

# SUGGESTED READING K-5 LISTS



## by Grade Level

Clicks on the links below to view suggestions for great books to read by grade level

### KINDERGARTEN

- [Suggested Reading List](#) (PreK - Gd2)- fm American Library Assoc.
- [Summer Fun Reading List](#) - (entering K & 1st)
- [K-1 Fiction for Beginning Readers](#)
- [K-1 Fiction Picture Books](#)
- [Summer Reading List](#) - from Education World
- [Top 10 Books Suggested for Kindergarten Students](#)
- [Suggested for Kindergarten](#)
- [Good Reading for Kindergarten - 1st Grade](#)

### 1ST GRADE

- [Suggested Reading List](#) (PreK - Gd2)- fm American Library Assoc.
- [Summer Fun Reading List](#) - (entering K & 1st)
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- [K-1 Fiction Picture Books](#)
- [1st Grade Reading List](#)
- [Grade 1 Reading List](#) -
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- [Summer Reading List](#) - from Education World
- [Suggested for First Grade](#)

### 2ND GRADE

- [Suggested Summer Reading](#)
- [Suggested Reading List](#) (PreK - Gd2)- fm American Library Assoc.
- [Summer Fun Reading List](#) - (entering 2nd & 3rd)
- [Grades 2/3 Fiction](#)
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- [Summer Reading List](#) - from Education World
- [Suggested for Second Grade](#)

### 3RD GRADE

- [Suggested Summer Reading](#)
- [Suggested Reading List](#) (Gds 3 & 4)- fm American

### 4TH GRADE

- [Suggested Summer Reading](#)
- [Suggested Reading List](#) (Gds 3 & 4)- fm American

### 5TH GRADE

- [Suggested Reading List](#) (Gds 5 & 6)- fm American Library Assoc.
- [Summer Fun Reading List](#) -

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<b>Award Winners</b>		
<a href="#">North Carolina Children's Book Award</a>	<a href="#">Caldecott Medal</a>	<a href="#">Newbery Medal</a>
<a href="#">Coretta Scott King Book Award Winners</a>	<a href="#">Wilder Medal</a>	<a href="#">Horn Book Awards</a>
<a href="#">American Library Association 2005 Notable Children's Books</a>	<a href="#">Young Reader's Choice Award</a>	

<b>Miscellaneous Book Lists for All Ages</b>		
<a href="#">Suggested Elementary Summer Reading Book List</a>	<a href="#">Poetry</a>	<a href="#">Biography and Autobiography</a>
<a href="#">Fairy Tales, Folklore, Legends and Mythology</a>	<a href="#">Non-Fiction: Information</a>	<a href="#">Books for Families to Read Aloud</a>
<a href="#">Seventeen Highly Recommended Books for Boys</a>	<a href="#">Books About North Carolina</a>	<a href="#">6th - 10th Grade Reading Lists</a>
<a href="#">Eighteen Highly Recommended Books for Girls</a>	<a href="#">KidsReads.com</a>	<a href="#">Reading Is Fundamental</a>
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## [Stories](#)

[Story Place](#) & [Book Hive](#) from Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County (online stories and activities)

### [Book Lists](#)

<a href="#">Scary Stories</a>	<a href="#">American Historical Fiction</a>	<a href="#">Chapter Books</a>
<a href="#">Friends and Family</a>	<a href="#">Funny Stories</a>	<a href="#">Mysteries</a>
<a href="#">Adventure Stories</a>	<a href="#">Sports Stories</a>	<a href="#">Animal Stories</a>
<a href="#">Fantasy &amp; Time Travel</a>		

Below are links to lists of books similar to one you may have already enjoyed.

<a href="#">Continue the Reading...</a> from J. A. Lanigan Elem. School, MI	<a href="#">Read Alikes</a>	<a href="#">Harry Potter Read-alikes</a>
<a href="#">Lemony Snicket Read-Alikes</a>	<a href="#">Read Alikes for <i>My Side of the Mountain</i></a>	

### **Links to Children's Stories You Can Read Online!**

<a href="#">Online Children's Stories</a>	<a href="#">Children's Storybooks Online</a>	<a href="#">Webtime Stories</a>
<a href="#">International Children's Digital Library</a>	<a href="#">Aesop's Fables</a> (traditional and modern)	<a href="#">Myths and Fables from Around the World</a>
<a href="#">Grimm Fairy Tales</a>	<a href="#">Tall Tales</a>	<a href="#">Hans Christian Andersen Fairy Tales</a>
<a href="#">SurLaLune Fairy Tales Pages</a>	<a href="#">Classics for Young People</a>	<a href="#">Book Pop Online Reading Collection</a>
<a href="#">Tumble Book Library</a>	<a href="#">Children's Books Forever</a>	

Online **Book Club**: <http://www.scholastic.com/flashlight>

Register to join this virtual reading club and participate in multimedia experiences for kids such as moderated author chats, trading instant messages with other readers, explore author's original manuscripts, and play interactive games. Bring some of your favorite books to life! This site is targeted for students in grades 3-5 and some of the current favorite titles include *Holes*, *Esperanza Rising*, and .

Early Readers (pre-k thru 2nd grade): Join a Summer Reading Club or enhance your beginning

reading skills by joining [studydog.com](http://studydog.com). It's free!

## Grades K-2 Recommended Reading List

**A Color of His Own**, Leo Lionni  
**A House for Hermit Crab**, Eric Carle  
**Abuela**, Arthur Dorros  
**Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good Very Bad Day**, Judith Viorst  
**Alexander Who Used to be Rich Last Sunday**, Judith Viorst  
**Animals Born Alive and Well**, Ruth Heller  
**Animals Should Definitely Not Wear Clothing**, Judi Barrett  
**Anansi, and the Moss-Covered Rock**, Eric Kimmel  
**Andy and the Lion**, James Daugherty  
**Arthur Series**, Marc Brown  
**Bad Day at Riverbend**, Chris Van Allsburg  
**Bats**, Gail Gibbons  
**Ben's Trumpet**, Rachel Isadora  
**Blueberries for Sal**, Robert McCloskey  
**The Bossey Gallite: A Traditional Cuban Folktale**, Lucia Gonzalez  
**Bread and Jam for Francis**, Russell Hoban  
**Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See**, Bill Martin Jr.  
**Caps for Sale**, Esphyr Slobodkina  
**The Carrot Seed**, Ruth Krauss  
**Cats**, Gail Gibbons  
**A Chair For My Mother**, Vera B. Williams  
**Chato's Kitchen**, Gary Soto  
**Check It Out: The Book About Libraries**, Gail Gibbons  
**Chicka-Chicka-Boom Boom**, Bill Martin Jr., & John Archambault  
**Chicken Sunday**, Patricia Polacco  
**Chrysanthemum**, Kevin Henkes  
**Cinderella**, Christine San Jose  
**Color**, Ruth Heller  
**Come on, Rain!**, Karen Hesse  
**Corduroy**, Don Freeman  
**Curious George**, H. A. Rey  
**David Goes to School**, David Shannon  
**Dear Zoo**, Rod Campbell  
**Deserts**, Gail Gibbons  
**Dinosaurs**, Peggy Parish  
**Dogs**, Gail Gibbons  
**Dr. DeSoto**, William Steig  
**Emma's Rug**, Allan Say  
**Julius**, Angela Johnson  
**King Bidgood's in the Bathtub**, Audrey Wood  
**Koala Lou**, Mem Fox  
**Komodo!**, Peter Sis  
**Leo the Late Bloomer**, Robert Kraus  
**Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse**, Kevin Henkes  
**Little Blue and Little Yellow**, Leo Lionni  
**The Little Dog Laughed and Other Nursery Rhymes**, Lucy Cousins  
**The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything**, Linda Williams  
**Little Red Riding Hood**, Paul Galdone  
**Look Book**, Tana Hoban  
**Love You Forever**, Robert Munsch  
**Lunch**, Denise Fleming  
**Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile**, Bernard Waber  
**Make Way For Ducklings**, Robert McCloskey

**Madeline**, Ludwig Bemelmans  
**Make Way For Ducklings**, Robert McCloskey  
**Mama Cat Has Three Kittens**, Denise Fleming  
**Martha Calling**, Susan Meddaugh  
**Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel**, Virginia L. Burton  
**Millions of Cats**, Wanda Gag  
**Minerva Louise**, Janet Morgan Stoeke  
**Miss Nelson Is Missing**, Harry Allard and James Marshall  
**Miss Rumphius**, Barbara Cooney  
**Mr. Grumpy's Outing**, John Burningham  
**More Than Anything Else**, Marie Bradby  
**Morris Disappearing Bag**, Rosemary Wells  
**Mouse Paint**, Evelyn Walsh  
**The Mud Pony**, Shonto BeGay  
**Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale**, John Steptoe  
**My Great Aunt Arizona**, Gloria Houston  
**Nana Upstairs & Nana Downstairs**, Tomie DePaola  
**The Napping House**, Audrey Wood  
**No David**, David Shannon  
**Nuts to You**, Lois Ehlert  
**Officer Buckle and Gloria**, Peggy Rathmann  
**Old American Christmas**, Tomie DePaola  
**Old Black Fly**, Jim Aylesworth  
**Over in the Meadow**, John Langstaff  
**Owen**, Kevin Henkes  
**Owl Moon**, Jane Yolen  
**Ox-Cart Man**, Donald Hall  
**The Paperboy**, Dav Pilkey  
**The Popcorn Book**, Tommie DePaola  
**The Quilt Story**, Tony Johnson  
**The Reason for a Flower**, Ruth Heller  
**The Relatives Came**, Stephen Gammell  
**The Snowy Day**, Ezra Jack Keats  
**The Sticky Cheese Man and Other Stupid Tales**, John Scieszka  
**The Story of Ferdinand**, Munro Leaf  
**The Story of the Jumping Mouse: A Native American Legend**, John Steptoe  
**The Tale of Peter Rabbit**, Beatrix Potter  
**There's a Nightmare in My Closet**, Mercer Mayer  
**The Three Billy Goats Gruff**, P.C. Asbjornsen and J. E. Moe  
**The Three Robbers**, Tomi Ungerer  
**Time of Wonder**, Robert McCloskey  
**Top Cat**, Lois Ehlert  
**Tops and Bottoms**, Janet Stevens  
**The True Story of the Three Little Pigs**, John Scieszka  
**Tuesday**, David Wiesner  
**Two of Everything: A Chinese Folktale**, Lily Toy Hong  
**The Ugly Duckling**, Jerry Pinkney  
**The Very Hungry Caterpillar**, Eric Carle  
**The Very Quiet Cricket**, Eric Carle  
**The Very Lonely Firefly**, Eric Carle  
**The Very Clumsy Click Beetle**, Eric Carle  
**We're Going on a Bear Hunt**, Michael Rosen  
**What a Wonderful World**, George David Weiss  
**The Wheels on the Bus**, Paul Zelinsky  
**When Sophie Gets Angry, Really, Really Angry**, Molly Bang  
**The Wolf's Chicken Stew**, Keiko Kasza  
**The Year of the Perfect Christmas Tree**, Gloria Houston

**Grade 3 Recommended**

**Catwings**, Ursula K. LeGuin  
**Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**, Roald Dahl  
**Chocolate Fever**, Richard Kimmel Smith  
**The Courage of Sarah Nobel**, Alice Dalgliesh, Newbery Honor Book  
**The Flunking of Joshua T. Bates**, Susan Richards Shreve  
**Freckle Juice**, Judy Blume  
**The Gadget War**, Betsy Duffey  
**The Hundred Dresses**, Eleanor Estes  
**The Hundred Penny Box**, Sharon Bell Mathis, Newbery Honor Book  
**Ida Early Comes Over the Mountain**, Robert Burch  
**Justin and the Best Biscuits in the World**, Mildred Pitts Walker, Coretta Scott King Award  
**The Light at Tern Rock**, Julia L. Sauer, Newbery Honor Book  
**Lily and Miss Liberty**, Carla Stevens  
**Little House on the Prairie**, Laura Ingalls Wilder  
**Little House in the Big Woods**, Laura Ingalls Wilder  
**Miss Hickory**, Carolyn Sherwin Bailey  
**The Mouse and the Motorcycle**, Beverly Cleary  
**My Father's Dragon**, Ruth Gannett, Newbery Honor Book  
**Night of the Full Moon**, Gloria Whelan  
**Ralph S. Mouse**, Beverly Cleary  
**Ramona Quimby, Age 8**, Beverly Cleary, Newbery Honor Book  
**Runaway Ralph**, Beverly Cleary  
**Sable**, Karen Hesse, Newbery Award Winner  
**The Secret Soldier: The Story of Deborah Sampson**, Ann McGovern  
**Seven Kisses in a Row**, Patricia MacLachlan  
**Shoeshine Girl**, Clyde Robert Bulla  
**Sidewalk Story**, Sharon Bell Mathis  
**Squanto**, Clyde Robert Bulla  
**The Stories Julian Tells**, Ann Cameron  
**White Stallion**, Elizabeth Shub

#### **GRADE 4 Recommended**

**A Taste of Blackberries**, Doris Buchanan Smith  
**Alabama's Youngest Admirals**, by James L. Estes  
**Baby**, Patricia MacLachlan  
**The Ballad of the Civil War**, Mary Stolz  
**The Best Christmas Pageant Ever**, Barbara Robinson  
**The Best School Year Ever**, Barbara Robinson  
**Charlotte's Web**, E. B. White, Newbery Honor Book  
**The Cricket in Times Square**, George Selden  
**Dear Mr. Henshaw**, Beverly Cleary, Newbery Award Winner  
**Donovan's Word Jar**, Monalisa Degross  
**Fly Away Home**, Eve Bunting  
**Front Porch Stories From The One Room School**, Elenora Tate  
**Goblins in the Castle**, Bruce Coville  
**Help! I'm a Prisoner in the Library**, Eth Clifford  
**Journey**, Patricia MacLachlan  
**The Junkyard Dog**, Erika Tamar  
**The King's Equal**, Katherine Paterson  
**Matilda**, Roald Dahl  
**The Midnight Fox**, Betsy Byars  
**The Pinballs**, Betsy Byars  
**Mr. Popper's Penguins**, Richard Atwater, Newbery Honor Book  
**Sarah, Plain and Tall**, Patricia MacLachlan, Newbery Award Winner  
**Shiloh**, Phyllis Reynolds Naylor, Newbery Award Winner  
**Skylark**, Patricia MacLachlan  
**Soft Rain, A Story of the Cherokee Trail of Tears**, Cornelia Cornelissen

**Stone Fox**, John Reynolds Gardiner  
**Strider**, Beverly Cleary  
**Stuart Little**, E.B. White  
**The Summer of the Swans**, Betsy Byars, Newbery Award Winner  
**Superfudge**, Judy Blume  
**Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing**, Judy Blume  
**There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom**, Louis Sachar  
**Trouble River**, Betsy Byars  
**Trumpet of the Swans**, E.B. White  
**Wanted: Mud Blossom**, Betsy Byars  
**The Whipping Boy**, Sid Fleischman, Newbery Medal Winner  
**The Year of the Panda**, Miriam Schlein

### Grade 5 Recommended

**A Gathering of Days**, Joan W. Blos, Newbery Award Winner  
**Bridge to Terabithia**, Katherine Paterson, Newbery Award Winner  
**Bull Run**, Paul Fleischman  
**The Cabin Faced West**, Jeane Fritz  
**Caddie Woodlawn**, Carol Ryrie Brink, Newbery Award Winner  
**Dragon's Gate**, Laurence Yep, Newbery Honor Book  
**Ella Enchanted**, Gayle Carson Levine, Newbery Honor Book  
**Family Under the Bridge**, Natalie Savage Carlson, Newbery Honor Book  
**Fig Pudding**, Ralph Fletcher  
**Freedom Train, The Story of Harriet Tubman**  
**Guests**, Michael Dorris  
**Holes**, Louise Saker  
**The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe**, C.S. Lewis  
**Maniac Magee**, Jerry Spinelli, Newbery Award Winner  
**Night of the Twisters**, Ivy Ruckman  
**Pedro's Journal: A Voyage with Christopher Columbus**, Pam Conrad  
**Pheobe, The Spy**, Judith Berry Griffin  
**Poppy**, Avi  
**The Righteous Revenge of Artemis Bonner**, Walter Dean Myers  
**The Serpent Never Sleeps**, Scott O'Dell  
**Shades of Gray**, Carolyn Reeder  
**Shh! We're Writing the Constitution**, Jean Fritz  
**Sign of the Beaver**, Elizabeth George Speare, Newbery Honor Book  
**Sing Down the Moon**, Scott O'Dell, Newbery Honor Book  
**There's An Owl in the Shower**, Jean Craighead George  
**Tuck Everlasting**, Natalie Babbitt  
**The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle**, Avi, Newbery Honor Book  
**Wringer**, Jerry Spinelli  
**Witch of Blackbird Pond**, Elizabeth George Spear, Newbery Award Winner **Yolanda's Genius**, Carol Fenner