

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, created this book list to provide guidance to parents, grandparents, and others interested in assembling a high-quality at-home library for the kids in their care.

Sweep: The Story of a Girl and Her Monster

by Jonathan Auxier
Amulet / Abrams BYR, 2018
Life in Victorian London is hard enough, but if you're a chimney sweep - life is dirty and dangerous. Nan Sparrow is the best sweep around, but can she survive a deadly mistake? *Ebook, Audio.*

The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle

by Leslie Connor
Katherine Tegen Books / HarperCollins Children's, 2018
Mason may be sweaty, big and can barely read or write, but he is honest and his heart is big. If only everyone in town knew that too. *Ebook, Audio.*

seems a way out. But how can he get one when he is also the caretaker of a younger, non-verbal brother - the only family he has left. *Graphic Novel, Ebook, Audio.*

White Bird: A Wonder Story

by R. J. Palacio
Knopf BFYR / Random House Children's Books, 2019
How can you survive as a Jew in Nazi-occupied France? You can't, but this stirring graphic novel shows how you can if you have courage and help. *Graphic Novel, Ebook, Audio.*

Thanku: Poems of Gratitude

Ed. by Miranda Paul.
Illus by Marlena Myles
Millbrook Press, 2019
A diverse collection of poets and poems demonstrating that giving thanks is not just for Thanksgiving. *Ebook.*

When Stars are Scattered

by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed.
Illus by Iman Geddy
Dial Books / Penguin Young Readers, 2020
Being a refugee at the Dadaab camp in Kenya is hard. For Omar, education



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The Afterwards

by A.F. Harrold. Illus by Emily Gravett

Bloomsbury Children's, 2019
When Ember's best friend, Ness, dies suddenly, Ember feels lost. Ember finds her way into the underworld and begins plotting a way to bring her best friend back to life. *Ebook, Audio.*

Amal Unbound

by Aisha Saeed

Nancy Paulsen Books / Penguin Young Readers Group, 2018

Amal's dream of being a teacher is disrupted when she unknowingly insults the son of the corrupt village landlord. While serving out her punishment by working for the landlord's family as a servant, Amal wonders if she will ever get to live out her dream. *Ebook, Audio.*

***America's National Parks**

by Alexa Ward. Illus by Mike Lowery

Lonely Planet Kids, 2019
With beautiful photos and whimsical illustrations, discover America's 60 National Parks. Learn about what makes each park unique, the history of the National Parks, the best activities and sightseeing spots, and maybe gets some ideas for your next family vacation. *Ebook.*

As Brave as You

by Jason Reynolds

Caitlyn Dlouhy Books / Atheneum / Simon & Schuster Children's, 2016
Ernie and Genie leave Brooklyn to spend the summer with their

grandparents in the country in Virginia. Genie is very curious and full of questions and as her observes his grandfather, who is blind, and begins to wonder what makes someone brave. *Ebook, Audio.*

***The Cardboard Kingdom**

by Chad Sell

Knopf BYR / Random House Children's Books, 2018

This collection of stories features fun illustrations, diverse characters, and engaging stories. Follow a group of neighborhood kids who spend their summer playing together using cardboard to bring their imaginations to life. *Graphic Novel, Ebook.*

***Click**

by Kayla Miller

HMH Books for Young Readers, 2019

There is going to be a variety show at Olive's school and everyone quickly splits up into groups. Olive soon finds herself without a group to perform with and struggles to figure out where she belongs. *Graphic Novel, Ebook.*

The Collected Works of Gretchen Oyster

by Cary Fagan

Tundra Books / Penguin Random House Canada Young Readers, 2019

After his older brother ran away from home, Hartley is left to deal with his new reality. While struggling to come up with a topic for his class project, Hartley

discovers and becomes fascinated with a series of homemade cards. Hartley begins searching for the mysterious artist known as G.O. *Ebook.*

Each Tiny Spark

by Pablo Cartaya

Kokila / Penguin Young Readers, 2019

Emillia Rosa Torres a sixth grader with ADHD learned about standing up for others. She also tries to repair the broken relationship with her father who recently returned from deployment by learning to weld. *Ebook, Audio.*

Feathers

by Jacqueline Woodson

Putnam Books / Penguin Young Readers Group, 2007

When a new boy enters her sixth-grade class, Frannie starts to reevaluate who she looks at life and hope. While embracing the idea of hope Frannie starts to see her mother, mostly absent father, and deaf brother in a new light. The book is set in the 1970s. *Ebook, Audio.*

Guts

by Raina Telgemeier

Graphix / Scholastic, 2019

Raina, a fifth grader, experiences frequent stomach aches that coincide with her worries about school, friends, and family. Raina's mother has her see a therapist and Raina learns healthy coping mechanisms for her anxiety. *Graphic Novel, Ebooks, Spanish.*

***Invisible Emmie**

by Terri Libenson

Balzer + Bay / HarperCollins Children's, 2017

A tale of two very different seventh grade girls, Emmie who is shy and artistic, and Katie who is outgoing and athletic. An embarrassing note falls into the wrong hands and Emmie is forced to face some of her fears, thus discovering how similar she is to Katie. *Graphic Novel, Ebook, Audio.*

***The Jumbies**

by Tracey Baptiste

Algonquin Young Readers, 2016

Corinne La Mer is an 11-year old living on a Caribbean island. Two brothers tie her mother's prized necklace to a wild animal and Corinne chases it into the forest. While in the forest Corinne comes across the legendary "Jumbie" and learns a family secret. *Ebook, Audio.*

***Merci Suárez Changes Gears**

by Meg Medina

Candelwick Press, 2018

Sixth grader Merci Suárez faces the the challenges of being a scholarship kid at a South Florida private school. She learns to live up to the expectations of her family and school while trying to maintain the responsibilities of her Cuban American intergenerational family. *Ebook, Audio.*

Never Caught, the Story of Ona Judge: George and Martha Washington's

Courageous Slave Who Dared to Run Away

by Erica Armstrong Dunbar and Kathleen Van Cleve

Aladdin / Simon & Schuster Children's, 2019

A biography of a young, enslaved woman who successfully escapes enslavement in the household of George and Martha Washington. Despite poverty and hardship, Ona Judge remained free. *Ebook, Audio.*

New Kid

by Jerry Craft

Quill Tree Books / HarperCollins Children's, 2019

This double award-winning graphic novel shows the struggles Jordan experiences trying to fit in as a new seventh grader in an elite prep school where he is one of very few students of color. *Graphic Novel, Ebook, Audio.*

Nowhere Boy

by Katherine Marsh

Roaring Brook Press / Macmillan Children's Publishing, 2018

What would you do if you found a refugee in your basement? Max's reaction will change the course of Ahmed's life forever. *Ebook, Audio, Spanish.*

The Parker Inheritance

by Varian Johnson

Arthur A. Levine Books / Scholastic, 2018

If you like your mysteries tied up with a fortune, follow Candice as she tries to find the money and learns secrets a community would rather forget. *Ebook, Audio, Spanish.*

Pie in the Sky

by Remy Lai

Henry Holt & Co BYR / Macmillan Children's Publishing, 2019

When we acclimate to a new culture, do we have to turn our back on the old? Wigwan feels he's landed on Mars and only the comfort of baking elaborate cakes will make everything all right. *Ebook, Audio.*

Queen of the Sea

by Dylan Meconis

Walker Books / Candelwick Press, 2019

In a graphic adventure novel based loosely on Elizabeth I's life, Margaret thought she knew the truth of her life, but a new resident on her beloved island turns everything upside down. *Graphic Novel.*

Rick

by Alex Gino

Scholastic Press, 2020

Rick doesn't know who or even what he is. All he knows is that he seems different from his best friend. Maybe starting a new school is a good time to start figuring out who he is, really, deep down where no one can see. *Ebook, Audio.*