

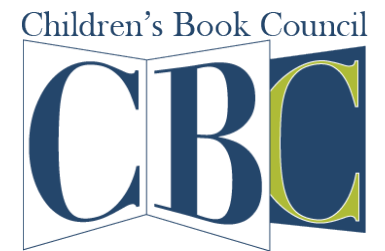
# Building a Home Library

for Children Ages 12-14

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.



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We suggest the following sites for more book titles:

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

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

Questions?

American Library Association  
50 East Huron Street  
Chicago, IL 60611  
[alasc@ala.org](mailto:alasc@ala.org)

The Children's Book Council  
54 W 39th St., 14 Floor  
New York, NY 10018  
[cbc.info@cbcbooks.org](mailto:cbc.info@cbcbooks.org)

### **Becoming Kareem: Growing Up On and Off the Court**

**by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Raymond Obstfeld**  
Little, Brown and Company  
BFYR, 2017

Abdul-Jabbar examines the politics, racism, religion and identity issues that helped him grow from a sheltered young man to a NBA legend. *Audio, Ebook.*

### **Lucky Broken Girl**

**by Ruth Behar**  
Nancy Paulsen Books / Penguin Young Readers Group, 2017

Cuban-Jewish immigrant Ruthie and her family have left Castro's Cuba for NYC in the 1960s. Just as Ruthie is getting the hang of English and neighborhood games, a car accident leaves her in a full-body cast. *Audio, Ebook.*

### **Drum Roll, Please**

**by Lisa Jenn Bigelow**  
HarperCollins Children's Books, 2018

Melly is off to summer camp as her parents announce their divorce. In the midst of it all, she starts having feelings for her fellow female bandmate, and wonders if she can truly be a star rock 'n' roll drummer. *Ebook.*

### **Twelve Days in May: Freedom Ride 1961**

**by Larry Dane Brimmer**  
Calkins Creek / Boyds Mills Press, 2017

In 1961, civil rights activists, both black and white, set out for the Freedom Ride to challenge the continued separation in the South. Contains archival documents and images from the early days of the Freedom Ride. *Audio, Ebook.*

### **The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora**

**by Pablo Cartaya**  
Viking BFYR / Penguin Young Readers Group, 2017

A charming coming-of-age tale, Arturo is just trying to do everything right—balance time with family, hanging out with the new girl and saving his community from the sleazy developer who threatens to change everything. *Audio, Ebook.*

### **\*The Reader**

**by Traci Chee**  
G.P. Putnam's Sons BFYR / Penguin Young Readers Group, 2016

In a land where reading and writing are unheard of, Sefia relies on a mysterious object—called a book—to help her track down and punish her parent's killers. *French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Serbian, Spanish. Audio, Ebook.*

### **The Only Road**

**by Alexandra Diaz**  
Paula Wiseman Books / Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, 2016

Two cousins face many challenges when they must leave their home in Guatemala to cross the border into the United States. *Spanish, Ebook.*

### **The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, & the Fall of Imperial Russia**

**by Candace Fleming**  
Schwartz & Wade / Random House Children's Books, 2014  
Fleming weaves the historical political climate of Russia with the lives of the last tsar of Russia and his family in this gripping book. *Audio, Ebook.*

### **The Inquisitor's Tale by Adam Gidwitz. Illus by Hatem Aly**

Dutton BFYR / Penguin Young Readers Group, 2016

In a medieval adventure, three miraculous children and their dog escape King Louis IX through the French countryside. *Audio, Ebook.*

### **My Family Divided: One Girl's Journey of Home, Loss, and Hope**

**by Diane Guerrero & Erica Moroz**

Henry Holt and Co. BFYR / Macmillan Children's Publishing Group, 2018  
Diane Guerrero, star of *Orange Is the New Black* and *Jane the Virgin*, presents her personal story about her parents' deportation and the nightmarish struggles of undocumented immigrants and their American children. *Ebook.*

### **The Ostrich and Other Lost Things**

**by Beth Haultala**  
Philomel Books / Penguin Young Readers Group, 2018  
Olivia has a knack for finding missing things and is often helping her autistic brother, Jacob. When the community theater decides to put on Olivia's favorite play, Peter Pan, she starts on a journey to find herself. *Ebook.*

### **Vincent and Theo: The Van Gogh Brothers**

**by Deborah Heiligman**  
Henry Holt and Co. BFYR / Macmillan Children's Publishing Group, 2017  
This is the beautifully told, true story of the relationship between brothers Theo and Vincent van Gogh. *Audio, Ebook.*

### **The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club**

**by Phillip Hoose**  
Farrar, Straus and Giroux  
BFYR / Macmillan Children's Publishing Group, 2015  
When his homeland of Denmark folds under Hitler, Knud and his friends begin their own resistance efforts in their town. *Audio, Ebook.*

### **Fault Lines in the Constitution: The Framers, Their Fights, and the Flaws that Affect Us Today**

**by Cynthia & Sanford Levinson**  
Peachtree Publishers, 2017  
History is connected to current events. This book shows how issues facing the country today have roots in the creation of our constitution. *Audio, Ebook.*

### **In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse**

**by Joseph Marshall. Illus by Jim Yellowhawk**  
Amulet Books / Abrams BFYR, 2015

Jimmy doesn't fit in with the other kids on the reservation because he has light hair and blue eyes. He and his grandfather make a trip to learn about another fair-skinned Lakota: Crazy Horse. *Ebook.*

### **When Dimple Met Rishi**

**by Sandhya Menon**  
Simon Pulse / Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, 2017  
The summer program at Stanford is Dimple Shah's chance to avoid the pressure to be more "traditional". Rishi Patel loves tradition and the idea of an arranged marriage. A

meet cute gone temporarily awry ensues. *Audio, Ebook.*

### **The Stars Beneath Our Feet**

**by David Barclay Moore**  
Knopf BFYR / Random House Children's Books, 2017  
Facing societal pressures after the death of his brother, a boy builds a world with Legos and finds his own way to move forward. *Audio, Ebook.*

### **As Brave as You**

**by Jason Reynolds**  
Atheneum / Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, 2017  
Ernie and Genie are brothers sent to spend the summer with their grandfather. Both learn that growing up means change, but you have to be brave and true to yourself to see it through. *Audio, Ebook.*

### **A Problematic Paradox**

**by Eliot Sappingfield**  
G.P. Putnam's Sons BFYR / Penguin Young Readers Group, 2018  
Nikola Kross would much rather be with her chemistry set than making friends at school. When her father is kidnapped by extraterrestrials and she must find refuge in a school for geniuses, her life truly begins. *Ebook.*

### **Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War**

**by Steve Sheinkin**  
Roaring Brook Press / Macmillan Children's Publishing Group, 2015  
The true story of how Daniel Ellsberg went from Intelligence Officer at the Pentagon to whistleblower, as his knowledge of and opinion about the Vietnam War evolved. *Audio, Ebook.*

### **Bone's Gift**

**by Angie Smibert**  
Boyds Mills Press, 2018  
Set in 1942, Bone discovers she has a gift to see stories in objects. But did this gift lead to her mother's death? *Ebook.*

### **The Bitter Side of Sweet**

**by Tara Sullivan**  
G.P. Putnam's Sons BFYR / Penguin Young Readers Group, 2016  
Three children band together to escape a life of slavery on a cacao farm in modern-day Ivory Coast. *Audio, Ebook.*

### **Piecing Me Together**

**by Renée Watson**  
Bloomsbury Children's, 2017  
Set in present day, rapidly gentrifying Portland, OR, Jade struggles to find her voice amid conflicting pressures. *Audio, Ebook.*

### **Beyond the Bright Sea**

**by Lauren Wolk**  
Dutton BFYR / Penguin Young Readers Group, 2017  
Years after being abandoned at sea as a baby, Crow spots a mysterious fire across the water and starts a journey to figure who she is and the true meaning of family. *Audio, Ebook.*

### **Roses and Radicals: The Epic Story of How American Women Won the Right to Vote**

**by Susan Zimet & Todd Hasak-Lowy**  
Viking BFYR / Penguin Young Readers Group, 2018  
Women in the U.S. have been able to vote for less than 100 years and many of the ones who fought to win that right didn't live to cast a ballot. Here is their epic story. *Audio, Ebook.*