

# RECREATIONAL READING

## For Grades 3-5

This book list has been compiled to assist youngsters in selecting books which will enable them to experience the joy of reading. It is a resource for students and parents. The list has been prepared for a range of grade levels; therefore these age ranges should be used only as guidelines. A book that may appeal to one ten-year-old may be rejected by another child of the same age.

Before obtaining any of the books listed, it is suggested that you review them personally to see whether they seem right for your child. Also, you are urged to explore additional books by each author. Most of the books will be available through the public or school libraries.

**Sports Pages** - Adolff, Arnoldi

**Little Women** - Alcott, Louisa May

**Cam Jansen and the Chocolate  
Fudge Mystery** - Alder, David

**Prydian Chronicles** - Alexander, Lloyd

**Miss Nelson Has a Field Day** - Allard, Harry

**Followers of the North Star** - Altman, Susan & Lechner, Susan

**River Boy: The Story of Mark Twain** - Anderson, William

**Poppy** - Avi

**My Light** - Bang, Molly

**Wiley and the Hairy Man** - Bang, Molly

**On My Honor** - Bauer, Marion Dane

**Cesar: ¡Si, Se Puede! = Yes, We Can!**  
- Bernier-Grand, Carmen

**Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great** - Blume, Judy

**Christian the Lion: Based on the True  
Story of Anthony (Ace) Bourke** - Bourke, Anthony

**The Crow-Girl** - Bredsdorff, Bodil

**Gerbils, Pets, and Other Small Rodents** - Broekel, Ray

**Teller of Tales** - Brooke, William

**The Boy Who Lived with the Bears  
and Other Iroquois Stories** - Burchac, Joseph

**Nasty, Stinky Sneakers** - Bunting, Eve

**First to Fly** - Busby, Peter

**Summer of the Swans** - Byars, Betsy

**Julian, Secret Agent** - Cameron, Ann

**Grandfather Tales** - Chase, Richard

**Middle of Somewhere** - Cheaney, J. B.

**Al Capone Does My Shirts** - Choldenko, Gennifer

**The Hit-Away Kid** - Christopher, Matt

**Dear Mr. Henshaw** - Cleary, Beverly

**Ramona the Brave** - Cleary, Beverly

**Help! I'm a Prisoner in the Library** - Clifford, Eth

**The Big House** - Coman, Carolyn

**Case for Jenny Archer** - Conford, Ellen

**Liberty** - Curlee, Lynn

**The Watsons Go to Birmingham** - Curtis, Christopher Paul

**Bud, Not Buddy** - Curtis, Christopher Paul

**The Ballad of Lucy Whipple** - Cushman, Karen

**If You're Not Here Raise Your Hand** - Dakos, Kalli

**The Courage of Sarah Noble** - Dalglish, Alice

**Make Like a Tree and Leave** - Danziger, Paula

**The Lemonade War** - Davies, Jacqueline

**In the Eyes of the Cat: Japanese**

**Poetry for All Seasons** - Demi, Hitz

**Aliens for Breakfast - Etra, Jonathan  
Step by Wicket Step** - Fine, Ann

**McBroom Tells the Truth** - Fleischman, Sid

**Comets, Asteroids, and Meteors** - Fradin, Dennis

**The Voice that Challenged a Nation:  
Marian Anderson and the Struggle  
for Equal Rights** - Freedman, Russell

**Around the World in a Hundred Years** - Fritz, Jean

**This Time, Tempe Wick?** - Gauch, Patricia Lee

**Doodler Doodling** - Gelman, Rita Golden

**My Side of the Mountain** - George, Jean Craighead

**Fireworks, Picnics, and Flags: The Story  
of the Fourth of July Symbols** - Giblin, James Cross

**The Wind in the Willows** - Grahame, Kenneth

**Little Mouse's Big Book of Fears** - Gravett, Emily

**King Arthur and His Knights  
of the Round Table** - Green, Roger Lancelyn

**Beware the Mare - Haas, Jessie**

**The People Could Fly: American Black  
Folk Tales** - Hamilton, Virginia

**Extreme Pets!** - Harrington, Jane

**Words of Stone** - Henkes, Kevin

**Misty of Chincoteague** - Henry, Marguerite

**The Gift of the Magi** - Henry, O.

**The Cats in Krasinski Square** - Hesse, Karen  
**Hoot** - Hiaasen, Carl  
**Merlin and the Making of the King** - Hodges, Margaret  
**Bunnica: A Rabbit Tale of Mystery** - Howe, James  
**Five Brave Explorers** - Hudson, Wade  
**Class Clown** - Hurwitz, Johanna  
**Self-Portrait** - Hyman, Trina Scharf  
**The Star of Kazan** - Ibbotson, Eva  
**Like Jake and Me** - Jukes, Mavis  
**Kira-Kira** - Kadohata, Cynthia  
**Helen Keller: The Story of My Life** - Keller, Helen  
**Walt Whitman: Words for America** - Kerley, Barbara  
**Cooper** - Kibuishi, Kazu  
**Herbie Jones and the Class Gift** - Kline, Suzy  
**Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez** - Krull, Kathleen  
**Selavi, That is Life: A Haitian Story of Hope** - Landowne, Youme  
**Rabbit Hill** - Lawson, Robert  
**A Wrinkle in Time** - L'Engle, Madeline  
**Fables** - Lobel, Arnold  
**Anastasia Krupnik** - Lowry, Lois  
**Arthur for the Very First Time** - MacLachlan, Patricia  
**Sarah, Plain and Tall** - MacLachlan, Patricia  
**Fish** - Matthews, L. S.  
**The Golden Hoard: Myths and Legends of the World** - McCaughrean, Geraldine  
**Homer Price** - McCloskey, Robert  
**Mrs. Piggle Wiggle** - McDonald, Betty  
**Under the Mummy's Spell** - McMullen, Kate  
**Winnie-the-Pooh** - Milne, A.A.  
**The Tarantula Scientist** - Montgomery, Sy  
**Remember: The Journey of School Integration** - Morrison, Toni  
**Mighty Jackie: The Strike-Out Queen** - Moss, Marissa  
**Owls in the Family** - Mowat, Farley  
**Every Minute on Earth: Fun Facts that Happen Every 60 Seconds** - Murrie, Steve & Matthew  
**Shiloh** - Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds  
**Shiloh Season** - Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds  
**The Fear Place** - Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds  
**To Walk the Sky Path** - Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds  
**Mayfield Crossing** - Nelson, Vaunda Micheaux  
**American Tall Tales** - Osborne, Mary Pope  
**Mick Harte Was Here** - Park, Barbara  
**Skinnybones** - Park, Barbara  
**The Great Gilly Hopkins** - Patterson, Katherine

**The Haymeadow** - Paulsen, Gary  
**The Little Gentleman** - Pearce, Philippa  
**Cat Running** - Snyder, Zilpha Keatley  
**The Sign of the Beaver** - Speare, Elizabeth George  
**Call It Courage** - Sperry, Armstrong  
**Fourth Grade Rats** - Spinelli, Jerry  
**Maniac Magee** - Spinelli, Jerry  
**Abel's Island** - Steig, William  
**Endangered Animals** - Stone, Lynn  
**Looking for Pa: A Civil War Journal** - Susi, Geraldine Lee  
**Thank You, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.!** - Tate, Eleanor  
**Song of the Trees** - Taylor, Mildred  
**The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn** - Twain, Mark  
**The Mysteries of Harris Burdick** - Van Allsburg, Chris  
**Eli Remembers** - Vander Zee, Ruth  
**Beauty** - Wallace, Bill  
**The Green Book** - Walsh, Jill Paton  
**Amusement Park Mystery** - Warner, Gertrude  
**Camp Out Mystery** - Warner, Gertrude  
**Goodbye, Vietnam** - Whelan, Gloria  
**Trumpet of the Swan** - White, E. B.  
**Little House in the Big Woods** - Wilder, Laura Ingalls  
**On the Way Home** - Wilder, Laura Ingalls  
**The Castle in the Attic** - Winthrop, Elizabeth  
**The Magnificent Mummy Maker** - Woodruff, Elvira  
**The Dollhouse Murders** - Wright, Betty Ren  
**Child of the Owl** - Yep, Lawrence

