

Building A Home Library

Ages 12-14

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:

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Welcome to the world of books for your home!

Here are suggested classic and contemporary book titles either for a great start to or enhancement of your home library, an ever-present resource for children and adults. The American Library Association - Children's Book Council Joint Committee and the ALSC Quicklists Consulting Committee recommend these titles for children ages 12-14.

Three other pamphlets recommend books for children ages 0-3, 4-7, and 8-11. Ask your librarian or bookseller about multiple formats for these books and for more suggestions to add to your growing collection.

*Carter, Ally.

I'd Tell You I Love You, But Then I'd Have to Kill You. Disney Publishing Worldwide, 2006.

A student at a super-secret spy school discovers that knowing about poisons and rapelling doesn't help much in the game of love.

*Collins, Suzanne.

The Hunger Games. Scholastic Inc., 2008.

Katniss must play the game of her life, and she may not survive.

Erskine, Katherine.

Mockingbird. Philomel / Penguin, 2010.

Caitlyn has Asperger's and finds school difficult. After her brother is killed in a school shooting, how will she adjust to life without him?

*Federle, Tim.

Better Nate than Ever. Simon & Schuster, 2013.

When Nate hears about auditions for E.T.: The Musical!, he realizes this might be his one and only chance to fulfill his Broadway dreams.

Ferraiolo, Jack D.

Sidekicks. Amulet Books / Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2010.

By day, he's Scott Hutchinson. By night, he's Bright Boy, superhero sidekick.

*Flanagan, John.

The Outcasts. Philomel / Penguin, 2011.

A group of young boys must brave the ocean, pirates, and treachery to regain a stolen gem and their place in Skandian life.

Gaiman, Neil. Illustrated by Dave McKean.

The Graveyard Book. HarperCollins, 2008.

After toddler Nobody Owens' family is murdered, he wanders into the nearby graveyard and is raised by the spirits who live there.

*Gantos, Jack.

Dead End in Norvelt. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2011.

Jack thinks his summer is over until his mother volunteers him to help a neighbor. He discovers a mystery behind his unusual assignment.

*Hale, Nathan.

Donner Dinner Party. Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2013.

The true story of the doomed journey receives a graphic novel treatment and a jolt of much needed humor along the way.

Hinton, S.E.

The Outsiders. Viking Children's Books / Penguin, 1967.

Ponyboy has to rely on the help of his friends and brothers once things begin to heat up between the local rival gangs.

Hopkinson, Deborah.

Titanic: Voices from the Disaster. Scholastic Inc., 2012.

Using accounts from survivors, Hopkinson paints a gripping picture of the Titanic disaster.

Kennedy, Caroline.

Poems to Learn by Heart. Disney Publishing Worldwide, 2013.

A collection of more than a hundred poems that speak to all of us.

Koertge, Ron.

Coaltown Jesus. Candlewick Press, 2013.

Written in verse, this novel tells the humorous story of when Jesus shows up in Walker's life, healing triumphs over heartbreak.

Lai, Thanhha.

Inside Out and Back Again. HarperCollins, 2011.

Hà flees with her family from war-torn Vietnam and comes to the United States to make a new home in a strange country.

Myers, Walter Dean.

Darius & Twig. Amistad / HarperCollins, 2013.

A writer and an athlete connect in a Harlem high school.

Ness, Patrick. Illustrated by Jim Kay.

A Monster Calls. Candlewick, 2011.

There are many different kinds of monsters and nightmares, but sometimes what frightens you most also makes you strong.

Resau, Laura and Maria Virginia Farinango.

The Queen of Water. Delacorte / Random House, 2011.

A young girl in Ecuador is taken from her family to be a servant to the ruling class. Based on a true story.

*Rowling, J.K.

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone. Scholastic Inc., 1998.

Harry Potter is a wizard, and he is beginning to find out just how dangerous that is once he is invited to attend Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

Sax, Aline.

The War Within These Walls. Eerdmans, 2013.

Misha's family, like the rest of the Jews living in Warsaw, has been moved by the Nazis into a single crowded ghetto. When conditions worsen, Misha joins a handful of other Jews who decide to make a final, desperate stand against the Nazis.

Schmidt, Gary D.

Okay for Now. Clarion / Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2011.

Doug Swietek must overcome a deadbeat father, an older brother who steals from him, a brother returning from the Vietnam War, and being the new kid in boring Marysville, New York.

Sheinkin, Steve.

Bomb: The Race to Build—and Steal—the World's Most Dangerous Weapon. Flash Point / Macmillan, 2013.

As WWII raged, the United States entered the race to build the first atomic bomb.

*Stewart, Trenton Lee. Illustrated by Carson Ellis.

The Mysterious Benedict Society. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2007.

Four children are selected, through a series of unusual tests, to go on a secret mission that will quite possibly save the world.

*Stroud, Jonathan.

Lockwood & Co.: The Screaming Staircase. Disney Publishing Worldwide, 2013.

Three amateur ghost-hunting sleuths take on an impossible (and blood soaked) case in the hopes of saving their fledgling business.

Telgemeier, Raina.

Drama. Graphix / Scholastic Inc., 2012.

Callie works on the stage crew, where she meets new friends and navigates middle school, in this engaging graphic novel.

*Turner, Pamela.

The Dolphins of Shark Bay (Scientists in the Field series). Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2013.

Meet the dolphins who live in Shark Bay and learn how they use tools to survive.

** Book is part of a series (including sequels and trilogies)*