

Building a Home Library

for Children Ages 8-11

The ALA-Children's Book Council (CBC) Joint Committee, with cooperation from the ALSC's Quicklists Consulting Committee, has created this bibliography to provide guidance to parents, grandparents, and others interested in assembling a high-quality library for their children at home.



We suggest the following sites for more book titles:

www.cbcbooks.org
www.ala.org/alsc

Questions?

American Library Association
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, IL 60611
800-545-2433 x2163

***The Strange Case of Origami Yoda**

by Tom Angleberger

Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2010

The weird kid at school makes a finger puppet Yoda that can tell the future, but can its advice be trusted? *Ebook available.*

The Jumbies

by Tracy Baptise

Algonquin, 2015

Corinne and her friends investigate after a series of odd occurrences tied to evil spirits and ancient magic threaten their Caribbean island home. *Audio/Ebook available.*

El Deafo

by Cece Bell

Amulet Books / Abrams, 2014

Following a bout with meningitis, Cece loses much of her hearing and is fitted with a bulky hearing aid called the Phonic Ear. This graphic novel depicts her experiences and the interesting powers she gains from her new hearing tool. *Ebook available.*

Matilda

by Roald Dahl

Puffin / Penguin, 1988

A tiny genius girl discovers unexpected powers when she goes to a school run by the dreaded Miss Trunchbull. *Audio/Ebook available.*

Flora and Ulysses

by Kate DiCamillo

Illustrated by K.G. Campbell

Candlewick Press, 2013

A girl obsessed with superheroes saves a squirrel that develops magical powers. *Ebook available.*

***The Birchbark House**

by Louise Erdrich

Disney-Hyperion, 1999

An Ojibwa girl's life is chronicled following a brutal smallpox outbreak that wipes out her entire family. The story follows the daily life of Omakayas and her community during the middle of the 1800s. *Audio available.*

Locomotive

by Brian Floca

Atheneum / Simon & Schuster, 2013

Hop on board and experience a locomotive journey across the country in 1869. *Ebook available.*

George

by Alex Gino

Scholastic Press, 2015

Biologically born a boy, George is very aware that she is actually a girl who would like to be called Melissa. George is told he cannot audition for the role of Charlotte in Charlotte's Web because he's a boy. With creativity and incredible friendship Melissa and her BF Kelly help to break the barriers many LGBTQ children and young adults face. *Audio/Ebook available.*

***The Princess in Black**

by Shannon Hale

Candlewick Press, 2015

Princess Magnolia secretly ditches her frilly dresses to become the Princess in Black, hero and protector of the kingdom.

Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave

by Laban Carrick Hill

Illustrated by Bryan Collier

Little, Brown and Company Books for Young Readers, 2010
Illustrated in lush watercolors, this is a poetic tribute to a little-known man who worked as an accomplished potter while under slavery in South Carolina. *Audio available.*

Turtle in Paradise

by Jennifer L. Holm

Yearling / Random House, 2010

In 1935 Turtle moves to Key West, where she learns the trials of boy cousins and the wonders of sugar apple ice cream. *Ebook available.*

The Animal Book: A Collection of the Fastest, Fiercest, Toughest, Cleverest, Shyest—and Most Surprising—Animals on Earth

by Steve Jenkins

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2013

This book offers something new and amazing about animals at each reading. *Audio/Ebook available.*

***Masterminds**

by Gordon Korman

HarperCollins, 2015

Serenity is the most perfect town in the world, or so Eli and his friends have been led to believe, but danger awaits as they start to see past the cracks in their town's happy facade. *Audio/Ebook available.*

Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear

by Lindsay Mattick
Illustrated by Sophie Blackall

Little, Brown and Company Books for Young Readers, 2015
A young boy hears the true story of how in 1914 his great-great grandfather, Captain Harry Colebourn, rescued a bear cub that inspired A. A. Milne's Winnie-the-Pooh. *Audio/Ebook available.*

Firefly Hollow

by Alison McGhee
Illustrated by Christopher Denise

Atheneum / Simon & Schuster, 2015

Peter, a young boy—or miniature giant—as his new insect friends prefer to call him, joins Cricket and Firefly in a summer filled with dreams of doing the imaginable. Through their friendship, they experience loss, fear and the complexities of growing up. *Ebook available.*

Wonder

by R. J. Palacio

Knopf / Random House, 2012

A boy with facial abnormalities goes from being homeschooled to 5th grade public school. *Ebook available.*

Bridge to Terabithia

by Katherine Paterson

HarperCollins, 1977

In the woods by their homes, two lonely children create a magical kingdom and declare themselves king and queen. *Audio/Ebook available.*

***Clementine**

by Sara Pennypacker

Illustrated by Marla Frazee

Disney Publishing Worldwide, 2006

Third-grader Clementine gains several unique hairstyles, confronts friendship issues, and helps banish pesky pigeons from the front of her apartment building. *Audio/Ebook available.*

Esperanza Rising

by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Scholastic Inc., 2002

Esperanza finds herself struggling with a new set of circumstances after being forced to flee to a camp for Mexican farm workers during the Great Depression. *Ebook available.*

Knucklehead: Tall Tales & Mostly True Stories About Growing Up

by Jon Scieszka

Viking Children's Books / Penguin, 2008

Growing up with five brothers, piles of comic books, and lots of free time gave Jon Scieszka plenty of accidents, jokes, and misadventures to write about. *Ebook available.*

The Invention of Hugo Cabret

by Brian Selznick

Scholastic Inc., 2007

Beautiful drawings help to tell the story of an orphan secretly living inside the walls of a Paris train station. *Audio/Ebook available.*

Lost in NYC: A Subway Adventure

(Also available in Spanish as *Perdidos en NYC: una aventura en el metro*)

by Nadja Spiegelman

Illustrated by Sergio García Sánchez

TOON Graphics, 2015

When Pablo gets separated from the class on a field trip to the Empire State Building, new friend Alicia helps him find his way into, around, and all about the subway system.

Every Thing on It

by Shel Silverstein

HarperCollins, 2011

This poetry collection includes more than 130 never-before-seen poems and drawings.

***One Crazy Summer**

by Rita Williams-Garcia

HarperCollins, 2010

In 1968, three young sisters are sent to live with the poet mother who abandoned them years before and have trouble adjusting to her bohemian lifestyle and Black Panther involvement. *Audio/Ebook available.*

Brown Girl Dreaming

by Jacqueline Woodson

Nancy Paulsen Books / Penguin, 2014

A beautiful and moving memoir in verse, telling the childhood tale of a young girl born in Ohio and then growing up in South Carolina and New York during the 1960s and 1970s. *Audio/Ebook available.*