

# Appendix

## Strength-Specific Children's Texts

To create super readers, you need to have a strong belief in the child and a multitude of high-quality books and poems available for them. We recognize how difficult it can be to develop a list of great literary selections that appeal to a range of readers. This appendix, organized according to the 7 Strengths, was inspired by our collective experiences as well as suggestions from colleagues whose opinions we dearly respect. Use these books and poems in your teaching, give them to children for their reading pleasure, and recommend them to families for at-home reading. (Find digital versions at [scholastic.com/superreaderresources](http://scholastic.com/superreaderresources).) And, of course, supplement these lists with your own discoveries. Good luck and happy reading!

### BELONGING

#### Grades K–2

*A Birthday Basket for Tia* by Pat Mora  
*A Path of Stars* by Anne Sibley O'Brien  
*A Special Day* by Anne Sibley O'Brien  
*Baseball Saved Us* by Ken Mochizuki  
*Bigmama's* by Donald Crews  
*Blackout* by John Rocco  
*Chato's Kitchen* by Gary Soto  
*Chicken Sunday* by Patricia Polacco  
*Crow Boy* by Taro Yashima  
*For You Are a Kenyan Child* by Kelly Cunnane  
*Giraffes Can't Dance* by Giles Andreae  
*Grandma's Gift* by Eric Velasquez  
*Grandma's Records* by Eric Velasquez  
*Hairs/Pelitos* by Sandra Cisneros  
*Happy Pig Day!* by Mo Willems  
*I Make Clay Pots* by Leslie Johnson  
*I'm New Here* by Anne Sibley O'Brien  
*Ish* by Peter Reynolds  
*Kitchen Dance* by Maurie J. Manning  
*Kunu's Basket* by Lee DeCora Francis  
*Let's Talk About Race* by Julius Lester  
*Library Lion* by Michelle Knudsen  
*Mice and Beans* by Pam Muñoz Ryan  
*My Brother Charlie* by Holly Robinson Peete  
*My Name Is Yoon* by Helen Recorvits  
*My People* by Langston Hughes

*Night on the Neighborhood Street*  
by Eloise Greenfield  
*Nina Bonita* by Ana Maria Machado  
*One Family* by George Shannon  
*One World One Day* by Barbara Kerley  
*Rosie Goes to Preschool* by Karen Katz  
*Skit-scat Raggedy Cat* by Roxane Orgill  
*Spoon* by Amy Krouse Rosenthal  
*Stellaluna* by Janell Cannon  
*The Colors of Us* by Karen Katz  
*The Hello, Goodbye Window* by Norton Juster  
*The New Small Person* by Lauren Child  
*The Peace Book* by Todd Parr  
*Too Many Tamales* by Gary Soto  
*'Twas Nochebuena* by Roseanne Greenfield Thong  
*Two Sweet Peas* by Andria Warmflash Rosenbaum  
*Violet's Music* by Angela Johnson  
*Zen Ties* by Jon J. Muth

#### Grades 3–5

*Auntie Yang's Great Soybean Picnic* by Ginnie Lo  
*Baseball in April and Other Stories* by Gary Soto  
*Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo  
*Brown Honey in Broomwheat Tea* by Joyce Carol Thomas  
*Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis

*Calling the Doves/El Canto de las Palomas*  
by Juan Herrera  
*Crow Call* by Lois Lowry  
*Dream Big: Michael Jordan and the Pursuit of Olympic Gold* by Deloris Jordan  
*Drita, My Homegirl* by Jenny Lombard  
*Duke Ellington: The Piano Prince and His Orchestra* by Andrea Davis Pinkney  
*El Deafo* by Cece Bell  
*Going Home, Coming Home* by Truong Tran  
*Hound Dog True* by Linda Urban  
*Little Pink Pup* by Johanna Kerby  
*Local News* by Gary Soto  
*Maya's Blanket* by Monica Brown  
*Moon Runner* by Carolyn Marsden  
*My Brother Charlie* by Holly Robinson Peete and Ryan Elizabeth Peete  
*Safe at Home* by Mike Lupica  
*Strawberry Hill* by Mary Hoberman  
*Tar Beach* by Faith Ringgold  
*Testing the Ice* by Sharon Robinson  
*The Birchbark House* by Louise Erdrich  
*The Bully from the Black Lagoon* by Mike Thaler  
*The Flag of Childhood: Poems from the Middle East* by Naomi Shihab Nye  
*The Junkyard Wonders* by Patricia Polacco  
*The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher* by Dana Alison Levy  
*The Year of the Dog* by Grace Lin  
*This Child, Every Child: A Book About the World's Children* by David J. Smith

*Tsunami!* by Kimiko Kajikawa  
*Wise at Heart: Children and Adults Share Words of Wisdom* by Richard Steckel

## Grades 6–8

*Another Day* by David Levithan  
*Baseball Is...* by Louise Borden  
*Blob* by Frieda Wishinsky  
*Bluish* by Virginia Hamilton  
*Brian's Return* by Gary Paulsen  
*Drama* by Raina Telgemeier  
*Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt  
*Fitting In* by Anilu Bernardo  
*Fresh Off the Boat* by Eddie Huang  
“Guess What” by Susan Noyes Anderson  
*I Funny: A Middle School Story* by James Patterson  
*If a Tree Falls at Lunch Period* by Gennifer Choldenko  
*Little Green: Growing Up During the Chinese Cultural Revolution* by Chun Yu  
“May Our Friendship Last Forever” by Nicholas Gordon  
*My Darling, My Hamburger* by Paul Zindel  
*Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood* by Marjane Satrapi  
*Roots and Wings* by Many Ly  
“She Is a Friend of Mind” by Toni Morrison  
*The Battle of Jericho* by Sharon M. Draper  
“The Glory of Friendship” by Ralph Waldo Emerson  
*The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros  
*The Lions of Little Rock* by Kristin Levine  
*The Running Dream* by Wendelin Van Draanen  
*The Unforgotten Coat* by Frank Cottrell Boyce  
*Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer* by Kelly Jones  
“Where I Am From” by George Ella Lyon  
*Wonder* by R. J. Palacio

## CURIOSITY

### Grades K–2

*A Weed Is a Flower: The Life of George Washington Carver* by Alike  
*Abuela* by Arthur Dorros  
*Boy, Were We Wrong About Dinosaurs!* by Kathleen V. Kudlinski  
*Call Me Tree* by Maya Christina Gonzales

*Chameleons Are Cool* by Martin Jenkins  
*Copper* by Kazu Kibuishi  
*Dear World* by Takayo Nado  
*Diary of a Fly* by Doreen Cronin  
*Dumpling Soup* by Jama Kim Rattigan  
*Everybody Cooks Rice* by Norah Dooley  
*Gotta Go! Gotta Go!* by Sam Swope  
*Grandpa Green* by Lane Smith  
*Guyku: A Year of Haiku for Boys* by Bob Raczka  
*Hello Ocean* by Pam Muñoz Ryan  
*Juna's Jar* by Jane Bahk  
*La Mariposa* by Simon Silva  
*Lift the Flap: Questions & Answers About Animals* by Katie Daynes  
*Lola Loves Stories* by Anna McQuinn  
*My Big Rock* by Phyllis J. Perry  
*Not a Box* by Antoinette Portis  
*On a Beam of Light* by Jennifer Berne  
*Penguins (Seedlings)* by Kate Riggs  
*Ramadan Moon* by Na'ima Robert  
*Roxaboxen* by Alice McLerran  
*Seven Blind Mice* by Ed Young  
*Sleeping Cutie* by Andrea Davis Pinkney  
*The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt  
*The Mouse and the Meadow* by Chad Wallace  
*The Rainbow Mystery* by Jennifer Dussling  
*This Is the Rope: A Story From the Great Migration* by Jacqueline Woodson  
*Tuesday* by David Wiesner  
*Weird Sea Creatures* by Laura Marsh  
*Wemberly Worried* by Kevin Henkes  
*What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?* by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page  
*What If You Had Animal Hair?* by Sandra Markle  
*What If You Had Animal Teeth?* by Sandra Markle  
*When the Wind Stops* by Charlotte Zolotow

### Grades 3–5

*A Light in the Attic* by Shel Silverstein  
*Abe Lincoln's Dream* by Lane Smith  
*All the Wild Wonders* by Wendy Cooling  
*Bartholomew Biddle and the Very Big Wind* by Gary Ross  
*Baseball in April and Other Stories* by Gary Soto  
*Bayou Magic* by Jewell Parker Rhodes  
*How & Why Stories* by Martha Hamilton  
*How Strong Is It?* by Ben Hillman

*If the World Were a Village: A Book About the World's People*, Second Edition, by David J. Smith  
*If You Lived Here: Houses of the World* by Giles Laroche  
*If You're Not Here, Please Raise Your Hand* by Kalli Dakos  
*Nic Bishop: Lizards* by Nic Bishop  
*Salsa Stories* by Lulu Delacre  
*Sky Color* by Peter Reynolds  
*The Island of Dr. Libris* by Chris Grabenstein  
*The Sixty-Eight Rooms* by Marianne Malone  
*The Three Questions* by Jon J. Muth  
*The View From the Cherry Tree* by Willo Davis Roberts  
*The Wonder Book* by Amy Krouse Rosenthal  
*Weslandia* by Paul Fleischman  
*When the Beat Was Born: DJ Kool Herc and the Creation of Hip Hop* by Laban Carrick Hill  
*Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* by Grace Lin

## Grades 6–8

47 by Walter Mosley  
*A Really Short History of Nearly Everything* by Bill Bryson  
*Being* by Kevin Brooks  
*Dark Shimmer* by Donna Jo Napoli  
*Dreaming in Indian* by Lisa Charleyboy and Mary Leatherdale  
*Holes* by Louis Sachar  
*Incarceron* by Catherine Fisher  
*Iqbal* by Francesco D'Adamo  
*Moxie and the Art of Rule Breaking* by Erin Dionne  
*One Plus One Equals Blue* by M. J. Auch  
*Rose Blanche* by Christophe Gallaz  
*Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief* by Wendelin Van Draanen  
*Soul Looks Back in Wonder* by Tom Feelings  
*The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate* by Jacqueline Kelly  
*To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee  
*The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett  
*The Tree of Life* by Peter Sis  
*Unstoppable Octobia May* by Sharon Flake  
*Wonder* by R. J. Palacio

## FRIENDSHIP

### Grades K–2

*Amos and Boris* by William Steig  
*Bad Apple: A Tale of Friendship* by Edward Hemingway  
*Ballet Cat the Totally Secret Secret* by Bob Shea  
*Beauty and the Beast* by H. Chuku Lee and Pat Cummings  
*Big Al* by Andrew Clements  
*Crazy Hair Day* by Barney Saltzberg  
*Diary of a Spider* by Doreen Cronin  
*Fish Is Fish* by Leo Lionni  
*Four Feet, Two Sandals* by Karen Lynn Williams  
*How to Grow a Friend* by Sara Gillingham  
*Madlenka* by Peter Sis  
*Mango, Abuela, and Me* by Meg Medina  
*Maria Had a Little Llama / María Tenía Una Llamita* by Angela Dominguez  
*Mrs. Katz and Tush* by Patricia Polacco  
*My Friend Rabbit* by Eric Rohmann  
*New Day, New Friends* by C. Alexander London  
*Ninja Bunny* by Jennifer Gray Olson  
*Not Norman: A Goldfish Story* by Kelly Bennett  
*Rainbow Joe and Me* by Maria Diaz Strom  
*Raising Dragons* by Jerdine Nolen  
*Rufus the Writer* by Elizabeth Bram and Chuck Groenink  
*Sitti's Secrets* by Naomi Shihab Nye  
*Surprise Moon* by Caroline Hatton  
*Teammates* by Peter Golenbock  
*The Friendly Four* by Eloise Greenfield  
*The Gift of Nothing* by Patrick McDonnell  
*The Mouse and the Lion* by Jerry Pinkney  
*The Name Jar* by Yangsook Choi  
*Those Shoes* by Maribeth Boelts  
*Today I Will Fly!* by Mo Willems  
*We Can Get Along: A Child's Book of Choices* by Lauren Murphy Payne  
*When Pigasso Met Mootisse* by Nina Laden  
*Yo! Yes?* by Chris Raschka  
*Z Is for Moose* by Kelly Bingham

### Grades 3–5

*Charlotte's Web* by E. B. White  
*Clever Trevor* by Sarah Albee  
*Dancing Home* by Alma Flor Ada  
*Dear Mr. Henshaw* by Beverly Cleary  
*Freedom Summer* by Deborah Wiles

*James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl  
*Lucky Dog: Twelve Tales of Rescued Dogs* by Various Authors  
*Matthew and Tilly* by Rebecca Jones  
“May Our Friendship Last Forever” by Nicholas Gordon  
*My Man Blue* by Nikki Grimes  
*Owen & Mzee: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship* by Craig Hatkoff, et al.  
“The Glory of Our Friendship” by Ralph Waldo Emerson  
*The Madman of Piney Woods* by Christopher Paul Curtis  
*The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher* by Dana Alison Levy  
*The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate  
*The Other Side* by Jacqueline Woodson  
*The World's Greatest Elephant* by Ralph Helfer  
*True Tales of Animal Heroes* by Allan Zullo  
*Tua and the Elephant* by R. P. Harris  
*Two Bobbies* by Kirby Larson

### Grades 6–8

*Anya's Ghost* by Vera Brosgol  
*Aquamarine and Indigo* by Alice Hoffman  
*Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo  
*Bull Catcher* by Alden R. Carter  
*Crash* by Jerry Spinelli  
*Doll Bones* by Holly Black  
*Duke* by Kirby Larson  
*Fast Sam, Cool Clyde, and Stuff* by Walter Dean Myers  
*Finding Audrey* by Sophie Kinsella  
*Flip-Flop Girl* by Katherine Paterson  
*Goodbye Stranger* by Rebecca Stead  
*Hey World, Here I Am!* by Jean Little  
*Holes* by Louis Sachar  
*If a Tree Falls at Lunch* by Gennifer Choldenko  
*I Will Always Write Back* by Martin Ganda, Caitlin Alifrenka and Liz Welch  
*Keeping the Moon* by Sarah Dessen  
*Kira-Kira* by Cynthia Kadohata  
*Navigating Early* by Clare Vanderpool  
*Night Hoops* by Carl Deuker  
“She Is a Friend of Mind” by Toni Morrison  
*Shug* by Jenny Han  
*Sula* by Toni Morrison  
*The Boy and the Samurai* by Erik Christian Haugaard

*The Kind of Friends We Used to Be* by Frances O'Rourke Dowell  
*The Kite Fighters* by Linda Sue Park  
*The Schwa Was Here* by Neal Shusterman  
*This Is Just to Say: Poems of Apology and Forgiveness* by Joyce Sidman  
*Zero Tolerance* by Claudia Mills

## KINDNESS

### Grades K–2

*14 Cows for America* by Carmen Agra Deedy  
*Anna Hibiscus* by Atinuke  
*Big Red Lollipop* by Rukhsana Khan  
*Bossy Gallito/El gallo de bodas* by Lucia M. Gonzalez  
*Chrysanthemum* by Kevin Henkes  
*Clara and Davie* by Patricia Polacco  
*Each Kindness* by Jacqueline Woodson  
*Frog and Toad All Year* by Arnold Lobel  
*Horton Hears a Who!* by Dr. Seuss  
*I Broke My Trunk!* by Mo Willems  
*I Want My Hat Back* by Jon Klassen  
*Mice and Beans* by Pam Muñoz Ryan  
*Miss Rumphius* by Barbara Cooney  
*Neville* by Norton Juster  
*Peaceful Pieces* by Anna Grossnickle Hines  
*Pierre the Penguin* by Jean Marzollo  
*Plant a Kiss* by Amy K. Rosenthal  
*Sukey and the Mermaid* by Robert D. San Souci  
*The Invisible Boy* by Trudy Ludwig  
*Wanda's Roses* by Pat Brisson  
*Willow* by Denise Brennan-Nelson and Rosemarie Brennan  
*Wings* by Christopher Myers  
*You Should Can a Friend* by Tony and Lauren Dungy  
*Z Is for Moose* by Kelly Bingham

### Grades 3–5

“By Myself” by Eloise Greenfield  
*Charlotte's Web* by E. B. White  
“Don't Quit” by Anonymous  
*Everything Pets: Furry Facts, Photos, and Fun—Unleashed!* by James Spears  
*It Jes' Happened: When Bill Traylor Started to Draw* by Don Tate  
*Mr. Lincoln's Way* by Patricia Polacco  
*Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters* by John Steptoe  
*No Talking* by Andrew Clements

*Passage to Freedom: The Sugihara Story* by Ken Mochizuki

*Peaceful Pieces* by Anna Grossnickle Hines

*President of the Whole Fifth Grade* by Sherri Winston

*Profiles #6: Peace Warriors* by Andrea Davis Pinkney

*Sparrow Girl* by Sara Pennypacker

*Sukey and the Mermaid* by Robert D. San Souci

*The Crane Wife* by Odds Bodkin

*The Dog Who Loved Tortillas / La perrita que le encantaban las tortillas* by Benjamin Alire Sáenz

*The Honest-to-Goodness Truth* by Patricia McKissack

"The Invitation" by Shel Silverstein

*The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy* by Jeanne Birdsall

*The Quiltmaker's Journey* by Jeff Brumbeau

*The Tale of Despereaux* by Kate DiCamillo

*The Three Questions* by Jon J. Muth

*The Trees of the Dancing Goats* by Patricia Polacco

*The Yak, the Python, the Frog* by Hilaire Belloc

## Grades 6-8

*Anne of Avonlea* by L.M. Montgomery

*Anson's Way* by Gary D. Schmidt

*Black Beauty* by Anna Sewell

"Build a Box of Friendship" by Chuck Pool

*Freak the Mighty* by Rodman Philbrick

"Friends" by Anonymous

"Imagine a World" by Anonymous

*Indigo's Star* by Hilary McKay

*Kira-Kira* by Cynthia Kadohata

*Little Lord Fauntleroy* by Frances Hodgson Burnett

*Marcelo in the Real World* by Francisco Stork

*Parrots Over Puerto Rico* by Cindy Trumbore

*Seedfolks* by Paul Fleischman

*The Gift of the Magi and Other Short Stories* by O. Henry

*The Hunchback of Notre Dame* by Victor Hugo

*The Laura Line* by Crystal Allen

*The River Between Us* by Richard Peck

*The Truth About Sparrows* by Marian Hale

*The Wednesday Wars* by Gary D. Schmidt

*The Women of Brewster Place* by Gloria Naylor

*The Young Landlords* by Walter Dean Myers

*William S. and the Great Escape* by Zilpha Keatley Snyder

## CONFIDENCE

### Grades K-2

*A Bad Case of Stripes* by David Shannon

*Alvin Ailey* by Andrea Davis Pinkney

*Bintou's Braids* by Sylviane A. Diouf

*Chester the Brave* by Audrey Penn

*Dancing in the Wings* by Debbie Allen

*Diego Rivera: His World and Ours* by Duncan Tonatiuh

*Dizzy* by Jonah Winter

*Ellie* by Mike Wu

*Exclamation Mark* by Amy Krouse Rosenthal

*Fancy Dance* by Leslie Johnson

*Freckle Juice* by Judy Blume

*Free to Be... You and Me* by Marlo Thomas and Friends

*Harlem's Little Blackbird* by Renée Watson

*I Got the Rhythm* by Connie Schofield-Morrison

*I Like Me!* by Nancy Carlson

*I Want to Be* by Thylia Moss

*I Wish I Were a Butterfly* by James Howe

*Iggly Peck, Architect* by Andrea Beaty

*Jingle Dancer* by Cynthia Leitich Smith

*Layla's Head Scarf* by Miriam Cohen

*Little Kunoichi, The Ninja Girl* by Sanae Ishida

*Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match: Marisol McDonald no combina* by Monica Brown

*Molly, by Golly* by Dianne Ochiltree

*One Hen: How One Small Loan Made a Big Difference* by Katie Smith Milway

*Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons* by Eric Litwin

*Pinduli* by Janell Cannon

*Salt in His Shoes: Michael Jordan in Pursuit of a Dream* by Deloris Jordan and Roslin M. Jordan

*Suki's Kimono* by Chieri Uegaki

*The Camping Trip That Changed America* by Barb Rosenstock

*The Dot* by Peter Reynolds

*Unicorn Thinks He's Pretty Great* by Bob Shea

*What Do You Do With an Idea?* by Kobi Yamada

*Whistle for Willie* by Ezra Jack Keats

*Whoever You Are* by Mem Fox

### Grades 3-5

*Alice the Brave* by Phyllis Naylor

*Allie's Basketball Dream* by Barbara E. Barber

*An Eye for Color* by Natasha Wing

*Annabel the Actress Starring in "Gorilla My Dreams"* by Ellen Conford

*Better Than You* by Trudy Ludwig

*Bobby the Brave (Sometimes)* by Lisa Yee

*Broken Bike Boy and the Queen of 33rd Street* by Sharon G. Flake

*Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis

*Emmanuel's Dream: The True Story of Emmanuel Ofose Yeboah* by Laurie Ann Thompson

*First Day in Grapes* by L. King Pérez

*Found Things* by Marilyn Hilton

*Funny Bones: Posada and His Day of the Dead Calaveras* by Duncan Tonatiuh

*Girl Wonder: A Baseball Story in Nine Innings* by Deborah Hopkinson

*Hardcourt Comeback* by Fred Bowen

*Home Court* by Amar'e Stoudemire

*Indian Shoes* by Cynthia Leitich Smith

*Joshua's Masai Mask* by Dakari Hru

*Just Like Josh Gibson* by Angela Johnson

*Knots on a Counting Rope* by Bill Martin Jr.

*Long Shot* by Chris Paul

*Looking Like Me* by Walter Dean Myers

*My Name Is Maria Isabel* by Alma Flor Ada

*Nightbird* by Alice Hoffman

*She Loved Baseball: The Effa Manley Story* by Audrey Vernick

*Sonya Sotomayor: A Judge Grows in the Bronx* by Jonah Winter

*The Dream Keeper and Other Poems* by Langston Hughes

*The Gold-Threaded Dress* by Carolyn Marsden

*The Million Dollar Kick* by Dan Gutman

*The Missing Piece* by Shel Silverstein

### Grades 6-8

*A Game for Swallows: To Die, to Leave, to Return* by Zeina Abirached

*American Born Chinese* by Gene Luen Yang

*Bayou Magic* by Jewell Parker Rhodes

*Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson

*Call Me Maria* by Judith Ortiz Cofer

*Call on the Stars* by Sally Prue

*Fly High! The Story of Bessie Coleman* by Louise Borden and Mary Kay Kroeger

*Full Cicada Moon* by Marilyn Hilton

*Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen  
*How Lamar's Bad Prank Won a Bubba-Sized Trophy* by Crystal Allen  
*How Tia Lola Came to (Visit) Stay* by Julia Alvarez  
*Lion Boy* by Zizou Corder  
*Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott  
*Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper  
*Poetry Speaks: Who I Am* edited by Elise Paschen  
*Rad American Women A-Z* by Kate Schatz  
*Silhouetted by the Blue* by Traci L. Jones  
*Spider Boy* by Ralph Fletcher  
*Squashed* by Joan Bauer  
*Storm Thief* by Chris Wooding  
*The Girl at the Center of the World* by Austin Aslan  
*The Green Bicycle* by Haifaa Al Mansour  
*The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins  
*The Red Pencil* by Andrea Davis Pinkney  
*Throwing Shadows* by E.L. Konigsburg  
*Travel Team* by Mike Lupica  
*Truth and Salsa* by Linda Lowery  
*While I Live* by John Marsden  
*Winner Takes All* by Jenny Santana

## COURAGE

### Grades K–2

*Abiyoyo* by Pete Seeger  
*Anansi Goes Fishing* by Janet Stevens  
*Doctor De Soto* by William Steig  
*Doña Flor* by Pat Mora  
*Fire! Fuego! Brave Bomberos* by Susan Middleton Elya  
*Gordon Parks* by Carole Boston Weatherford  
*Gregory's Shadow* by Don Freeman  
*I Am Jackie Robinson* by Brad Meltzer  
*Jackie Robinson* by Wil Mara  
*Lakas and the Makibaka Hotel* by Anthony Robles  
*Let's Play in the Forest While the Wolf Is Not Around* by Claudia Rueda  
*Let's Read About... César Chávez* by Jerry Tello  
*Lillian's Right to Vote* by Jonah Winter  
*Loud Emily* by Alexis O'Neill  
*Louder, Lili* by Gennifer Choldenko  
*Niño Wrestles the World* by Yuyi Morales  
*Orion and the Dark* by Emma Yarlett

*Precious and the Boo Hag* by Patricia McKissack  
*Roberto: The Insect Architect* by Nina Laden  
*Scaredy Squirrel* by Melanie Watt  
*Sheila Rae, the Brave* by Kevin Henkes  
*Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down* by Andrea Davis Pinkney  
*Sophie's Masterpiece* by Eileen Spinelli  
*Stand Tall Molly Lou Melon* by Patty Lovell  
*Swimmy* by Leo Lionni  
*The Hating Book* by Charlotte Zolotow  
*The Ogre Bully* by Aaron Hoffmire  
*The Secret Shortcut* by Mark Teague  
*The Story of Ruby Bridges* by Robert Coles  
*The Very Busy Spider* by Eric Carle  
*Two of a Kind* by Jacqui Robbins  
*Viva Frida* by Yuyi Morales

### Grades 3–5

*A Boy Called Slow* by Joseph Bruchac  
*Antonio's Card (La Tarjeta de Antonio)* by Rigoberto Gonzales  
*Azzi in Between* by Sarah Garland  
*Beautiful Warrior* by Emily Arnold McCully  
*Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson  
*Fuzzy Mud* by Louis Sachar  
*Hank Aaron: Brave in Every Way* by Peter Golenblock  
*Heat* by Mike Lupica  
*Hereville: How Mirka Got Her Sword* by Barry Deutsch  
*Heroes* by Ken Mochizuki  
*Jim's Lion* by Russell Hoban  
*Life Doesn't Frighten Me* by Maya Angelou  
*Long Shot* by Mike Lupica  
*Moonshot* by Brian Floca  
*Pink and Say* by Patricia Polacco  
*Planting the Trees of Kenya* by Claire A. Nivola  
*Queen of the Falls* by Chris Van Allsburg  
*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred Taylor  
*Ron's Big Mission* by Rose Blue  
*Sojourner Truth's Step-Stomp Stride* by Andrea Davis Pinkney  
*The Chalk Box Kid* by Clyde Robert Bulla  
*The Closet Ghosts* by Uma Krishnaswami  
*The Dreamer* by Pam Muñoz Ryan  
*The Hundred Dresses* by Eleanor Estes  
*The Hunterman and the Crocodile* by Baba Wagué Diakité  
*The Jumbies* by Tracey Baptiste

*The Mud Pony* by Caron Lee Cohen  
*The Reluctant Dragon* by Kenneth Grahame  
*Tiger Boy* by Mitali Perkins  
*When Marian Sang* by Pam Muñoz Ryan  
*Zita the Spacegirl* by Ben Hatke

### Grades 6–8

*A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park  
*A Single Shard* by Linda Sue Park  
*A Time to Dance* by Padma Venkatraman  
*Beardance* by Will Hobbs  
*Before We Were Free* by Julia Alvarez  
*"Black Eye Ball"* by Steve Micciche  
*Box Out* by John Coy  
*Boys Without Names* by Kashmira Sheth  
*Bright Shadow* by Avi  
*Call It Courage* by Armstrong Sperry  
*Chasing Secrets* by Gennifer Choldenko  
*Courage for Beginners* by Karen Harrington  
*Esperanza Rising* by Pam Muñoz Ryan  
*Gaby, Lost and Found* by Ángela Cervantes  
*Helen Keller* by Langston Hughes  
*I Survived Book Series 1–6* by Lauren Tarshis  
*Just Juice* by Karen Hesse  
*My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George  
*Okay for Now* by Gary D. Schmidt  
*Public School Superhero* by James Patterson  
*Real Kids, Real Stories, Real Change: Courageous Actions Around the World* by Garth Sundem  
*Serafina and the Black Cloak* by Robert Beatty  
*Shadowshaper* by Daniel José Older  
*Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli  
*Stella by Starlight* by Sharon Draper  
*The Living* by Matt de la Peña  
*The Misfits* by James Howe  
*The River* by Gary Paulsen  
*The Safest Lie* by Angela Cerrito  
*The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963* by Christopher Paul Curtis  
*Up From the Sea* by Leza Lowitz



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### Grade K–2

*A Chair for My Mother* by Vera B. Williams  
*A Dance Like Starlight: One Ballerina's Dream* by Kristy Dempsey  
*A Home for Bird* by Philip C. Stead  
*A Splash of Red: The Art and Life of Horace Pippin* by Jennifer Fisher Bryant  
*Allie's Basketball Dream* by Barbara E. Barber  
*Book Fiesta!* by Pat Mora  
*Bring Me Some Apples and I'll Make You a Pie* by Robbin Gourley  
*Bucket Filling from A–Z* by Carol McCloud  
*Come on, Rain!* by Karen Hesse  
*Dreaming Up* by Christy Hale  
*Eight Days: A Story of Haiti* by Edwidge Danticat  
*Fifty Cents and a Dream: Young Booker T. Washington* by Jabari Asim  
*Fly Away Home* by Eve Bunting  
*Fly Free!* by Rosanne Thong  
*Gleam and Glow* by Eve Bunting  
*Happy Birthday, Martin Luther King Jr.* by Jean Marzollo  
*Hawk, I'm Your Brother* by Byrd Baylor  
*Honey, I Love and Other Love Poems* by Eloise Greenfield  
*If a Bus Could Talk* by Faith Ringgold  
*Little Blue and Little Yellow* by Leo Lionni  
*Little Melba and Her Big Trombone* by Kathryn Russell-Brown  
*Max Found Two Sticks* by Brian Pinkney  
*Miss Rumphius* by Barbara Cooney  
*Perfect Square* by Michael Hall  
*Ruby's Wish* by Shirin Yim Bridges  
*Sing* by Tom Lichtenheld and Joe Raposo  
*Steam Train, Dream Train* by Sherri Duskey Rinker and Tom Lichtenheld  
*Stone Soup* by Jon J. Muth  
*The Great Migration* by Eloise Greenfield  
*The Green Mother Goose: Saving the World One Rhythm at a Time* by David Davis and Jan Peck  
*The People Could Fly* by Virginia Hamilton  
*The Pigeon Wants a Puppy!* by Mo Willems  
*The Tree Lady* by H. Joseph Hopkins  
*Tito Puente Mambo King* by Monica Brown  
*Train to Somewhere* by Eve Bunting  
*We Are Alike, We Are Different* by Janice Behrens

### Grades 3–5

*31 Ways to Change the World* by We Are What We Do  
*A Nation's Hope: The Story of Boxing Legend Joe Louis* by Matt de la Pena  
*Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* by Judith Viorst  
*Brothers in Hope: The Story of the Lost Boys of Sudan* by Mary Williams  
*Child of the Civil Rights Movement* by Paula Young Shelton and Raúl Colón  
*Crossing Bok Chitto: A Choctaw Tale of Friendship and Freedom* by Tim Tingle  
*Dear Malala, We Stand With You* by Rosemary McCarney  
*Firebird* by Misty Copeland  
*Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez* by Kathleen Krull  
*Henry's Freedom Box* by Ellen Levine  
*Hidden: A Child's Story of the Holocaust* by Greg Salsedo and Loïc Dauvillier  
*Hope for Winter* by David Yates, Craig Hatkoff, Juliana Hatkoff, and Isabella Hatkoff  
*How You Got So Smart* by David Milgrim  
*I Can Make a Difference* by Marian Wright Edelman  
*I Have a Dream* by Martin Luther King, Jr.  
*I, Too, Am America* by Langston Hughes  
*Josephine: The Dazzling Life of Josephine Baker* by Patricia Hruby Powell  
*Little Red Writing* by Joan Holub  
*March On! The Day My Brother Martin Changed the World* by Christine King Farris  
*Martin's Big Words* by Doreen Rappaport  
*Miss Todd and Her Wonderful Flying Machine* by Kristina Yee and Frances Poletti  
*Nelson Mandela* by Kadir Nelson  
*Poetry for Young People: Langston Hughes* by David Roessel  
*Ruth and the Green Book* by Calvin Alexander Ramsey  
*Silent Music: A Story of Baghdad* by James Rumford  
*The Harmonica* by Tony Johnston  
*The Secret Message* by Mina Javaherbin  
*Toothpaste Millionaire* by Jean Merrill  
*Where the Sidewalk Ends* by Shel Silverstein  
*Wilma Unlimited* by Kathleen Krull

### Grades 6–8

*Bad Boy* by Walter Dean Myers  
*Bird* by Angela Johnson  
*Bird in a Box* by Andrea Davis Pinkney  
*Bull Rider* by Suzanne Morgan Williams  
*Confetti Girl* by Diana López  
*Counting by 7s* by Holly Goldberg Sloan  
*Echo* by Pam Muñoz Ryan  
*Hana's Suitcase* by Karen Levine  
*I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai  
*Inside Out and Back Again* by Thanhha Lai  
*Jesse* by Gary Soto  
*Journey of the Sparrows* by Fran Leeper Buss  
*Journey Through Heartsongs* by Mattie J. T. Stepanek  
*La Linea* by Ann Jaramillo  
*Long Journey Home* by Julius Lester  
*Letters from a Slave Girl: The Story of Harriet Jacobs* by Mary E. Lyons  
*Mare's War* by Tanita S. Davis  
*Milkweed* by Jerry Spinelli  
*No Turning Back* by Beverley Naidoo  
*One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia  
*Poached* by Stuart Gibbs  
*Ruby Lee & Me* by Shannon Hitchcock  
*Rules for Stealing Stars* by Corey Ann Haydu  
*Shooting the Moon* by Frances Dowell  
*Stitches: A Memoir* by David Small  
*The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer  
*The Thing About Luck* by Cynthia Kadohata  
*There Are No Children Here* by Alex Kotlowitz  
*Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* by Grace Lin