

Reading List – Grades 6 to 8

Fiction: Classic and Contemporary

The Acorn People – Jones, Ron
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer – Twain, Mark
Anne of Green Gables – Montgomery, Lucy Maud
The Cat Ate My Gymsuit – Danziger, Paula
The Cay – Taylor, Theodore
Child of the Owl – Yep, Laurence
A Christmas Carol – Dickens, Charles
Durango Street – Bonham, Frank
Eyes of Darkness – Highwater, Jamake
Firefly Summer – Bulpre, Pura
Flowers for Algernon – Keyes, Daniel
Friendly Persuasion – West, Jessamyn
The Friends – Guy, Rosa
Ganesh – Bosse, Malcolm
The Glory Field – Myers, Walter Dean
Holes – Sachar, Louis
Homecoming – Voigt, Cynthia
Island of the Blue Dolphins – O’Dell, Scott
The Islander – Rylant, Cynthia
The Journey Home – Uchida, Yoshiko
Lisa, Bright and Dark – Neufield, John
The Little Prince – De Saint-Exupery, Antoine
Little Women – Alcott, Louisa May
M.C. Higgins, the Great – Hamilton, Virginia
The Moves Make the Man – Brooks, Bruce
My Side of the Mountain – George, Jean Craighead
Park’s Quest – Paterson, Katherine
The Pearl – Steinbeck, John
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry – Taylor, Mildred D.
Summer of My German Soldier – Greene, Bette
Summer of the Swans – Byars, Betsy
The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle – Avi
Words by Heart – Sebestyen, Ouida
Year of Impossible Goodbyes – Choi, Sook Nyui
The Yearling – Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan

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Historical Fiction

- Across Five Aprils* – Hunt, Irene
After the Dancing Days –Rostkowski, Margaret
Bull Run – Fleischman, Paul
Catherine, Called Birdy –Cushman, Karen
Johnny Tremain – Forbes, Esther
Lyddie – Paterson, Katherine
The Night Journey – Lasky, Kathryn
Out of the Dust – Hesse, Karen
The Slave Dancer – Fox, Paula
The Watsons Go to Birmingham –1963 – Curtis, Christopher Paul
The Witch of Blackbird Pond –Speare, Elizabeth George

Science Fiction/Fantasy

- Abel's Island* – Steig, William
The Book of Three – Alexander, Lloyd
The Hobbit – Tolkien, J.R.R.
I, Robot – Asimov, Isaac
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe – Lewis, C.S.
Peter Pan – Barrie, James
Phantom Tollbooth – Juster, Norton
The Shepherd Moon – Hoover, H.M.
Swiftly Tilting Planet –L' Engle, Madeleine
The Time Machine – Wells, H.G.
Tuck Everlasting – Babbitt, Natalie
A Wizard of Earthsea –Le Guin, Ursula
Z for Zachariah – O'Brien, Robert C.

Mystery/Adventure

- The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*– Doyle, Arthur Conan
And Then There Were None –Christie, Agatha
Call of the Wild – London, Jack
Hatchet – Paulsen, Gary
Motel of the Mysteries –Macauley, David

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Stranded – Mikaelson, Ben

Treasure Island –Stevenson, Robert Louis

The Westing Game – Raskin, Ellen

Folklore/Fairy Tales/Mythology

Aesop's Fables – Aesop

American Tall Tales –Osborne, Mary Pope

The Crest and the Hide (and other African stories) –Courlander, Harold

D'Aulaire's Norse Gods and Giants –D'Aulaire, Ingri and Edgar

Favorite Folktales from Around the World – Yolen, Jane

Grimm Fairy Tales –Grimm, Jacob and Wilhelm(original authors)

Jason and the Argonauts –Osborne, Mary Pope (ed.)

The People Could Fly: American

Black Folktales –Hamilton, Virginia

Three Strong Women –Stamm, Claus and Kazue Mizumura

Poetry

Selections from *Been to Yesterdays* –Hopkins, Lee Bennet

Selections from *The Collected Poems of John Ciardi* – Ciardi, John

Selections from *Custard and Company* – Nash, Ogden

Selections from *The Dream Keeper and Other Poems* –Hughes, Langston

Selections from *Ego Tripping and Other Poems for Young People* –Giovanni, Nikki

Selections from *Four Ancestors:Stories, Songs, and Poems from Native North America* –Bruchac, Joseph

“The Highwayman” – Noyes, Alfred

Selections from *Inner Chimes* –Goldstein, Bobbye

“The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere” –Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth

“Odes to Common Things” –Neruda, Pablo

“Song of Myself” – Whitman, Walt

Selections from *You Come Too* –Frost, Robert

Short Stories

Selections from *Baseball in April and Other Stories* – Soto, Gary

“The Bear” – Faulkner, William

“Boys and Girls” – Munro, Alice

“The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County” – Twain, Mark

“Charles” – Jackson, Shirley

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“A Day’s Wait” – Hemingway, Ernest
Selections from *Eight Plus One* –Cormier, Robert
“The Legend of Sleepy Hollow” –Irving, Washington
“A Mother in Mannville” –Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan
“The Night the Bed Fell” –Thurber, James
“Raymond’s Run” –Bambara, Toni Cade
“Riki Tiki Tavi” – Kipling, Rudyard
“The Storyteller” – Saki
“The Tell-Tale Heart” –Poe, Edgar Allan
“Thank You Ma’am” –Hughes, Langston
“Zlatch the Goat” –Singer, Isaac Bashevis

Drama

Brian’s Song – Blinn, William
Inherit the Wind –Lawrence, Jerome and Robert Lee
A Midsummer Night’s Dream –Shakespeare, William
The Miracle Worker –Gibson, William
The Mousetrap and Other Plays –Christie, Agatha
Our Town – Wilder, Thornton

Nonfiction: Science, Social Studies, and Mathematics

Across America on an Emigrant Train – Murphy, Jim
The American Revolutionaries –Meltzer, Milton
Bound for America: Forced Migration of Africans –Haskins, James
The Brooklyn Bridge: They Said It Couldn’t be Built –St. George, Judith
Cathedral: The Story of its Construction – Macaulay, David
Digger: The Tragic Fate of the California Indians – Stanley, Jerry
Farewell to Manzanar –Houston, Jeanne Watzkuzuki
Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inventions by Women –Thimmesh, Catherine
The Great Fire – Murphy, Jim

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Hiroshima – Hersey, John
History of Women in Science for Young People – Epstein, Vivian
How the Future Began: Communications –Wilson, Anthony
The I Hate Mathematics! Book –Burns, Marilyn
Kennedy Assassinated! The World Mourns – Hampton, William
Living Up the Street – Soto, Gary
A Night to Remember – Lord, Walter
No Pretty Pictures: A Child of War –Lobel, Anita
Orphan Train Rider –Warren, Andrea
Rosie the Riveter: Women Working on the Homefront in World War II – Colman, Penny
Safari Beneath the Sea: The Wonder of the Pacific Northwest –Swanson, Diane
Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World – Armstrong, Jennifer
Space Station Science: Life in Free Fall – Dyson, Marianne
The Way Things Work –Macaulay, David
When Justice Failed: The Fred Korematsu Story – Chin, Steven A.
Wildlife Rescue: The Work of Dr. Kathleen Ramsay –Dewey, Jennifer Owings

Biography/Autobiography

King of the World: Muhammed Ali and the Rise of an American Hero– Remnick, David
The Life and Death of Crazy Horse –Freedman, Russell
Shadow Catcher: Life & Work of Edward S. Curtis – Lawlor, Laurie
Amelia Earhart: Courage in the Sky– Kerby, Mona
The Story of Thomas Alva Edison –Cousins, Margaret
Zlata's Diary: A Child's Life in Sarajevo – Filipovic, Zlata
The Diary of a Young Girl – Frank, Anne
Benjamin Franklin: The New American – Meltzer, Milton
Homesick: My Own Story –Fritz, Jean
The Children of Willesden Lane: Beyond the Kindertransport –Golabek, Mona and Lee Cohen
My Life with the Chimpanzees –Goodall, Jane
All Creatures Great and Small –Herriot, James
Thomas Jefferson: The Revolutionary Aristocrat –Meltzer, Milton
On the Court with Michael Jordan –Christopher, Matt

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Lives of the Writers – Krull, Kathleen

The Great Little Madison –Fritz, Jean

Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery – Freedman, Russell

Bully for You, Teddy Roosevelt –Fritz, Jean

Sojourner Truth: Ain't I a Woman? –McKissack, Patricia

Leonardo da Vinci: Artist, Inventor, and Scientist of the Renaissance –Romei, Francesca

Ryan White: My Own Story –White, Ryan

Magazines/Newspapers

Consumer Reports

Cricket

Faces: The Magazine About People

Muse

National Geographic

Newsweek

Science World

Scope

Time

USA Today