

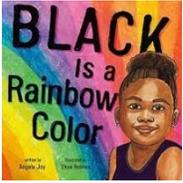
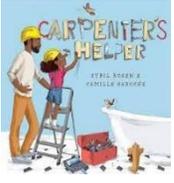
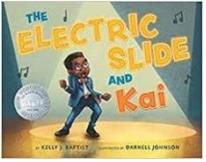
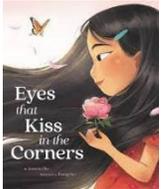
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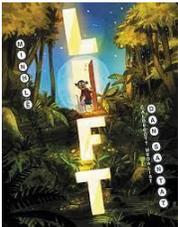
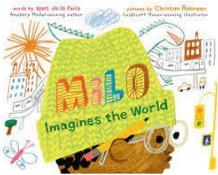
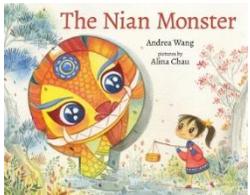
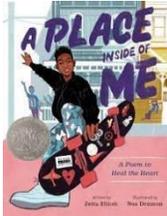
This is a suggested list of the newest and highly regarded books published in 2020-2021 for Grades K-5. This a recommended list for your child's enjoyment. The grade interest levels are a suggestion; not all students read at the same levels or have the same interests.

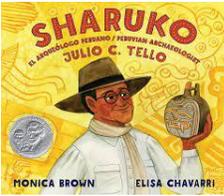
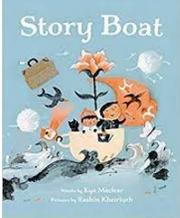
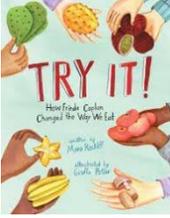
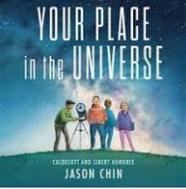
Happy reading!

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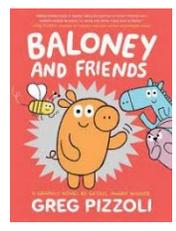
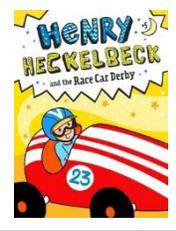
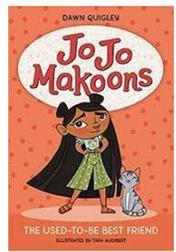
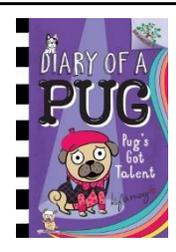
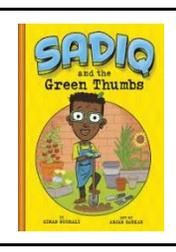
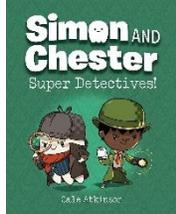
Grades K-2 Picture Books

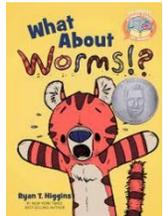
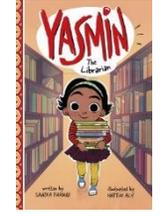
	<p><i>Black Is a Rainbow Color</i> by Angela Joy, illustrated by Ekua Holmes</p> <p>There's no black in rainbows, but Black is more than a color. It's a culture. This picture book celebrates African American history and identity.</p>
	<p><i>Carpenter's Helper</i> by Sybil Rosen, illustrated by Camille Garoche</p> <p>A sweet story about a girl and her family bonding while building a birdhouse in their home.</p>
	<p><i>The Electric Slide and Kai</i> by Kelly J. Baptist, illustrated by Darnell Johnson</p> <p>Kai's family is excited for his aunt's upcoming wedding, but since every family celebration means dancing, Kai's worried he will make a fool of himself on the dance floor again. A picture book celebration of family, love, and overcoming one's fears.</p>
	<p><i>Eyes That Kiss in the Corners</i> by Joanna Ho, illustrated by Dung Ho</p> <p>A picture book filled with wonderful illustrations that encourage children to be proud of who they are and how they look.</p>

	<p><i>A Hatful of Dragons: And More than 13.8 Billion Other Funny Poems</i> by Vikram Madan</p> <p>A silly collection of interactive poems and rhymes in a variety of formats with fun illustrations about mummies, dragons, and more!</p>
	<p><i>I Am a Bird</i> by Hope Lim, illustrated by Hyewon Yum</p> <p>A little girl, riding on the back of her father's bike, is wary of the mysterious woman with a bag they pass. One day, she finds out what the bag is for, and her wariness grows into kinship.</p>
	<p><i>Lift</i> by Minh Lê, illustrated by Dan Santat</p> <p>Frustrated with her little brother taking over her job of pushing the elevator button, a girl takes a discarded button to transform her closet door into a magical elevator. In the process, she discovers that adventures are more fun when you share them.</p>
	<p><i>Milo Imagines the World</i> by Matt de la Peña, illustrated by Christian Robinson</p> <p>While on the subway, Milo imagines different stories for the people he sees, but he soon realizes you can't tell who people really are just by their appearance.</p>
	<p><i>The Nian Monster</i> by Andrea Wang, illustrated by Alina Chau</p> <p>The legendary Nian monster has returned at Chinese New Year. Nian is intent on devouring Shanghai, starting with young Xingling! But Xingling is clever and thinks quickly to outwit him with Chinese New Year traditions.</p>
	<p><i>A Place Inside of Me: A Poem to Heal the Heart</i> by Zetta Elliott, illustrated by Noa Denmon</p> <p>Illustrations and easy-to-read text express a child's awareness of being filled with deep emotions, from joy to sorrow and anger to compassion, but above all, love.</p>

	<p>Sharuko: El arqueólogo peruano Julio C. Tello / Peruvian Archaeologist Julio C. Tello by Monica Brown, illustrated by Elisa Chavarri</p> <p>In this Spanish-English picture-book biography, readers find out about this Indigenous scientist who found skulls and artifacts in the mountains of Peru as a child and went on to become the founder of modern Peruvian archaeology.</p>
	<p>Story Boat by Kyo Maclear, illustrated by Rashin Kheiriyeh</p> <p>Join a little girl and her younger brother as they leave behind the place they know as home and, along the way, make the best of times with what they find. A wonderful refugee story.</p>
	<p>Try It! How Frieda Caplan Changed the Way We Eat by Mara Rockliff, illustrated by Giselle Potter</p> <p>A look into Frieda Caplan's life of being a produce trailblazer, introducing new fruits and vegetables, like baby corn and kiwi, to the American diet.</p>
	<p>We Laugh Alike / Juntos nos reímos: A Story That's Part Spanish, Part English, and a Whole Lot of Fun by Carmen T. Bernier-Grand, illustrated by Alyssa Bermudez</p> <p>Two groups of friends meet in the park, but one group only speaks English, and the other only speaks Spanish. Watch how they play together and discover all sorts of similarities!</p>
	<p>Your Place in the Universe by Jason Chin</p> <p>An introduction to size, scale, and distance that goes from comparing an eight-year-old's height with a stack of books to examining the vastness of the universe.</p>
	<p>Zonia's Rain Forest by Juana Martinez-Neal</p> <p>Explore Zonia's home, the Amazon rainforest, and learn as Zonia respects and protects the Peruvian wildlife and her heritage.</p>

Grades K-2 Early Chapter Books

	<p><i>Baloney and Friends</i> by Greg Pizzoli</p> <p>This funny graphic novel for beginning readers stars Baloney the pig alongside his friends Bizz (a bee), Peanut (a horse), and Krabbit (a very cranky rabbit).</p>
	<p><i>Henry Heckelbeck and the Race Car Derby</i> by Wanda Coven</p> <p>In this fifth Henry Heckelbeck adventure, Henry races to the finish in his first derby! Henry and his friends are going to race in a race car derby! The only problem is each racer has to build their own car. Can Henry magic together the perfect ride? Or will he crash and burn?</p>
	<p><i>Jo Jo Makoons: The Used-to-Be Best Friend</i> by Dawn Quigley, illustrated by Tara Audibert</p> <p>This early chapter book follows Jo Jo, a young Ojibwe girl, as she navigates the troubles and tribulations of being in elementary school. This story also includes snippets of the Ojibwe language with more information in the back matter.</p>
	<p><i>Pug's Got Talent</i> by Kyla May</p> <p>Bub's human, Bella, is putting on a pet talent show! Bub can't wait to wow the audience with his skateboarding stunts, not to mention his snazzy costume. But when dress rehearsal doesn't go as planned, Bub finds that it's up to him - - and his archenemy Duchess the cat -- to make things right. Can he and Duchess work together to make sure the show goes on?</p>
	<p><i>Sadiq and the Green Thumbs</i> by Siman Nuurali, illustrated by Anjan Sarkar</p> <p>Sadiq, a Somali American third-grader, starts a gardening club focused on helping neighbors.</p>
	<p><i>Super Detectives: Simon and Chester</i> by Cale Atkinson</p> <p>A hilarious first volume in a new graphic novel series centered around ghost Simon and human Chester solving the case of a mysterious dog who shows up in their house one day.</p>

	<p><i>Stella Endicott and the Anything-Is-Possible Poem (Tales from Deckawoo Drive, Book 5)</i> by Kate DiCamillo</p> <p>Stella Endicott loves her teacher, Miss Liliana, and she is thrilled when the class is assigned to write a poem. Stella crafts a beautiful poem about Mercy Watson. But Horace Broom, Stella's irritating classmate, insists that Stella's poem is full of lies and that pigs do not live in houses.</p>
	<p><i>What about Worms!?</i> by Ryan T. Higgins</p> <p>Tiger is big and brave—except when it comes to worms! When faced with a worm-themed book and then a big group of worms, he must try to overcome his fear.</p>
	<p><i>Yasmin the Librarian</i> by Saadia Farqui</p> <p>It is library day and helper Yasmin is busy shelving books, but suddenly she discovers that her own special book is missing prompting her to calmly retrace her steps.</p>

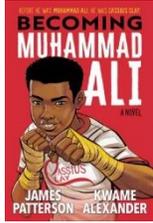
Grades 3 - 5

	<p><i>Amina's Song</i> by Hena Khan</p> <p>Sequel to: Amina's voice. Feeling pulled between two cultures after a month with family in Pakistan, Amina shares her experiences with Wisconsin classmates through a class assignment and a songwriting project with new student Nico.</p>
	<p><i>Attack on Pearl Harbor (Ranger in Time, Book 12)</i> by Kate Messner</p> <p>Ranger travels back to 1941 Hawaii, where World War II is on everyone's minds. That includes Ben Hansen, a young sailor stationed at Pearl Harbor, and twins Paul and Grace Yamada who are making their weekly market trip when Japanese bombs begin to fall from the sky. As the surprise attack puts all of Ranger's new friends in danger, his search-and-rescue training kicks into high gear.</p>



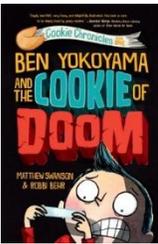
Bear by Ben Queen, illustrated by Joe Todd-Stanton

This graphic novel follows a seeing-eye dog, Bear, as he loses his vision and embarks on an exciting adventure to return home after getting lost.



Becoming Muhammad Ali: a Novel by James Patterson and Kwame Alexander

Before he was a household name, Cassius Clay was a kid with struggles like any other. Readers will learn about Cassius' family and neighbors in Louisville, Kentucky, and how, after a thief stole his bike, Cassius began training as an amateur boxer at age twelve. Before long, he won his first Golden Gloves bout and began his transformation into the unrivaled Muhammad Ali.



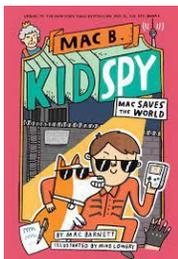
Ben Yokoyama and the Cookie of Doom (Cookie Chronicles, Book 1) by Matthew Swanson

Eight-year-old Ben takes a fortune cookie literally, and believing he has only one day left to live, tries to do everything he has always wanted to before nightfall.



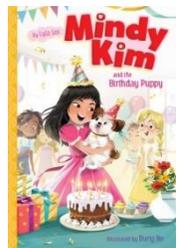
Eva Evergreen, Semi-Magical Witch by Julie Abe

Eva has only a pinch of magic, which makes passing the test to become a novice witch difficult. When she lands in a small coastal town, she sets up a magical repair shop to prove her worth.



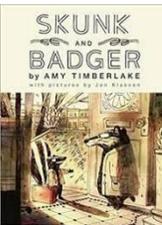
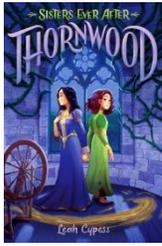
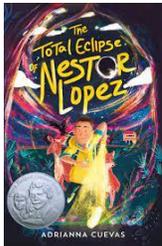
Mac Saves the World (Mac B Kid Spy #6) by Mac Barnett

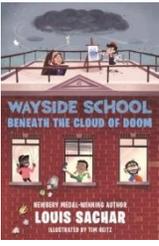
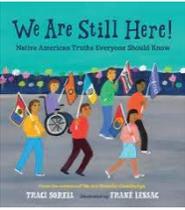
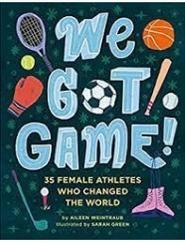
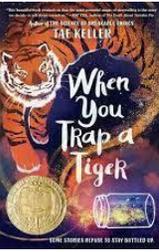
The Queen of England calls on her trusty spy, Mac B., once again. This time, Mac must navigate secret tunnels beneath the Berlin Wall in order to retrieve cheat codes from a Soviet scientist. Floppy disk in hand, our hero finds himself trapped in East Germany, stuck between the wall and the Stasi. How will he escape? Well it is 1989, and walls do fall down.



Mindy Kim and the Birthday Puppy by Lyla Lee

All Mindy Kim has ever wanted is a puppy of her very own. She wants a dog to take on walks, teach tricks, and cuddle with. She knows she has what it takes to be the perfect pet owner, and she thinks a dog would be a perfect gift for her upcoming birthday. But her dad isn't so sure she's ready for the big responsibility.

	<p><i>Shaking Up the House</i> by Yamile Saied Méndez</p> <p>Two sets of First Daughters shake up the White House with hysterical pranks on each other that escalate into an international affair!</p>
	<p><i>Skunk and Badger</i> by Amy Timberlake, illustrated by Jon Klassen</p> <p>No one wants a skunk as a roommate, but Badger doesn't have a choice. His quiet, solitary life is turned upside down by cheery Skunk in this odd-couple tale of friendship.</p>
	<p><i>Stella Díaz Dreams Big (Stella Díaz, Book 3)</i> by Angela Dominguez</p> <p>Stella learns how to navigate fourth grade, participate in several clubs, and have fun with her family and friends.</p>
	<p><i>Thornwood (Sisters Ever After, Book 1)</i> by Leah Cypess</p> <p>The younger sister of Rosalin, known as Sleeping Beauty, relates how their lives have been haunted by a curse, and how she helps save the day once the curse is broken.</p>
	<p><i>Three Keys: A Front Desk Novel</i> by Kelly Yang</p> <p>The sequel to Front Desk finds Mia, now part owner of a motel, working to keep the motel afloat while facing anti-immigration sentiment and helping her best friend Lupe when her father is detained as an illegal immigrant.</p>
	<p><i>The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez</i> by Adrianna Cuevas</p> <p>Nestor wants to keep his ability to talk to animals a secret, but that's a challenge when animals go missing in Nestor's new town and rumors fly about a creature who lives in the forest.</p>

	<p>Ways to Make Sunshine (Ryan Hart, Book 1) by Renee Watson</p> <p><i>The Hart family of Portland, Oregon, faces many setbacks after Ryan's father loses his job, but no matter what, Ryan tries to bring sunshine to her loved ones.</i></p>
	<p>Wayside School Beneath the Cloud of Doom (Wayside School, Book 4) by Louis Sachar</p> <p>Your favorite students and teachers are all here at Wayside School. That includes Sharie, who loves her striped-and-spotted umbrella more than anything; Kathy, who has a bad case of oppositosis; Jason, who has to read the longest book in the world; and the rest of Mrs. Jewls's class.</p>
	<p>We Are Still Here! Native American Truths Everyone Should Know by Traci Sorell, illustrated by Frané Lessac</p> <p>A creatively organized picture book gives both Native and non-Native readers an overview of important topics including forced assimilation, sovereignty, and language.</p>
	<p>We Got Game! 35 Female Athletes Who Changed the World by Aileen Weintraub, illustrated by Sarah Green</p> <p>With amazing facts and detailed information, this nonfiction book shines a spotlight on amazing female athletes at the top of their game. New players and retired competitors alike are showcased for the mark they have made on the world.</p>
	<p>When You Trap a Tiger by Tae Keller</p> <p>Lily makes a deal with a magical tiger in an attempt to heal her sick halmoni in this tale celebrating Korean folklore, strong women, and the power of the imagination.</p>
	<p>The Year I Flew Away by Marie Arnold</p> <p>When 10-year-old Gabrielle moves from Haiti to Brooklyn, she finds that America isn't quite what she expected. With the help of a magical friend, Marie transforms into the perfect American girl but makes sacrifices in the process.</p>