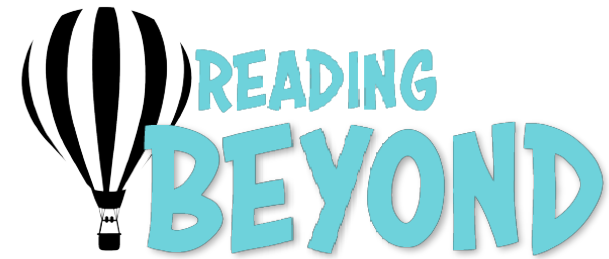


*"The READING BEYOND list celebrates the power of books to lift and expand children's minds, providing reading experiences beyond levels and limits."*

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



## For Children in Grades K-1 reading at a 3rd 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.*



*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.*

**We suggest the following sites for more book titles:**

[www.cbcbooks.org](http://www.cbcbooks.org) / [www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org)

**Questions?** [cbc.info@cbcbooks.org](mailto:cbc.info@cbcbooks.org)



**Ada Byron Lovelace and the Thinking Machine**  
by Laurie Wallmark  
Illustrated by April Chu  
Creston Books, 2015

This biography introduces young readers to the amazing Ada Byron Lovelace, creator of the world's first computer program.

**Ada Twist, Scientist**  
by Andrea Beaty  
Illustrated by David Roberts  
Abrams, 2016

The story of Ada, a young scientist whose family embraces her passion for science despite some messy experiments.

**\*Anna Hibiscus**  
by Atinuke  
Illustrated by Lauren Tobia  
Kane Miller, 2007

This charming book joyfully details Anna's life in contemporary Africa, while gently exploring social justice issues in a way sure to captivate young readers.

**The Boy Who Loved Math: The Improbable Life of Paul Erdos**  
by Deborah Helligman  
Illustrated by LeUyen Pham  
Roaring Brook Press / Macmillan, 2013

A joyous biography of famed mathematician Paul Erdos.

**Comets, Stars, the Moon, and Mars: Space Poems and Paintings**  
by Douglas Florian  
Illustrated by Sean Qualls  
Lee and Low Books, 2009

Blast off into space with these poems about stars and planets!

**\*Detective Gordon: The First Case**  
by Ulf Nilsson  
Illustrated by Gitte Spee  
Gecko, 2015

A chapter book mystery starring Detective Gordon, a toad searching for the thieves behind a stolen stash of nuts in a woodland setting.

**Echo Echo: Reverso Poems about Greek Myths**  
by Marilyn Singer  
Illustrated by Josee Masse  
Dial Books for Young Readers / Penguin, 2016

Mirror poems meant to be read backwards and forwards present two sides of classic Greek myths.

**\*Eyewitness Explorer: Bug Hunter**  
by DK  
DK, 2015

Interesting bug facts combined with up-close photographs and fun activities will pique young scientists' interests.

**Frank and Lucky Get Schooled**  
by Lynne Rae Perkins  
Greenwillow Books / HarperCollins, 2016

Frank and his rescue dog Lucky experience learning in the "school" that is their neighborhood.

**How We are Smart**  
by W. Nikola-Lisa  
Illustrated by Sean Qualls  
Lee and Low Books, 2009

Poetry, biography, and art combine to share the stories that highlight the different ways twelve individuals learn.

**I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark**  
by Debby Levy  
Illustrated by Elizabeth Baddeley  
Simon & Schuster, 2016

The first Jewish woman to sit on the United States Supreme Court, Ginsburg's life story and fight for equal rights for all is the subject of this biographical picture book.

**\*Juana & Lucas**  
by Juana Medina  
Candlewick Press, 2016

The series debut of Juana, a girl living in Colombia, and her dog Lucas. Ideal for fans of Judy Moody and Clarice Bean.

**Mathemattickles!**  
by Betsy Franco  
Illustrated by Steven Salerno  
Margaret K. McElderry Books / Simon & Schuster, 2003

A collection of seasonal poems that creatively incorporate mathematical language and concepts.

**\*Mighty Jack**  
by Ben Hatke  
First Second / Macmillan, 2016

What starts as a normal garden behind the house quickly grows up into a magical jungle with tiny onion babies, pumpkins that bite, and a dragon.

**\*A New Class (Star Wars Jedi Academy #4)**  
by Jarrett J. Krosoczka  
Scholastic, 2016

Victor Starspeeder is psyched to be starting school at the Jedi Academy, but his sister, Christina, is horrified that her baby brother will be there to cramp her style.

**Pugs of the Frozen North**  
by Philip Reeve  
Illustrated by Sarah McIntyre  
Random House Books for Young Readers, 2016

A step up from early chapter books, *Not-So-Impossible Tales* are packed with big adventure, quirky misfits, and lively art.

**Tiger Boy**  
by Mitali Parkins  
Illustrated by Jamie Hogan  
Charlesbridge, 2015

Acclaimed author Mitali Parkins crafts an adventure story about a young Bengali boy in search of an escaped tiger cub.

**Toys Go Out**  
by Emily Jenkins  
Illustrated by Paul Zelinsky  
Yearling Books / Random House, 2008

A chapter book about the secret lives of stuffed animals.

**The Tragic Tale of the Great Auk**  
by Jan Thornhill  
Groundwood Books, 2016

This compelling book tells the true story behind the disappearance of the auk, a coldwater penguin-like bird that no longer exists.

**Tricky Vic**  
by Greg Pizzoli  
Viking Books for Young Readers / Penguin, 2015

A *New York Times* Book Review Best Illustrated Children's Book of 2015, this is the true story of the greatest conman of the early 20th century.

**Trombone Shorty**  
by Troy Andrews  
Illustrated by Bryan Collier  
Abrams, 2015

The true story of a musician who bucked the odds to achieve his dreams.

**Twenty-Two Cents: Muhammad Yunus and the Village Bank**  
by Paula Yoo  
Illustrated by Jamil Akib  
Lee and Low Books, 2014

The story of a Nobel Peace Prize winner who changed the lives of people in poverty through founding a micro-loans bank, making small but significant changes in the lives of millions of people.

**Weekends with Max and His Dad**  
by Linda Urban  
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2015

Third-grader Max pursues neighborhood adventures with his dad as they both adjust to recent changes in their family.

**Wet Cement: A Mix of Concrete Poems**  
by Bob Raczka  
Roaring Brook Press / Macmillan, 2016

Raczka's quirky poems are fun and inspiring. They're sure to hook many young poets-who-just-don't-know-it!

**When the Beat Was Born: DJ Kool Herc and the Creation of Hip Hop**  
by Laban Carrick Hill  
Illustrated by Theodore Taylor III  
Roaring Brook Press / Macmillan, 2013

The exciting story of DJ Kool Herc, who is credited with creating hip-hop music in New York City in the 1970s, told through rhythmic text and engaging illustrations.