

"The READING BEYOND list celebrates the power of books to lift and expand children's minds, providing reading experiences beyond levels and limits."

- Susan Polos and Janet Wong, co-chairs of the ALA-CBC Joint Committee



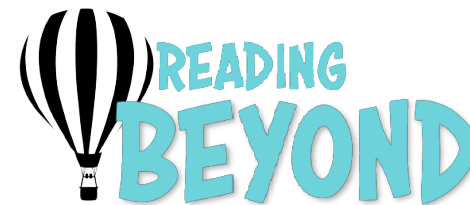
These books were chosen from over 600 submitted for evaluation by the ALA member librarians of the committee and were chosen for their content, quality, and variety of genre and format.

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for Children in Grades 2-3 reading at a 5th Grade level

Here are 25 books chosen by the American Library Association & Children's Book Council Joint Committee to provide guidance to parents, caregivers, teachers, librarians, and others interested in discovering books for children who read at an advanced level and are seeking more challenging, but still age-appropriate, books.



New for 2017-2018

Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart
by Candace Fleming

Schwartz & Wade / Random House, 2011
A riveting look at the life, disappearance, and search for legendary aviatrix Amelia Earhart.

A Black Hole Is Not a Hole

by Carolyn Cinami DeCristofano
Illustrated by Michael Carroll

Charlesbridge, 2012
What is a black hole? Where are they? How do you find one? A complicated concept is broken down for young readers.

Cars on Mars: Roving the Red Planet
by Alexandra Siy

Charlesbridge, 2009
Readers follow the course of NASA's Mars Exploration Rover mission as twin rovers, Spirit and Opportunity, explore the Red Planet.

Dash

by Kirby Larson

Scholastic, 2014
Dash tells the moving story of a Japanese-American girl who is separated from her dog upon being sent to an incarceration camp during WWII.

The Dreamer

by Pam Muñoz Ryan
Illustrated by Peter Sis

Scholastic, 2010
A fictional biography of young poet Pablo Neruda, by Newbery Honor winner Pam Muñoz Ryan, and featuring illustrations by three-time Caldecott Honoree, Peter Sis.

***Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library**
by Chris Grabenstein

Yearling Books / Random House, 2014
Kyle gets to stay overnight in the new town library designed by famous gamemaker Luigi Lemoncello. However, he must work with friends to solve puzzles in order to escape.

Flashback Four #1: The Lincoln Project

by Dan Gutman
HarperCollins, 2016
Mysterious Miss Z sends four recruits back in time on a mission to capture, for the first time, one of the most important moments in American history – Abraham Lincoln giving his famous Gettysburg address.

Genius!: The Most Astonishing Inventions of All Time

by Deborah Kespert
Thames and Hudson, 2015
Genius! tells the stories behind the amazing inventions that helped shape our modern world.

The Hero Two Doors Down: Based on the True Story of Friendship Between a Boy and a Baseball Legend

by Sharon Robinson
Scholastic, 2016

Based on the true story of a young Jewish boy in Brooklyn whose hero, Jackie Robinson, moves in next door and becomes friends with him and his family despite their differences.

Mountain Dog
by Margarita Engle
Illustrated by Aleksey and Olga Ivanov

Henry Holt Books for Young Readers / Macmillan, 2013
A novel in verse is told from two points of view: troubled Tony and Gabe, a search-and-rescue dog who helps Tony learn about life in the wilderness.

National Geographic Book of Nature Poetry: More than 200 Poems With Photographs That Float, Zoom, and Bloom!

by J. Patrick Lewis
Photographs by National Geographic

National Geographic Society, 2015
Poems based on a wide variety of nature topics, usually with a social studies or science connection.

Ophelia and the Marvelous Boy
by Karen Foxlee

Random House Children's Books, 2014
A modern-day fairy tale set in a mysterious museum that is perfect for readers of Roald Dahl and Blue Balliett.

***The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy**

by Jeanne Birdsall

Knopf Books for Young Readers / Random House, 2005
This first novel by Jeanne Birdsall tells the story of four very modern sisters –spunky heroines– and their summer holiday misadventures.

Random Body Parts: Gross Anatomy Riddles in Verse

by Leslie Bulion
Illustrated by Mike Lowery

Peachtree, 2015
Anatomy riddles with high-level vocabulary and a Shakespeare theme.

Raymie Nightingale
by Kate DiCamillo

Candlewick Press, 2016
Two-time Newbery Medalist Kate DiCamillo returns to her roots with a moving, masterful story of an unforgettable summer friendship.

The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus

by Jen Bryant
Illustrated by Melissa Sweet

Eerdmans, 2014
The award-winning, illustrated story of Peter Roget, creator of the Thesaurus and lover of words and lists.

Save Me a Seat
by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan

Scholastic, 2016
Two boys, one white, one Indian, gain strength from each other from afar as they struggle to navigate middle school, family, and friendships

***Secret Coders**

by Gene Luen Yang
Illustrated by Mike Holmes

First Second / Macmillan, 2015
In this graphic novel, Hopper is a new student at the secretive Stately Academy. She and new friend Eni use the magic of coding to figure out what's been hidden and why.

Sisters Grimm
by Michael Buckley
Illustrated by Peter Ferguson

Abrams, 2007
Orphans Sabrina and Daphne Grimm are sent to live with an eccentric grandmother that they had always believed to be dead.

***A Snicker of Magic**
by Natalie Lloyd

Scholastic, 2014
To stay in Midnight Gulch, Felicity must figure out how to bring back the magic, breaking the spell that's been cast over the town and her mother's broken heart.

Some Writer!: The Story of E.B. White

by Melissa Sweet
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2016
This fascinating biography explores the life and world of the writer of *Charlotte's Web*, mixing pieces of his manuscripts with new illustrations.

The Way Things Work Now

by David Macaulay
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2016
Clever illustrations and text explain how the technological wonders of the past and present work.

What Elephants Know
by Eric Dinerstein

Disney-Hyperion, 2016
Author and renowned scientist Dr. Eric Dinerstein crafts an immersive, realistic world depicting the complexities of life in the Nepalese Borderlands during the 1970s and the delicate relationship between man and nature.

The Wild Robot
by Peter Brown

Little, Brown and Co. Books for Young Readers, 2016
Robot Roz is marooned on a desert island and becomes part of the wildlife family, but her new life is threatened when her creator discovers her new home.

Wonderstruck
by Brian Selznick

Scholastic, 2011
Set fifty years apart in the 20s and 70s, two independent stories—Ben's told in words, Rose's in pictures— weave back and forth with mesmerizing symmetry. How they unfold and ultimately intertwine will surprise you, challenge you, and leave you breathless with wonder.