Intended to help both parents and teachers select books for children, this bibliography compiles titles which were checked against ten well-known sources of recommendations for children's books and which were recommended by at least three of these authorities. Sources include the American Library Association's "Notable Children's Books," the Caldecott Medal, the Newbery Medal, and "Children's Choices." Contents of this bibliography include "Books Every Preschool or Kindergarten Child Should Know"; "Books Every First or Second Grade Child Should Know"; "Books Every Third or Fourth Grade Child Should Know"; and "Books Every Fifth or Sixth Grade Child Should Know." Also included is a bibliography of the sources of recommendations. (ARH)
"Must-Read" Books for Elementary Students

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"MUST-READ" BOOKS
FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

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INTRODUCTION

Although experts' opinions and choices of "must-read" books often vary, there is a common core of books that emerge as ones that are repeatedly recommended by highly-regarded authorities in the field of children's literature. This study lists those books that are frequently recommended. The project was intended to help teachers meet those age-old parents' questions: What books should I read to my child? What books should I check out for my child? What books should my child be reading? And, from the teacher's point of view: Which recent authors are most worthy of attention? What books should I be recommending to parents who ask?

This publication includes booklists (categorized by children's ages/school grades) which are compilations of titles recommended by at least three of the following sources:

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Method. Beginning with the books listed for each age category in Choosing Books for Kids: Choosing the Right Book for the Right Child at the Right Time, the recommendations were compared to Jim Trelease's selections in The Read-Aloud Handbook (both 1982 and 1985 editions), and then compared also with the books included in the "Children's Choices" lists from 1974-1986. Nancy Larrick's A Parent's Guide to Children's Reading was a fourth highly-regarded source of recommended books, and the list was then further compared with the American Library Association's "Notable Children's Books" lists from 1971-1986 and with School Library Journal's "Best of the Best, 1966-1978" recommendations. Then, Caldecott and Newbery Medal and Honor books were included, as well as the Sequoyah Award winning books (the favorites as voted by Oklahoma school children in grades 3-6). Finally, the recommendations were compared to the Oklahoma State Department of Education Library Media section's list of "Recent Materials," which is a listing of books that have been favorably reviewed by at least two major evaluative sources (including Horn Book, Booklist, the Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books, and School Library Journal). All ten sources of recommendations were used, then, to compile this "must-read" list of books. To appear on this list, a book must have received a recommendation from at least three sources.

An important factor that impacts this list of "must-read" books is that the timelines of recommendations among all sources do not match. For instance, the SLJ "Best of the Best" list includes only books from 1966-1978, whereas the American Library Association's "Notable Children's Books" lists have been cited from 1971-1986. Nancy Larrick's last edition of A Parent's Guide to Children's Reading was published in 1982, and thus excludes all the excellent books published after that date. Some excellent books, therefore, did not receive at least three recommendations, probably only because some of the sources do not continue up to the present time. The sources used, however, are highly respected for their professional expertise and were judged by the compiler to be appropriate for inclusion in the study.
A second factor to note is the paucity of folk and fairy tales included on this "must-read" list. This traditional literature is included on each individual list in good measure, but differing versions are recommended by the various sources, creating a situation in which very few commonalities resulted on the final list. This is probably due to the fact that children's book illustrators prolifically illustrate their own versions; there are simply so many versions available that there is seldom a consensus of opinion on one particular version.

Complete annotations of the recommended books can be readily found in The Read-Aloud Handbook or in Choosing Books for Kids. The "Children's Choices" annotations appear annually in the October issue of The Reading Teacher as a joint project of the Children's Book Council and the International Reading Association.
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Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds; SDE.

Recommendations: SDE; ALA Notable; SLJ Best; Trelease; Choosing for 5-year-olds.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 3-4-5-year-olds; Choosing's "Ten Books
Every 5-Year-Old Should Know" list.

Recommendations: Children's Choices; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds; SDE.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 3-4-5-year-olds.

1983.
Recommendations: Children's Choices; Larrick; Choosing for Toddlers.

Recommendations: Caldecott Honor; ALA Notable; Trelease; Choosing for 3-7-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds.
BOOKS FOR PRESCHOOL/Kindergarten

Recommendations: Children's Choices; SDE; Choosing for 3-5-year-olds.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 3-5-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable, Children's Choices; Trelease; Choosing for 5-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 5-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; Trelease; SDE.

Recommendations: SLJ Best; ALA Notable; Choosing for 5-year-olds.

Recommendations: Children's Choices; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds; SDE.

Recommendations: Caldecott Honor; ALA Notable; Children's Choices; SLJ Best; Choosing for 3-5-year-olds.

Recommendations: Trelease; Larrick; Choosing for Toddlers, Choosing's "no child should miss this classic" list.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SLJ Best; Children's Choices; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds.

Guinea Pigs Don't Read Books by Colleen S. Bare. Dodd, Mead, 1985.
Recommendations: Children's Choices; SDE; Choosing for 5-year-olds.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 3-5-year-olds.

A House is a House for Me by Mary Ann Hoberman; illustrated by Betty Fraser. Viking, 1978.
Recommendations: Children's Choices; Trelease; Choosing for 5-7-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for Toddlers.

Recommendations: Children's Choices; SDE; Choosing for 3-4-5-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds.
BOOKS FOR PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Caldecott Honor, Choosing for 5-year-olds.

Recommendations: Children's Choices; SDE; Choosing for Toddlers, for 3-4-year-olds.

*Just Like Daddy* by Frank Asch. Prentice-Hall, 1981.
Recommendations: Children's Choices; SDE; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Caldecott Medal 1943; Choosing for 5-year-olds.

*Little Toot* by Hardie Gramatky. Putnam, 1939.
Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 5-year-olds.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 3-4-5-year-olds.

*Make Way for Ducklings* by Robert McCloskey. Viking, 1941.
Recommendations: Caldecott 1942; Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 3-4-5-year-olds; Choosing's "Ten Books All 3-4-Year-Olds Should Know" list.

Recommendations: Caldecott Medal 1965; Larrick; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds; Choosing's "Ten Books All 3-4-Year-Olds Should Know" list.

*Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel* by Virginia Lee Burton. Houghton Mifflin, 1939.
Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 5-year-olds; Choosing's "Ten Books All 5-Year-Olds Should Know" list.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Larrick; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Trelease; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds.

Recommendations: Larrick; SLJ Best; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SLJ Best; Children's Choices; Larrick; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Trelease; Children's Choices.
BOOKS FOR PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN

Recommendations: Trlease; Larrick; Choosing for 3-4-5-year-olds.

Recommendations: SLJ Best; ALA Notable; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds.

The Old Woman and Her Pig and Ten Other Tales by Anne Rockwell. Crowell, 1979.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds.

Recommendations: Caldecott Medal 1972; ALA Notable; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds.

Recommendations: Caldecott Honor; Children's Choices; ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 5-year-olds.

Recommendations: Children's Choices; SDE; Choosing for 3-4-5-year-olds.

Recommendations: Children's Choices; SDE; Choosing for 5-year-olds.

Recommendations: SLJ Best; Trlease; Choosing for 3-4-5-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 5-year-olds.

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Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds.

Recommendations: SLJ Best; Choosing for 3-4-5-year-olds; Choosing's “Ten Books Every 5-Year-Old Should Know” list.

Recommendations: Children’s Choices; SDE; Choosing for 5-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for Babies.
**BOOKS FOR PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN**

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; Choosing for 3-7-year-olds.

Recommendations: Caldecott Medal 1963; Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds; Choosing's "Ten Books All 3-4-Year-Olds Should Know" list.

Recommendations: SLJ Best; Trelease; Choosing for 5-year-olds.

Recommendations: Children's Choice; Trelease; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds.

*Take Another Look* by Tana Hoban. Greenwillow, 1981.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds.

*The Tale of Peter Rabbit* by Beatrix Potter. Warne, 1902.
Recommendations: Trelease; Larrick; Choosing for 3-4-5-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for Toddlers, 3-4-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; Choosing for 5-year-olds.

Recommendations: Trelease; Larrick; Choosing for 5-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; Choosing for babies, 3-4-year-olds.

Recommendations: Caldecott Honor; ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 3-4-5-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 3-4-5-year-olds.

Recommendations: Choosing for 3-4-year-olds; over million copies sold; Trelease.

*What a Good Lunch!* by Shigeo Watanabe; illustrated by Yasuo Ohtomo. Philomel, 1980.
Recommendations: Children's Choices; SDE; Choosing for Toddlers.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Trelease; Choosing for Toddlers; "Toddler's Bookshelf" list.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 3-4-5-year-olds.
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Recommendations: ALA Notable; Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 5-year-olds.

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Recommendations: Children's Choices; SDE; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds; Choosing's "Ten Books Every 6-7-Year-Old Should Know" list.

Recommendations: Trelease; SDE; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Recommendations: Trelease; Larrick; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Recommendations: Trelease; Larrick; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Recommendations: Trelease; Larrick; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Recommendations: Caldecott Medal 1953; Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.
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Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease K-4; Choosing for 6-9-year-olds.

Recommendations: Children's Choices; Trelease; Choosing for 5-year-olds.

*Cinderella* translated and illustrated by Marcia Brown from Perrault. Scribner's, 1954.
Recommendations: Caldecott Medal 1955; Larrick; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Recommendations: Children's Choices; SDE; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

*The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash* by Trinka Noble; illustrated by Steven Kellogg. Dial, 1980.
Recommendations: Children's Choices; ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; Trelease; SDE; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Recommendations: Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds; Choosing's "Ten Books Every 6-7-Year-Old Should Know" list; Larrick.

Recommendations: SLJ Best; ALA Notable; Choosing for 5-6-7-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Recommendations: SLJ Best; Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds; Choosing's "Ten Books Every 6-7-Year-Old Should Know" list.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; Choosing for 5-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; Choosing for 5-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SLJ Best Grades 1-3; Children's Choices; Choosing for 3-4-year-olds.
Books Every First or Second Grade Child Should Know

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

*Gregory, the Terrible Eater* by Mitchell Sharmat; illustrated by Jose Aruego and Ariane Dewey. Four Winds, 1980.
Recommendations: Children's Choices; SDE; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Recommendations: Caldecott Honor; ALA Notable; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Recommendations: Caldecott Honor; ALA Notable; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; SDE.

Recommendations: Children's Choices; SDE; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

*Honey, I Love* by Eloise Greenfield; illustrated by Diane and Leo Dillon.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

*A House Is a House for Me* by Mary Ann Hoberman; illustrated by Betty Fraser.
Recommendations: Children's Choices; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Newbery Honor; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 3-7-year-olds.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Recommendations: SLJ Best; Children's Choices; Trelease.

Recommendations: Children's Choices; ALA Notable; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Recommendations: Children's Choices; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.
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Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

_Mr. Popper's Penguins_ by Richard and Florence Atwater; illustrated by Robert Lawson. Little, Brown, 1938.
Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease Grades 2-4; Choosing 6-7-year-olds.

_Mrs. Peloski's Snake_ by Joanne Oppenheim; illustrated by Joyce Audy diSantos. Dodd, Mead, 1980.
Recommendations: Children's Choices; SDE; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; SDE; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

_Nate the Great and the Phony Clue_ by Marjorie Sharmat; illustrated by Marc Simont. Coward, McCann, 1977.
Recommendations: Children's Choices; SDE; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Recommendations: Caldecott Medal 1978; Children's Choices; Trelease; SDE.

_Nobody Listens to Andrew_ by Elizabeth Guilfoile; illustrated by Mary Stevens. Follett, 1957.
Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

_Now One Foot, Now the Other_ by Tomie dePaola. Putnam, 1981.
Recommendations: Trelease; Choosing for 5-7-year-olds; SDE.

_Old Mother Witch_ by Carol Carrick; illustrated by Donald Carrick. Seabury, 1975.
Recommendations: Children's Choices 1975; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Recommendations: Children's Choices 1977; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Recommendations: Children's Choices 1986; Choosing for 3-7-year-olds; SDE.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices 1986; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds; SDE.

Recommendations: ALA Notable (Grades 1-4); SDE; Choosing for 5-year-olds.

Recommendations: Caldecott Medal; ALA Notable; Choosing for 6-9-year-olds; SDE.

_Romona the Pest_ by Beverly Cleary; illustrated by Louis Darling. Morrow, 1968.
Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds; Sequoyah Award; Choosing's "The Books Every 6-7-Year-Old Should Know" list.
BOOKS—EVERY FIRST OR SECOND GRADE CHILD SHOULD KNOW

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Caldecott Honor; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds; SDE.

Recommendations: SLJ Best; Children’s Choices 1977; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children’s Choices 1984; Choosing for 5-year-olds.

Recommendations: Caldecott Medal; SLJ Best; Trelease; Larrick; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

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Recommendations: SLJ Best; ALA Notable; Children’s Choices 1979; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds; SDE; Choosing’s “The Books Every 6-7-Year-Old Should Know” list.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.
Also see: _More Stories Julian Tells_, Pantheon, 1986.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds; SDE.

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_The Terrible Thing That Happened At Our House_ by Marge Blaine; illustrated by John C. Wallner. Four Winds, 1975.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children’s Choices 1975; Choosing for 5-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children’s Choices; Trelease; SDE.

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*Tikki, Tikki, Tembo* retold by Arlene Mosel; illustrated by Blair Lent. Holt, 1968.
Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Recommendations: Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds; SDE.

*We're In Big Trouble, Blackboard Bear* by Martha Alexander. Dial, 1981.
Recommendations: Children's Choices 1981; Trelease; SDE.

Recommendations: Caldecott Medal; Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds; Choosing’s “The Books Every 6-7-Year-Old Should Know” list.

Recommendations: Children's Choices 1986; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds; SDE.

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The Accident by Carol Carrick; illustrated by Donald Carrick. Clarion, 1976.
Recommendations: Children’s Choices; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Children’s Choices 1982; Choosing for 6-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: Children’s Choices 1980; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds; SDE.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SLJ Best; Larrick; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

Recommendations: SDE; ALA Notable; Trelease; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

Buunicula by Deborah and James Howe; illustrated by Alan Daniel. Atheneum, 1979.
Recommendations: Sequoyah Award 1982; ALA Notable; Children’s Choices 1980; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds; Choosing’s “Ten Books for 8-9-year-olds Too Good to Miss” list.

Caddie Woodlawn by Carol Ryrie Brink. Macmillian, 1935.
Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds; Choosing’s “Classics” list.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.
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Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds; Choosing's "Too Good to Miss" list.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds; Choosing's "Too Good to Miss" list.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SLJ Best; Children's Choices 1974; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds; Choosing's "Too Good to Miss" list.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

Recommendations: Children's Choices for the series in '83, '85, '86; Larrick; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

Recommendations: Trelease; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds; Choosing's "Too Good to Miss" list.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds; Choosing's "Too Good to Miss" list.

*Hawk, I'm Your Brother* by Byrd Baylor; illustrated by Peter Parnall. Scribner's, 1976.
Recommendations: Caldecott Honor; ALA Notable; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

*How I Hunted the Little Fellows* by Boris Zhitkov; translated by Djemma Bider; illustrated by Paul Zelinsky. Dodd, Mead, 1979.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; Trelease; SDE; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

Recommendations: Sequoyah Award 1976; Children's Choices; Larrick; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes; illustrated by Louis Slobodkin. Harcourt, 1944.
Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

If I Were in Charge of the World and Other Worries by Judith Viorst; illustrated by Lynne Cherry. Atheneum, 1982.
Recommendations: Children's Choices 1982; Trelease; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson by Bette Bao Lord; illustrated by Marc Simont. Harper & Row, 1984.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; Trelease; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

Recommendations: Caldecott Medal 1982; ALA Notable; Children's Choices; Trelease; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

Left-Handed Shortstop by Patricia Reilly Giff; illustrated by Leslie Morrill. Delacorte, 1980.
Recommendations: Children's Choices; SDE; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices 1977; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

Recommendations: Larrick; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds; Children's Choices; Trelease's "Classic" list; Choosing's "Ten Books for 8-9-year-olds To Good to Miss" list.

Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard and Florence Atwater; illustrated by Robert Lawson. Little, Brown, 1938.
Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 6-7-year-olds (read-aloud); Children's Choices; "Classic" list.

Ox-Cart Man by Donald Hall; illustrated by Barbara Cooney. Viking, 1979.
Recommendations: Caldecott Medal 1979; ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

Philip Hall Likes Me, I Reckon Maybe by Bette Greene; illustrated by Charles Lilly. Dial, 1974.
Recommendations: Newbery Honor; ALA Notable; Children's Choices 1974; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

Recommendations: Larrick; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds; Children's Choices; "Classic" list.

Recommendations: Children's Choices 1982; SDE; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

Ramona the Brave by Beverly Cleary; illustrated by Alan Tiegreen. Morrow, 1975.
Recommendations: SLJ Best; Children's Choices 1975; Larrick; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

Ramona and Her Father by Beverly Cleary; illustrated by Alan Tiegreen. Morrow, 1975.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices 1978; SDE; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.
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_Ramona and Her Mother_ by Beverly Cleary; illustrated by Alan Tiegreen Morrow, 1979.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices 1980; SDE; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

_Ramona Quimby, Age 8_ by Beverly Cleary; illustrated by Alan Tiegreen Morrow, 1981.
Recommendations: Larrick; ALA Notable; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds; Choosing's "Too Good to Miss" list.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds; Trelease.

_Saint George and the Dragon_ retold by Margaret Hodges; illustrated by Trina Schart Hyman. Little, Brown, 1984.
Recommendations: Caldecott Medal; ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

Recommendations: Newbery Medal 1986; ALA Notable; Children's Choices 1986; SDE; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds; Choosing's "Too Good to Miss" list.

Recommendations: Caldecott Medal 1983; ALA Notable; SDE.

Recommendations: SLJ Best; Trelease; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

Recommendations: Sequoyah Award 1978; Trelease; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

Recommendations: Newbery Honor; Children's Choices 1984; SDE; ALA Notable.

Recommendations: Sequoyah Award 1975; Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; SDE; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Trelease; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 8-9-year-olds.

_Yeh-Shen: A Cinderella Story from China_ by Ai-Ling Louie; illustrated by Ed Young. Philomel, 1982.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Children's Choices 1983.

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KEY TO RECOMMENDATIONS

ALA Notable: American Library Association's Notable Children's Book
Caldecott Medal: For the most distinguished American picture book for children
Caldecott Honor: Honorable Mention for a distinguished American picture book
Newbery Medal: For the most distinguished contribution to American children's literature
Newbery Honor: Honorable mention for a distinguished contribution to children's literature
Children's Choices: An annual list of favorites selected by children
Sequoyah Award: Annual award voted by Oklahoma third through sixth graders
SLJ Best: School Library Journal's "Best of the Best, 1966-1978"
Larrick: Recommended in A Parent's Guide to Children's Reading by Nancy Larrick
Trelease: Recommended in The Read-Aloud Handbook by Jim Trelease
Choosing for 10-12-year-olds: Recommended in Choosing Books for Kids by Oppenheim, Brenner, and Boegehold
SDE: Recommended in the Oklahoma State Department of Education list, based on recommendations by at least two of the major book review sources, including Horn Book, Booklist, School Library Journal, and Bulletin, the Center for Children's Books.

Recommendations: Newbery Honor; ALA Notable; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices 1980; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: SLJ Best; ALA Notable; Larrick; Choosing for 8-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices 1986; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Are You There, God--It's Me, Margaret by Judy Blume. Bradbury, 1970.
Recommendations: Larrick; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds; Choosing's "Ten Books Every 10-12-Year-Old Should know" list.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices 1977; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choice 1974; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.
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Recommendations: Newbery Honor; ALA Notable; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: Newbery Medal, 1978; ALA Notable; Trelease; SDE; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds; Choosing's "Ten Books Every 10-12-Year-Old Should Know" list.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds; Choosing's "Classics" list.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 6-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choice 1986; SDE; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: Newbery Honor; ALA Notable; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds; SDE.

Recommendations: SDE; ALA Notable; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds; Children's Choice 1986.

*Dear Mr. Henshaw* by Beverly Cleary. Morrow, 1983.
Recommendations: Newbery Medal 1984; Sequoyah Award 1985; ALA Notable; Trelease; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: Newbery Medal 1983; ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SLJ Best; Children's Choices 1975; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: SLJ Best; Larrick; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Trelease; SDE; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: Newbery Honor; ALA Notable; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Larrick; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.
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Recommendations: Newbery Medal 1968; Larrick; SLJ Best; Trelease; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: Sequoyah Award 1968; Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: Newbery Honor; ALA Notable; SLJ Best; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 6-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: Newbery Medal 1985; ALA Notable; Children's Choice 1985.

Hiroshima No Pika written and illustrated by Toshi Maruki. Lothrop, Lee and Shepard, 1982.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: Children's Choice 1980; SDE; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: SLJ Best; Larrick; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: Sequoyah Award, 1976; Children's Choice, 1971; Larrick; Choosing for 8-12-year-olds.

If I Were in Charge of the World and Other Worries by Judith Viorst; illustrated by Lynne Cherry. Atheneum, 1981.
Recommendations: Children's Choice, 1982; Trelease; Choosing for 6-12-year-olds.

The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks. Doubleday, 1981.
Recommendations: Choosing for 10-12-year-olds; Trelease; SDE.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: Newbery Medal, 1944; Larrick; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: Newbery Medal, 1973; ALA Notable; Larrick; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: Newbery Medal, 1949; Larrick; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Trelease; SDE; Choosing for 8-12-year-olds.
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*The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C. S. Lewis. Macmillan, 1951.
Recommendations: Trelease; Larrick; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds; Choosing's "Ten Books Every 10-12-Year-Old Should Know" list.

Recommendations: SLJ Best; ALA Notable; Larrick; Newbery Medal 1975; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: Newbery Honor; ALA Notable; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: Newbery Award, 1971; ALA Notable; Trelease; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds; Choosing's "Ten Books Every 10-12-Year-Old Should Know" list.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Trelease; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: SLJ Best; ALA Notable; Children's Choices 1977; Trelease; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: Children's Choices 1981; SDE; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: Larrick; Sequoyah Award 1959; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: Newbery Honor; ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Coretta Scott King Award; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds; SDE.

*Philip Hall Likes Me, I Reckon Maybe* by Bette Greene; illustrated by Charles Lilly. Dial, 1974.
Recommendations: Newbery Honor; ALA Notable; Children's Choices 1974; Choosing for 8-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: Trelease; SLJ Best; ALA Notable; Children's Choices 1978.

Recommendations: SDE; ALA Notable; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: Newbery Medal 1945; Larrick; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds; Choosing's "Classics" list.

Recommendations: Sequoyah Award 1966; Larrick; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.
Recommendations: SLJ Best; Larrick; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices 1981; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: Newbery Medal, 1977; ALA Notable; Trelease; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds; Choosing's "Ten Books Every 10-12-Year-Old Should Know" list.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Newbery Honor; Children's Choices 1984; SDE.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SLJ Best; Newbery Medal 1974; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: SLJ Best; Larrick; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Larrick; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: Newbery Medal, 1971; Larrick; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: Children's Choices 1981; SDE; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Larrick; Trelease; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Thank You, Jackie Robinson by Barbara Cohen; illustrated by Richard Cuffari. Lothrop, Lee and Shepard, 194.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; Trelease; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices 1975; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds; Choosing's "Ten Books Every 10-12-Year-Old Should Know" list.

Trial Valley by Vera and Bill Cleaver. Lippincott, 1977.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: Newbery Medal 1948; Larrick; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: SLJ Best; ALA Notable; Children's Choices 1977.

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Recommendations: ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: Caldecott Honor; ALA Notable; SDE; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Where the Lilies Bloom by Bill and Vera Cleaver. Lippincott, 1969.
Recommendations: SLJ Best; Larrick; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Trelease; Choosing for 8-12-year-olds.

The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame; illustrated by Ernest Shepard. Scribner's, revised ed, 1933 (original 1908).
Recommendations: Larrick; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds; Choosing's "Classics" list.

Recommendations: ALA Notable; Trelease; SDE.

Recommendations: Newbery Medal 1959; Larrick; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Words by Heart by Ouida Sebestyen. Little, Brown, 1980.
Recommendations: ALA Notable; Children's Choices 1980; SDE; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds.

Recommendations: Newbery Medal 1963; Sequoyah Award 1965; Larrick; Choosing for 10-12-year-olds; Choosing's "Ten Books Every 10-12-Year-Old Should Know" list.

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Additional Resources

American Library Association's "Notable Children's Books" list is published annually in Booklist, usually the March 15th issue.

Caldecott and Newbery Medal and Honor books are also listed in Booklist, in the same issue as "Notable Children's Books."

Sequoyah Award winners list is available from the Oklahoma State Department of Education, Library/Media Section, 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105-4599.

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