Oink Oink, and El Toro get stuck on a bridge between sister cities in two different countries and make a party out of a difficult situation. (The 2022 Pura Belpré Illustrator Award winner)
- ★ ❖ *We Wait for the Sun* – Katie McCabe and Dovey Johnson Roundtree  
Women working together become a symbol of hope in this gentle portrait of a formative experience in civil rights lawyer Dovey Johnson Roundtree's life. (A 2022 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor Book)
- ★ *A Walk in the Woods* – Hudson Talbott  
Hudson Talbott's inspiring story vividly reveals the challenges—and ultimately the rewards—of being a non-mainstream kind of learner. (A 2022 Schneider Family Honor Book)
- ★★★ *Watercress* – Andrea Wang and illustrated by Jason Chin  
A Chinese American girl, too embarrassed to eat the watercress her family picked from the roadside, learns of her mother's childhood experience with famine in China. (The 2022 Caldecott Medal winner, a 2022 Newbery Honor Book, and the 2022 Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature winner)

## Poetry Picks: 2022 Young People's Poet Laureate Naomi Shihab Nye

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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.

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

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π MSRI's 2022 Mathematical Book Prize

∞ Outstanding Science Trade Books selected by the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA)

∞ *The Beak Book* – Robin Page

This beautifully illustrated book helps young children determine how the different sizes and shapes of bird beaks are adapted to help birds weave nests, catch fish or climb trees.

∞ *Fearless World Traveler: Adventures of Marianne North, Botanical Artist* – Laurie Lawlor

Spirited and adventurous, Marianne North traveled the world documenting plants; she created more than 800 oil botanical paintings. This picture book tells the story of her persistence, journeys, and contributions to the field of botany.

★ *The Great Stink: How Joseph Bazalgette Solved London's Poop Pollution Problem* – Colleen Paeff.

After multiple cholera outbreaks and an exceptionally smelly summer in Victorian London, engineer Joseph Bazalgette designs a sewage system for the city. (A 2022 Sibert Honor Book)

∞ *Hello, Earth!: Poems to Our Planet* – Joyce Sidman

The Earth's inhabitants highlight the diversity of Earth's ecosystems, plants, and different locations and processes on the Earth through poetic prose.

\* *If the World Were 100 People: A Visual Guide to Our Global Village* – Jackie McCann

Help your child become a global citizen with this accessible introduction to the people that live on our planet, with big ideas broken into bite size chunks through clever graphic design.

∞ *Inside In: X-Rays of Nature's Hidden World* – Jan Paul Schutten

Stunning collection of x-ray photographs of organisms and their natural habitats with informative descriptions that encourage the reader to closely examine the photographs to uncover the hidden side of nature.

∞ *A Life Electric: The Story of Nikola Tesla* – Azadeh Westergaard

Explore the groundbreaking inventions and explore the private life of Nikola Tesla. Learn about his love of animals and his inventions that led us to use alternating current (AC).

∞ *Masters of Disguise: Camouflaging Creatures & Magnificent Mimics* – Marc Martin

This entertaining and engaging book showcases twelve animals from around the world through beautiful illustrations and detailed information about the adaptations of each master of disguise. The book also includes a fun hidden picture puzzle for each animal.

∞ *The Secret Life of the Sloth* – Laurence Pringle

It's no longer a secret! Beautiful illustrations and storytelling take the reader on a journey through a year in the life of a young female sloth.

∞ *She Persisted: Virginia Apgar* – Sayantani Dasgupta and Chelsea Clinton

The inspiring story of Dr. Virginia Apgar who revolutionized a method that vastly improved the life of new-born babies! Her unique style and persistence led the way for her students, her colleagues, and the medical world!

∞ ★ *Summertime Sleepers: Animals That Estivate* – Melissa Stewart

Using comparisons and contrasts, this engaging nonfiction title introduces young readers to estivation, the summertime equivalent of hibernation. (A 2022 Sibert Honor Book)

π *Uma Wimple Charts Her House* – Reif Larsen

A young chart maker faces a challenge when she is given an assignment to make a chart of her own home.

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

*DK Readers* – Published by Penguin Random House

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

*Junior Field Guides for Children* – Peterson, Audubon, National Geographic, or Simon & Schuster

*National Geographic Kids* – Published by National Geographic Children

This high-interest, educationally vetted series features the magnificent images of National Geographic, accompanied by texts written by experienced, skilled children's book authors.

*Rookie Read-About Science Series* – Allan Fowler

Full-color photos and just the right amount of text, this series immediately involves young readers as they discover intriguing facts about the fascinating world around them.

*Scholastic True or False Series*– Published by Scholastic

A science series in a fun question-and-answer format.

Science level readers by author Seymour Simon

With fascinating facts and amazing images, Simon presents an irresistible invitation to growing readers to question, explore and discover the exciting world around them.

*Tell Me Why Series* – Leokum Arkady

Question-and-answer format books.

*A True Book Series*– Published Scholastic

Provides the perfect introduction to various nonfiction subjects.

### Wellness Building Blocks: Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

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\**I Am, I Can: 365 Affirmations for Kids* – Wynne Kinder

I am strong. I am brave. I can handle anything. Using the power of positive thinking, children can build their self-esteem and resilience by focusing on what matters to them and remembering to champion themselves.

## Why Audiobooks?

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"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*, 4 April 2022,  
<https://www.readingrockets.org/article/listen-and-learn-audiobooks>

## ALA's Notable Children's Recordings 2022

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- \**All Because You Matter* – Tami Charles, read by the author, published by Weston Woods Studios  
Narrated by the author, the poetic text is enhanced by background music and sound effects that add depth to both the words and Bryan Collier's beautiful illustrations.
  
- \**Allergic* – Megan Wagner Lloyd, read by a full cast, published by Scholastic Audio  
This graphic novel about Maggie, who desperately wants a dog, but is allergic, is brought to life by a stellar full cast performance complete with scene-setting sound effects.
  
- \**At the Mountain's Base* – Traci Sorell, read by Kimberly Guerrero, published by Listening Library  
A Cherokee family separated by war waits for a cherished loved one to return in this lyrical story celebrating family and bravery.
  
- \**Boogie, Boogie, Y'all* – C. G. Esperanza, read by the author, published by HarperAudio  
With a hip-hop beat and perfect timing and cadence, this celebration of the city matches the energy of the often-overlooked art that illustrates public spaces. (The 2022 Odyssey Award winner for children)
  
- \**The Cat Man of Aleppo* – Karim Shamsi-Basha and Irene Latham, read by Ramsey Faragallah, published by Listening Library  
Set against a lush soundscape, complete with many meows, Faragallah's quiet narration tells the story of Alaa, who stayed in Syria at the start of the war to work as an ambulance driver
  
- \**Emmanuel's Dream: The True Story of Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah* – Laurie Ann Thompson, read by Adjoa Andoh, published by Listening Library  
Andoh's expressive voice, working in tandem with the warm musical score, brings out the joy and triumph in this uplifting story. (A 2022 Odyssey Honor audiobook)
  
- \**I Talk Like a River* – Jordan Scott, read by the author, published by Dreamscape  
Scott's stuttering narration of this autobiographical story gives an immersive experience unmatched by the picture book alone. (A 2022 Odyssey Honor audiobook)
  
- \**Ivy* – Katherine Coville, read by Carmen Viviano Crafts, published by Full Cast Audio  
A full cast of narrators successfully conjures dragons, griffins, trolls, and more in this exceptional recording the whole family can enjoy.
  
- \**Max and the Midnighters: Battle of the Bodkins* – Lincoln Peirce, read by a full cast, published by Listening Library  
Medieval music sets the scene, along with humorous sound effects, and exemplary voicing from a full cast led by Kristen DiMercurio.
  
- \**A Mind of Your Own* – The Bright Siders, published by Smithsonian Folkways Recordings  
Through a mixture of singable lyrics and full cast skits, *A Mind of Your Own* highlights important topics for social emotional learning in this fun, family friendly recording.



- \**Ohana Means Family* – Ilima Loomis, read by Lois Leinani Whitney, published by Live Oak  
Soothing music and rhythmic description capture the lush natural beauty of Hawaii through the process of farming taro and creating the traditional dish of poi for a family luau.
- \**The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read* – Rita Lorraine Hubbard, read by Nikki M. James, published by Weston Woods Studios  
The story of tenacious Mary Walker, who learned to read at the age of 116, is presented through an engaging, emotional, and honest narration highlighted by vivid illustrations by Oge More.
- \**Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot* – Dav Pilkey, read by Oliver Wyman, published by Scholastic Audio  
With non-stop sound effects and Wyman's squeaktastic performance, Ricky Ricotta's adventure is an uproarious good time.
- \**Rise of the Slippery Sea Monster* – Gareth P. Jones, read by David Thorpe, published by Listening Library  
In this installment of Adventures of the Steampunk Pirates, Thorpe delivers a side-splitting performance featuring spunky voices for an entire cast of characters.
- \**The Strawberry Band* – Story Pirates, published by Face Cake Records  
Inspired by stories written by children, this vibrant and zany mix of songs pays hilarious homage to concept albums.
- \**The Sun Is Kind of a Big Deal* – Nick Seluk, read by a full cast, published by Weston Woods Studios  
An enthusiastic full cast humorously introduces the wonders of our solar system to children, focusing on the significance of the sun and all its amazing characteristics.
- \**Twins* – Varian Johnson and Shannon Wright, read by a full cast, published by Scholastic Audio  
In this full cast performance, Johnson's popular graphic novel is reinvented as an energetic and engaging audiobook.
- \**We Are Still Here! Native American Truths Everyone Should Know* – Traci Sorell, read by a full cast, published by Live Oak Media  
Presented by a full cast of children and featuring a robust soundscape, this recording realizes the full potential of Sorell's powerful, illustrated nonfiction title.
- \**We Are Water Protectors* – Carole Lindstrom, read by the author, published by Weston Woods Studios  
This Caldecott Medal-winning book, illustrated by Michaela Goade, is enhanced by Lindstrom's authentic, steady voice, immersive music, and sound effects. (A 2022 Sibert Honor Book)

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## Suggested Resource for Parents and Caregivers

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*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.

## Suggested Magazines Available in Sora

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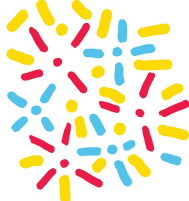





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Read on a rainy day.		Read to a pet or a stuffed animal.		Start reading at 11:11 a.m. and make a wish.
	Read outside.		Read to a friend or a sibling.	
Set a timer and read for 15 minutes or more.		Read in a blanket fort.		Read a book picked by a parent, or another grown up.
	Read a book of poems.		Read a nonfiction book.	

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BOOKS I READ THIS SUMMER:

