

L.E.'s Folder

2023 Spring Children's Literat:

Books, Lists and Articles

1.



A mighty long way: my journey to justice at Little Rock Central High School, adapted for young readers (Jan 2023)

By: LaNier, Carlotta Walls

The youngest member of the Little Rock Nine at 14 years old, Carlotta Walls shares her courageous story as she integrated the all-white Little Rock Central High School, ultimately becoming the first Black female ever to walk across its stage and receive a diploma.

Lexile: 980 **Lexile:** 980

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

2.



A portrait of Leonardo: the life and times of Leonardo da Vinci : a literary picture book (May 2023), Forthcoming

By: Bixley, Donovan

"Strip back the layers of varnish and discover the man behind the masterpieces, the personality that drove one of the greatest minds in history. The life and times of Leonardo da Vinci are vividly imagined by Donovan Bixley."--Back cover.

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

3.



Akim Aliu: Dreamer (May 2023)

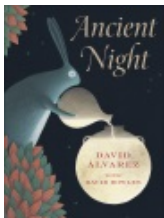
By: Aliu, Akim, 1989-

"Akim Aliu--also known as 'Dreamer' --is a Ukrainian-Nigerian-Canadian professional hockey player whose career took him all around the world and who experienced systemic racism at every turn. Dreamer tells Akim's incredible story, from being the only Black child in his Ukrainian community, to his family struggling to make ends meet while living in Toronto, to confronting the racist violence he often experienced both on and off the ice. This is a gut-wrenching and riveting graphic novel memoir that reminds us to never stop dreaming, and is sure to inspire young readers everywhere.

Lexile: 580

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

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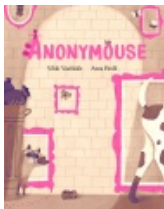
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Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Ages 0-8** **Nonfiction**

5.



Anonymouse (Feb 2021)

By: Vansickle, Vikki, 1982-

An uplifting meditation of the role of art in revitalizing the spirit depicts baffled animal residents in a city where animal-friendly street art by an unknown artist, Anonymouse, begins inspiring their community.

Lexile: 410 **Lexile:** 410 Adult-directed text

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

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7.



Captain America: the ghost army (Jan 2023)

By: Gratz, Alan, 1972-

While fighting in WWII, 18-year-old Steve Rogers (aka Captain America) and his young sidekick, Bucky Barnes, must find a way to defeat a Ghost Army that, impervious to weapons, rises from the ground in the night and then disappears without a trace.

Lexile: 480 **Lexile:** 480 **Accelerated Reader:** IL: MG, BL: 3.3, AR
Pts: 1

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

8.



Clarice Bean, scram!: the story of how we got our dog (Apr 2023)

By: Child, Lauren

"When a stray dog follows Clarice Bean home, she decides it's up to her to take care of him. Now all she has to do is figure out how to keep him a secret from the rest of the family . . ."--.

Series: Clarice Bean novels, 5

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

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Lexile: 550

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

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Death in the spotlight (Apr 2023)

By: Stevens, Robin, 1988-

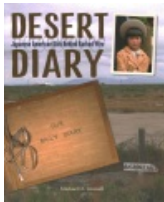
Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong are off to the beautiful Rue Theatre in London, where they will face an entirely new challenge: acting. But behind the theatre's glittering facade, the girls soon realize that there is trouble at the Rue. Jealousy, threats and horrible pranks quickly spiral out of control - and then one of the cast is found dead.

Series: Murder most unladylike, 8

Lexile: 800

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ Ages 9-12 Fiction

12.



Desert diary: Japanese American kids behind barbed wire (Oct 2020)

By: Tunnell, Michael O.

"In March 1943, twenty-seven children began third grade in a strange new environment: the Topaz Relocation Center in Utah. Together with their teacher, Miss Yamauchi, these uprooted young Americans began keeping a classroom diary, with a different child illustrating each day's entry. Their full-color diary entries paint a vivid picture of daily life in an internment camp: schoolwork, sports, pets, holidays, health--and the mixed feelings of citizens who were loyal but distrusted"--.

Lexile: 1090

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

13.



Dying to meet you (Apr 2009)

By: Klise, Kate

In this story told mostly through letters, children's book author I. B. Grumpy gets more than he bargained for when he rents a quiet place to write for the summer.

Series: 43 Old Cemetery Road, 1

Lexile: 730 **Lexile:** 730 **Accelerated Reader:** IL: MG, BL: 4.9, AR

Pts: 2

Popularity: ★★★★★ Ages 9-12 Fiction

14.



Elena rides (Mar 2023)

By: Medina, Juana, 1980-

Elena wants to ride her bike. She steadies, she readies. She wobbles, she bobbles . . . KA-BANG! Learning to ride a bike is hard. But Elena can do it. She just has to try, try again. Simple, energetic text and bold, brilliant artwork convey a relatable tale of the ups and downs of learning something new (not without protest or tears) and the final thrill of mastery that will have children rooting for Elena and ready for her next adventure.

Series: Elena

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

15.



Felice and the wailing woman (Apr 2023)

By: Lopez, Diana

The twelve-year-old daughter of La Llorona vows to free her mother and reverse the curses that have plagued the magical town of Tres Leches.

Series: Monstruos, 1

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17.



Global (Apr 2023)

By: Colfer, Eoin

Told in alternating voices, twelve-year-old Sami, from a village along the Bay of Bengal, and fourteen-year-old Yuki, from Northern Canada, strive to protect their homes from the encroaching damage brought on by climate change.

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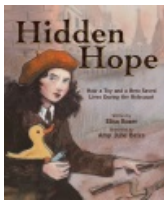
Series: Greenglass House, 1

Lexile: 800 **Lexile:** 800 **Accelerated Reader:** IL: MG, BL: 5.4, AR

Pts: 15

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

19.



Hidden hope: how a toy and a hero saved lives during the Holocaust (Mar 2023)

By: Boxer, Elisa

The remarkable true story of how a toy duck smuggled forged identity papers for Jewish refugees during WWII.

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

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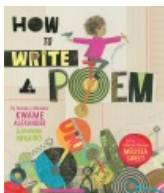
How to count to one: (and don't even think about bigger numbers!) (Jun 2023), Forthcoming

By: Salmon, Caspar, 1981-

In this interactive, laugh-out-loud story where readers must ONLY ever count to ONE, children can find ways to outsmart the book ... and count all the way up to 100!

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

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22.



I did it! (Oct 2022)

By: Emberley, Michael

A creature tries and tries again to try new things and their friends provide words of encouragement.

Series: I like to read comics

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

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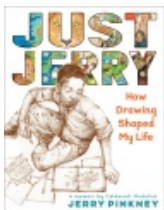
Indigo and Ida (Apr 2023)

By: Murphy Capps, Heather

Indigo, an eighth-grade investigative reporter, is torn between fighting a racist school policy and keeping her friends--until she discovers a series of letters written by Black journalist and activist Ida B. Wells.

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

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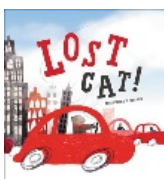
Just Jerry: how drawing shaped my life (Jan 2023)

By: Pinkney, Jerry, 1939-2021

One of the most celebrated children's book illustrators of all time who paved the way for countless other Black artists shares how drawing offered him a sense of calm, control and confidence during a time when the segregation of Black Americans was the norm.

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

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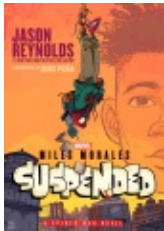
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30.



Miles Morales: suspended (May 2023)

By: Reynolds, Jason

Earning a suspension for saving the world, Miles Morales finds a long boring day turning into one that has his spidey-senses tingling as he goes head-to-head with an unexpected enemy who has the power to destroy the world's history, especially Black and Brown history.


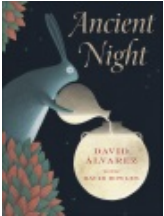

Accelerated Reader: IL: UG, BL: 4.9, AR Pts: 9

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Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Ages 0-8** **Nonfiction**
33.  **One chicken nugget** (Mar 2023)
By: Bentley, Tadgh
 "Everybody knows monsters love chicken nuggets, but Frank loved them more than most. This is a problem if you happen to sell chicken nuggets, and Celeste sells the finest nuggets around. But Frank scares her other customers away, so she's forced to cook up an eating contest of monstrous proportions to get rid of him. If Frank wins, Celeste will make him free chicken nuggets for life. But if he loses, he must leave and never return"--.
Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Ages 0-8** **Fiction**

34.



We go way back: a book about life on Earth and how it all began (Feb 2023)

By: Ben-Barak, Idan

What is life? How did it start? Long, long ago, no one knows exactly where or when, a tiny bubble formed that was a Little Bit Different. It was the first living cell. Everyone's ancestor. And so the story of life begins. In this visually stunning and brilliantly devised picture book, Idan Ben-Barak and Philip Bunting lead us through the origin of life on our planet, and how an odd little bubble gave rise to the incredible web of life on Earth.

Lexile: 490 Adult-directed text

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

35.



The Ojja-wojja: a horror-mystery, or whatever (Mar 2023)

By: Visaggio, Magdalene

While working on a school project about Bolingbroke's supernatural history, best-friend eighth graders Val and Laurie accidentally unleash a demonic presence connected to a series of mysterious tragedies throughout their town's sordid history and must find a way to return things to normal.

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37.



The Swifts: a dictionary of scoundrels (Feb 2023)

By: Lincoln, Beth

When during the Swift Family Reunion someone gives Arch-Aunt Schadenfreude a deadly push down the stairs, Shenanigan Swift, who has a penchant for mischief, decides to become a detective and solve this mysterious case.

Lexile: 810 **Accelerated Reader:** IL: MG, BL: 6, AR Pts: 12

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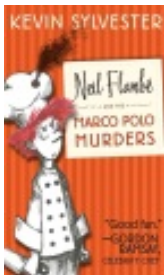
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Pts: 15

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

39.



Neil Flambe and the Marco Polo murders (Mar 2010)

By: Sylvester, Kevin

Fourteen-year-old chef and budding detective Neil Flambé helps the police in their investigation of the murders of some of the best chefs in town, a puzzle that seems to have something to do with a mysterious smell and Marco Polo.

Series: Neil Flambe capers, 1

Lexile: 680 **Accelerated Reader:** IL: MG, BL: 4.9, AR Pts: 9

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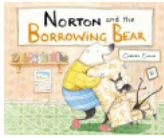
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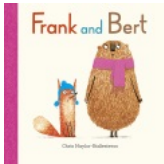
Norton and the borrowing bear (May 2023)

By: Evans, Gabriel, 1991-

Wouldn't it be fun to have a friend living right next door to you? Well, as Norton discovers, it can certainly pose some challenges when that friend wants to borrow all of your favourite things. This is a story about setting limits and learning to accept your friends, flaws and all.

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ Ages 0-8 Fiction

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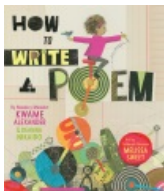
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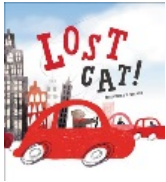
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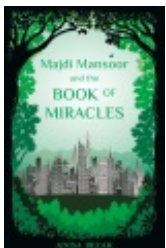
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The rhythm of time (Apr 2023)

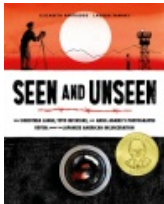
By: Questlove, (Musician)

After accidentally traveling back in time and rewriting the future, twelve-year-old best friends Rahim and Kasia must work together to restore their timeline.

Lexile: 630

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

51.



Seen and unseen: what Dorothea Lange, Toyo Miyatake, and Ansel Adam' photographs reveal about the Japanese American Incarceration (Oct 2022)

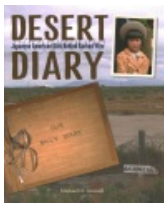
By: Partridge, Elizabeth

Weaving together powerful photographs, firsthand accounts and stunning original art, this important work of nonfiction examines the history, heartbreak and injustice of the Japanese American incarceration.

Lexile: 990 **Lexile:** 990

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

52.



Desert diary: Japanese American kids behind barbed wire (Oct 2020)

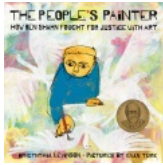
By: Tunnell, Michael O.

"In March 1943, twenty-seven children began third grade in a strange new environment: the Topaz Relocation Center in Utah. Together with their teacher, Miss Yamauchi, these uprooted young Americans began keeping a classroom diary, with a different child illustrating each day's entry. Their full-color diary entries paint a vivid picture of daily life in an internment camp: schoolwork, sports, pets, holidays, health--and the mixed feelings of citizens who were loyal but distrusted"--.

Lexile: 1090

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

53.



The people's painter: how Ben Shahn fought for justice with art (Apr 2021)

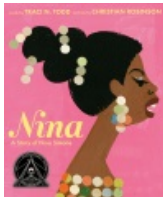
By: Levinson, Cynthia

"The first thing I can remember," Ben said, "I drew." As an observant young child growing up in Lithuania, Ben Shahn yearns to draw everything he sees-and, after seeing his father banished by the Czar for demanding workers' rights, he develops a keen sense of justice, too. So when Ben and the rest of his family make their way to America, Ben brings with him both his sharp artistic eye and his desire to fight for what's right. As he grows, he speaks for justice through his art-from challenging classmates who bully him for being Jewish, to resisting his teachers' calls to paint beautiful landscapes in favor of painting stories true to life, to using his work to urge the US government to pass Depression-era laws that help people find food and security. In this moving and timely portrait, award-winning author and illustrator Cynthia Levinson and Evan Turk honor an artist, immigrant, and activist whose work still resonates today: a true painter for the people"--.

Accelerated Reader: IL: LG, BL: 4.8, AR Pts: 0.5

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

54.



Nina: a story of Nina Simone (Sep 2021)

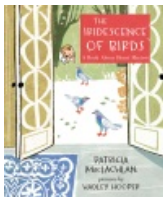
By: Todd, Traci N.

"A biography of Nina Simone, an acclaimed singer whose music gave voice to the struggle for racial equality during the Civil Rights Movement"-- Provided by publisher.

Accelerated Reader: IL: LG, BL: 5.2, AR Pts: 0.5

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

55.





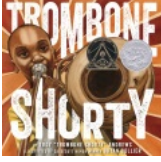


The iridescence of birds: a book about Henri Matisse (Oct 2014)

By: MacLachlan, Patricia, 1938-2022

A story inspired by the life of the influential French master artist considers how he transformed his dreary childhood community in northern France through his expressions of color and form.

Lexile: 470 **Lexile:** 470 Adult-directed text **Accelerated Reader:** IL: LG, BL: 2.6, AR Pts: 0.5

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

56.  **I did it!** (Oct 2022)
By: Emberley, Michael
 A creature tries and tries again to try new things and their friends provide words of encouragement.
Series: I like to read comics
Popularity: ★★★★★ Ages 0-8 Fiction
57.  **The green piano: how little me found music** (Jan 2023)
By: Flack, Roberta
 Legendary singer Roberta Flack reflects on her early childhood and her love of music.
Popularity: ★★★★★ Ages 0-8 Nonfiction
58.  **Trombone Shorty** (Apr 2015)
By: Andrews, Troy
 A Grammy-nominated headliner for the New Orleans Jazz Fest describes his childhood in Tremé and how he came to be a bandleader by age six.
Lexile: 760 **Lexile:** 760 **Accelerated Reader:** IL: LG, BL: 4.2, AR Pts: 0.5
Popularity: ★★★★★ Ages 0-8 Nonfiction
59.  **The International House of Dereliction** (Jul 2023), Forthcoming
By: Davies, Jacqueline, 1962-
 Moving for the eleventh time and drawn to the dilapidated, condemned mansion she moves into next door, 10-year-old Alice decides to restore the once-grand house to its former glory and must help three ghosts solve their unfinished business to find her forever home. Simultaneous eBook.
Popularity: ★★★★★ Ages 9-12 Fiction
60.  **The tale of the Gravemother** (Jun 2023), Forthcoming
By: Chupeco, Rin
 Inspired by Nickelodeon's hit TV classic, this terrifying nove follows 14-year-old skeptic Rhett as he discovers the legend of the Gravemother is real when strange things start happening, forcing him to find a way to put her ghost to rest — permanently.
Series: Are you afraid of the dark?
Popularity: ★★★★★ Ages 9-12 Fiction

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61.



Wild Australian life (Jun 2023), Forthcoming

By: Cronin, Leonard

From a leading expert and talented visual artist comes this celebration of the astounding diversity of Australia's animal kingdom. More than one million animal species make their homes in Australia from the deepest oceans to the tops of mountains and the harshest deserts. But just how do they survive? Discover the remarkable stories behind some of the world's most extraordinary animals in this must-have collection for every Australian family.

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

62.



The illustrated encyclopaedia of dangerous animals (Nov 2021)

By: Bayly, Sami

Dangerous animals get a bad rap, but this beautifully illustrated encyclopaedia helps us appreciate the incredible features of some of our more hair-raising animal species. With more than sixty of the most deadly and dangerous animals from across the world to explore, every page of this beautifully illustrated volume is more eye-opening than the last. You will learn interesting facts about these fascinating species, (many of which you won't have even known were deadly) such as how they have adapted to survive and whether we should be threatened by these animals or appreciate them for their incredible features. Children and adults alike will pore over the breathtaking scientific illustrations of unusual animals from the geography cone snail to the wolverine, the Irukandji jellyfish to the slow loris, debating their relative dangerous features, learning about science and nature along the way. This gorgeous hardcover book is illustrated in exquisite detail by award-winning author and illustrator, Sami Bayly. A brilliant companion to The Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Ugly Animals.

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

63.



The eternal return of Clara Hart (Jun 2023), Forthcoming

By: Finch, Louise

You're caught in a time loop and there's only one way out.
You have to call out your best friend.

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ Teen Fiction

64.



Snug as a bug? (Jun 2023), Forthcoming

By: Newson, Karl

Meet a bug who is as snug as a bug can be. Oh, but not for long! Along comes a knock on the door and suddenly he's off on a wild and risky adventure. Bug is chased by creature after creature, he's clearly ever so tasty, through woodland, dark caves and a mighty waterfall! He barely escapes becoming someone's dinner and comes close to meeting all sorts of sticky ends, but he keeps insisting he is snug as a bug! Can he make it back home? As snug as a bug can be?

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ Ages 0-8 Fiction

65.



How to count to one: (and don't even think about bigger numbers!) (Jun 2023), Forthcoming

By: Salmon, Caspar, 1981-

In this interactive, laugh-out-loud story where readers must ONLY ever count to ONE, children can find ways to outsmart the book ... and count all the way up to 100!

Popularity: ★☆☆☆☆ Ages 0-8 Fiction

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