

Best Bets for Nonfiction Books, Grades K-2

These true titles present factual, biographical, and subject-specific information in an appealing way.

BIOGRAPHY

Frida by Jonah Winter

This fascinating picture book pairs stunning illustrations and whimsical text to explore the fascinating life of one of the 20th century's most influential artists.

Teammates by Peter Golenbock

Enhanced by an unusual combination of archival photographs and vigorous illustrations, this thoughtful, noteworthy book chronicles Jackie Robinson's early days with the Brooklyn Dodgers.

MATH

Math Curse by Jon Scieszka

What would you do if you woke up and saw the world in math problems? This math motivator is great for reinforcing concepts as well as generating laughs.

Math-Terpieces: The Art of Problem-Solving by Greg Tang

These visually oriented problems -- inspired by the artwork of great art masters -- give you fascinating ways to practice addition.

GEOGRAPHY

A Life Like Mine from UNICEF and DK Publishing

Explore the life of 18 kids around the world in a scrapbook-style book filled with photos, illustrations, and quotations.

Celebrate the 50 States by Loreen Leedy

This boisterous picture book bubbles over with facts and drawings about U.S. states and territories.

HISTORY

Blasts from the Past from Ripley's Believe it or Not

Bring bizarre and unbelievable-but-true history to life with mysteries from the files of Roger Ripley.



We the Kids: The Preamble to the Constitution of the United States by David Catrow
See what the words really mean in this lively look at kids exercising their inalienable rights.

SCIENCE

A Drop of Water by Walter Wick

Discover water in all its forms with this stunning, photographic exploration.

From Head to Toe: The Amazing Human Body and How It Works by Barbara Seuling

Explore what lies inside with this clear, illustrated introduction that also suggests activities and experiments

COOKING

Pretend Soup and Other Real Recipes by Molly Katzen & Ann Henderson

Practice reading for information with an edible result! These illustrated, whimsical recipes come from the author of the celebrated Moosewood Cookbook.



Best Bets for Nonfiction Books, Grades 3-5

These true titles present factual, biographical, and subject-specific information in an appealing way.

MATH

The Grapes of Math by Greg Tang

Learn to solve math's mysteries in an inventive way with a book that shows how to use patterns, symmetries, and familiar number combinations to simplify the process.

GEOGRAPHY

If the World Were a Village: A Book About the World's People by David J. Smith

Taking global statistics about cultures, languages, and ages and shrinking them down to the size of a village, this book puts the world into a recognizable context and reinforces the idea of a global community.

Small Worlds: Maps and Mapmaking by Karen Romano Young

Learn the language of maps, meet some people who create them, and find out how to create your own.

HISTORY

Extraordinary Explorers and Adventurers by Judy Alter

This handy reference profiles amazing figures -- both historical and literary -- plus helps guide young researchers to other print and online resources.

We Were There, Too! Young People in U.S. History by Phillip Hoose

Go behind the scenes of major events with this extraordinary compilation of first-person accounts, interviews, and journal excerpts that show what it was like to live history.

SCIENCE

Mistakes That Worked by Charlotte Foltz Jones

This roundup of accidental inventions tells the true story of the birthplace of favorite things like piggy banks, silly putty, and potato chips.

The Great Book of Optical Illusions by Al Seckel

An entrancing collection of more than 300 visual puzzles, patterns, and designs (along with explanations of their effects) spans designs from the 12th century to the present.

BIOGRAPHY

Boy: *Tales of Childhood* by Roald Dahl

See the life experiences -- from English schoolboy prankster to Cadbury's chocolate tester -- that inspired this author's beloved books.

The "Lives of" books by Kathleen Krull

Whether you're into athletes, writers, presidents, and other famous folk, these offbeat biographies offer the facts kids REALLY want to know, including "What the Neighbors Thought!"

COOKING

The Healthy Body Cookbook: Over 50 Fun Activities and Delicious Recipes for Kids

by Joan D'Amico

Discover how to keep the different parts of the body healthy in this scientific cookbook.

