



READING LIST

Grades
3—5

BOOKS

CAT KID COMIC CLUB: COLLABORATIONS

BY DAV PILKEY

GRAPHIX, 2022
ISBN: 9781338846621

This fourth installment in the graphic novel series again utilizes madcap antics to deliver gentle wisdom as Flippy the fish's exuberant children share their latest collection of mini-comics with a television reporter's audience.

CHESTER KEENE CRACKS THE CODE

BY KEKLA MAGOON

WENDY LAMB BOOKS, 2022
ISBN: 9781524715991

Chester is convinced his dad is a spy. After receiving a clue from his dad, Chester and his classmate Skye embark on a puzzle-filled scavenger hunt that ends up having higher stakes than he originally thought.

CLASSIFIED: THE SECRET CAREER OF MARY GOLDA ROSS, CHEROKEE AEROSPACE ENGINEER

BY TRACI SORELL,
ILLUSTRATED BY NATASHA DONOVAN

MILLBROOK PRESS, 2021
ISBN: 9781541579149

Mary Golda Ross, a Cherokee citizen, stayed true to her heritage throughout many accomplishments as an engineer. Four Cherokee values are explained, showing their spelling and pronunciation as well as a definition translated in English.

COUNTING IN DOG YEARS AND OTHER SASSY MATH POEMS

BY BETSY FRANCO,
ILLUSTRATED BY PRISCILLA TEY

CANDLEWICK, 2022
ISBN: 9781536201161

Amusing and silly poems that can be enjoyed as fun prompts for math conversations and practice.

ENDLESSLY EVER AFTER: PICK YOUR PATH TO COUNTLESS FAIRY TALE ENDINGS!

BY LAUREL SNYDER,
ILLUSTRATED BY DAN SANTAT

CHRONICLE BOOKS, 2022
ISBN: 9781452144825

Choose your own path through this adventuresome, dramatic, and sometimes grisly twist on classic fairy tales. Perfect for multiple, ever-changing read-alouds.

FINALLY SEEN

BY KELLY YANG

SIMON & SCHUSTER, 2023
ISBN: 9781534488335

Lina Gao adjusts to life in America, traveling from Beijing to reunite with her family in California after five years apart, supporting her family's bath-bomb business to raise their back rent, finding her place at a new school, and discovering the power of books and raising her voice.

THE FIRST CAT IN SPACE ATE PIZZA

BY MAC BARNETT,
ILLUSTRATED BY SHAWN HARRIS

KATHERINE TEGEN BOOKS, 2022
ISBN: 9780063084087

Rats are eating the moon, and it's up to a zany crew of a cat, a moon queen, and a toenail-clipping robot to save the world—and maybe eat some pizza.

THE HIDDENSEEK

BY NATE CERNOSEK

PUTNAM, 2021
ISBN: 9781984816764

Holly and Hector thought they were playing an innocent game of hide-and-seek, but instead they are transported to a dark, cursed world frozen in time. Trapped in an endless game of hide-and-seek, there are dire consequences if they're found.

HOOKY

BY MÍRIAM BONASTRE TUR

CLARION, 2021
ISBN: 9780358468301

When twins Dorian and Dani miss the bus to magic school, they are plunged into a world of tensions in the magical realm in this engaging, fast-paced graphic novel.

MARYA KHAN AND THE INCREDIBLE HENNA PARTY

BY SAADIA FARUQI,
ILLUSTRATED BY ANI BUSHRY

ABRAMS, 2022
ISBN: 9781419761164

When her classmate Alexa describes the fancy party she's having for her birthday, Marya decides to make her own big impression with a fabulous henna party. But first she needs to convince her family to go along with this great idea.

MEGA-PREDATORS OF THE PAST

BY MELISSA STEWART,
ILLUSTRATED BY HOWARD GRAY

PEACHTREE, 2022
ISBN: 9781682631096

The spotlight in this nonfiction book is on the other huge prehistoric beasts that dinosaur-centric titles might overlook. Learn fascinating facts and theories about giant insects, birds, and more.

RILEY REYNOLDS CRUSHES COSTUME DAY

BY JAY ALBEE

STONE ARCH, 2022
ISBN: 9781666344042

Fourth-grader Riley and their friends are excited to create their own costumes for Dress like Your Favorite Character Day. When other kids struggle with their costumes, Riley's creative problem-solving helps their friends succeed. This is the first book in the Riley Reynolds series.

A ROVER'S STORY

BY JASMINE WARGA

BALZER + BRAY, 2022
ISBN: 9780063113923

Resilience, a Mars rover, has learned some of the intricacies of human emotion through scientists and a young girl, Sophie, who writes letters to Res. Readers can join Res on the journey to explore Mars in this science fiction graphic novel.

SWIM TEAM

BY JOHNNIE CHRISTMAS

HARPERALLEY, 2022
ISBN: 9780063056770

A graphic novel about what it means to be the new kid at

school. Bree is thrust out of her comfort zone and learns how to swim, ultimately joining her new school's swim team.

THREE STRIKE SUMMER

BY SKYLER SCHREMP

MARGARET K. MCELDERRY BOOKS, 2022
ISBN: 9781534499140

Feisty Gloria Mae aspires to join an all-boys baseball team, while her pa is determined to protest the unfair conditions at the peach orchard where her family works in this novel set during the Dust Bowl.

TOO SMALL TOLA AND THE THREE FINE GIRLS

BY ATINUKE,
ILLUSTRATED BY ONYINYE IWU

CANDLEWICK, 2022
ISBN: 9781536225174

Three short chapters follow Tola through the streets of Lagos, Nigeria, as she learns how to get along with her siblings, tends to her grandmother's health, and calms feelings of jealousy of a peer whose family has more money than hers.

TRAILBLAZERS: LIN-MANUEL MIRANDA: RAISING THEATER TO NEW HEIGHTS

BY KURTIS SCALETTA

RANDOM HOUSE, 2021
ISBN: 9780593124468

This book is about the life of Puerto Rican musical creator and lyricist Lin-Manuel Miranda and how he became one of the most popular and successful performers in recent years.

THE TRYOUT

BY CHRISTINA SOONTORNVAT,
ILLUSTRATED BY JOANNA CACAO

GRAPHIX, 2022
ISBN: 9781338741308

With the start of seventh grade, Christina, an Asian American girl in Texas, is hoping to become popular by making the cheerleading squad. However, she worries that she is too different from the other girls in her school.

THE UNIVERSE IN YOU: A MICROSCOPIC JOURNEY

BY JASON CHIN

NEAL PORTER BOOKS, 2022
ISBN: 9780823450701

Explore the infinitesimal particles—cells, atoms,

molecules, and those that we can't even yet measure—that make up all the world's physical matter in this well-researched and captivating informational picture book. Back matter provides notes and additional resources for extending learning.

VIOLET AND JOBIE IN THE WILD

BY LYNNE RAE PERKINS

GREENWILLOW, 2022
ISBN: 9780062499691

Two mice leave the comforts of human-adjacent life and try to survive in the forest. Spot illustrations and lots of white space make this chapter book inviting for younger readers.

VOICES OF JUSTICE: POEMS ABOUT PEOPLE WORKING FOR A BETTER WORLD

BY GEORGE ELLA LYON,
ILLUSTRATED BY JENNIFER M. POTTER

HENRY HOLT, 2020
ISBN: 9781250263209

A lyrical collection of portraits and poems that celebrate changemakers such as Nelson Mandela and Dolores Huerta and emerging heroes such as the Parkland shooting survivors.

DIGITAL

4-H AT HOME

<https://4-h.org/about/4-h-at-home/>

This website provides guides to learn and explore different topics including gardening, baking, and even aeroscience through activities that can be done at home.

ART FOR KIDS HUB

<https://www.youtube.com/@artforkidshub>

Step-by-step YouTube videos for kids to learn to draw.

EXPLORE LIVE CAMS

<https://explore.org/livecams>

Watch animals from around the world on dozens of live cams, including manatees, sloths, elephants, eagles, and more!

GOOD NIGHT STORIES FOR REBEL GIRLS

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over the world. While a lot of the stories on this app require a subscription, there are some free ones available in English and Spanish.

KIDS ASK AUTHORS

<https://www.kidsaskauthors.com>

The weekly podcast is hosted by children's book author Grace Lin. Children submit questions that authors answer to learn more about their writing process, inspiration, and craft.

MAKING SPACE WITH CHRISTIAN ROBINSON

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzW_SBxroAj5hcID4q5KwZw

A YouTube series by award-winning children's author-illustrator Christian Robinson in which he leads young people in exploring big feelings, creativity, and self-expression.

MATHSTORY.COM

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Find many ways on this website to explore and enjoy math and science from math stories, poems, and videos to practice worksheets.

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Aliens versus robots, flowers versus rainbows, ice cream versus french fries—which is best? Debaters on the podcast present the merits of two cool things, and a kid judge decides the winner.

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