Nonfiction / Informational Texts

ANIMALS

Grades K – 2
- *They Call Me Woolly: What Animal Names Can Tell Us* by Keith DuQuette
- *Dinosaurs! The Biggest, Baddest, Strangest, Fastest* by Howard Zimmerman
- *Stronger than Steel* by Bridget Heos
- *About Birds* by Catherine Sill
- *Dolphins* by Penelope Arlon

Grades 3 – 5
- *On the Trail of Incredible Dinosaurs* by William Lindsay
- *Animal School: What Class Are You?* by Michelle Lord
- *125 True Stories of Amazing Animals* by National Geographic Kids
- *TIME for Kids Book of Why: Awesome Animal Kingdom* by Editors of TIME for Kids Magazine
- *Ultimate Bugopedia: The Most Complete Bug Reference Ever* by Darlyne Murawski

Grades 6 – 8
- *Dewey: The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World* by Vicki Myron
- *Marley and Me: Life and Love with the World’s Worst Dog* by John Grogan
- *Unlikely Heroes: 37 Inspiring Stories of Courage and Heart from the Animal Kingdom* by Jennifer Holland
- *National Geographic Animal Encyclopedia 2500 Animals with Photos Maps and More* by National Geographic
- *Moonbird: A Year on the Wind with the Great Survivor B95* by Phillip M. Hoose

CRAFTS AND HOBBIES

Grades K – 2
- *What Can You Do With a Paper Bag?* by Metropolitan Museum of Art
- *Creative Crafts for Kids: Over 100 Projects for Two to Ten Year Olds* by Gill Dickinson
- *Ed Emberley’s Great Thumbprint Drawing Book* by Ed Emberley
- *Easy-to-Make Pop-Ups* by Joan Irvine
- *The Jumbo Book of Outdoor Art* by Irene Luxbacher
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CRAFTS AND HOBBIES (continued)

Grades 3 - 5
- The Klutz Book of Paper Airplanes by Doug Stillinger
- Ed Emberley’s Drawing Book of Animals by Ed Emberley
- The Kid’s Guide to Service Projects by Barbara A. Lewis
- Craft Camp: Over 40 Fun Projects for Kids by Lark Crafts
- Coin Collecting for Kids by Steve Otfinoski

Grades 6 - 8
- The Adventurous Book of Outdoor Games: Classic Fun for Daring Boys and Girls by Scott Struther
- The New Way Things Work by David MacAulay
- How to Read Literature Like a Professor: For Kids by Thomas C. Foster
- TIME for Kids BIG Book of Why: 1,001 Facts Kids Want to Know by Editors of TIME For Kids Magazine
- Measuring Up! Experiments, Puzzles, and Games Exploring Measurement by Sandra Markle and Marcia Marshall

SCIENCE AND NATURE

Grades K - 2
- The Sky is Full of Stars by Franklyn Branley
- A Place for Fish by Melissa Stewart
- The Stunning Science of Everything: Science with the Squishy Bits Left In by Nick Arnold
- Nature in a Nutshell for Kids by Jean Potter
- What is the World Made Of? All About Solids, Liquids, and Gases by Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld

Grades 3 - 5
- Nature’s Fury by Carole G. Vogel
- The Top of the World: Climbing Mount Everest by Steve Jenkins
- The Everything Kids’ Science Experiments Book by Tom Robinson
- How Come?: Every Kid’s Science Questions Explained by Kathy Wollard
- The Kids’ Guide to Exploring Nature by Brooklyn Botanic Garden Educators

Grades 6 - 8
- How to Be a World Explorer by Joel Levy, James Gulliver Hancock (Illustrator), Lonely Planet
- Environmental Disasters by Michael Woods
- No Summit out of Sight: The True Story of the Youngest Person to Climb the Seven Summits by Jordan Romero
- TIME for Kids BIG Book of Why: 1,001 Facts Kids Want to Know by Editors of TIME For Kids Magazine
- How to be a Genius by John Woodward, Serge Seidlitz, and Andy Smith
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HISTORY

Grades K – 2
- By the Dawn’s Early Light: The Story of the Star-Spangled Banner by Steven Kroll
- Call Me Ahnighito by Pam Conrad
- Rosa’s Bus: The Ride to Civil Rights by Jo Kittinger
- Shhh! We’re Writing the Constitution by Jean Fritz
- I Am Amelia Earhart by Brad Meltzer

Grades 3 – 5
- Disaster! Catastrophes That Shook the World by Richard Bonson and Richard Platt
- Encounter by Jane Yolen
- Rutherford B., Who Was He? Poems About Our Presidents by Marilyn Singer
- Founding Mothers: Remembering the Ladies by Cokie Roberts
- I Survived the Battle of Gettysburg, 1863 by Lauren Tarshis

Grades 6 – 8
- Lincoln’s Grave Robbers by Steve Sheinkin
- Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson
- Titanic: Voices From the Disaster by Deborah Hopkinson
- Bugged: How Insects Changed History by Sarah Albee
- The Boy on the Wooden Box: How the Impossible Became Possible…on Schindler’s List by Leon Leyson with Marilyn J. Harran and Elisabeth B. Leyson

SPORTS

Grades K – 2
- She Loved Baseball: The Effa Manley Story by Audrey Vernick
- Skiing Has its Ups and Downs by Scott Nickel
- Salt in His Shoes: Michael Jordan in Pursuit of a Dream by Deloris Jordan and Roslyn M. Jordan
- The Magic Hockey Stick by Peter Maloney
- I’ve Got the No-Skateboard Blues by Anita Yasuda

Grades 3 – 5
- No Easy Way: The Story of Ted Williams and the Last .400 Season by Fred Bowen
- Saving the Team by Alex Morgan
- Incredible Stories of Courage in Sports by Brad Herzog
- Catch that Pass by Matt Christopher
- Stealing Home: The Story of Jackie Robinson by Barry Denenberg

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SPORTS (continued)

Grades 6 – 8
- *Breakaway: Beyond the Goal* by Alex Morgan
- *What Is the Super Bowl?* by Dina Anastasio
- *No Summit out of Sight: The True Story of the Youngest Person to Climb the Seven Summits* by Jordan Romero with Linda LeBlanc
- *The Middle School Rules of Brian Urlacher* by Sean Jensen
- *Promises to Keep* by Sharon Robinson

TRANSPORTATION

Grades K – 2
- *Freight Train* by Donald Crews
- *Locomotive* by Brian Floca
- *Hovercraft* by Sarah Tieck
- *Planes, Trains, and Automobiles* by Chris Oxlade
- *How Cars Work* by Nick Arnold

Grades 3 – 5
- *Flight* by Von Hardesty
- *Honda: The Boy Who Dreamed of Cars* by Mark Weston
- *Old Ironsides* by David Weitzman
- *Cars on Mars: Roving the Red Planet* by Alexandra Siy
- *Bikes, Trains, and Other Land Machines* by Ian Graham

Grades 6 – 8
- *On the Move: Transportation and the American Story* by Michael Sweeney
- *The Lunatic Express: Discovering the World...via Its Most Dangerous Buses, Boats, Trains, and Planes* by Carl Hoffman
- *Who Were the Wright Brothers?* by James Buckley and Tim Foley
- *Who Was Henry Ford?* by Michael Burgan and Ted Hammond
- *Railroad Fever: Building the Transcontinental Railroad 1830-1870* by Monica Halpern
Nonfiction / Informational Texts (continued)

HEALTH

Grades K – 2
• My First Human Body Book by Patricia J. Wynne
• Good Enough to Eat: A Kid’s Guide to Food and Nutrition by Lizzy Rockwell
• Is a Worry Worrying You? by Ferida Wolff
• The Busy Body Book by Lizzy Rockwell
• The Monster Health Book: A Guide to Eating Healthy, Being Active and Feeling Great for Monsters and Kids by Edward Miller

Grades 3 – 5
• What to Do When You Worry Too Much: A Kid’s Guide to Overcoming Anxiety by Dawn Huebner
• ChopChop: The Kids’ Guide to Cooking Real Food with Your Family by Sally Sampson
• Sports Nutrition for Teen Athletes: Eat Right to Take Your Game to the Next Level by Dana Meachen Rau
• Food and You (American Girl) by Dr. Lynda Madison
• Eyewitness Book: Medicine by Steve Parker

Grades 6 – 8
• The Big Book of Gross Stuff by Bart King
• The Omnivore’s Dilemma: The Secrets Behind What You Eat, Young Readers Edition by Michael Pollan
• Chocolate: Sweet Science and Dark Secrets of the World's Favorite Treat by Kay Frydenborg
• Chew On This: Everything You Don’t Want to Know About Fast Food by Charles Wilson and Eric Schlosser
• National Geographic Kids Get Outside Guide: All Things Adventure, Exploration, and Fun! by Nancy Honovitch, Julie Beer, and Richard Louv

Graphic Novels

Grades K – 2
• Frankie Pickle and the Closet of Doom by Eric Wight
• Airplane Adventure by Cari Meister
• A Day at the Fire Station by Lori Mortensen
• Otto’s Orange Day by Jay Lynch
• You Can’t Take a Balloon into the Museum of Fine Arts by Jacqueline Preiss Weitzman
Graphic Novels (continued)

Grades 3 – 5
- The Storm in the Barn by Matt Phelan
- Giants Beware! (The Chronicles of Claudette) by Jorge Aguirre
- Lunch Lady and the Cyborg Substitute by Jarrett Krosoczka
- Explorer: The Mystery Boxes by Kazu Kibuishi
- Secret Coders by Gene Luen Yang and Mike Holmes

Grades 6 – 8
- Smile by Raina Telgemeier
- The Stratford Zoo Midnight Review Presents Macbeth by Ian Lendler and Zack Giallongo (illustrator)
- The Arrival by Shaun Tan
- Hidden: A Child’s Story of the Holocaust by Loïc Dauvillier, Marc Lizano (illustrator), and Greg Salsedo (Ink)
- Wonderstruck by Brian Selznick

Fantasy

Grades K – 2
- Stellaluna by Janell Cannon
- Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs by Judi Barrett
- The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams
- Charlotte’s Web by E.B. White
- Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

Grades 3 – 5
- Swindle by Gordon Korman
- Flora and Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures by Kate DiCamillo
- The Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson
- Savvy by Ingrid Law
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

Grades 6 – 8
- Harry Potter by J. K. Rowling
- A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L’Engle
- Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls
- Hoot by Carl Hiaasen
- Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt
Realistic Fiction

Grades K – 2
- Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst
- Owl Moon by Jane Yolen
- Thunder Cake by Patricia Polacco
- Saturdays and Teacakes by Lester L. Laminack
- Mr. Peabody’s Apples by Madonna

Grades 3 – 5
- Wonder by R.J. Palacio
- The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate
- Holes by Louis Sachar
- Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo
- Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary

Grades 6 – 8
- The Giver by Lois Lowry
- Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson
- Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
- Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
- Out of My Mind by Sharon M. Draper

Poetry

Grades K – 2
- Brothers and Sisters: Family Poems by Eloise Greenfield
- Honey, I Love by Eloise Greenfield
- The New Kid on the Block by Jack Prelutsky
- Sports! Sports! Sports! A Poetry Collection by Lee Bennett Hopkins
- Runny Babbit: A Billy Sook by Shel Silverstein

Grades 3 – 5
- If I Were in Charge of the World and Other Worries by Judith Viorst
- If You’re Not Here, Please Raise Your Hand: Poems About School by Kalli Dakos
- Casey at the Bat by Ernest L. Thayer
- Lives: Poems about Famous Americans by Lee Bennett Hopkins
- Foot in the Mouth: Poems to Speak, Sing, and Shout by Paul Janeczko
Poetry (continued)

Grades 6 – 8
- Swimming Upstream: Middle School Poems by Kristine O’Connell George
- Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein
- The Place My Words Are Looking for: What Poets Say About and Through Their Work by Paul Janeczko
- The Raven and Other Poems by Edgar Allan Poe
- The Best Poems Ever by Edric Mesmer

Wordless Picture Books

- Robot Dreams by Sara Varon
- Chalk by Bill Thomson
- The Lion and the Mouse by Jerry Pinkney
- Flotsam by David Wiesner
- The Arrival by Shaun Tan

Folktales

Grades K – 2
- Whiskers, Tails, and Wings: Animal Folktales from Mexico by Judy Goldman
- Tales Told in Tents: Stories from Central Asia by Sally Pomme
- Why the Sky is Far Away: A Nigerian Folktale by Mary-Joan Gerson
- Stone Soup by Marcia Brown
- The True Story of the Three Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka

Grades 3 – 5
- The People Could Fly: American Black Folktales by Virginia Hamilton
- Scary Folktales (Scary Stories) by Megan Kopp
- Nelson Mandela’s Favorite African Folktales by Nelson Mandela
- The Ogress and the Snake and Other Stories from Somalia by Elizabeth Laird
- The Day it Snowed Tortillas by Joe Hayes

Grades 6 – 8
- Where The Mountain Meets The Moon by Grace Lin
- A Fistful of Pearls and Other Tales from Iraq (Folktales from Around the World) by Elizabeth Laird
- Favorite Folktales from Around the World (The Pantheon Fairy Tale and Folklore Library) by Jane Yolen
- Best-Loved Folktales of the World by Joanna Cole
- The Girl Who Helped Thunder and Other Native American Folktales (Folktales of the World) by James Bruchac (Adapter) and Joseph Bruchac Ph.D. (Adapter)
**Fairy Tales** (continued)

**Grades K – 2**
- *Prince Cinders* by Babette Cole
- *Princess Tales: Once Upon a Time in Rhyme with Seek-and-Find Pictures* by Grace Maccarone
- *The Field Guide* by Holly Black and Tony DiTerlizzi
- *The Random House Book of Fairy Tales* by Amy Ehrlick
- *Honestly, Red Riding Hood Was Rotten!: The Story of Little Red Riding Hood as Told by the Wolf* by Trisha Speed Shaskan

**Grades 3 – 5**
- *The Serpent Slayer and Other Stories of Strong Women* by Katrin Tchana
- *Hans Andersen’s Fairy Tales* translated by L.W. Kingsland
- *Igraine the Brave* by Cornelia Funke
- *The Classic Fairy Tales* by Maria Tatar
- *Chinese Fairy Tales* by Frederick H. Martens

**Grades 6 – 8**
- *Goose Chase* by Patrice Kindl
- *The Key to Rondo* by Emily Rodda
- *The Hero’s Guide to Saving Your Kingdom* by Christopher Heally
- *Flunked (Fairy Tale Reform School, #1)* by Jen Calonita
- *In a Glass Grimmly* by Adam Gidwitz

**Fables**

**Grades K – 2**
- *City Mouse - Country Mouse: And Two More Mouse Tales from Aesop* by John Wallner
- *Lon Po Po: A Red Riding Hood Story from China* by Ed Young
- *Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People’s Ears: A West African Tale* by Verna Aardema
- *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* by Jon Scieszka
- *Frederick* by Leo Lionni

**Grades 3 – 5**
- *Aesop’s Fables* by Aesop
- *Fables* by Arnold Lobel
- *Aesop’s Fables* by Jerry Pinkney
- *Chinese Fables: The Dragon Slayer and Other Timeless Tales of Wisdom* by Shiho S. Nunes
- *Founders’ Fables* by Laurie Cockerell
Fables (continued)

Grades 6 – 8

- The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry
- The Book without Words: A Fable of Medieval Magic by Avi
- Hold Your Horses!: A Feedbag Full of Fact and Fable by Milton Meltzer
- Reynard the Fox and Other Fables by W. T. Larned and Jean de La Fontaine
- Lone Wolf (Wolves of the Beyond, Book 1) by Kathryn Lasky

Legends

Grades K – 2

- Johnny Appleseed by Steven Kellogg
- Paul Bunyan by Steven Kellogg
- How the Stars Fell into the Sky: A Navajo Legend by Jerrie Oughton
- Iktomi and the Coyote: A Plains Indian Story by Paul Goble
- Thirteen Moons on Turtle’s Back by Joseph Bruchac

Grades 3 – 5

- The Arabian Nights Retold by Brian Alderson
- The Adventures of Sir Lancelot the Great by Gerald Morris
- Native American Tales and Legends by Allan A. MacFarlan
- King Arthur: Tales from the Round Table by Andrew Lang
- Favorite North American Indian Legends by Philip Smith

Grades 6 – 8

- Ever After High: The Storybook of Legends by Shannon Hale
- Outlaw: The Legend of Robin Hood by Tony Lee
- When Legends Die by Hal Borland
- Island of Graves (The Unwanteds) by Lisa McMann
- The Golden Hoard: Myths and Legends of the World by Geraldine McCaughrean

Myths

Grades K – 2

- Max and Ruby in Pandora’s Box by Rosemary Wells
- The Gods and Goddesses of Olympus by Aliki
- The Chocolate Touch by Patrick Skene Catling
- Classic Starts: Roman Myths by Diane Namm
- The Golden Flower: A Taino Myth from Puerto Rico by Nina Jaffe
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Myths (continued)

Grades 3 – 5
- *The Beautiful Stories of Life: Six Greek Myths, Retold* by Cynthia Rylant
- *Black Ships Before Troy: The Story of the Iliad* by Rosemary Sutcliffe
- *The Wanderings of Odysseus: The Story of the Odyssey* by Rosemary Sutcliffe
- *D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths* by Ingri Parin d'Aulaire and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire
- *Merlin and the Dragons* by Jane Yolen

Grades 6 – 8
- *The Lost Hero* by Rick Riordan
- *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan
- *Pegasus: The Flame of Olympus* by Kate O'Hearn
- *Nice Shot, Cupid! (Myth-O-Mania)* by Kate McMullan
- *Athena the Wise (Goddess Girls Book 5)* by Joan Holub and Suzanne Williams

Biography

Grades K – 2
- *Skit-Scat Raggedy Cat: Ella Fitzgerald* by Eileen L. Ordover
- *Abe Lincoln: The Boy Who Loved Books* by Kay Winters
- *The Little Plant Doctor: A Story About George Washington Carver* by Jean Marzollo
- *Ella Fitzgerald: The Tale of a Vocal Virtuosa* by Andrea Pinkney
- *Dreamers from the Village: The Story of Marc Chagall* by Michelle Markel

Grades 3 – 5
- *Snowflake Bentley* by Jacqueline Martin
- *Starry Messenger: Galileo Galilei* by Peter Sis
- *To Dare Mighty Things* by Doreen Rappaport
- *Abe Lincoln Crosses a Creek: A Tall, Thin Tale* by Deborah Hopkinson
- *Who Was Albert Einstein?* by Jess Brallier

Grades 6 – 8
- *Steve Jobs: The Man Who Thought Different* by Karen Blumenthal
- *I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World (Young Readers Edition)* by Malala Yousafzai with Patricia McCormick
- *The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank
- *Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery* by Russel Freedman
- *The Greatest: Muhammad Ali* by Walter Dean Myers
Historical Fiction

Grades K – 2
- The Wall by Eve Bunting
- All the Way to America: The Story of a Big Italian Family and a Little Shovel by Dan Yaccarrino
- Queen of the Falls by Chris Van Allsburg
- I Will Come Back for You: A Family in Hiding During World War II by Marisabina Russo
- Back of the Bus by Aaron Reynolds

Grades 3 – 5
- Old Yeller by Fred Gipson
- Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia Maclachlan
- Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis
- Storyteller by Patricia Reilly Giff
- The Star Maker by Laurence Yep

Grades 6 – 8
- Stella by Starlight by Sharon M. Draper
- Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor
- Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
- The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis
- Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere by Julie T. Lamana

Math

Grades K – 2
- 100th Day Worries by Margery Cuyler
- Marvelous Math: A Book of Poems by Lee Bennett Hopkins
- Millions, Billions, and Trillions: Understanding Big Numbers by David Adler
- The Boy Who Loved Math: The Improbable Life of Paul Erdos by Deborah Heiligman
- Math Fables: Lessons That Count by Greg Tang

Grades 3 – 5
- That’s a Possibility: A Book about What Might Happen by Bruce Goldstone
- The Everything Kids’ Math Puzzles Book: Brain Teasers, Games and Activities for Hours of Fun by Meg Clemens
- Multiplying Menace: The Revenge of Rumpelstiltskin by Pam Calvert
- The Lemonade War (The Lemonade War Series) by Jacqueline Davies
- If You Were a Fraction by Trisha Speed Shaskan
Math (continued)

Grades 6 – 8
- *The Number Devil: A Mathematical Adventure* by Hans Magnus Enzensberger
- *Sir Cumference and the First Round Table (A Math Adventure)* by Cindy Neuschwander
- *One Minute Mysteries: 65 Short Mysteries You Solve with Math!* by Eric Yoder
- *How to Be a Math Genius* by Mike Goldsmith
- *Sideways Arithmetic From Wayside School* by Louis Sachar

Humor

Grades K – 2
- *Amelia Bedelia* by Peggy Parish
- *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt
- *Don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!* by Mo Willems
- *Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type* by Doreen Cronin
- *Interrupting Chicken* by David Ezra Stein

Grades 3 – 5
- *The Random House Book of Humor for Children* selected by Pamela Pollack
- *The Terrible Two* by Mac Barnett
- *The Timmy Failure Series* by Stephan Pastis
- *The Creature from My Closet Series* by Obert Skye
- *Frindle* by Andrew Clements

Grades 6 – 8
- *Game Over, Pete Watson* by Joe Schreiber
- *The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster
- *The Twits* by Roald Dahl
- *Middle School Series* by James Patterson and Chris Tebbetts
- *Dead End in Norvelt (Norvelt Series)* by Jack Gantos