

The RCS Library List of Recommended Books for Upper Elementary Readers (Grades 3-6)

Key: G = Graphic Novel; 1 = 1st in a Series

- 11 Birthdays¹ – Mass
- Absolutely Almost – Graff
- Aesop's Fables – Aesop
- Ali Baba: Fooling the Forty Thieves^{G/1} – Croall
- Alice's Adventures in Wonderland – Carroll
- Almost a World Record Breaker¹ – Burnham
- Anne of Green Gables¹ – Montgomery
- Artemis Fowl¹ – Colfer
- Athena the Brain¹ – Holub
- Babe: The Gallant Pig – King-Smith
- The Bad Beginning¹ – Snicket
- Bambi: A Life in the Woods – Salten
- Because of Mr. Terupt¹ – Buyea
- Because of Winn-Dixie – DiCamillo
- Beezus and Ramona¹ – Cleary
- Big Nate: From the Top^{G/1} – Peirce
- Big Nate: In a Class by Himself¹ – Peirce
- Black Beauty – Sewell
- The Book of Three¹ – Alexander
- Book Scavenger¹ – Bertman
- The Borrowers¹ – Norton
- Bunicula¹ – Howe
- The Candymakers – Mass
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory – Dahl
- Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Not Reading¹ – Greenwald
- Charlotte's Web – White
- The Children of Green Knowe¹ – Boston
- The Chocolate Touch – Catling
- The City of Ember¹ – DuPrau
- Clementine¹ – Pennypacker
- Clueless McGee¹ – Mack
- The Collector – Alexander
- The Complete Fairy Tales – Andersen
- Coraline – Gaiman
- The Cricket in Times Square – Selden
- Cursed – Coville
- Dark Lord: The Early Years¹ – Lloyd
- D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths – D'Aulaire
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid¹ – Kinney
- Doll Bones – Black
- Dying to Meet You¹ – Klise
- El Deafo – Bell
- Ella Enchanted – Levine
- The Enchanted Castle – Nesbit
- Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library¹ – Grabenstein
- Fairest of All¹ – Mlynowski
- The Familiars¹ – Epstein
- Fenway and Hattie¹ – Coe
- The First Rule of Punk – Pérez
- Fourth Grade Rats – Spinelli
- Frazzled: Everyday Disasters and Impending Doom¹ – Vivat
- Frindle – Clements
- From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler – Konigsburg
- The Gammage Cup – Kendall
- Ginger¹ – Klimo
- Ginger Pye – Estes
- The Great Brain¹ – Fitzgerald
- Guys Read: Funny Business¹ – Scieszka, editor
- Half a Chance – Lord
- Half Magic – Eager
- Harriet the Spy – Fitzhugh
- Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone¹ – Rowling
- Heidi – Spyri
- Hello, Universe – Kelly
- Hilo: The Boy Who Crashed to Earth^{G/1} – Winick
- The Hoboken Chicken Emergency – Pinkwater
- Home Sweet Motel¹ – Grabenstein
- Hoot – Hiaasen
- The House with a Clock in Its Walls¹ – Bellairs
- How to Be a Perfect Person in Just Three Days! – Manes
- How to Eat Fried Worms – Rockwell
- How to Train Your Dragon¹ – Cowell
- Howl's Moving Castle – Jones
- I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic, 1912¹ – Tarshis
- Ida B – Hannigan
- The Indian in the Cupboard¹ – Banks
- Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus – Bowling
- The Invasion¹ – Applegate
- The Invention of Hugo Cabret – Selznick

- Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key¹ – Gantos
- The Jumbies – Baptiste
- The Jungle Book – Kipling
- Kristy's Great Idea^{G/1} – Telgemeier
- Lassie Come Home – Knight
- The Last Fifth Grade of Emerson Elementary – Shovan
- The Last Wild – Torday
- The Lemonade War¹ – Davies
- Lemons – Savage
- The Lightning Thief¹ – Riordan
- The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe² – Lewis
- Little House in the Big Woods¹ – Wilder
- A Little Princess – Burnett
- Little Women – Alcott
- A Long Way from Chicago – Peck
- The Loser's Club – Clements
- Love That Dog – Creech
- Lucky Strike – Pyron
- The Magic Misfits¹ – Harris
- Magyk¹ – Sage
- Mary Poppins – Travers
- The Matchstick Castle – Graff
- Matilda – Dahl
- Merci Suárez Changes Gears – Medina
- Midnight for Charlie Bone¹ – Nimmo
- The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane – DiCamillo
- Mockingbird – Erskine
- The Moffats¹ – Estes
- Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle¹ – MacDonald
- My Teacher Is an Alien¹ – Coville
- The Name of This Book Is Secret¹ – Bosch
- New Kid^G – Craft
- Old Yeller – Gipson
- The One and Only Ivan – Applegate
- One Dead Spy^{G/1} – Hale
- One for the Murphys – Hunt
- Out from Boneville^{G/1} – Smith
- Over Sea, Under Stone¹ – Cooper
- The Parker Inheritance – Johnson
- Pax – Pennypacker
- The Penderwicks¹ – Birdsall
- Peter Pan – Barrie
- The Phantom Tollbooth – Juster
- Phoebe and Her Unicorn^{G/1} – Simpson
- Pictures of Hollis Woods – Giff
- Pinocchio – Collodi
- Pippi Longstocking¹ – Lindgren
- Powerless¹ – Cody
- Prisoner of Ice and Snow¹ – Lauren
- Ragweed¹ – Avi
- Rain Reign – Martin
- Rescue on the Oregon Trail¹ – Messner
- Rump: The (Fairly) True Tale of Rumpelstiltskin¹ – Shurtliff
- Sarah, Plain and Tall – MacLachlan
- Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark – Schwartz
- School of the Dead – Avi
- The Secret Zoo¹ – Chick
- Secrets of the Cicada Summer – Beaty
- Serafina and the Black Cloak¹ – Beatty
- Shiloh¹ – Naylor
- Shredderman: Secret Identity¹ – Van Draanen
- Sideways Stories from Wayside School¹ – Sachar
- Sisters^G – Telgemeier
- Space Case¹ – Gibbs
- Stargirl – Spinelli
- Stick Dog¹ – Watson
- Stone Fox – Gardiner
- The Stonekeeper^{G/1} – Kibuishi
- Storm Runners¹ – Smith
- The Strange Case of Origami Yoda¹ – Angleberger
- Sunny Side Up^{G/1} – Holm
- Swindle¹ – Korman
- A Tail of Camelot¹ – Leung
- The Tail of Emily Windsnap¹ – Kessler
- Tales from a Not-So-Fabulous Life¹ – Russell
- Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing¹ – Blume
- The Terrible Two¹ – Barnett & John
- Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer¹ – Grisham
- Three Times Lucky¹ – Turnage
- The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle – Connor
- Tuesdays at the Castle¹ – George
- Turtle in Paradise – Holm
- Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer – Jones
- Upside-Down Magic¹ – Mlynowski
- The Vanishing Coin¹ – Egan & Lane
- Wait Till Helen Comes – Hahn
- Warriors: Into the Wild¹ – Hunter
- The Watsons Go to Birmingham – 1963 – Curtis
- Welcome to Dead House¹ – Stine
- Where the Red Fern Grows – Rawls
- Where the Sidewalk Ends – Silverstein
- The Whipping Boy – Fleischman
- The Wind in the Willows – Grahame
- Winnie-the-Pooh – Milne
- Wish – O'Connor

- The Wishing Spell ¹ – Colfer
- The Wolves of Willoughby Chase – Aiken
- Wonder – Palacio
- The Wonderful Wizard of Oz ¹ – Baum
- Woof ¹ – Quinn
- The Year of the Dog ¹ – Lin
- The Year of Billy Miller – Henkes
- Zeus and the Thunderbolt of Doom ¹ – Holub