



❖ 2nd & 3rd Grade ❖

Best Books of 2020



Best Books lists from previous years may be obtained by request at the Youth Services desk.

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Auxier, Jonathan – *The Fabled Stables: Willa the Wisp*

+Auxier, Fiction; +Aux, CD-Audio Books

At the Fabled Stables, a magical building filled with one-of-a-kind creatures, it's Auggie's job to take care of the animals and rescue a new creature from danger.

Barker, Chris – *Super Dinosaur Encyclopedia*

+567.9 Bar, Non-Fiction

Detailed color illustrations and informative text provide readers with facts about dinosaurs.

Barnaby, Hannah Rodgers – *Monster and Boy*

+Barnaby, Fiction

When Monster (who lives under the bed) meets Boy (who sleeps in the bed), the boy starts to scream--and Monster promptly swallows him. It's the beginning of a beautiful friendship!

Bell, Cece – *Chick and Brain: Egg or Eyeball?*

+Bell, Graphic Novels*

Oh, oh, oh! Look what Brain found. Chick and Spot say it is an egg. Brain says it is an eyeball. Is it an egg or an eyeball?

Castillo, Lauren – *Our Friend Hedgehog: The Story of Us*

+Castillo, Fiction

When a storm separates Hedgehog from her lifelong friend, Mutty, she bravely sets out to find him and makes some very good new friends in the process. For fans of Winnie the Pooh.

Cullum, Jared – *Kodi*

+Cullum, Graphic Novels*

After a chance accident befriends Katya to a Kodiak bear, the two are torn apart when Katya must leave Alaska to return to Seattle, leaving Kodi to do whatever it takes to reunite with his human companion.

Dahl, Sophie – *Madame Badobedah*

++Dahl, Picture Books

Who is Madame Badobedah? Mabel sets out to prove that an eccentric new hotel guest is really a supervillain in this witty storybook about an intergenerational friendship.

Fan, Terry – *The Barnabus Project*

++Fan, Picture Books

In a world built for Perfect Pets, Barnabus is a Failed Project, half mouse, half elephant, kept out of sight until his dreams of freedom lead him and his misfit friends on a perilous adventure.

Fang, Vicky – *Layla and the Bots: Happy Paws*

++Fang, Early Readers

Layla and the Bots are in an awesome rock band! They also use problem-solving and creativity to build cool inventions.

Ferry, Beth – *Fox & Rabbit*

+Ferry, Graphic Novels

Easygoing Fox and anxious Rabbit seem like total opposites, but they are the best of friends, discovering their favorite things and overcoming their fears together.



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Fleming, Candace – *Honeybee: The Busy Life of Apis Mellifera* +595.799 Fle, Non-Fiction
Take to the sky with Apis, one honeybee, as she embarks on her journey through life!

Green, John – *InvestiGATORS* +Green, Graphic Novels
On their first mission together, alligator detectives Mango and Brash must uncover the clues, crack the case, and corral the crooks before the criminals wriggle out of their grasp.

Hale, Shannon – *Diana: Princess of the Amazons* +Wonder Woman, Graphic Novels*
Eleven-year-old Diana, the gangly, sometimes clumsy, only child on the island of Themyscira, struggles to live up to the high Amazonian standards and longs for someone her own age whom she can talk to.

Higgins, Ryan T. – *What About Worms!?* ++Higgins, Early Readers
Tiger unwittingly helps some worms overcome their fear of tigers with a well-placed, informative book, but will a wormy hug aid a fearful Tiger?

Keating, Jess – *Ocean Speaks: Marie Tharp and the Map That Moved the Earth* +921 Tha, Non-Fiction
Introduces geologist Marie Tharp who discovered the mid-Atlantic Ridge from a laboratory because, as a woman, she was not allowed on ships with her male colleagues.

King, SJ – *The Secret Explorers and the Lost Whales* +King, Fiction
The secret explorers jump into action to save a pod of humpback whales, but when Connor and Roshini's submarine malfunctions, the explorers could be the ones in trouble.

Knetzger, Laura – *Bug Boys* +Knetzger, Graphic Novels
Follows two bug friends, Stag-B and Rhino-B, as they explore their world and share adventures.

LaRochelle, David – *See the Cat: Three Stories About a Dog* ++LaRochelle, Early Readers
See Max. Max is not a cat, Max is a dog. But much to Max's dismay, the book keeps instructing readers to see the cat. How can Max get through to the book that he is a DOG?

Levis, Caron – *This Way, Charlie* ++Levis, Picture Books
Jack, an introverted goat, and Charlie, a blind horse, meet at Open Bud Ranch, an animal rehabilitation center, and form an unlikely friendship that grows stronger in the face of adversity. Based on a real-life animal relationship.

Lindstrom, Carole – *We Are Water Protectors* ++Lindstrom, Picture Books
When a black snake threatens to destroy the Earth and poison her people's water, one young water protector takes a stand to defend Earth's most sacred resource. Inspired by the many indigenous-led movements across North America.

Litchfield, David – *Lights on Wonder Rock* ++Litchfield, Picture Books
E.T. meets The Giving Tree in this stunningly illustrated picture book about friendship, family, wonder, and magic that shows how, sometimes, the things we're searching for have been right in front of us all along.



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Lovell, Patty – *Speak Up, Molly Lou Melon*

++Lovell, Picture Books

Molly Lou's mother encouraged her to speak up when something is wrong, for those who can't, and even when it's hard, and all of that comes into play when a bully picks on a new kid at school.

McAnulty, Stacy – *Ocean!: Waves for All*

+551.46 McA, Non-Fiction*

Dude. Ocean is incredible. Atlantic, Pacific, Artic, Indian, Southern--it's all excellent Ocean! Not part of any nation, his waves are for all. And under those waves, man, he holds so many secrets.

Medina, Meg – *Evelyn Del Rey is Moving Away*

++Medina, Picture Books*

Best friends Evelyn and Daniela do everything together, but Evelyn is moving away. They play amid the moving boxes until it's time to say goodbye, making promises to keep in touch, because their friendship will always be special.

Messner, Kate – *How to Write a Story*

+808.3 Mes, Non-Fiction

Accomplished storytellers Kate Messner and Mark Siegel playfully chronicle the process of becoming a writer, guiding young storytellers through the joys and challenges of the writing process.

Murrie, Matthew – *The Screaming Hairy Armadillo and 76 Other Animals with Weird, Wild Names*

+590.14 Mur, Non-Fiction

An illustrated compendium of animals with funny, fascinating, or just-plain-weird names.

Pilkey, Dav – *Cat Kid Comic Club*

+Pilkey, Graphic Novels*

Twenty-one talented baby frogs are introduced to the art of comic making. The story unwinds with mishaps and hilarity, showing the progress, mistakes, and improvements that come with practice and persistence.

Pimm, Nancy Roe – *Fly, Girl, Fly!: Shaesta Waiz Soars Around the World*

+921 Wai, Non-Fiction

The story of how Shaesta Waiz became the youngest woman in history, and the first woman from Afghanistan, to fly around the world in a single-engine aircraft.

Pizzoli, Greg – *Baloney and Friends*

+Pizzoli, Graphic Novels

Meet Baloney! He's a pig. This book is about him. And also Peanut, his best friend. There's Bizz, too, of course. And Krabbit. He'd rather not be here, but what can you do?

Rex, Michael – *Facts vs. Opinions vs. Robots*

++Rex, Picture Books

Robots try to figure out the difference between facts and opinions.

Reynolds, Aaron – *Fart Quest*

+Reynolds, Fiction; +Rey, CD-Audio Books

After their masters are vaporized in a goblin battle gone badly, Fart, Pan, and Moxie, three lowly apprentices, decide to impersonate their mentors and pick up the mantle as heroes of the realm.

Smith, Nikki Shannon – *The Amazing Life of Azaleah Lane*

+Smith, Fiction

Azaleah loved her class field trip to the National Zoo in Washington D.C, and is looking forward to earning extra credit, but first she has to solve the mystery of her younger sister's favorite missing stuffed animal.

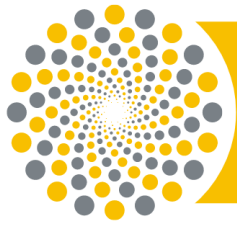


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Soosh – *Mermaid and Me*

++Soosh, Picture Books

A girl and a mermaid become best friends as they figure out how to enjoy their favorite things together, but when the shore becomes unsafe Mermaid must leave, promising to return.

Stewart, Melissa – *Ick!: Delightfully Disgusting Animal Dinners, Dwellings, and Defenses*

+591.5 Ste, Non-Fiction

Animals--they're cute and fluffy, cuddly, and puffy, and ... sometimes downright disgusting. Get ready to be totally grossed out as you discover the incredibly icky ways animals eat, make their homes, and defend themselves.

Tabor, Corey R. – *Snail Crossing*

++Tabor, Picture Books

Determined to make his way to a plump, crisp cabbage across the road, Snail risks speeding cars and hungry crows during a long and slow journey, before getting lost while helping a crew of ants escape a rainstorm.

Tarshis, Lauren – *I Survived the Shark Attacks of 1916*

I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic, 1912

+Tarshis, Graphic Novels*

The bestselling I Survived series takes on vivid new life in this high-action graphic novel edition. Includes nonfiction back matter with facts and historical photos.

Timberlake, Amy – *Skunk and Badger*

+Timberlake, Fiction

When Skunk plows into Badger's life, everything Badger knows is upended. Tails are flipped. The wrong animal is sprayed. And why-oh-why are there so many chickens?

Watson, Renée – *Ways to Make Sunshine*

+Watson, Fiction*

The Hart family of Portland, Oregon, faces many setbacks after Ryan's father loses his job, but no matter what, Ryan tries to bring sunshine to her loved ones.

Willems, Mo – *I Want to Sleep Under the Stars!*

++Willems, Early Readers

Squirrel pals get a bit overenthusiastic in their efforts to help Zoom Squirrel fulfill his dream of sleeping under the stars.

Winter, Jonah – *Welcome to Bobville: City of Bobs*

++Winter, Picture Books

In Bobville, everyone is named Bob and everything is exactly the same, until one Bob decides to be a Bruce.

Woodward, John – *Life Through Time: The 700-Million-Year Story of Life On Earth*

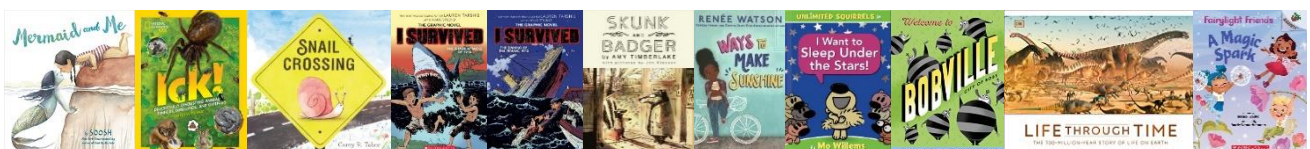
+576.8 Woo, Non-Fiction

Perfect for children and parents to read together and discover the incredible story of life on our planet. Open the book and let the 700-million-year journey begin!

Young, Jessica – *Fairylight Friends: A Magic Spark*

++Young, Early Readers

Ruby, Iris, and Pip first met on their first day of fairy school, and they immediately became best friends, testing their wings, and enjoying their magical adventures--but sometimes it takes a little time for a fairy to find her true magic spark.



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