

2017-2018 BookTalk Reading List

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Focus on Genres

- Realistic Fiction
- Science Fiction
- Humor
- Historical Fiction
- Mystery/Suspense
- Fantasy
- Folk Tales, Tall Tales, Fairy Tales, and Myths

AD - Adult Directed reading

L - Lexile Measure for book

March 2018

Genre=Biography, Autobiography, Memoirs

Trombone Shorty by Troy “Trombone Shorty” Andrews, 760L; grade level 1-4

Through My Eyes by Ruby Bridges, 860L; grade level 4-6

Gabe & Izzy: Standing up for America’s Bullied by Gabrielle Ford, no Lexile; grade level 4-6

Malala: Activist for Girls’ Education by Raphaele Frier, 840L; grade level 1-3

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William Kamkwamba, 850L; grade level K-3

Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph Became the World’s Fastest Woman by Kathleen Krull, AD850L; grade level 3-4

I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark by Debbie Levy, 710L; grade level 3-5

Dewey: There’s a Cat in the Library by Vicki Myron, AD590L; grade level K-2

The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshal by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson, 860L; grade level 3-8

The Quest for Z: the True Story of Explorer Percy Fawcett and a Lost City in the Amazon by Greg Pizzoli, NC1190L; grade level 2-5

The Wall: Growing up Behind the Iron Curtain by Peter Sis, AD760L; grade level 4-12

The House that Jane Built: A Story About Jane Addams by Tanya Lee Stone, 810L; grade level

3-5 (Bluestem Nominee)

Oh, The Things They Invented! by Bonnie Worth, NC900L; grade level 1-2

Who Was/Is Series

February 2018

Genre=Fantasy

Lion Lessons by Jon Agee, 350L; grade level PK-2 (Monarch Nominee)

It’s a Secret by John Burningham, AD520L; grade level PK-1

Moldylocks and the Three Beards by Noah Jones, no Lexile; grade level 1-2 (Monarch Nominee)

The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore by William Joyce, AD650L; grade level 1-3
The Ice Cream King by Steve Metzger, AD490L; grade level PK-1
Princess Cora and the Crocodile by Laura Amy Schlitz, 590L; grade level 1-4

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin, 810L; grade level 3-6 (Bluestem Nominee)
Bliss by Kathryn Littlewood, 870L; grade level 3-6
11 Birthdays by Wendy Mass, 650L; grade level 3-6 (Bluestem Nominee)
Stick Dog by Tom Watson, 710L; grade level 3-6 (Bluestem Nominee)
Charlotte's Web by E.B. White, 680L; grade level 4-7
Hilo: The Boy Who Crashed to Earth by Judd Winick, 460L; grade level 2-5 (Bluestem Nominee)

SERIES:

Magic Treehouse by Mary Pope Osbourne
Space Taxi by Wendy Mass
Ninja Meerkats by Gareth P. Jones

January 2018

Genre=Mystery/Suspense

Glow: Animals With Their Own Night-Lights by W.H. Beck, AD760L; grade level 1-4 (Monarch Nominee)
Take Away the A by Michael Escoffier, AD200L; grade level 1-3 (Monarch Nominee)
Red: a crayon's story by Michael Hall, no Lexile; grade level PK-K (Monarch Nominee)
Who Pushed Humpty Dumpty? and other notorious nursery tale mysteries by David Levinthal, no Lexile; grade level 1-4
Pigeon P.I. by Meg McLaren, AD530L; grade level K-2
The Crown Affair by Jeanie Franz Ransom, 600L; grade level K-2

The Case of the Case of Mistaken Identity by Marc Barnett, 590L; grade level 4-6
Book Scavenger by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman, 810L; grade level 4-6 (Bluestem Nominee)
Mr. Chickee's Funny Money by Christopher Paul Curtis, 890L; grade level 3-6
The Chameleon Wore Chartreuse: from the tattered casebook of Chet Gecko, private eye by Bruce Hale, 480L; grade level 3-6
Detective Gordon: The First Case by Ulf Nilsson, 510L; grade level 2-4
Three Times Lucky by Sheila Turnage, 560L; grade level 4-6

December 2017

Genre=Historical Fiction

Thunder Boy Jr. by Sherman Alexie, AD420L; grade level K-4 (Monarch Nominee)
Buffalo Bill and the Pony Express by Eleanor Coerr, 540L; grade level 2-4
Rap a Tap Tap: Here's Bojangles-Think of That! By Leo Dillon, AD360L; grade level PK-2
Drum Dream Girl by Margarita Engle, no Lexile; grade level 1-4
The Darkest Dark by Chris Hadfield, AD550L; grade level PK-2

Mother Bruce by Ryan T. Higgins, AD500L; grade level PK-K (Monarch Nominee)

Abe Lincoln Crosses a Creek: a tall, thin tale (introducing his forgotten frontier friend) by Deborah Hopkinson, 680L; grade level K-3

Ruth and the Green Book by Calvin A. Ramsey, 810L; grade level 1-4

Ben Franklin's Big Splash by Barb Rosenstock, 1070L; grade level K-3 (Monarch Nominee)

Mailing May by Michael O. Tunnel, AD770L; grade level K-2

Winter Days in the Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder, AD540L; grade level 1-2

Follow the Drinking Gourd by Jeanette Winter, AD630L; grade level PK-2

Coming on Home Soon by Jacqueline Woodson, 550L; grade level K-3

Genevieve's War by Patricia Reilly Giff, 550L; grade level 4-6

The Most Amazing Creature in the Sea by Brenda Z. Buiberson, no Lexile; grade level 2-5 (Bluestem Nominee)

Dash by Kirby Larson, 570L; grade level 4-6 (Bluestem Nominee)

Separate is Never Equal by Duncan Tonatiuh, AD870L; grade level 2-5 (Bluestem Nominee)

Little House in the Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder, 930L; grade level 4-6

The Earth Dragon Awakes: the San Francisco Earthquake of 1906 by Laurence Yep, 510L; grade level 3-7

November 2017

Genre=Humor/Funny and Cookbooks

One Day in the Eucalyptus, Eucalyptus Tree by Daniel Bernstrom, AD570L; grade level PK-2 (Monarch Nominee)

Humphrey's Playful Puppy Problem by Betty G. Birney, 600L; grade level 1-3 (Monarch Nominee)

Penguins Can't Fly! By Richard Byrne, no Lexile; grade level K-1

Give Me Back My Book! by Travis Foster, 480L; grade level PK-2

The Seven Silly Eaters by Mary Ann Hoberman, no Lexile: grade level 2-3

Horace and Morris Say Cheese (which makes Dolores Sneeze) by James Howe, AD510L, grade level K-2

I Really Like Slop! by Mo Willems, 190L; grade level PK-2

Fenway and Hattie by Victoria J. Coe, 500L, grade level 4-6

The Terrible Two by Jory John & Mac Barnett, 620L; grade level 4-6 (Bluestem Nominee)

Lunch Lady and the Cyborg Substitute by Jarrett Krosoczka, 520L; grade level 1-4; graphic novel

The Lunch Witch by Deb Lucke, 320L; grade level 3-7; graphic novel

Apocalypse Bow Wow by Jaimes Proimos III, 530L; grade level 2-5

How to Eat Fried Worms by Thomas Rockwell, 560L, grade level 4-6

Super Knock-Knocks by Charles Keller, *Wise Crackers: Riddles and Jokes About Numbers, Names, Letters, and Silly Words* by Michael Dahl, and *Silly Jokes and Giggles*; used for jokes told by Moose and Donkey puppets

October 2017

Genre=Horror/Scary + Science Fiction; Rockin' Reading Race & Calendar on Website

A Bad Case of Stripes by David Shannon, AD610L; grade level K-2

Big Scary Monster by Thomas Docherty, AD550L; grade level PK-1

I'm Trying to Love Spiders by Bethany Barton, AD510L; grade level K-2 (Monarch Nominee)

Not Very Scary by Carol Brendler, AD820L; grade level PK-2

Scary Mary by Paula Bowles, AD600L; grade level PK-2

Seven Scary Monsters by Mary Beth Lundgren, no Lexile; grade level PK-1

The Spooky Box by Mark Gonyea, no Lexile; grade level K

A Very Hairy Scary Story by Rick Walton, no Lexile, grade level K-3

Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix, 800L; grade level 5-8 (Bluestem Nominee)

Benjamin Franklinstein Lives! By Matthew McElligott and Larry Tuxbury, 590L; grade level 4-6

Fuzzy Mud by Louis Sachar, 700L; grade level 3-5 (Bluestem Nominee)

House of Robots by James Patterson, 750L; grade level 3-6

Hyde and Shriek by David Lubar, 480L; grade level 3-6

Jedi Academy by Jeffrey Brown, no Lexile; grade level 3-7; graphic novel

The Wild Robot by Peter Brown, 740L; grade level 3-5 (Bluestem Nominee)

SERIES:

Creepover

Eerie Elementary

Haunted

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You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: very short scary tales to read together by Mary Ann Hoberman, no Lexile; grade level PK-3 (adapted for puppets)

September 2017

Genre=Realistic Fiction; Library Cards, Rockin' Reading Race

Don't Throw it to Mo! by David Adler, 270L; grade level K-2 (Monarch Nominee)

Everywhere, Wonder by Matthew Swanson, AD610L; grade level K-2

The Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Peña, AD610L; grade level K-2 (Monarch Nominee)

Mango, Abuela, and Me by Meg Medina, AD560L; grade level PK-2 (Monarch Nominee)

Mosquitoes Can't Bite Ninjas by Jordan P. Novak, no Lexile; grade level PK-1

New York's Bravest by Mary Pope Osborne, AD590L; grade level PK-3

Sam & Dave Dig a Hole by Mac Barnett, 450L; grade level PK-1 (Monarch Nominee)

Crenshaw by Katherine Applegate, 540L; grade level 4-6 (Bluestem Nominee)

Ivy & Bean by Annie Barrows, 580L; grade level 1-4

Jasmine Toguchi, Mochi Queen by Debbi Michiko Florence, 560L; grade level 3-4

Mallory on the Move by Laurie B. Friedman, 550L, grade level 2-4

Miss Daisy is Crazy! by Dan Gutman, 700L; grade level 1-3

Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson, 440L; grade level 4-8 (Bluestem Nominee); graphic novel

Save Me a Seat by Sarah Weeks, 780L; grade level 3-6 (Bluestem Nominee)

Soar by Joan Bauer, 510L; grade level 4-6 (Bluestem Nominee)

The World According to Humphrey by Betty G. Birney, 670L; grade level 2-4

I'm a Frog! by Mo Willems, 180L; grade level 1-2 (adapted for puppets)