

The RCS Library List of Recommended Books for Young Readers (Grades 3-5)

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

- 11 Birthdays¹ – Mass
Absolutely Almost – Graff
Aesop's Fables – Aesop
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
Bunnica¹ – 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
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
The Hoboken Chicken Emergency – Pinkwater
Home Sweet Motel¹ – Grabenstein
Hoot – Hiaasen
The House with a Clock in Its Walls¹ – Bellairs
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 War ¹ – Davies
 The Lightning Thief ¹ – Riordan
 The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe ² – Lewis
 Little House in the Big Woods ¹ – Wilder
 A Little Princess – Burnett
 Little Women – Alcott
 A Long Way from Chicago – Peck
 Love That Dog – Creech
 Lucky Strike – Pyron
 The Magic Misfits ¹ – Harris
 Magyk ¹ – Sage
 Mary Poppins – Travers
 The Matchstick Castle – Graff
 Matilda – Dahl
 Merci Suárez Changes Gears – Medina
 Mice of the Round Table ¹ – Leung
 Midnight for Charlie Bone ¹ – Nimmo
 The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane
 – DiCamillo
 Mockingbird – Erskine
 The Moffats ¹ – Estes
 Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle ¹ – MacDonald
 My Teacher Is an Alien ¹ – Coville
 The Name of This Book Is Secret ¹ – Bosch
 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 Stone ¹ – Cooper
 The Parker Inheritance – Johnson
 Pax – Pennypacker
 The Penderwicks ¹ – Birdsall
 Peter Pan – Barrie
 The Phantom Tollbooth – Juster
 Phoebe and Her Unicorn ^{G/1} – Simpson
 Pictures of Hollis Woods – Giff
 Pinocchio – Collodi
 Pippi Longstocking ¹ – Lindgren
 Powerless ¹ – Cody
 Prisoner of Ice and Snow ¹ – Lauren
 Ragweed ¹ – Avi
 Rain Reign – Martin
 Rescue on the Oregon Trail ¹ – Messner
 Rump: The (Fairly) True Tale of Rumpelstiltskin ¹
 – Shurtliff
 Sarah, Plain and Tall – MacLachlan
 Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark – Schwartz
 School of the Dead – Avi
 The Secret Zoo ¹ – Chick

Secrets of the Cicada Summer – Beaty
 Serafina and the Black Cloak ¹ – Beatty
 Shiloh ¹ – Naylor
 Shredderman: Secret Identity ¹ – Van Draanen
 Sideways Stories from Wayside School ¹
 – Sachar
 Sisters ^G – Telgemeier
 Space Case ¹ – Gibbs
 Stargirl – Spinelli
 Stick Dog ¹ – Watson
 Stone Fox – Gardiner
 Storm Runners ¹ – Smith
 The Strange Case of Origami Yoda ¹
 – Angleberger
 Sunny Side Up ^{G/1} – Holm
 Swindle ¹ – Korman
 The Tail of Emily Windsnap ¹ – Kessler
 Tales from a Not-So-Fabulous Life ¹ – Russell
 Tales of a Fourth-Grade Nothing ¹ – Blume
 The Terrible Two ¹ – Barnett & John
 Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer ¹ – Grisham
 Three Times Lucky ¹ – Turnage
 The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle – Connor
 Tuesdays at the Castle ¹ – George
 Turtle in Paradise – Holm
 Ugly – Hoge
 Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry
 Farmer – Jones
 Upside-Down Magic ¹ – Mlynowski
 The Vanishing Coin ¹ – Egan & Lane
 Wait Till Helen Comes – Hahn
 Warriors: Into the Wild ¹ – Hunter
 The Watsons Go to Birmingham – 1963 – Curtis
 Welcome to Dead House ¹ – 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