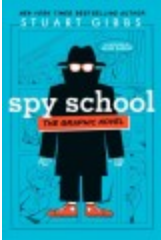


2022 Children's Literature:

Books, Lists and Articles

1.



Spy school: the graphic novel (Feb 2022)

By: Gibbs, Stuart, 1969-

When a case of mistaken identity lands him at the junior CIA academy, Ben Ripley realizes he might be a halfway decent spy--if he can survive all the attempts made on his life.

Series: Spy school (Graphic novels), 1**Lexile:** 740 **Accelerated Reader:** IL: MG, BL: 5.3, AR Pts: 9**Popularity:** ★★★★★ **Ages 9-12** **Fiction**

2.



The sun does shine: an innocent man, a wrongful conviction, and the long path to justice (Jun 2022), Forthcoming

By: Hinton, Anthony Ray

In 1985, Anthony Ray Hinton was arrested and charged with two counts of capital murder in Alabama. Stunned, confused, and only 29 years old, Hinton knew that it was a case of mistaken identity and believed that the truth would prove his innocence and ultimately set him free. With themes both timely and timeless, Hinton's memoir tells his dramatic 30-year journey and shows how you can take away a man's freedom, but you can't take away his imagination, humor, or joy.

Popularity: ★★★★★☆ **Ages 9-12** **Nonfiction**

3.



Minions: the rise of Gru (May 2022), Forthcoming

By: Chesterfield, Sadie

Featuring eight pages of full-color images, an official novelization of the highly anticipated sequel to the 2015 box-office hit finds Minions Kevin, Stuart and Bob using over-the-top strategies to help a young Gru join the Vicious 6..

Accelerated Reader: IL: LG, BL: 4.9, AR Pts: 2**Popularity:** ★★★★★☆ **Ages 9-12** **Fiction**

4.



The flames of hope (Apr 2022)

By: Sutherland, Tui, 1978-

Luna has always wanted to change the world -- to fix it, to free it -- even if she's never actually known how. Now that all of dragon - and humankind are in mortal danger, Luna is flying back home to Pantala with a team of dragons on a rescue mission, determined to be brave and useful. But saving a continent isn't as easy as a prophecy makes it sound, and "facing a great evil" definitely requires more than the fiery silk that Luna is uniquely able to create. As she fights her way to the abyss that hides the dark roots poisoning Pantala, Luna must uncover a long-buried secret and unite her friends, her enemies, and her own powers. If she doesn't, she won't get to change the world. She'll have to say goodbye to it -- forever.

Series: Wings of fire, Original series, 15

Wings of fire

Accelerated Reader: IL: MG, BL: 5.6, AR Pts: 12

Popularity: ★★★★★ Ages 9-12 Fiction

5.



Northwind (Jan 2022)

By: Paulsen, Gary, 1939-2021

When sickness decimates his fishing village, an orphan named Leif flees north in a cedar canoe, journeying along a brutal but beautiful coastline.

Accelerated Reader: IL: MG, BL: 6.2, AR Pts: 6

Popularity: ★★★★★ Ages 9-12 Fiction

6.



Once upon a Tim (Mar 2022)

By: Gibbs, Stuart, 1969-

This first book in a hilarious new series follows Tim, a peasant with big dreams of being a knight, as he finally gets the opportunity to change his station in life when he joins the quest to rescue a princess.

Series: Once upon a Tim, 1

Accelerated Reader: IL: MG, BL: 4.8, AR Pts: 3

Popularity: ★★★★★ Ages 9-12 Fiction

7.



The aquanaut (Mar 2022)

By: Santat, Dan

With her father lost at sea, Sophie wanders aimlessly around Aqualand, a marine theme park, until an "aquanaut" breaks into the park's research lab, revealing Aqualand's dark side and vowing to free the captive marine life with her help.

Popularity: ★★★★★ Ages 9-12 Fiction



8. The school for whatnots (Mar 2022)

By: Haddix, Margaret Peterson

Delving into the power of privilege, the importance of true friendship and the question of humanity and identity, this novel follows fifth grader Max as he searches for his best friend who disappeared, leaving behind a strange note.

Popularity: ★★★★★ Ages 9-12 Fiction



9. Tiger honor (Jan 2022)

By: Lee, Yoon Ha, 1979-

To restore honor to the Juhwang clan after Uncle Hwan is declared a traitor, Sebrin sets out to clear Hwan's name, but nothing goes as planned as they are sabotaged and betrayed by someone they thought they could trust.

Series: Thousand worlds, 2

Popularity: ★★★★★ Ages 9-12 Fiction



10. River (Apr 2022)

By: Hunter, Erin

As a new generation of warriors rise, leaders from the five Clans agree that the Warrior Code must be reformed if harmony is to be upheld, but when tragedy strikes RiverClan, one young medicine cat apprentice must calm the coming storm.

Series: Warriors (Erin Hunter), Starless clan, 1

Warriors (Erin Hunter)

Accelerated Reader: IL: MG, BL: 5.9, AR Pts: 9

Popularity: ★★★★★ Ages 9-12 Fiction

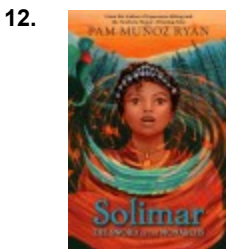


11. The ogress and the orphans (Mar 2022)

By: Barnhill, Kelly Regan

When a child goes missing from the Orphan House in the town of Stone-in-the-Glen, the mayor suggests the kindly Ogress is responsible, but the orphans do not believe that and try to make their deluded neighbors see the real villain among them.

Popularity: ★★★★★ Ages 9-12 Fiction



12. Solimar: the sword of the Monarchs (Feb 2022)

By: Ryan, Pam Munoz

On the eve of her Quinceañera, Princess Solimar discovers that it will take more than magic to save her kingdom and prevent the destruction of the Monarch butterfly.

Popularity: ★★★★★ Ages 9-12 Fiction

13.



The stolen slippers (Feb 2022)

By: De la Cruz, Melissa, 1971-

To get the glass slipper back from Cinderella, Filomena and her gang return to Never After where they must help Cinderella's twin stepsisters--who are victims of her cruelty--as spells, creatures and evil swirl around them.

Series: Never after, 2

Accelerated Reader: IL: MG, BL: 4.7, AR Pts: 9

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Ages 9-12 Fiction

14.



Loyalty (Feb 2022)

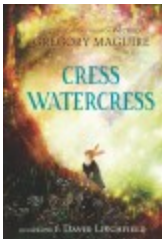
By: Avi, 1937-

To avenge his father, Noah becomes a spy for the British during the American Revolution, witnessing firsthand the hypocrisy, lies, and allegiances that come with war, and must determine for himself where his loyalty truly lies.

Accelerated Reader: IL: MG, BL: 5.2, AR Pts: 12

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Ages 9-12 Fiction

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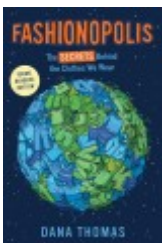
Cress Watercress (Mar 2022)

By: Maguire, Gregory

When Papa doesn't return from a nocturnal honey-gathering expedition, Cress holds out hope, but her mother assumes the worst. It's a dangerous world for rabbits, after all. Mama moves what's left of the Watercress family to the basement unit of the Broken Arms, a run-down apartment oak with a suspect owl landlord, a nosy mouse super, a rowdy family of squirrels, and a pair of songbirds who broadcast everyone's business. Can a dead tree full of annoying neighbors, and no Papa, ever be home?

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Ages 9-12 Fiction

16.



Fashionopolis: the secrets behind the clothes we wear : young readers' edition (Feb 2022)

By: Thomas, Dana, 1964-

Shows readers how the process of making, buying, wearing and disposing of clothes has a huge impact on our environment, on the people who work in clothing factories and on our culture.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Ages 9-12 Nonfiction

17.



Pilar Ramirez and the escape from Zafa (Mar 2022)

By: Randall, Julian

While doing research for her documentary about her cousin Natasha--who disappeared in the Dominican Republic fifty years ago during the Trujillato--twelve-year-old Pilar Violeta Ramirez is transported to Zafa, an island where Dominican myths and legends come to life and where her cousin is being held captive in a sinister magical prison, and Pilar must defeat the Dominican bogeyman if she hopes to free Natasha and return home to Chicago. Includes author's note.

Series: Pilar Ramirez duology, 1

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Ages 9-12** **Fiction**

18.



The secret of Glendunny: the haunting (Mar 2022)

By: Lasky, Kathryn

In the wilds of Scotland, a secret colony of beavers have been hiding in plain sight, safe from humans who crave their fur, until Dunwattle, a young beaver kit, exposes their hidden colony and faces a fate worse than death.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Ages 9-12** **Fiction**

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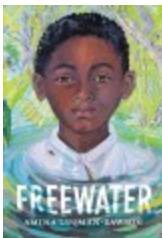
The last mapmaker (Apr 2022)

By: Soontornvat, Christina

Joining an expedition to chart the southern seas, 12-year-old mapmaker's assistant Sai, posing as a well-bred young lady with a glittering future, realizes she's not the only one on board harboring secrets when she discovers the ship's true destination.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Ages 9-12** **Fiction**

20.



Freewater (Feb 2022)

By: Luqman-Dawson, Amina

After escaping Southerland Plantation with his little sister, 12-year-old Homer becomes part of a secret community called Freewater, where he finally finds a place to call home and the courage to go back and free his mother from enslavement.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Ages 9-12** **Fiction**

21.



A duet for home (Apr 2022)

By: Glaser, Karina Yan

Two children living in a homeless shelter whose friendship grows over a shared love of classical music, June and Tyree join forces to confront a new housing policy that puts homeless families in danger.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Ages 9-12** **Fiction**

22.



The sheep, the rooster, and the duck: a tale from the age of wonder (Mar 2022)

By: Phelan, Matt

While caring for Benjamin Franklin's chateau in Paris, 10-year-old Emile finds himself in the middle of a sinister plot -- and in the middle of the secret headquarters for France's undercover superheroes where he helps them save both Benjamin Franklin and the world.

Accelerated Reader: IL: MG, BL: 4.3, AR Pts: 2

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Ages 9-12** **Fiction**

23.



Turning red: the deluxe junior novelization (Feb 2022)

By: Liu, Cynthea

"Mei Lee is a confident, dorky thirteen-year-old torn between staying her mother's dutiful daughter and the chaos of adolescence. And as if changes to her interests, relationships, and body weren't enough, whenever she gets too excited (which for a teenager is practically ALWAYS), she "poofs" into a giant red panda!"

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Ages 9-12** **Fiction**

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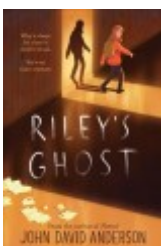
Cameron Battle and the hidden kingdoms (Feb 2022)

By: Perry, Jamar J.

When Cameron and his best friends are magically transported through the pages of an ancestral book to the fabled West African country Chidani, they find a kingdom in extreme danger and have to find a way to save the Igbo people.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Ages 9-12** **Fiction**

25.



Riley's ghost (Jan 2022)

By: Anderson, John David, 1975-

Locked in the science closet after-hours by the cool girls, Riley begins reliving moments that brought her to this night--moments from her own life and a life that is not her own.

Accelerated Reader: IL: MG, BL: 5.5, AR Pts: 11

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Ages 9-12** **Fiction**

26.



Wonder: illustrated edition (Feb 2022)

By: Palacio, R. J.

This beautifully illustrated edition of the #1 New York Times best-seller brings to life the story of August Pullman, who wanted nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid, but his new classmates cannot get past his extraordinary face.

Lexile: 720

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Ages 9-12** **Fiction**

27.



We are wolves (Mar 2022)

By: Nannestad, Katrina

Sometimes it's good to be wild. Sometimes you have to be wild. When the Russian Army marches into East Prussia at the end of the war, the Wolf family must flee. Liesl, Otto and their baby sister Mia find themselves lost and alone, in a blizzard, in the middle of a war zone. Liesl has promised Mama that she will keep her brother and sister safe. But sometimes, to survive, you have to do bad things.

Dangerous things. Wild things. Sometimes to survive, you must become a wolf.

Lexile: 720 **Lexile:** 720

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Ages 9-12** **Fiction**

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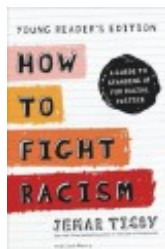
The boy who met a whale (Feb 2022)

By: Farook, Nizrana

Sri Lankan fisherboy Raz and his sister are swept into a high-seas adventure when they meet Zheng, who has escaped a shipwreck and is full of tales of sea monsters and missing treasure.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Ages 9-12** **Fiction**

29.



How to fight racism: a guide to standing up for racial justice (Jan 2022)

By: Tisby, Jemar

"Racism and social justice are important topics kids are dealing with today. In this adaptation of How to Fight Racism for young readers ages 8-12, Dr. Jemar Tisby helps kids understand how everyday prejudice affects them and what they can do to create social change. Inside, he explains the history of racism in America and why it is so prevalent, as well as uses Christian principles to provide practical tools and advice kids can use to develop and maintain an anti-racist mindset and make a positive difference in the world. Racism is pervasive in today's world, and in the wake of protests and a call for change, many kids are eager to confront it but aren't always sure how. Jemar Tisby, author of How to Fight Racism and The Color of Compromise, believes we need to move beyond mere discussions about racism and begin equipping young people with the practical tools to fight against it. In How to Fight Racism Young Reader's Edition, Dr. Tisby uses history to explore how racism has affected America since before its founding and how it's continued to grow, as well as examines how true social justice is rooted in the Christian faith. In a format that provides kids with a handbook for pursuing racial justice, readers ages 8-12 will discover hands-on suggestions and real-world examples of change they can put into action; practical ideas for confronting racism in their everyday lives, and how they can use Christian values to change the narrative around race; the ARC of racial justice-Awareness, Connection, and Relationships-that help form an anti-racist mindset; and ways to evaluate their actions and promote biblical principles. Throughout, kids will learn how to ask questions of themselves and their communities as they stand up to racism in all its forms"--.

The author of How to Fight Racism and The Color of Compromise helps kids understand how everyday prejudice affects them and what they can do to create social change.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Ages 9-12 Nonfiction

30.



Cook It!: the Dr. Seuss cookbook for kid chefs (Jan 2022)





By: Gercke, Daniel

Created specifically for children to use with adults, the text of this unique cookbook that contains 50 recipes inspired by Dr. Seuss is partially written in rhyme and illustrated throughout with cheerful Seussian-inspired photographs by an acclaimed photographer and classic artwork from 21 different books by Dr. Seuss. Sturdy lay-flat binding makes it easy to use in the kitchen.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Ages 9-12 Nonfiction

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2022 Children's Literature: Books, Lists and Articles

31.  **Aru Shah and the nectar of immortality** (Apr 2022)
By: Chokshi, Roshani
 The Pandavas call on old friends, make new allies, and face fearsome trials as they embark on a mission to stop the Sleeper from accessing the nectar of immortality, but ultimately Aru must decide who deserves immortality--the devas or the asuras--and an unexpected answer comes from an unexpected place.
Series: Pandava, 5
Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Ages 9-12** **Fiction**
32.  **The witch, the sword, and the cursed knights** (Feb 2022)
By: Rogers, Alexandria
 Drafted to serve as a knight of King Arthur's legendary Round Table, 12-year-old Ellie must embrace her witch magic to break a wicked curse leeching the knights of their power and reforge the lost, shattered sword of Excalibur.
Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Ages 9-12** **Fiction**
33.  **Louisa June and the Nazis in the waves** (Mar 2022)
By: Elliott, Laura, 1957-
 In 1941, after Hitler declares war on the US, unleashing U-boat submarines to attack American ships, Louisa June, with the waves outside her house carrying dangerous enemies, must help her mother after her father and brother are caught in the crossfire.
Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Ages 9-12** **Fiction**
34.  **The turtle of Michigan** (Mar 2022)
By: Nye, Naomi Shihab
 Eight-year-old Aref is excited to reunite with his father in Ann Arbor, Michigan where he will start a new school, and while Aref misses his grandfather, his Sidi, he knows that his home in Oman will always be waiting for him.
Series: Turtle of Oman, 2
Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Ages 9-12** **Fiction**

35.



How to build a human: in seven evolutionary steps (Apr 2022)

By: Turner, Pamela S.

"A celebrated science writer draws upon the most recent discoveries in paleoanthropology and evolutionary biology to present the seven most important steps leading to Homo sapiens."--.

Lexile: 990 **Lexile:** 990

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Ages 9-12** **Nonfiction**

36.



Aviva vs. the dybbuk (Feb 2022)

By: Lowe, Mari

A long ago "accident." An isolated girl named Aviva. A community that wants to help, but doesn't know how. And a ghostly dybbuk, that no one but Aviva can see, causing mayhem and mischief that everyone blames on her.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Ages 9-12** **Fiction**

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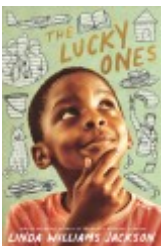
The legend of the dream giants (Mar 2022)

By: Hansen, Dustin

An orphaned giant searching for kindness and companionship, Berg happens upon a new town where he meets a young girl named Anya who comes to his rescue when a secret plot is revealed to capture him.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Ages 9-12** **Fiction**

38.



The lucky ones (Apr 2022)

By: Jackson, Linda Williams

In 1967, when his teacher loans him a copy of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, 11-year-old Ellis Earl Brown is amazed to encounter a family worse off than his own and wonders if happy endings only come in books.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Ages 9-12** **Fiction**

39.



The woman who split the atom: the life of Lise Meitner (Apr 2022)

By: Moss, Marissa

"As a female Jewish physicist in Berlin during the early 20th century, Lise Meitner had to fight for an education, a job, and equal treatment in her field, like having her name listed on her own research papers. Meitner made groundbreaking strides in the study of radiation, but when Hitler came to power in Germany, she suddenly had to face not only sexism, but also life-threatening anti-Semitism as well. Nevertheless, she persevered and one day made a discovery that rocked the world: the splitting of the atom. While her male lab partner was awarded a Nobel Prize for the achievement, the committee refused to give her any credit. Suddenly, the race to build the atomic bomb was on—although Meitner was horrified to be associated with such a weapon. "A physicist who never lost her humanity," Meitner wanted only to figure out how the world works, and advocated for pacifism while others called for war. The book includes an afterword, author's note, timeline, select terms of physics, glossary of scientists mentioned, endnotes, select bibliography, index, and Marissa Moss' celebrated drawings throughout. The Woman Who Split the Atom is a fascinating look at Meitner's fierce passion, integrity, and her life-long struggle to have her contributions to physics recognized".

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Ages 9-12** **Nonfiction**

40.



Castle of tangled magic (May 2022), Forthcoming

By: Anderson, Sophie

Olia lives with her parents in an old crumbling castle, filled with hidden turrets and secret doorways. When she follows a mysterious cat to one of the castle's roof domes, she finds herself stepping through one such doorway into a magical land filled with wonders... But everything is not quite as it seems: the land is under threat from a scheming magician, Chernmor, and the magic is fading away. With the help of an enchanted band of new friends, can Olia find a way to save both her own home, and the land of forbidden magic?

Lexile: 860 **Lexile:** 860

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Ages 9-12** **Fiction**

41.



The patron thief of bread (May 2022)

By: Eagar, Lindsay

Told in alternating viewpoints, this timeless tale of love, self-discovery and what it means to be rescued follows 8-year-old Duck, a thief who becomes a baker's apprentice, and an old and ugly gargoyle who grows tired of waiting to fulfill his destiny.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Ages 9-12** **Fiction**

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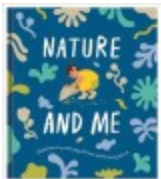
Forest fighter: the story of Chico Mendes (Mar 2022)

By: Ganeri, Anita, 1961-

"A picture book that tells the important story of Chico Mendes, who led the fight to protect the Amazon rainforest and demand fair treatment for the people whose livelihoods depended on it. Chico Mendes lived in the depths of the Amazon rainforest where trees grew tall and strong and wildlife roamed freely. From the age of 8, Chico worked with his father collecting sap from trees that could be sold to make rubber. Rubber tappers were very poor and the rainforest was increasingly being destroyed by burning and logging, threatening their livelihoods. Chico knew he had to take a stand. He became a spokesperson for the community, fighting hard to preserve the Amazon rainforest and speaking up for the rights of other rubber tappers. He won several international awards for his campaigns, but the loggers still wouldn't stop. At the age of 44, Chico was murdered by one of the loggers. Grippingly written by award-winning author, Anita Ganeri, and vibrantly illustrated by Margaux Carpentier, Forest Fighter tells the inspiring story of Chico Mendes, who was not afraid to speak up for others and worked tirelessly to protect the rainforest. It depicts the incredible wildlife and peoples who co-exist there and shows why it is so important that all rainforests are protected"--.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Ages 9-12** **Nonfiction**

43.



Nature and me: a guide to the joys and excitements of the outdoors (Feb 2022)

Children are used to hearing about how important it is to protect nature, but they may not fully understand how the natural world can positively impact their emotional wellbeing. With that in mind, this book looks to show children how nature can be fun, uplifting, consoling and even offer companionship. This is a book about how nature can touch us all and help us with our lives (especially when we might be feeling bored, sad or lonely). This is an inspirational book, not just educating children about the natural world, but teaching them to love and connect with it. Beautiful illustrations and a tone that is encouraging, warm and accessible makes it easy for children, and their favourite adults, to relate to.

Lexile: 780 **Lexile:** 780

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ **Ages 9-12** **Nonfiction**

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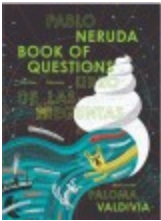
Shahrazad and the angry king (Jan 2022)

By: Kazemi, Nahid

In this contemporary reimagination of the Scheherazade tale, a young girl imagines herself zooming off in a toy airplane to confront an angry king, telling him countless stories and making him reflect on the kind of leader he really wants to be.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Ages** 9-12 **Fiction**

45.



The book of questions: = libro de las preguntas (Apr 2022)

By: Neruda, Pablo, 1904-1973

This bilingual Spanish-English edition answers 70 questions that are by turns lyrical, strange, surreal, spiritual, historical and political.

Popularity: ★★★★★ **Ages** 0-8 **Nonfiction**

46.



The year we learned to fly (Jan 2022)

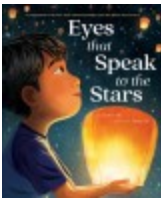
By: Woodson, Jacqueline

By heeding their wise grandmother's advice, a brother and sister discover the ability to lift themselves up and imagine a better world.

Accelerated Reader: IL: LG, BL: 3.9, AR Pts: 0.5

Popularity: ★★★★★ **Ages** 0-8 **Fiction**

47.



Eyes that speak to the stars (Jan 2022)

By: Ho, Joanna

A young Asian boy, who notices that his eyes look different from his friends', realizes that his eyes--like his father's, grandfather's, and younger brother's--rise to the skies, speak to the stars and are visionary.

Accelerated Reader: IL: LG, BL: 4.4, AR Pts: 0.5

Popularity: ★★★★★ **Ages** 0-8 **Fiction**

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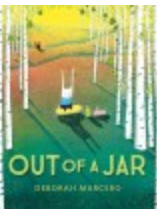
This book will get you to sleep! (Mar 2022)

By: John, Jory

"Attention, reader: This book is going to make you tired! It will calm you down! Yes, this book will put you to sleep! How? Easy. There are monster trucks dashing across the pages. There are sheep being chased by dragons. There are electric guitars wailing throughout. Plus so much more! Yep. All the typical stuff that makes you sleepy. So . . . are you asleep yet? No? Well, maybe another method would work better . . . So read on, and it's guaranteed you'll start to snooze!"--.

Popularity: ★★★★★ **Ages** 0-8 **Fiction**

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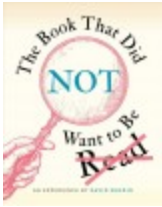
Out of a jar (Feb 2022)

By: Marcer, Deborah

Llewellyn, a little rabbit overwhelmed by his emotions, hides away his feelings in glass jars, until he discovers life is more colorful when he sets his emotions free.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Ages 0-8** **Fiction**

50.



The book that did not want to be read (Feb 2022)

By: Sundin, David, 1976-

A humorous interactive story about a book that does not want to be read and will do just about anything it can to make you give up and put it down.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Ages 0-8** **Fiction**

51.



Endlessly ever after: pick your path to endless fairy tale endings! : a story of Little Red Riding Hood, Jack, Hansel, Gretel, Sleeping Beauty, Snow White, a wolf, a witch, a goose, a grandmother, some pigs, and endless variations (Apr 2022)

By: Snyder, Laurel

This funny choose-your-path picture book of fractured fairy tales offers young readers the chance to build their own narrative out of the decisions they make each step of the way.

Lexile: 520 **Lexile:** 520 **Adult-directed text**

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Ages 0-8** **Fiction**

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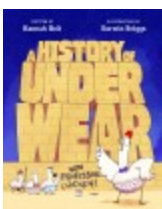
Knight Owl (Mar 2022)

By: Denise, Christopher

A determined Owl builds strength and confidence in this medieval picture book about the real mettle of a hero: wits, humor, and heart.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Ages 0-8** **Fiction**

53.



A history of underwear with Professor Chicken (Feb 2022)

By: Holt, Hannah

From Paleolithic loincloths to Henry VII's wives wearing underwear on their heads and beyond, this hilarious--and accurate--history of underwear (as comically modeled by chickens), tells the fascinating story of our most private clothing.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Ages 0-8** **Nonfiction**

54.



I am you: a book about Ubuntu (Feb 2022)

By: Moahloli, Refiloe

"In southern Africa, there is a belief called ubuntu--the idea that we are all connected. No matter where we're from or who we are, a person is a person through their connections to other people. With simple, lyrical text and charming artwork, this lively picture book first published in South Africa is the perfect introduction to the concept of ubuntu for young kids. A celebration of friendship and kindness, the book shows children the many ways that we are all one"--.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Ages** 0-8 **Fiction**

55.



Apple and Magnolia (Feb 2022)

By: Gehl, Laura

"The bond between two trees, Apple and Magnolia, takes center stage in this picture book that explores the power of unlikely friendships and that includes an author's note that further explores how trees communicate"--.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Ages** 0-8 **Fiction**

56.



Blue: a history of the color as deep as the sea and as wide as the sky (Feb 2022)

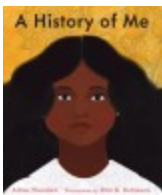
By: Brew-Hammond, Nana Ekua

This visually stunning picture book follows one color's journey throughout history—from ancient Afghan painters to 1905, when a chemical blue dye was created—and around the world, as it becomes the blue we know today.

Lexile: 1060 Adult-directed text

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Ages** 0-8 **Nonfiction**

57.



The history of me (Jan 2022)

By: Theodore, Adrea

"A mother's account of her experience as the only Black child in school serves as an empowering message to her daughter"--Provided by publisher.

The only Black girl in a classroom full of white students learns what really matters is what she sees when she looks at herself--a reflection of the courage, strength, intelligence and creativity passed down from her ancestors.

Accelerated Reader: IL: LG, BL: 3.6, AR Pts: 0.5

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Ages** 0-8 **Fiction**

58.



Jeff goes wild (Jan 2022)

By: Rozelaar, Angela

"Follows one little cat named Jeff as he imagines himself as a ferocious tiger in the jungle where he can be free from the rules of indoors! Escaping in his imagination to exercise his wild side, Jeff meets other animals in the jungle. With their help, Jeff learns to appreciate himself for who he is: not a tiger, but a little kitty who can be just as wild"--.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Ages 0-8 Fiction

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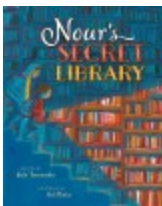
Ablaze with color: a story of painter Alma Thomas (Feb 2022)

By: Harvey, Jeanne Walker

"Meet an incredible woman who broke down barriers throughout her whole life and is now known as one of the most preeminent painters of the 20th century. Told from the point of view of young Alma Thomas, readers can follow along as she grows into her discovery of the life-changing power of art"--.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Ages 0-8 Nonfiction

60.



Nour's secret library (Mar 2022)

By: Tarnowska, Wafa

Forced to take shelter when their Syrian city is plagued with bombings, young Nour and her cousin begin to bravely build a secret underground library. Based on the author's own life experience and inspired by a true story, Nour's Secret Library is about the power of books to heal, transport and create safe spaces during difficult times.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Ages 0-8 Fiction

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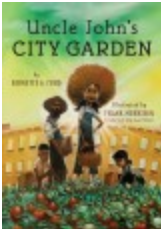
Happy sloth day! (Mar 2022)

By: Sayre, April Pulley, 1966-2021

Visually stunning and informative, this nonfiction picture book takes readers into the rainforest canopy where they will meet sloths and learn all about these slow, gentle creatures.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Ages 0-8** **Nonfiction**

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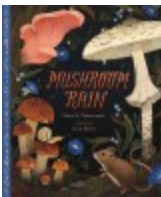
Uncle John's city garden (May 2022)

By: Ford, Bernette G.

Visiting the city from her home in the suburbs, an African American girl sees how a few packets of seeds, some helping hands and hard work transform an empty lot in a housing project into a magical place where vegetables grow and family gathers. Illustrated by a multiple Coretta Scott King Award- and NAACP Image Award-winner.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Ages 0-8** **Fiction**

63.



Mushroom rain (Mar 2022)

By: Zimmermann, Laura K.

"Through lyrical text and colorful detailed artwork, the mysterious and sometimes bizarre world of mushrooms is explored. Back matter includes a glossary and science facts".

Lexile: 900 **Lexile:** 900 Adult-directed text

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Ages 0-8** **Nonfiction**

64.



It's so difficult (Mar 2022)

By: Nieto Guridi, Raul, 1970-

In this compassionate look at anxiety and overstimulation, a child deals with the challenging routines of a single day where even the smallest step forward can be a big accomplishment.

Lexile: 500 **Lexile:** 500

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ **Ages 0-8** **Fiction**

65. **The writer** (Mar 2022)



By: Cali, Davide, 1972-

Showing how dogs change our lives for the better, this wonderful picture book follows a French bulldog who, caring for his human, a writer, which is no easy task, brings someone new into their lives.

Lexile: 450 **Lexile:** 450 Adult-directed text

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ **Ages** 0-8 **Fiction**

66. **I am quiet: a story for the introvert in all of us** (Apr 2022)



By: Powers, Andie

Emile may seem shy on the outside, but on the inside he is bustling with imagination, in this picture book that shows us that the mind of a quiet child can be the same as any other (more extroverted) child.

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ **Ages** 0-8 **Fiction**

67. **Hope is an arrow: the story of Lebanese-American poet Khalil Gibran** (Jun 2022),
Forthcoming



By: Mccarthy, Cory

An award-winning writer pens this lyrical biography of the world's third bestselling poet of all time, revealing a child immigrant from Lebanon, with a secret hope, who used poetry to bring people together.

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ **Ages** 0-8 **Nonfiction**

68. **A Kunwinjku counting book** (May 2022),
Forthcoming



By: Maralngurra, Gabriel, 1968-

Part tribute to the indigenous people of Australia, part nature guide to the Northern Territory, this counting book for all ages offers insight into the complex ecology of West Arnhem Land and the vibrant traditions of Bininj culture.

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ **Ages** 0-8 **Nonfiction**

69. **LOU** (Jun 2022), Forthcoming



By: Carzoo, Breanna

Meet Lou. Lou has an important job . . . as the neighborhood toilet for dogs on their walks. Useful as he may be, he gets the feeling that deep down inside, there might be more to him than that. He just doesn't seem to know exactly what yet. When disaster strikes, will Lou find out what he's made of and save the day?

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ **Ages** 0-8 **Fiction**

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