

SUMMER READING LIST*



Kindergarten to Grade 2

compiled for the Connecticut Department of Education by Linda Williams, Connecticut State Library

PICTURE BOOKS

Milo's Hat Trick by Jon Agee

In the busy city, there are lots of people with hats. But there is only one guy with a bear in his hat. That's Milo. The Magician.

ALA, NCTE

Once Upon a Banana by Jennifer Armstrong

Everyday signs serve as captions for this pictorial tale of what happens after a man tosses a banana peel into the garbage can and misses.

ALA, NCTE

Daisy Comes Home by Jan Brett

Daisy, an unhappy hen in China, floats down the river in a basket and has an adventure.

ALA, NCSS

I Lost My Tooth in Africa by Penda Diakite

While visiting her father's family in Mali, a young girl loses a tooth, places it under a calabash, and receives a hen and a rooster from the African Tooth Fairy.

ALA, IRA, NCTE

Gossie & Gertie by Olivier Dunrea

Gossie and Gertie are best friends and everywhere Gossie goes, Gertie goes too—except when she doesn't, and sometimes that's even better.

ALA, NCTE

Diary of a Wombat by Jackie French

In his diary, a wombat describes his life of eating, sleeping, and getting to know some new human neighbors.

ALA, NCTE

Orange Pear Apple Bear by Emily Gravett

Explores concepts of color, shape, and food using only five simple words, as a bear juggles and plays.

ALA, NCTE

Girl Wonder by Deborah Hopkinson

In the early 1900s, Alta Weiss, a young woman who knows from an early age that she loves baseball, finds a way to show that she can play, even though she is a girl.

ALA, NCSS

Virgie Goes to School with us Boys by Elizabeth Fitzgerald Howard

In the post-Civil War South, a young African American girl is determined to prove that she can go to school just like her older brothers.

ALA, NCSS

Henry's First Moon Birthday by Lenore Look

A young girl helps her grandmother with preparations for the traditional Chinese celebration to welcome her new baby brother.

ALA, NCSS, NCTE

Higher! Higher! by Leslie Patricelli

One child. One swing. An obliging dad. The inevitable plea to go "Higher! Higher!" Add Leslie Patricelli's wildly expressive illustrations, and an everyday pastime reaches new heights of humor and whimsy. How high can it go? Higher than a giraffe? Taller than a mountain? Is Earth the final frontier?

ALA, NCTE

Duck on a Bike by David Shannon

A duck decides to ride a bike and soon influences all the other animals on the farm to ride bikes too.

ALA, NCTE

Car Wash by Sandra Steen

While sitting inside their car, two children enjoy the soapy sights and watery sounds of the car wash.

ALA, NCTE

And the Dish Ran Away with the Spoon by Janet Stevens

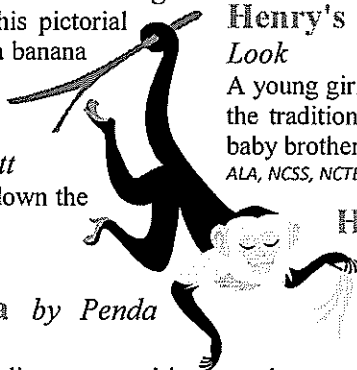
When Dish and Spoon run away, their nursery rhyme friends Cat, Cow, and Dog set out to rescue them in time for the next evening's reading of their rhyme.

ALA, NCTE

The Other Side by Jacqueline Woodson

Two girls, one white and one black, gradually get to know each other as they sit on the fence that divides their town.

ALA, NCSS, NCTE



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FOLKLORE

Tunjur! Tunjur! Tunjur!: A Palestinian Folktale *by Margaret Read Macdonald*

A childless woman's prayers are answered by the arrival of a talking pot, but the new mother knows that Little Pot must learn right from wrong just like any child.

ALA, NCSS



Martina the Beautiful Cockroach: A Cuban Folktale *by Carmen Agra Deedy*

In this humorous retelling of a Cuban folktale, a cockroach interviews her suitors in order to decide whom to marry.

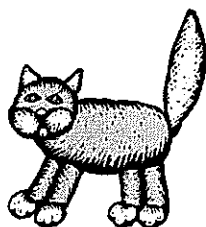
ALA, NCSS

Gershon's Monster: A Story for the Jewish New Year *by Eric A. Kimmel*

When his sins threaten the lives of his beloved twin children, a Jewish man finally repents of his wicked ways.

ALA, NCSS, NCTE

POETRY



If Not for the Cat: Haiku *by Jack Prehutsky*

Haiku-like poems describe a variety of animals.

ALA, NCTE

All the World *by Elizabeth Garton Scanlon*

Pictures and rhyming text celebrate a family's day spent going to the beach, shopping at the market, eating at a restaurant and spending the evening with the rest of the extended family.

ALA, NCSS

Red Sings from Treetops: A Year in Colors *by Joyce Sidman*

The names of colors are woven into unrhymed poems that celebrate the seasons.

ALA, NCTE

NONFICTION

What Do You Do With a Tail Like This? *by Steve Jenkins*

Animals can do amazing things with their ears, eyes, mouths, noses, feet, and tails. Some of the skills are highlighted in this interactive guessing book. What bird has blue feet and what does he do with them that's special?

ALA, NCTE

Ballerina Dreams: A True Story *by Lauren Thompson*

True story of five little girls with cerebral palsy or other physical disabilities who were determined to become ballerinas.

ALA, NCSS

Nasreen's Secret School: A True Story from Afghanistan *by Jeanette Winter*

Based on a true story. After her parents are taken away by the Taliban, young Nasreen stops speaking. But as she spends time in a secret school, she slowly breaks out of her shell.

ALA, NCSS

BIOGRAPHY

Mighty Jackie: The Strike Out Queen *by Marissa Moss*

In 1931, seventeen-year-old Jackie Mitchell pitches against Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig in an exhibition game, becoming the first professional female pitcher in baseball history.

ALA, IRA

Martin's Big Words *by Doreen Rappaport*

A brief biographical sketch of Martin Luther King, Jr., one of the greatest figures in the American civil rights movement.

ALA, NCSS, NCTE

I Could do That: Esther Morris Gets Women the Vote *by Linda White*

In 1869, a woman whose "can-do" attitude had shaped her life was instrumental in making Wyoming the first state to allow women to vote, then became the first woman to hold public office in the United States.

ALA, NCSS

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Grades 3 & 4

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PICTURE BOOKS

Togo by Robert J. Blake

In 1925, Togo, a Siberian husky who loves being a sled dog, leads a team that rushes to bring diphtheria antitoxin from Anchorage to Nome, Alaska.

ALA, IRA

A Book by Mordicai Gerstein

"Once in a book by Mordecai Gerstein ... there lived a family of characters." This is the tale of one little girl's search for her own story.

ALA, NCTE

Rocks in his Head by Carol Otis Hurst

A young man has a lifelong love of rock collecting that eventually leads him to work at a science museum.

ALA, NSTA

Crow Call by Lois Lowry

Nine-year-old Liz accompanies the stranger who is her father, just returned from the war, when he goes hunting for crows in Pennsylvania farmland.

ALA, IRA

Zen Shorts by Jon J. Muth

When Stillwater the giant panda moves into the neighborhood, the stories he tells to three siblings teach them to look at the world in new ways. Includes factual note on Zen.

ALA, NCSS

Kamishibai Man by Allen Say

After many years of retirement, an old Kamishibai man--a Japanese street performer who tells stories and sells candies--decides to make his rounds once more even though such entertainment declined after the advent of television.

ALA, NCTE

How I Learned Geography by Uri Shulevitz

As he spends hours studying his father's world map, a young boy escapes the hunger and misery of refugee life. Based on the author's childhood in Kazakhstan, where he lived as a Polish refugee during World War II.

ALA, NCSS

CHAPTER BOOKS

Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo

The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.

ALA, NCTE

Ruby Lu, Brave and True by Lenore, Look

"Almost-eight-year-old" Ruby Lu spends time with her baby brother, goes to Chinese school, performs magic tricks and learns to drive, and has adventures with both old and new friends.

ALA, NCTE

Gooney Bird Greene by Lois Lowry

A most unusual new student who loves to be the center of attention entertains her teacher and fellow second graders by telling absolutely true stories about herself, including how she got her name.

ALA, NCTE

The Small Adventure of Popeye and Elvis by Barbara O'Connor

In Fayette, South Carolina, the highlight of Popeye's summer is learning vocabulary words with his grandmother until a motor home gets stuck nearby and Elvis, the oldest boy living inside, joins Popeye in finding the source of strange boats floating down the creek.

ALA, NCTE

Love, Ruby Lavender by Deborah Wiles

When her quirky grandmother goes to Hawaii for the summer, nine-year-old Ruby learns to survive on her own in Mississippi by writing letters, befriendng chickens as well as the new girl in town, and finally coping with her grandfather's death.

ALA, NCTE

FOLKLORE

Tales Our Abuelitas Told by F. Isabel Campoy

Presents the authors' retellings of more than ten traditional tales accompanied by information on origins and different versions.

ALA, NCSS

Aesop's Fables illustrated by Jerry Pinkney

A collection of nearly sixty fables from Aesop, including such familiar ones as "The Grasshopper and the Ants," "The North Wind and the Sun," "Androcles and the Lion," "The Troublesome Dog," and "The Fox and the Stork."

ALA, NCTE

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NONFICTION

Spiders by Nic Bishop

Text and photographs introduce readers to different types of spiders and their behavior.

ALA, IRA, NSTA

How to Clean a Hippopotamus by Steve Jenkins

Learn about the ingenious lifestyles of some of the world's most unusual animal partners.

ALA, NSTA

There's a Frog in My Throat! by Loreen Leedy

Explains various animal expressions that employ similes, metaphors, idioms, and proverbs.

ALA, NCTE

Hip-Pocket Papa by Sandra Markle

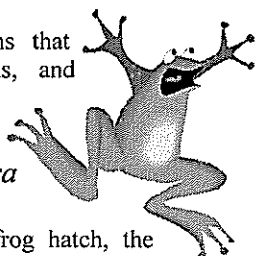
When the eggs of the hip-pocket frog hatch, the father sits "while the tadpoles wiggle up his hind legs and into the hidden pockets on his hips." But that is only the beginning of a fascinating adventure--the father must evade predators while searching for the perfect place for his froglets to emerge.

ALA, NSTA

The Lamp, the Ice, and the Boat Called Fish by Jacqueline Briggs Martin

Tells the dramatic story of the Canadian Arctic Expedition that set off in 1913 to explore the high north.

ALA, NCSS



POETRY

A Whiff of Pine, A Hint of Skunk by Deborah Ruddell

Take a lighthearted romp through four seasons in the forest with these whimsical poems.

ALA, IRA, NCTE

Dark Emperor by Joyce Sidman

A collection of poems that celebrates the wonder, mystery, and danger of the night and describes the many things that hide in the dark.

ALA, NSTA

BIOGRAPHY

Fly High! by Louise Borden

Discusses the life of Bessie Coleman, the determined African American woman who went all the way to France in order to earn her pilot's license in 1921.

ALA, IRA, NCSS

Odd Boy Out by Don Brown

An introduction to the work and early life of Albert Einstein, the twentieth-century physicist whose theory of relativity revolutionized scientific thinking.

ALA, NCSS

Dave the Potter by Laban Carrick Hill

Chronicles the life of Dave, a nineteenth-century slave who went on to become an influential poet, artist, and potter.

ALA, NCSS, NCTE

The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins by Barbara Kerley

The dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins : an illuminating history of Mr. Waterhouse Hawkins, artist and lecturer / by Barbara Kerley ; with drawings by Brian Selznick ; many of which are based on the original sketches of Mr. Hawkins.

ALA, NCSS, NCTE, NSTA

Marvelous Mattie by Emily Arnold McCully

Mattie Knight loved to make things ranging from a foot warmer for her mother or toys for her older brothers. Or, when she was 12, a metal guard to prevent shuttles from shooting off looms and hurting workers. Later, Mattie invented a machine that could cut and glue the square-bottomed paper bags we still use today. Meet the woman known as "the Lady Edison."

ALA, NCSS

Eleanor, Quiet No More by Doreen Rappaport

A biography of Eleanor Roosevelt, the most socially and politically active -- and controversial -- First Lady America had ever seen. Ambassador, activist, and champion of civil rights, Eleanor Roosevelt changed the soul of America forever. Includes selected quotes from Eleanor's own writings.

ALA, NCTE

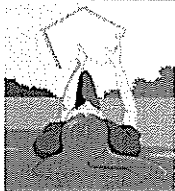
Before John was a Jazz Giant by Carole Boston Weatherford

This lyrical picture-book biography of John Coltrane focuses on his childhood and how he interpreted sounds before he made his music.

ALA, NCSS

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Grades 5 & 6

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FICTION

Anything But Typical by Nora Raleigh Baskin

Jason, a twelve-year-old autistic boy who wants to become a writer, relates what his life is like as he tries to make sense of his world.

ALA, NCSS, NCTE

Revolution is Not a Dinner Party by Ying Chang Compestine

Starting in 1972 when she is nine years old, Ling, the daughter of two doctors, struggles to make sense of the communists' Cultural Revolution, which empties stores of food, homes of appliances deemed "bourgeois," and people of laughter.

ALA, NCSS, NCTE

Iqbal by Francesco D'Adamo

A fictionalized account of the Pakistani child who escaped from bondage in a carpet factory and went on to help liberate other children like him before being gunned down at the age of thirteen.

ALA, IRA, NCSS

Blessing's Bead by Debby Dahl Edwardson

In 1917, Aaluk leaves for Siberia while her sister Nutaq remains in their Alaskan village and becomes one of the few survivors of an influenza epidemic, then in 1986, Nunaq's great-granddaughter leaves her mother due to a different kind of sickness and returns to the village where they were born.

ALA, NCSS

The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate by Jacqueline Kelly

In central Texas in 1899, eleven-year-old Callie Vee Tate learns about love from the older three of her six brothers and studies the natural world with her grandfather which leads to an important discovery.

ALA, IRA

The Giant-Slayer by Iain Lawrence

When her eight-year-old neighbor is stricken with polio in 1955, eleven-year-old Laurie discovers that there is power in her imagination as she weaves a story during her visits with him and other patients confined to iron lung machines.

ALA, NCSS

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin

Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish, and then joins a dragon who cannot fly on a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon in hopes of bringing life to Fruitless Mountain and freshness to Jade River.

ALA, IRA, NCSS, NCTE

Chess Rumble by Greg Neri

Branded a troublemaker due to his anger over everything from being bullied to his sister's death a year before, Marcus begins to control himself and cope with his problems at home and at his inner-city school when an unlikely mentor teaches him to play chess.

ALA, NCTE

The Last Book in the Universe by Rodman Philbrick

After an earthquake has destroyed much of the planet, an epileptic teenager nicknamed Spaz begins the heroic fight to bring human intelligence back to the Earth of a distant future.

ALA, NCSS

The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg by Rodman Philbrick

Twelve-year-old Homer, a poor but clever orphan, has extraordinary adventures after running away from his evil uncle to rescue his brother, who has been sold into service in the Civil War.

ALA, NCSS

Tofu Quilt by Ching Yeung Russell

Growing up in 1960s Hong Kong, a young girl dreams of becoming a writer in spite of conventional limits placed on her by society and family. Based on the author's childhood.

ALA, NCTE

FOLKLORE

Fiesta Femenina by Mary-Joan Gerson

A collection of folktales from various cultures in Mexico, all focusing on the important roles of women, such as Rosha, a young girl who rescues the sun; the goddess Tangu Yuh; Kesne, a Zapotec princess; and the Virgin Mary.

ALA, NCSS

GRAPHIC NOVEL

Robot Dreams by Sara Varon

The enduring friendship between a dog and a robot is portrayed in this wordless graphic novel.

ALA, NCTE

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NONFICTION

Tracking Trash by Loree Griffin Burns

Describes the work of a man who tracks trash as it travels great distances by way of ocean currents.

ALA, IRA, NCTE

The Hive Detectives by Loree Griffin Burns

Bees don't just produce honey. Your food supply depends on them. Apiarist Dave Hackenberg's bees have a busy travel schedule, pollinating around the United States from February to July. So when Dave inspected four hundred of his hives and found that the bees had simply vanished, a dream team of bee scientists got to work.

ALA, NSTA

Oh, Rats! by Albert Marrin

Get ready to look at rats in a whole new way. These intelligent, compassionate creatures are greatly misunderstood.

ALA, NCSS, NCTE, NSTA

Kakapo Rescue by Sy Montgomery

On remote Codfish Island off the southern coast of New Zealand live the last 91 kakapo parrots on earth. Originally this bird numbered in the millions before humans brought predators to the islands. Now on the isolated island refuge, a team of scientists is trying to restore the kakapo population.

ALA, NCTE, NSTA

We are the Ship by Kadir Nelson

Using an "Everyman" player as his narrator, Kadir Nelson tells the story of Negro League baseball from its beginnings in the 1920s through the decline after Jackie Robinson crossed over to the majors in 1947. Illustrations from oil paintings by artist Kadir Nelson.

ALA, IRA, NCTE

Afghan Dreams by Tony O'Brien

Presents stories of young people in Afghanistan, including street workers, students, and pickpockets, who long for peace in their neighborhoods. (BWI)

ALA, NCSS

The Grand Mosque of Paris by Karen Ruelle

An illustrated picture book that tells of how Muslims helped to hide escaped prisoners of war and Jews of all ages in the complex of the Grand Mosque of Paris during World War II.

ALA, NCSS, NCTE

POETRY

Technically, It's Not My Fault by John Grandits

A collection of poems in which words and art combine to make pictures of the life of an 11 year-old boy. (TW)

ALA, NCTE

A Kick in the Head by Paul B. Janeczko

Presents an illustrated collection of poems which showcases twenty-nine different poetic forms, each with a brief definition. (TW)

ALA, NCTE

Ubiquitous by Joyce Sidman

Poems and factual information about some of the creatures that live on Planet Earth.

ALA, NSTA

BIOGRAPHY

Rabble Rousers by Cheryl Harness

Biographies of twenty American women whose actions led to an expansion of freedom for everyone. (BWI)

ALA, NCSS

Spellbinder by Tom Lalicki

An illustrated biography of late nineteenth-, early twentieth-century American magician Harry Houdini. (BWI)

ALA, NCSS

Black Elk's Vision by S. D. Nelson

A simple biography of Lakota-Oglala medicine man Black Elk, from his childhood vision which shaped his life through his battles with the whites and his travels with Buffalo Bill's Wild West show.

ALA, NCTE

Boys of Steel by Marc Tyler Nobleman

Relates the story of Cleveland teenagers Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster's creation of Superman. (BWI)

ALA, NCSS

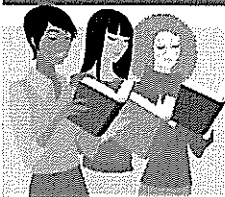
Knucklehead by Jon Scieszka

Discusses how factors such as growing up as one of six brothers, a Catholic education, comic books, summers at the lake with time to kill, babysitting misadventures, television shows, and jokes told at family dinner all contributed toward making the author a comic writer.

ALA, NCTE

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SUMMER READING LIST*



Grades 7 & 8

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FICTION

Ask Me No Questions by Marina Budhos

Fourteen-year-old Nadira, her sister, and their parents leave Bangladesh for New York City, but the expiration of their visas and the events of September 11, 2001, bring frustration, sorrow, and terror for the whole family.

ALA, NCSS

The Tequila Worm by Viola Canales

Sofia grows up in the close-knit community of the barrio in McAllen, Texas, then finds that her experiences as a scholarship student at an Episcopal boarding school in Austin only strengthen her ties to family and her "comadres."

ALA, NCSS, NCTE

Mare's War by Tanita S. Davis

Teens Octavia and Tali learn about strength, independence, and courage when they are forced to take a car trip with their grandmother, who tells about growing up Black in 1940s Alabama and serving in Europe during World War II as a member of the Women's Army Corps.

ALA, NCTE

Cuba 15 by Nancy Osa

Violet Paz, a Chicago high school student, reluctantly prepares for her upcoming "quince," a Spanish nickname for the celebration of an Hispanic girl's fifteenth birthday.

ALA, NCSS

The Adoration of Jenna Fox by Mary E. Pearson

In the not-too-distant future, when biotechnological advances have made synthetic bodies and brains possible but illegal, a seventeen-year-old girl, recovering from a serious accident and suffering from memory lapses, learns a startling secret about her existence.

ALA, NCSS

Nation by Terry Pratchett

After a devastating tsunami destroys all that they have ever known, Mau, an island boy, and Daphne, an aristocratic English girl, together with a small band of refugees, set about rebuilding their community and all the things that are important in their lives.

ALA, NCSS

Hurt Go Happy by Ginny Rorby

ALA, IRA

The Great Death by John Smelcer

When thirteen-year-old Joey Willis, deaf since the age of six, meets Dr. Charles Mansell and his chimpanzee Sukari, who use sign language, her world blooms with possibilities but that of the chimp begins to narrow.

ALA, NCSS

Flygirl by Sherri L. Smith

During World War II, a light-skinned African American girl "passes" for white in order to join the Women Airforce Service Pilots.

ALA, NCSS

Marcelo in the Real World by Francisco X. Stork

Marcelo Sandoval, a seventeen-year-old boy on the high-functioning end of the autistic spectrum, faces new challenges, including romance and injustice, when he goes to work for his father in the mailroom of a corporate law firm.

ALA, NCSS

FOLKLORE

Horse Hooves and Chicken Feet: Mexican Folktales selected by Neil Phillip

A collection of folktales from Mexican and Mexican American storytellers. (BWI)

ALA, NCSS

GRAPHIC NOVEL

To Dance by Siena Cherson Siegel

The author describes how she first decided she wanted to be a ballerina at the age of six, and how that dream carried her from her home in Puerto Rico to dance class in Boston to performing with the New York City Ballet. (BWI)

ALA, NCTE

POETRY

The Poet Slave of Cuba by Margarita Engle

Juan Francisco Manzano was born in 1797 into the household of wealthy slaveowners in Cuba. He spent his early years at the side of his owner's wife, entertaining her friends. His poetry was his outlet, reflecting the beauty and cruelty of his world. Written in verse.

ALA, IRA, NCTE

A Wreath for Emmett Till by Marilyn Nelson

This illustrated poetry collection eulogizes Emmett Till, an African American man who was killed in a brutal, racially motivated lynching in 1955. (BWI)

ALA, NCSS, NCTE

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NONFICTION

Tasting the Sky: A Palestinian Childhood by *Ibtisam Barakat*

A memoir in which the author describes her childhood as a Palestinian refugee, discussing her family's experiences during and after the Six-Day War, and the freedom she felt at learning to read and write. (TW)

ALA, IRA, NCSS

They Called Themselves the K.K.K. by *Susan Bartoletti*

Documents the history and origin of the Ku Klux Klan from its beginning in Pulaski, Tennessee, and provides personal accounts, congressional documents, diaries, and more. (BWI)

ALA, NCTE

Freedom Riders by *Ann Bausum*

Recounts the freedom ride of John Lewis and Jim Zwerg into the South in 1961 as part of the Civil Rights Movement. (BWI)

ALA, NCTE

Bodies from the Ash by *James M. Deem*

Describes the archaeological excavations that began on the ancient cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum which had been buried by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in AD 79. (BWI)

ALA, NCSS, NCTE, NSTA

Phineas Gage by *John Fleischman*

The true story of Phineas Gage, whose brain had been pierced by an iron rod in 1848, and who survived and became a case study in how the brain functions. (BWI)

ALA, NCTE, NSTA

What the World Eats by *Peter Menzel*

A photographic collection exploring what the world eats featuring portraits of twenty-five families from twenty-one countries surrounded by a week's worth of food. (Publisher)

ALA, IRA

Every Bone Tells a Story by *Jill Rubalcaba*

Discusses the unearthing of four hominins--Turkana Boy, Lapedo Child, Kennewick Man, and Iceman--and the ways that new technology has helped archaeological specialists to refine their theories and change their view of the past. (BWI)

ALA, NSTA

Team Moon by *Catherine Thimmesh*

Culled from direct quotes from the people behind the scenes, NASA transcripts, national archives and NASA photos, the whole story of Apollo 11 and the first moon landing emerges.

ALA, NCTE, NSTA

Written in Bone by *Sally M. Walker*

Reports on the work of forensic scientists who are excavating grave sites in James Fort, in Jamestown, Virginia, to understand who lived in the Chesapeake Bay area in the 1600s and 1700s; and uncovers the lives of a teenage boy, a ship's captain, a colonial officer, an African slave girl, and others. (BWI)

ALA, NCSS, NCTE, NSTA

BIOGRAPHY

Jack by *Ilene Cooper*

A description of the childhood and youth of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, the thirty-fifth president of the United States.

ALA, NCSS

The Trouble Begins at 8 by *Sid Fleischman*

A narrative account of the childhood and youth of nineteenth-century writer Mark Twain. Includes period engravings, newspaper cartoons, and black-and-white photographs. (BWI)

ALA, NCTE

The Amazing Life of Benjamin Franklin by *James Cross Giblin*

A biography of the eighteenth-century printer, inventor, and statesman who played an influential role in the early history of the United States.

ALA, NCTE

Claudette Colvin by *Phillip Hoose*

Presents an account of fifteen-year-old Claudette Colvin, an African-American girl who refused to give up her seat to a white woman on a segregated bus in Montgomery, Alabama, nine months before Rosa Parks, and covers her role in a crucial civil rights case. (BWI)

ALA, NCSS, NCTE

Leonardo da Vinci by *Kathleen Krull*

A biography of Leonardo da Vinci focusing on his scientific rather than his artistic work. (BWI)

ALA, NSTA

John Lennon by *Elizabeth Partridge*

Presents a biography of musician John Lennon, chronicling his life and times from his troubled childhood in Liverpool, England, through his career writing, recording, and performing as a member of the Beatles. Includes 140 black-and-white photographs. (BWI)

ALA, NCSS

Twelve Rounds to Glory by *Charles R. Smith, Jr.*

A brief biography in verse of boxer Muhammad Ali.

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