



Elementary School Book Review Committee Recommended Book List for 2006 - 07

Non-Fiction: Kindergarten to 5th Grade

Chameleon, Chameleon by Joy Cowley

A colorful chameleon encounters friend and foe while making his way from one tree to another in search of a tasty insect dinner.

Did You Say Pears? by Arlene Alda

Photographs and rhyming text introduce readers to a variety of homonyms and homophones.

If You Decide To Go To The Moon by Faith McNulty

Describes what a trip to the moon would be like for a would be astronaut.

Game Day by Tiki Barber

Brothers Tiki and Ronde Barber, two NFL superstars, tell their story of how loyalty, determination, and the power of teamwork help all succeed.

What A Day It Was At School! by Jack Prelutsky

Poems describing a day at school, with heavy backpacks, spelling tests, art and music, the nurse's office and the cafeteria.

Speedway Bikes by David Armentrout

Speedway motorcycles, illustrations, information on the different bikes, the engines, the racing heats, and more.

Almost Gone: The World's Rarest Animals by Steve Jenkins.

Profiles animal species around the world that have gone extinct within human history, or that are at risk for extinction.

Fiction: First Grade

Cow Who Clucked by Denise Fleming

When a cow looses her moo, she searches to see if another animal in the barn has it.

A is for Zebra by Mark Shulman

An introduction to the alphabet for young readers is illustrated by a word that ends in that letter.

Roar of a Snore by Marsha D. Arnold

Disturbed by a deafening snore, Jack wakes up the family and animals one by one in search of the noisy culprit.

The Gift of Nothing by Patrick McDonnell

Mooch the cat tries to think of a gift to give his friend Earl the dog.

Fiction: Second Grade

Bepop Express by Heather L. Panahi

A rollicking rhythmic express train takes passengers on a ride through the history of American jazz.

Big Chickens by Leslie Helakosky

While trying to escape from a wolf, four frightened chickens keep getting themselves into the very predicaments they are trying to avoid.

I Lost My Tooth in Africa by Penda Diakite

While visiting her father's family in Mali, a young girl loses a tooth, places it under a calabash, and receives a hen and rooster from the African Tooth Fairy.

Probuditi! by Christ Van Allsburg

On his birthday, Calvin and his friend Rodney see a magician perform, then copy him by hypnotizing Calvin's little sister, but the joke is on them when they are unable to snap her out of it.

Squashed in the Middle by Elizabeth Winthrop

When Daisy, a middle child, is invited to spend the night at her friend's house, her family finally pays attention to her.

I Saw an Ant on the Railroad Track by Joshua Prince

Jack, a railroad switchman, frantically tries to save an ant who is heading east on a west bound track, straight into the path of an oncoming freight train.

One Winter's Day by Christina M. Butler

When a wintry wind blows away Little Hedgehog's nest, he sets out for his friend Badger's house. The generosity he shows to others during his journey is returned to him when the snowstorm is over.



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Fiction: Third Grade

Once Upon a Cool Motorcycle Dude by Kevin O'Malley

Cooperatively writing a fairy tale for school, a girl imagines a beautiful princess whose beloved ponies are being stolen by a giant, and a boy conjures up the muscular biker who will guard the last pony in exchange for gold.

Biggest Soap by Carole Lexa Schaefer

When Kessy, who lives in the Truk Islands, is sent by his mother to buy laundry soap, he hurries back to listen to her storytelling, discovering that his own experience makes a good story too.

Away West Series – Scraps of Time by Patricia McKissack

In 1879, thirteen year old Everett Turner leaves a life of struggle on his family's farm and runs away to St. Louis, where he works in a livery stable before heading to the all Black town of Nicodemus, Kansas.

Star Seeker: A journey to Outer Space by Theresa Heine

Take an imaginary journey through the night sky, from joining Orion on a hunt to hitching up the North Star for a ride; includes facts about astronomy, the solar system and constellations.

Saving Strawberry Farm by Deborah Hopkinson

During the Great Depression, Davy learns that a neighbor's property is about to be auctioned,

and he rallies his friends, neighbors, and family to help save Strawberry Farm.

Traction Man is Here! By Mini Grey

Traction Man, a boy's courageous action figure, has a variety of adventures with Scrubbing Brush and other obstacles in the house.

Peggyon-Po: A Whale of a Tale by Andrea Dais Pinkney

Peggyon-Po, carved out of wood by his father, a one legged whaler, determines to catch the huge whale that ate his father's leg.

Fiction: Fourth Grade

Sally Jean the Bicycle Queen by Cari Best

When Sally Jean outgrows her beloved bicycle, Flash, she experiments with various ideas for acquiring a new, bigger one.

Timothy Cox Will Not Change His Socks by Robert Kinerk

Timothy Cox, who is good at following through on ideas, decides to wear the same unwashed socks for one month, ignoring the objections of his dachshund, Walt, and everyone else around him.

The Last Badge by George McClements

Samuel Moss and his father set out on an important expedition to capture and photograph the rare Moon frog in order to earn his very last Grizzly Scout badge and become part of a family tradition.

Clementine by Sara Pennypacker

While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, eight year old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.

Project Mulberry by Linda Sue Park

Julia, a Korean-American, and her friend Patrick learn about tolerance, friendship, and patience while working together on a project about silkworms.

Fiction: Fifth Grade

Dear Max by Sally Grindley

As Max – who is almost ten—and his favorite author DJ Lucas, exchange letters, the two writers help each other with their new books and develop a special friendship.

Flush by Carl Hiassen

With their father jailed for sinking a river boat, Noah Underwood and his younger sister, Abbey, must gather evidence that the owner of this floating casino is emptying his bilge tanks into the protected waters around their Florida Keys home.

Phineas L. MacGuire – Erupts! The first Experiment by Frances O'Roark Dowell

Fourth grade science whiz Phineas MacGuire is forced to team up with the new boy in class on a science fair project, but the boy's quirky personality causes Phineas to wonder if they have any chance of winning.