Top Historical Fiction For Youth

Prairie Whispers by Frances Arrington	recommended for Grades 7 -12
Players in Pigtails by Shana Coery	recommended for Grades K -3
Kira-Kira by Cynthia Kadohota	recommended for Grades 6-12
Stop the Train by Geraldine McCaughrean	recommended for Grades 5-8
The River Between Us by Richard Peck	recommended for Grades 7-12
Circle Unbroken by Margot Theis Raven	recommended for Grades PS-3
The House of Windjammer by V.A. Richardson	recommended for Grades 5-8
Milkweed by Jerry Spinelli	recommended for Grades 7-12

Top Biographies for Youth

Mack Made Movies by Don Brown	recommended for Grades 1-4
George Washington's Teeth by Deborah Chandra And Madeleine Comora	recommended for Grades 1-3
Airborne: A Photobiography of Wilbur And Orville Wright by Mary Collins	recommended for Grades 4-8
The Early Years of John F. Kennedy by Ilene Cooper	recommended for Grades 4-7
A Strong Right Arm by Michelle Green	recommended for Grades 4-7
Runaway Girl: The Artist Louise Bourgeois By Jan and Jordan, Sandra Greenberg	recommended for Grades 8-12
Talkin' about Bessie: The Story of Aviator Elizabeth Coleman by Nikki Grimes	recommended for Grades 2-5
The Revolutionary John Adams by Cheryl Harness	recommended for Grades 3-6
When Marion Sang: The True Recital of Marion Anderson by Pam Munoz Ryan	recommended for Grades K-3

Top Fantasy Books for Youth

At the Crossing Places by Kevin Crossley-Holland	recommended for Grades 5-8
Waifs and Strays by Charles De Lint	recommended for Grades 7-12
Into the Wild by Erin Hunter	recommended for Grades 6-9
Triss by Brian Jacques	recommended for Grades 5-8
Thorn Ogres of Hagwood by Robin Jarvis	recommended for Grades 5-8

The Hunting of the Last Dragon by
Sherryl Jordan recommended for Grades 6-10

Notable Children's Books

Younger Readers

Ella Sarah Gets Dressed by Margaret Chodos-Irvine
I Face the Wind by Vicki Cobb
Surprising Sharks by Nicola Davies
The Racecar Alphabet by Brian Floca
Diary of a Wombat by Jackie French
Little One Step by Simon James
What Do You Do With A Tail Like This? By Steve Jenkins and Robin Page
How I Became A Pirate by Melinda Long
Just A Minute by Yuyi Morales
My Name Is Yoon by Helen Recorvits
Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus by Mo Willems

Middle Readers

Silent Movie by Avi
The Shape Game by Anthony Brown
Vote by Eileen Christelow
The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo
The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau
Snowed in With Grandmother Silk by Carol Fenner
Bruh Rabbit and the Tar Baby Girl by Virginia Hamilton
Horse Hooves and Chicken Feet: Mexican Folktales by Neil Philip
The Man Who Made Time Travel by Kathryn Lasky
Hana's Suitcase: A True Story by Karen Levine
Locomotion by Jacqueline Woodson

Older Readers

In Defense of Liberty: The Story of American Rights by Russell Freedman
Inkheart by Cornelia Funke
Olive's Ocean by Kevin Henkes
Keeper of the Night by Kimberly Willis Holt
The Merlin Conspirarcy by Diana Wynne Jones
Stop the Train by Geraldine McCaughrean

An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic by Jim Murphy
Ruby Electric by Theresa Nelson
Run, Boy, Run by Uri Orlev

Children's Classics of the 20th Century

The Wizard of Oz by Frank L. Baum
Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown
Mike Mulligan and his Steam Shovel by Virginia Lee Burton
The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
Ramona the Pest by Beverly Cleary
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl
Stega Nona: an Old Tale by Tomie De Paola
Harriet the Spy by Louise Fitzhugh
Will You Sign Here, John Hancock? By Jean Fritz
M.C. Higgins, the Great by Virginia Hamilton
Bedtime for Frances by Russell Hoban
Look Again! By Tana Hoban
The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats
From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E. L. Konigsburg
A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle
The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C. S. Lewis
The Story of Ferdianand by Munro Leaf
Frog and Toad Are Friends by Arnold Lobel
Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
Cathedral: The Story of its Construction by David Maccaulay
George and Martha by James Marshall
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin
Little Bear by Else Minarik
Anne of Green Gables by L. M. Montgomery
Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson
The Little Engine That Could by Watty Piper
The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter
Curious George by H. A. Rey
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J. K. Rowling
Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
The Cat in the Hat by Dr. Seuss

Books for Kindergarten and First Graders

Little Bear	Minarik
Caps for Sale	Slobodkina
The Monster at the End of This Book	Stone
Clifford	Bridewell
Frog and Toad Together	Lobel
The Snowy Day	Keats
Leo the Late Bloomer	Kraus
Will I Have a Friend	Cohen
What Mary Jo Shared	Udry
Anno's Counting Book	Anno
Millions of Cats	Gag
A. B. See!	Hoban
Tikki Tikki Tembo	Mosel
I Can't Said the Ant	Cameron
Too Many Books	Bauer
Madeline	Bemelmans
Little House	Burton
Petunia	Duvosisin
Too Many Tamales	Soto
Corduroy	Freeman
An Evening at Alfie's	Hughes
The Red Balloon	Lamorisse
Blueberries for Sal	McClosky
Curious George	Rey
Mr. Rabbit and the Lovely Present	Zolotow
Alexander and the Terrible Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day	Viorst
Sarah's Unicorn	Coville
Arrow to the Sun	McDermott
The Story of Ferdinand	Leaf
Make Way for Ducklings	McCloskey
Amelia Bedelia	Parish
The Funny Little Woman	Blair
How My Parents Learned to Eat	Friedman
Once a Mouse	Brown
Knots on a Counting Rope	Martin
Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse	Henkes
Mysterious Thelonious	Rashka
Tuesday	Weisner

Books for First and Second Graders

Why I Sneeze, Shiver, Hiccup and Yawn	Berger
The Case of the Hungry Stranger	Bonsall
Arthur Goes to Camp	A. Brown
A Dark Dark Tale	R. Brown
The Wednesday Surprise	Bunting
The Grouch Ladybug	Carle
Uptown	Collier
Three Cool Kids	Emberley
Spiders are Not Insects	Fowler
The Best Fall of All	Godwin
Grandpa's Face	Greenfield
Iris and Walter: True Friends	Guest
Bedtime for Frances	Hoban
Boundless Grace	Hoffman
Horace and Morris But Mostly Dolores	Howe
My Great-Aunt Arizona	Houston
Five Creatures	Jenkins
Alphabet City	Johnson
Frog and Toad All Year	Lobel
Hiccup Snickup	Long
Rachel Fister's Blister	MacDonald
Zin! Zin! Zin! A Violin	Moss
Piggie Pie	Palatini
Amelia Bedelia	Parish
Aesop's Fables	Pinkney
Officer Buckle and Gloria	Rathman
This Year's Garden	Rylant
The Talking Eggs	San Souci
David Goes to School	Shannon
Earthquakes	Simon
Chato's Kitchen	Soto
Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters	Steptoe
And the Dish Ran Away With the Spoon	Stevens
The Journey	Stewart
Elizabeth's Doll	Stuve-Bodeen
Get Well, Good Knight	Thomas
The Other Side	Woodson

Books for Second and Third Graders

Digby and Kate	Baker
Wiley and the Hairy Man	Bang
The Josefina Story Quilt	Coerr
It's Justin Time, Amber Brown	Danziger
Titanic Lost…and Found	Donnelly
The Talent Show	Edwards
Waiting for Wings	Ehlert
Testing Miss Malarkey	Finchler
The Hickory Chair	Fraustino
Hank Aaron: Brave in Every Way	Golenbock
Surprises	Hopkins
Virgie Goes to School With Us Boys	Howard
Pecos Bill	Kellogg
Horrible Harry and the Dragon War	Kline
Everything I Know About Monsters	Lichtenheld
Gooney Bird Green	Lowry
Flossie and the Fox	McKissack
Fox on the Job	Marshall
Gus and Grandpa at Basketball	Mills
Little Bear's Friend	Minarik
Ricky Ricotta's Giant Robot	Pilkey
M & M and the Mummy Mess	Ross
Mr. Putter and Tabby Paint the Porch	Rylant
So You Want to Be President?	St. George
Yo, Vikings!	Schachner
All of Our Noses Are Here	Schwartz
Tomorrow's Alphabet	Shannon
Nate the Great Goes Undercover	Sharmat
About Arachnids	Sill
Gorillas	Simon
The Grapes of Math	Tang
Come and Play, Hippo	Thaler
Tales of Oliver Pig	Van Leeuwen
Follow the Drinking Gourd	Winter
Coolies	Yin
Commander Toad in Space	Yolen
Harry and the Lady Next Door	Zion

Books for Third and Fourth Graders

Who's in Rabbit's House?	Aardema
Wild and Woolly Mammoths	Aliki
All About Sharks	Arnosky
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing	Blume
The Stories Julian Tells	Cameron
The Magic School Bus in the Time of Dinosaurs	Cole
Get the Picture, Jenny Archer?	Conford
Love That Dog	Creech
The Enormous Crocodile	Dahl
Amber Brown is Not a Crayon	Danziger
How to be Cool in the Third Grade	Duffey
Bing Bang Boing	Florian
Knights in Shining Armor	Gibbons
The Chameleon Wore Chartreuse	Hale
Pinky and Rex	Howe
Song Lee and the "I Hate You" Notes	Kline
Wilma Unlimited	Krull
The Cod's Tale	Kurlansky
Judy Moody Saves the World	McDonald
Journey	MacLachlan
Junebug in Trouble	Mead
Max's Logbook	Moss
Only Passing Through: The Story of Sojourner Truth	Rockwell
When Marian Sang	Ryan
Sideways Stories from Wayside School	Sachar
Kate Shelley: Bound for Legend	San Souci
Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark	Schwartz
Summer Reading is Killing Me	Scieszka
How to be a Nature Detective	Selsam
Animals Nobody Loves	Simon
Leonardo da Vinci	Stanley
Cornflakes	Stevenson
Uncle Andy's	Warhola
The Three Pigs	Wiesner
The Secret Knowledge of Grown Ups	Wisniewski
Awfully Short for the Fourth Grade	Woodruff

Books for Fourth and Fifth Graders

Tuck Everlasting	Babbitt
The Wright 3	Balliett
Chasing Vermeer	Balliett
Dillon, Dillon	Banks
The House With a Clock in its Walls	Bellairs
The Summer of the Swans	Byars
A Week in the Woods	Clements
Bud, Not Buddy	Curtis
The Witches	Dahl
Because of Winn-Dixie	DiCamillo
Half Magic	Eager
Harriet the Spy	Fitzhugh
The Whipping Boy	Fleischman
The Thief Lord	Funke
Coraline	Gaiman
Julie of the Wolves	George
The House of Dies Drear	Hamilton
St. George and the Dragon	Hodges
Bunnicula Strikes Again	Howe
Which Witch?	Ibbotson
Babe: The Gallant Pig	King-Smith
The View From Saturday	Konigsburg
A Wrinkle in Time	L'Engle
Princess Sonora and the Long Sleep	Levine
The Giver	Lowry
The Man-Eating Tigers of Sundarbans	Montgomery
The Righteous Revenge of Artemis Bonner	Myers
Island of the Blue Dolphins	O'Dell
Flip-Flop Girl	Paterson
Pink and Say	Polacco
Wild Magic	Pierce
Sharks! Strange and Wonderful	Pringle
The Westing Game	Raskin
Missing May	Rylant
Math Curse	Scieszka
True Lies: 18 Tales for You to Judge	Shannon
Falling Up: Poems and Drawings	Silverstein
Fossil Fish Found Alive	Walker
Regular Guy	Weeks

Charlotte's Web	White

Books for Sixth and Seventh Graders

Walk Two Moons	Creech
Homeless Bird	Whelan
Corner of the Universe	Martin
Searching For David's Heart	Bennett
Jacob Have I Loved	Paterson
Girl in a Cage	Yolen
Banner in the Sky	Ullman
Dovey Coe	Dowell
Holes	Sachar
House of Dies Drear	Hamilton
Dragon Rider	Funke
Anne Frank: A Diary Of A Young Girl	Frank

Any books by the following authors:

Lois Lowry
Norma Fox Mazer
Paul Zindel (Young Teen Books Only)
S. E. Hinton (Young Teen Books Only)
C. S. Lewis
Gary Paulsen
Avi
J. R. Tolkien
Mark Twain
Lloyd Alexander
Cynthia Voigt

Books For Eight Graders

20,000 Leagues Under the Sea	Verne
Mysterious Island	Verne
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer	Twain
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn	Smith
A Wrinkle in Time	L'Engle
Across Five Aprils	Hunt
Anne Frank: A Diary of A Young Girl	Frank

Any Novel by Dickens (Except A Christmas Carol)	
Death Be Not Proud	Donne
Incident at Hawk's Hill	Eckert
Jane Eyre	Bronte
Wuthering Heights	Bronte
Kidnapped	Stevenson
Treasure Island	Stevenson
Lilies of the Field	Barrett
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	Taylor
The Call of the Wild, White Fang	London
To Kill A Mockingbird	Lee
The Old Man and the Sea	Hemingway
The Pearl	Steinbeck
The Outsiders	Hinton
Pigman's Legacy	Zindel
The Red Badge of Courage	Crane
The Voice of Bugle Ann	Kantor

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