

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

- ❑ The 50 States: Explore the U.S.A. with 50 Fact-Filled Maps – Balkan
- ❑ Alien Deep: Revealing the Mysterious Living World at the Bottom of the Ocean – Hague
- ❑ All in a Drop: How Antony van Leeuwenhoek Discovered an Invisible World – Alexander
- ❑ Amazon Adventure: How Tiny Fish Are Saving the World’s Largest Rainforest – Montgomery
- ❑ Amelia and Eleanor Go for a Ride – Ryan
- ❑ Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart – Fleming
- ❑ Backyard Bears: Conservation, Habitat Changes, and the Rise of Urban Wildlife – Cherrix
- ❑ Beauty and the Beak: How Science, Technology, and a 3D-Printed Beak Rescued a Bald Eagle – Rose
- ❑ Beyond Words: What Elephants and Whales Think and Feel – Safina
- ❑ Birds vs. Blades?: Offshore Wind Power and the Race to Protect Seabirds – Hirsch
- ❑ A Black Hole Is Not a Hole – DeCristofano
- ❑ Bone Collection: Animals – Colson
- ❑ The Book of Chocolate: The Amazing Story of the World’s Favorite Candy – Newquist
- ❑ Boy: Tales of Childhood – Dahl
- ❑ The Boy Who Fell Off the Mayflower, or John Howland’s Good Fortune – Lynch
- ❑ Boys of Steel: The Creators of Superman – Nobleman
- ❑ The Brain Is Kind of a Big Deal – Seluk
- ❑ Buzzing with Questions: The Inquisitive Mind of Charles Henry Turner – Harrington
- ❑ Can You Hear the Trees Talking?: Discovering the Hidden Life of the Forest – Wohlleben
- ❑ Candy Bomber: The Story of the Berlin Airlift’s “Chocolate Pilot” – Tunnell
- ❑ The Cart That Carried Martin – Bunting
- ❑ Castle – Macaulay
- ❑ Crow Smarts: Inside the Brain of the World’s Brightest Bird – Turner
- ❑ Curiosity: The Story of a Mars Rover – Motum
- ❑ D’Aulaires’ Book of Greek Myths – D’Aulaire
- ❑ Death Eaters: Meet Nature’s Scavengers – Halls
- ❑ Dewey the Library Cat: A True Story – Myron and Witter
- ❑ The Discovery of Longitude – Galat
- ❑ Eats, Shoots & Leaves: Why, Commas Really *Do* Make a Difference! – Truss
- ❑ Eclipse Chaser: Science in the Moon’s Shadow – Loomis
- ❑ Endurance: My Year in Space and How I Got There – Kelly
- ❑ Escape!: The Story of the Great Houdini – Fleischman
- ❑ Everest: The Remarkable Story of Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay – Stewart
- ❑ Everything Dinosaurs – Hoena
- ❑ Face to Face with Wolves – Brandenburg
- ❑ The FeederWatcher’s Guide to Bird Feeding – Barker and Griggs
- ❑ First Flight Around the World: The Adventures of the American Flyers Who Won the Race – Grove
- ❑ Frightlopedia: An Encyclopedia of Everything Scary, Creepy, and Spine-Chilling, from Arachnids to Zombies – Winterbottom
- ❑ From Mud Huts to Skyscrapers – Paxmann
- ❑ The Girl Who Drew Butterflies: How Maria Merian’s Art Changed Science – Sidman
- ❑ Girls Who Code: Learn to Code and Change the World – Saujani
- ❑ Grand Canyon – Chin
- ❑ The Grapes of Math – Tang
- ❑ Greta’s Story: The Schoolgirl Who Went on Strike to Save the Planet – Camerini
- ❑ Hand in Hand: Ten Black Men Who Changed America – Pinkney
- ❑ Hello Lighthouse – Blackall

- Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race – Shetterly
- Hoop Genius: How a Desperate Teacher and a Rowdy Gym Class Invented Basketball – Coy
- How They Croaked: The Awful Ends of the Awfully Famous – Bragg
- How We Got to Now: Six Innovations That Made the Modern World – Johnson
- I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark – Levy
- Knucklehead: Tall Tales & Almost True Stories of Growing Up Scieszka – Scieszka
- Let It Begin Here!: Lexington & Concord: First Battles of the American Revolution – Fradin
- Locomotive – Floca
- Marley: A Dog Like No Other – Grogan
- Mesmerized: How Ben Franklin Solved a Mystery That Baffled All of France – Rockliff
- Moles (The Superpower Field Guide) – Poliquin
- The Monarchs Are Missing: A Butterfly Mystery – Hirsch
- Monster Madness: King Kong, Godzilla, and Other Classic Creatures of the Silver Screen – Zito
- The Mystery of Darwin's Frog – Crump
- National Parks of the U.S.A. – Siber
- Nature's Ninja: Animals with Spectacular Skills – Johnson
- No Map, Great Trip: A Young Writer's Road to Page One – Fleischman
- Not So Different: What You Really Want to Ask About Having a Disability – Burcaw
- One Iguana, Two Iguanas: A Story of Accident, Natural Selection, and Evolution – Collard
- Our Story Begins: Your Favorite Authors and Illustrators Share Fun, Inspiring, and Occasionally Ridiculous Things They Wrote and Drew as Kids – Weissman
- Paul Revere's Midnight Ride – Krensky
- Pet Bugs: A Kid's Guide to Catching and Keeping Touchable Insects – Kneidel
- Pioneer Girl – Wilder
- Plastic, Ahoy!: Investigating the Great Pacific Garbage Patch – Newman
- Playing with Collage – Baker
- A Poem for Peter: The Story of Ezra Jack Keats and the Creation of The Snowy Day – Pinkney
- Poop Detectives: Working Dogs in the Field – Wadsworth
- The Real Spy's Guide to Becoming a Spy – Earnest
- The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus – Bryant
- Roanoke: The Lost Colony – An Unsolved Mystery from History – Yolen and Stemple
- Science Comics: Bats: Learning to Fly – Koch
- Science Warriors: The Battle Against Invasive Species – Collard
- Seven and a Half Tons of Steel – Nolan
- Seven Wonders of the Solar System – Aguilar
- Shackleton's Journey – Grill
- Shark Week: Everything You Need to Know – Brockenbrough
- Sitting Bull: Lakota Warrior and Defender of His People – Nelson
- The Skull in the Rock: How a Scientist, a Boy, and Google Earth Opened a New Window on Human Origins – Aronson
- Something Rotten: A Fresh Look at Roadkill – Montgomery
- The Street Beneath My Feet – Guillain
- Stubby the War Dog: The True Story of World War I's Bravest Dog – Bausum
- Tales of the Cryptids: Mysterious Creatures That May or May Not Exist – Halls
- The Tarantula Scientist – Montgomery
- Thirty Minutes Over Oregon: A Japanese Pilot's World War II Story – Nobleman
- This Book Stinks: Gross Garbage, Rotten Rubbish, and the Science of Trash – Flynn
- Through My Eyes – Bridges
- The Tornado Scientist: Seeing Inside Severe Storms – Carson
- Ugly – Hoge
- Unstoppable: True Stories of Amazing Bionic Animals – Furstinger
- Untamed: The Wild Life of Jane Goodall – Silvey

- Walt's Imagination: The Life of Walt Disney – Rappaport
- Warriors: The Greatest Fighters in History – Callery
- We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball – Nelson
- What a Waste: Trash, Recycling, and Protecting Our Planet – French
- When Marian Sang: The True Recital of Marian Anderson – Ryan
- When Plants Attack: Strange and Terrifying Plants – Hirsch
- When the Sky Breaks: Hurricanes, Tornadoes, and the Worst Weather in the World – Winchester
- Wicked Bugs: The Meanest, Deadliest, Grossest Bugs on Earth – Stewart
- The Wondrous Workings of Planet Earth: Understanding Our World and Its Ecosystems – Ignatofsky
- The Woolly Monkey Mysteries: The Quest to Save a Rain Forest Species – Markle
- Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions – Barton
- World Without Fish – Kurlansky
- Zoo Scientists to the Rescue – Newman