

CTY reading list for 5th and 6th graders

One way we can help [children] begin to shape their own values, their own identities, their own ways of making sense of the world, is to introduce them to works of literature that grapple with important issues.

A message from Diane Ravitch, Assistant Secretary of Education, to the Summer Institute, National Javits Language Arts Project, Saratoga-Warren BOCES, NY, July 24, 1991.

- Endorsing this precept, staff members, program participants, and friends of CTY have compiled this list to encourage young people of extraordinary promise to grow intellectually by reading good books. Use this list as a starting point in developing your own personal reading list.
- Ask your parents, older friends, teachers, and librarians to direct you to books related to your interests and concerns. Talking with friends and family about books that excite you will encourage introspection and reflection as well as stimulate your curiosity about the larger world around you.
- Join online classmates from around the world to read, discuss, analyze, and write about several thematically connected books, guided by CTY faculty, in a challenging CTYOnline *Young Readers Series* [for qualified 4th and 5th graders] or *Art Meets Science* (Nonfiction or Literature) [for qualified 6th and 7th graders] language arts course designed for students who are reading well above grade level.
- Investigate joining or starting a book discussion group in your community. Contact the Great Books Foundation (800-222-5870 or www.greatbooks.com) for information on its program, which encourages reading important books, taking part in interpretive discussions, and writing.
- Visit online bookstores and go to their "Award Winners" section for a variety of highly acclaimed books written throughout the years.

Adventure Stories

Paul Creswick: *Robin Hood*
Daniel Defoe: *Robinson Crusoe*
Alexandre Dumas: *The Count of Monte Cristo, The Three Musketeers*
Thor Heyerdahl: *Kon-Tiki*
Rudyard Kipling: *Kim*
Howard Pyle: *The Story of King Arthur and His Knights*
Sir Walter Scott: *Ivanhoe*
Mary Shelley: *Frankenstein*
Robert Louis Stevenson: *Kidnapped, Treasure Island, other titles*
Bram Stoker: *Dracula*
Jonathan Swift: *Gulliver's Travels*
Mark Twain: *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, Adventures of Tom Sawyer*
Jules Verne: *Journey to the Center of the Earth, other titles*
H.G. Wells: *The Time Machine, The War of the Worlds*

Mythology and Folk Tales

K. Battle: *Great American Folklore*
Hestia Evans: *Mythology: the gods, heroes, and monsters of ancient Greece*
Paul Fleischman: *Dateline: Troy*
Edith Hamilton: *Mythology*
Virginia Hamilton: *The People Could Fly: American Black Folk Tales*
E. and M. Haugaard: *The Story of Yuriwaka: A Japanese Odyssey*
Ted Hughes: *Tales of the Early World*
M. Jaffrey: *Seasons of Splendor: Tales, Myths, and Legends of India*
Diane Wynne Jones: *The Game (Greek)*
Geraldine McCaughrean: *The bronze cauldron: myths and legends of the world*
Clemence McLaren: *Inside the Walls of Troy, Waiting for Odysseus*

Historical Fiction

Marguerite de Angeli: *The Door in the Wall*
Patricia Beatty: *Jayhawker*
Rhoda Blumberg: *Commodore Perry in the Land of the Shogun, The Incredible Journey of Lewis and Clark*
Polly S. Brooks: *Beyond the Myth: The Story of Joan of Arc*
Ina Chang: *A Separate Battle: Women and the Civil War*
James and Christopher Collier: *My Brother Sam Is Dead*
Avi Crispin: *The Cross of Lead*
Karen Cushman: *Catherine, Called Birdy*
Karen Cushman: *The Midwife's Apprentice*
Walter D. Edmonds: *The Matchlock Gun*
Esther Forbes: *Johnny Tremain*
Michael Foreman: *War Boy: A Country Childhood*
Paula Fox: *The Slave Dancer*
Jean Fritz: *Homiesick: My Own Story*
Jean Fritz: *The Great Little Madison*
Sheila Garrigue: *The Eternal Spring of Mr. Ito*
F. Gibson: *Old Yeller*
Karen Hesse: *Out of the Dust*
Irene Hunt: *Across Five Aprils*
Eric Kelly: *The Trumpeter of Krakow*
Clemence McLaren: *Inside the Walls of Troy: A novel of the women who lived the Trojan War, Waiting for Odysseus*
Scott O'Dell: *Island of the Blue Dolphins, Sarah Bishop, other titles*
Katherine Paterson: *Lyddie*
Richard Peck: *A Year Down Under, The River Between Us*
Laura Schlitz: *Good Masters, Sweet Ladies*
Elizabeth Speare: *The Sign of the Beaver, The Witch of Blackbird Pond*
Suzanne Fisher Staples: *Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind*
Mildred Taylor: *The Land, other titles*
Megan Turner: *The Thief*
Robert Westall: *Blitzcat, Echoes of War, The Kingdom by the Sea*

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Modern Fiction

William Armstrong: *Sounder*
Avi: *Blue Heron, Nothing but the Truth*, other titles
Frances Hodgson Burnett: *The Secret Garden*
Jennifer Holm: *Penny From Heaven*
Sheila Burnford: *The Incredible Journey*
Betsy Byars: *Summer of the Swans*
Sook Nyul Choi: *Year of Impossible Goodbyes*
Gennifer Choldenko: *Al Capone does my Shirts*
Brock Cole: *Celine, The Goats*
Sharon Creech: *Walk Two Moons*
Christopher Paul Curtis: *Bud, Not Buddy*
Paul Fleischman: *The Borning Room*
Paula Fox: *Monkey Island, One-Eyed Cat*, other titles
Jack Gantos: *Joey Pigza books*
Jean George: *My Side of the Mountain, The Cry of the Crow*
Patricia R Giff: *Pictures of Hollis Woods*
Karen Hesse: *Out of the Dust*
Minfong Ho: *The Clay Marble*
Ann Kelley: *The Bower Bird*
E.L. Konigsburg: *The View From Saturday*
Jack London: *The Call of the Wild*
Cynthia Lord: *Rules*
Lois Lowry: *The Giver, A Summer to Die, Number the Stars*
Margaret Mahy: *Memory*
L.M. Montgomery: *Anne of Green Gables*
Phyllis Reynolds Naylor: *Shiloh*
Katherine Paterson: *Jacob Have I Loved*
Susan Patron: *The Higher Power of Lucky*
Lynn Perkins: *Criss Cross*
Richard Peck: *A Year Down Yonder*
M. Rawlings: *The Yearling*
W. Rawls: *Where the Red Fern Grows*
Cynthia Rylant: *Missing May*
Louis Sachar: *Holes*
Antoine de Saint-Exupéry: *The Little Prince*
Jerry Spinelli: *Maniac Magee*
Rosemary Sutcliff: *The Shining Company*
Mildred Taylor: *Let the Circle Be Unbroken; Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*
Stephanie Tolan: *Surviving the Applewhites*
Cynthia Voigt: *Dacey's Song, Jackaroo, Tree by Leaf*, other titles
Jacqueline Woodson: *Miracle's Boys*
Laurence Yep: *The Star Fisher, Dragonwings*
Vladimir Zheleznikov: *Scarecrow (translated by Antonia W. Bovis)*

Science Fiction and Fantasy

Richard Adams: *Watership Down*
Lloyd Alexander: *Prydain Chronicles*
Natalie Babbitt: *Tuck Everlasting*
Lucy M. Boston: *The Children of Green Knowe*
Ray Bradbury: *Martian Chronicles*
Eleanor Cameron: *The Court of the Stone Children*
Susan Cooper: *Dark Is Rising Sequence*
William Pene DuBois: *The Twenty-one Balloons*
Brian Jacques: *Redwall*
Ursula Le Guin: *Earthsea Trilogy*
Madeline L'Engle: *Time Trilogy*
C.S. Lewis: *The Chronicles of Narnia*
Robin McKinley: *The Blue Sword, The Hero and the Crown*
Mary Norton: *The Borrowers*
R. O'Brien: *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*
Katherine Paterson: *Bridge to Terabithia*
Philippa Pearce: *Tom's Midnight Garden*
Meredith Ann Pierce: *The Darkangel Trilogy*
William Steig: *Abel's Island*
J.R.R. Tolkien: *The Hobbit, The Lord of the Rings Trilogy*

Mystery

Avi: *True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*
Pierdomenico Baccalario: *The Door to Time series*
John Bellairs: *The Eyes of the Killer Robot*, other titles
Gary Blackwood: *Shakespeare's Spy*
Agatha Christie: *Hercule Poirot mysteries*
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle: *Hound of the Baskervilles*
Anne Fine: *The Tulip Touch*
Cornelia Funke: *The Thief Lord*, other titles
Margaret Haddix: *Running Out of Time*
Virginia Hamilton: *The House of Dies Drear, The Mystery of Drear House*
Michael Hoeye: *Time Stops for No Mouse*, other titles
Betty Levin: *Island Bound*
D. J. MacHale: *Merchant of Death (Pendragon series)*
Michael Morpurgo: *Wreck of the Zanzibar*
Ruth Park: *Playing Beatie Bow*
Philip Pullman: *The Amber Spyglass*
Ellen Raskin: *The Westing Game*
Matthew Skelton: *Endymion Spring*
Elizabeth G Speare: *The Witch of Blackbird Pond*

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Biography and Autobiography

B. Brenner: *On the Frontier with Mr. Audubon*
Michael Brophy: *Michael Faraday*
Ivan Castro: *100 Hispanics You Should Know*
Daniel Cohen: *Carl Sagan: Superstar Scientist*
Joan Dash: *The Triumph of Discovery: Four Nobel Women*
M. Facklam: *Wild Animals, Gentle Women [story of Jane Goodall]*
Kitty Ferguson: *Stephen Hawking: Quest for a Theory of the Universe*
Anne Frank: *The Diary of a Young Girl*
Russell Freedman: *Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery*
Jack Gantos: *Hole in My Life*
James Giblin: *The Many Rides of Paul Revere, Good Brother, Bad Brother: the Story of Edwin Booth and John Wilkes Booth*
Beatrice Gormley: *C. S. Lewis: the Man Behind Narnia*
Sheila Hardy: *Extraordinary People of the Civil Rights Movement*
Jim Haskins: *Outward Dreams: Black Inventors and Their Inventions*
Esther Hautzig: *The Endless Steppe: Growing Up in Siberia*
John Henriksson: *Rachel Carson: The Environmental Movement*
Barbara Kerley: *Walt Whitman: Words for America*
Wanda Langley: *Women of the Wind*
Barbara Lewis: *Kids with Courage: True Stories about Young People Who Make a Difference*
Margaret Mead: *Blackberry Winter*
Milton Meltzer: *The American Revolutionaries, Thomas Jefferson*
Marilyn Nelson: *Carver: A Life in Poems*
Janet Nomura Morey and Wendy Dunn: *Famous Asian Americans*
Mary Olmstead: *Yo -Yo Ma*
Carol Pearce: *Amelia Earhart*
Linda Peavy: *Dreams into Deeds: Nine Women Who Dared*
Carl Sandburg: *Abe Lincoln Grows Up*
Laura Schlitz: *The Hero Schliemann: The Dreamer who Dug for Troy*
Peter Sis: *The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain*
Frances Stonaker: *Famous Mathematicians*
Ginger Wadsworth: *Julia Morgan, Architect of Dreams*
Sophie Webb: *My Season with Penguins: An Antarctic Journal*
Jeanette Winter: *The Librarian of Basra: a True Story from Iraq*
Gene Yang: *American Born Chinese*
Paul Yee: *Tales from Gold Mountain: Stories of the Chinese in the New World*

Art

Steven Adams: *The Impressionists*
George Ancona: *Murals: Walls that Sing*
John Beardsley: *Pablo Picasso*
Jane Bingham: *Aboriginal Art and Culture*
Robert Burleigh: *Seurat and La Grande Jatte : connecting the dots*
Bruno Ernst: *The Magic Mirror of M.C. Escher*
Adrian Dingle: *The Periodic Table: Elements with Style*
Jan Greenberg: *Action Jackson Vincent Van Gogh*
Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan: *The Painter's Eye: Learning To Look at Contemporary American Art*
Paul Johnson: *Art: A New History*
Richard Meryman: *Andrew Wyeth*
Susan E. Meyer: *Mary Cassatt*
Bob Raczka: *More Than Meets the Eye: Seeing Art with All Five Senses*
Nancy Ramage: *Roman Art*
Martin Sandler: *Photography: An Illustrated History*
Jeff Smith: *The Art of Bone*
Zheng Zhensun and Alice Low: *A Young Painter: Life and Paintings of Wang Yani-China's Extraordinary Young Artist*

Poetry

Ann Atwood: *Haiku: The Mood of the Earth*
Sara and John E. Brewton: *Of Quarks, Quasars, and Other Quirks: Quizzical Poems for the Supersonic Age*
Lori Carlson: *Cool Salsa: Bi-Lingual Poems on Growing up Latino in the United States*
Billy Collins: *The Trouble with Poems*
Paul Fleischman: *Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices*
Ralph Fletcher: *Relatively Speaking: Poems about Family*
Jan Greenberg: *Heart to Heart: New Poems Inspired by 20th Century Art*
X.J. and D. Kennedy: *Knock at a Star: A Child's Introduction to Poetry*
Kenneth Koch: *Talking to the Sun: An Illustrated Anthology of Poems for Young People*
Marilyn Nelson: *Carver: A Life in Poems*
Naomi Nye: *The Space Between our Footsteps*
Neil Philip: *War and the Pity of War*
Maria Testa: *Becoming Joe DiMaggio*
Michael Rosen: *Classic Poetry*

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Mathematics

Edwin Abbott: *Flatland: A Romance of Many Dimensions*
R.E. Jason Abdelnoor: *The Silver Burdett Mathematical Dictionary*
Amir D Aczel: *The Artist and the Mathematician: the Story of Nicolas Bourbaki, the Genius Mathematician Who never Existed*
Eric Berlin: *The Puzzling World of Winston Breen*
William Blackwell: *Geometry in Architecture*
Martha Boles and Rochelle Newman: *The Golden Relationship: Art, Math, and Nature*
Keith Devlin: *The Math Instinct*
Julia Diggins: *String, Straightedge, & Shadow: The Story of Geometry*
Michael Ecker: *Getting Started in Problem Solving and Math Contests*
Hans Magnus Enzensberger: *The Number Devil*
Trudi Garland: *Fascinating Fibonacci*
P.R. Halmos: *I Want To Be a Mathematician*
Andrew Kaplan: *Careers for Number Lovers*
Claire Newman, et al.: *Exploring Probability*
Oystein Ore: *Invitation to Number Theory*
H.O. Peitgen and P.H. Richter: *The Beauty of Fractals*
Teri Perl: *Math Equals*
Garth Runion: *The Golden Section*
Marcus Du Sautoy: *The Music of the Primes*
J. Stenmark, et al.: *Family Math*
Dirk Struik: *A Concise History of Mathematics*
David Thomas: *Math Projects for Young Scientists*
David Wells: *The Penguin Dictionary of Curious and Interesting Numbers*

History and Geography

Marc Aronson: *Sir Walter Raleigh and the Quest for El Dorado*
Susan Bartoletti: *Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow, Black Potatoes: The Story of the Great Irish Famine, 1845-1850*
Ann Bausum: *Freedom Riders: John Lewis and Jim Zwerg on the Front Lines of the Civil Rights Movement*
Karen Blumenthal: *Six Days in October: The Stock Market Crash of 1929*
Lynn Curlee: *Brooklyn Bridge*
Russell Freedman: *The Voice that Challenged a Nation: Marian Anderson and the Struggle for Equal Rights*
Jim Murphy: *Blizzard! The Storm that Changed America*
Jim Murphy: *An American Plague: The Time and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever*
James Rumford: *Sequoyah: The Cherokee Man Who Gave His People Writing*
Peter Sis: *The Wall: Growing up Behind the Iron Curtain*
Sally Walker: *Secrets of a Civil War Submarine*
Judd Winick: *Pedro and Me: Friendship, Loss and What I Learned*

Science and Engineering

Margaret J. Anderson: *Food Chains: The Unending Cycle*
George Barr: *Sports Science for Young People*
Robert Bates: *Industrial Minerals: How They Are Found*
Melvin Berger: *Lights, Lenses and Lasers*
Nicholas Booth: *Space: The Next 100 Years*
Edward F. Dolan and Margaret M. Scariano: *Nuclear Waste*
Nigel Hawkes: *Genetic Engineering*
Mark Lambert: *Medicine in the Future*
David Macaulay: *The Way Things Work, other titles*
Thomas Metos: *The Human Mind: How We Think and Learn*
Philip Neal: *The Greenhouse Effect*
Dorothy Patent: *The Quest for Artificial Intelligence*

Periodicals

Calliope Magazine (World History)
Cobblestone Magazine (American History)
Faces Magazine (World Cultures)
Odyssey Magazine (Adventures in Science)
Cricketer Magazine (Literature)
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Classic Fiction

Charles Dickens: *A Tale of Two Cities*, *Oliver Twist*, other titles
Nathaniel Hawthorne: *The House of the Seven Gables*
W.H. Hudson: *Green Mansions*
Victor Hugo: *Les Misérables*, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*
John Steinbeck: *The Pearl*, *The Red Pony*

Music

Melvin Berger: *The Science of Music*
John Duggleby: *Uh Huh! The Story of Ray Charles*
Donna Getzinger: *Antonio Vivaldi and the Baroque Tradition*
Michael Hurd: *The Oxford Junior Companion to Music*
Wynton Marsalis: *To a Young Jazz Musician*
Walter Dean Myers: *Blues Journey*
Roxane Orgill: *Shout, Sister, Shout! Ten Girl Singers Who Shaped A Century*
Elizabeth Partridge: *This Land was Made for You and me: The Life and Songs of Woody Guthrie*
Pam M. Ryan: *When Marian Sang*
Siena C Siegel: *To Dance: A Ballerina's Graphic Novel*

For Our International Readers

Laura Resau: *Red Glass* (Latin America)
John Ibbotson: *The Landing* (Canada)
Sarah Ellis: *Off Man Out* (Canada)
Mary Hoffman and Rhiannon Lassiter: *Lines in the Sand: New Writing on War and Peace* (France)
Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni: *The Mirror of Fire and Dreaming* (India)
Miyuki Miyabe: *Brave Story* (Japan)
Jean-Claude Mourlevat: *The Pull of the Ocean* (French)
Silvana de Mari: *The Last Dragon* (Italy)
Uri Orlev: *Run, boy, Run* (Hebrew)
Cornelia Funki: *The Thief Lord* (German)
Bodil Bredsdorff: *The Crow-Girl: The Children of Crow Cove* (Danish)

Math Games and Puzzles

Mitsumasa Anno: *Anno's Math Games III*, other titles
Stephen Barr: *Mathematical Brain Benders*
Anglea Dunn: *Mathematical Bafflers*
Martin Gardner: any work
Robert Gardner: *Science Projects about Math*
Margaret Kenda: *Math Wizardry for Kids*
Sam Loyd: *Mathematical Puzzles of Sam Loyd*,
More Mathematical Puzzles of Sam Loyd
Norvin Pallas: *Calculator Puzzles, Tricks and Games*
Fred Schuh: *The Master Book of Mathematical Recreations*
Raymond Smullyan: *Alice in Puzzleland*, other titles
Steven Snover and Mark Spikell: *Puzzles and Pastimes for Programmable Calculators & Personal Computers*
George Summers: *New Puzzles in Logical Deduction*
James Stuart Tanton: *Solve This! Activities for Students and Clubs*

Animal Studies

Nic Bishop: *Nic Bishop Frogs*
James Herriot: *All Creatures Great and Small*, other titles
Albert Marin: *Saving the Buffalo*
Sy Montgomery: *Quest for the Tree Kangaroo* *The Tarantula Scientist*
Sy Montgomery: *Walking with the Great Apes: Jane Goodall, Dian Fossey*
Laurence Pringle: *Batman: Exploring the World of Bats*
Don C. Reed: *The Dolphins and Me*

Anthropology & Archaeology

David Attenborough: *The First Eden: The Mediterranean World and Man*
Sara C. Bisel: *The Secrets of Vesuvius: Exploring the Mysteries of an Ancient Buried City*
David Peters: *From the Beginning: The Story of Human Evolution*
Peggy Thompson: *Auks, Rocks, and the Odd Dinosaur: Inside Stories from the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History*