

The RCS Library List of Recommended Nonfiction for Preteens and Early Teens (Grades 6 - 8)

- Alexander Hamilton (The Making of America) – Kanefield
- Anne Frank: Beyond the Diary – van der Rol
- Becoming Kareem: Growing Up On and Off the Court – Abdul-Jabbar
- Becoming Madelleine: A Biography of the Author of A Wrinkle in Time by Her Granddaughters – Voiklis and Roy
- The Best of Stuntology: 304 Pranks, Tricks & Challenges to Amuse & Annoy Your Friends – Bartlett
- A Black Hole Is Not a Hole – DeCristofano
- Black Potatoes: The Story of the Great Irish Famine, 1845-1850 – Bartoletti
- Bomb: The Race to Build – and Steal – the World’s Most Dangerous Weapon – Sheinkin
- Born to Fly: The First Women’s Air Race Across America – Sheinkin
- Breaking Through: How Female Athletes Shattered Stereotypes in the Roaring Twenties – Macy
- Brown Girl Dreaming – Woodson
- The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind – Kamkwamba
- The Boys in the Boat: The True Story of an American Team’s Epic Journey to Win Gold at the 1936 Olympics – Brown
- Calling All Minds: How to Think and Create Like an Inventor – Grandin
- Champion: The Comeback Tale of the American Chestnut Tree – Walker
- Charles and Emma: The Darwins’ Leap of Faith – Heiligman
- Charles Darwin’s On the Origin of Species: A Graphic Adaptation – Keller
- Chasing Lincoln’s Killer – Swanson
- Chew on This: Everything You Don’t Want to Know About Fast Food – Wilson and Schlosser
- Climate Change: The Science Behind Melting Glaciers and Warming Oceans – Sneideman
- Climate Migrants: On the Move in a Warming World – Hirsch
- Crash: The Great Depression and the Fall and Rise of America – Favreau
- Crossing on Time: Steam Engines, Fast Ships, and a Journey to the New World – Macaulay
- Cyrus Field’s Big Dream: The Daring Effort to Lay the First Transatlantic Telegraph Cable – Cowan
- D-Day: The World War II Invasion That Changed History – Hopkinson
- Death on the River of Doubt – Seiple
- The Diary of a Young Girl – Frank
- The Disappearing Spoon: And Other True Tales of Rivalry, Adventure, and the History of the World from the Periodic Table of the Elements – Kean
- Disaster Strikes!: The Most Dangerous Space Mission of All Time – Kluger
- Emancipation Proclamation: Lincoln and the Dawn of Liberty – Bolden
- Endurance: My Year in Space and How I Got There – Kelly
- Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini – Fleischman
- Extreme Longevity: Discovering Earth’s Oldest Organisms – Kenney
- Fake News: Separating Truth from Fiction – Miller
- Fakers: An Insider’s Guide to Cons, Hoaxes, and Scams – Wood
- Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, and the Fall of Imperial Russia – Fleming
- Flesh & Blood So Cheap: The Triangle Fire and Its Legacy – Marrin
- Florence Nightingale: The Courageous Life of the Legendary Nurse – Reef
- Fly Girls: How Five Daring Women Defied All Odds and Made Aviation History – O’Brien
- Flying to the Moon: An Astronaut’s Story – Collins
- Free Lunch – Ogle
- Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott – Freedman
- Fun Science: A Guide to Life, the Universe, and Why Science Is So Awesome – McDonnell

- Games of Deception: The True Story of the First U. S. Olympic Basketball Team at the 1936 Olympics in Hitler's Germany – Maraniss
- The Giant and How He Humbugged America – Murphy
- The Girl Who Drew Butterflies: How Maria Merian's Art Changed Science – Sidman
- Girls Who Code: Learn to Code and Change the World – Saujani
- Give Us the Vote!: Over Two Hundred Years of Fighting for the Ballot – Rubin
- The Great and Only Barnum: The Tremendous, Stupendous Life of Showman P. T. Barnum – Fleming
- The Great Fire – Murphy
- Guts – Paulsen
- Guts & Glory: The American Civil War – Thompson
- Her Own Two Feet: A Rwandan Girl's Brave Fight to Walk – Davis and Uwitonze
- Hidden Figures: The Untold True Story of Four African-American Women Who Helped Launch Our Nation into Space – Shetterly
- Higher, Steeper, Faster: The Daredevils Who Conquered the Skies – Goldstone
- Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow – Bartoletti
- How to Be a Genius: Your Brain and How to Train It – Woodward
- I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World – Yousafzai
- I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives – Alifirenka and Ganda
- In the Shadow of Liberty: The Hidden History of Slavery, Four Presidents, and Five Black Lives – Davis
- Inside of a Dog: What Dogs See, Smell, and Know – Horowitz
- An Invisible Thread – Schroff and Tresniowski
- Isaac the Alchemist: Secrets of Isaac Newton, Revealed – Losure
- Jack London and the Klondike Gold Rush – Lourie
- Just Mercy: A True Story of the Fight for Justice – Stevenson
- Left for Dead: A Young Man's Search for Justice for the USS Indianapolis – Nelson
- Legends: The Best Players, Games, and Teams in Football – Bryant
- Legends, Icons & Rebels: Music That Changed the World – Robertson
- Lion: A Long Way Home – Brierley
- A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier – Beah
- The Magnificent Migration: On Safari with Africa's Last Great Herds – Montgomery
- March: Book One – Lewis
- More Deadly Than War: The Hidden History of the Spanish Flu and the First World War – Davis
- My Survival: A Girl on Schindler's List – FINDER
- The Nazi Hunters: How a Team of Spies and Survivors Captured the World's Most Notorious Nazis – Bascomb
- No Better Friend: A Man, a Dog, and Their Incredible True Story of Friendship and Survival in World War II – Weintraub
- The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism & Treachery – Sheinkin
- Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg – Carmon and Knizhnik
- October Sky – Hickham
- The Omnivore's Dilemma: The Secrets Behind What You Eat – Pollan
- Outcasts United: The Story of a Refugee Soccer Team That Changed a Town – St. John
- Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Book About Brain Science – Fleischman
- Plastic Soup: An Atlas of Ocean Pollution – Abbing
- The Plot to Kill Hitler: Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Spy, Unlikely Hero – McCormick
- The Poison Eaters: Fighting Danger and Fraud in Our Food and Drugs – Jarrow
- Rascal – North
- Reaching for the Moon: The Autobiography of NASA Mathematician Katherine Johnson – Johnson
- The Red Bandanna – Rinaldi
- Red Madness: How a Medical Mystery Changed What We Eat – Jarrow
- Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution – Jiang
- Samurai Rising: The Epic Life of Minamoto Yoshitsune – Turner

- A Savage Thunder: Antietam and the Bloody Road to Freedom – Murphy
- Six Million Paper Clips: The Making of a Children’s Holocaust Memorial – Schroeder
- Spooked!: How a Radio Broadcast and The War of the Worlds Sparked the 1938 Invasion of America – Jarrow
- A Storm Too Soon: A Remarkable True Survival Story in 80 Foot Seas – Tougias
- Ten Days a Madwoman: The Daring Life and Turbulent Times of the Original “Girl” Reporter, Nellie Bly – Noyes
- Torpedoed: The True Story of the World War II Sinking of “The Children’s Ship” – Heiligman
- Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom: My Story of the 1965 Selma Voting Rights March – Lowery
- Twelve Days in May: Freedom Ride 1961 – Brimmer
- Two Truths and a Lie: It’s Alive! – Paquette
- Unbroken: An Olympian’s Journey from Airman to Castaway to Captive – Hillenbrand
- Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team – Sheinkin
- Vietnam: A History of the War – Freedman
- Warriors Don’t Cry: A Searing Memoir of the Battle to Integrate Little Rock’s Central High – Beals
- The Way Things Work Now – Macaulay
- The Wilhelm Gustloff Story (Famous Ships) – Capek
- Witches: The Absolutely True Tale of Disaster in Salem – Schanzer
- The Words We Live By: Your Annotated Guide to the Constitution – Monk