

## Reading List – Grades 6 to 8

### Fiction: Classic and Contemporary

*The Acorn People* – Jones, Ron  
*The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* – Twain, Mark  
*Anne of Green Gables* – Montgomery, Lucy Maud  
*The Cat Ate My Gymsuit* – Danziger, Paula  
*The Cay* – Taylor, Theodore  
*Child of the Owl* – Yep, Laurence  
*A Christmas Carol* – Dickens, Charles  
*Durango Street* – Bonham, Frank  
*Eyes of Darkness* – Highwater, Jamake  
*Firefly Summer* – Bulpre, Pura  
*Flowers for Algernon* – Keyes, Daniel  
*Friendly Persuasion* – West, Jessamyn  
*The Friends* – Guy, Rosa  
*Ganesh* – Bosse, Malcolm  
*The Glory Field* – Myers, Walter Dean  
*Holes* – Sachar, Louis  
*Homecoming* – Voigt, Cynthia  
*Island of the Blue Dolphins* – O’Dell, Scott  
*The Islander* – Rylant, Cynthia  
*The Journey Home* – Uchida, Yoshiko  
*Lisa, Bright and Dark* – Neufield, John  
*The Little Prince* – De Saint-Exupery, Antoine  
*Little Women* – Alcott, Louisa May  
*M.C. Higgins, the Great* – Hamilton, Virginia  
*The Moves Make the Man* – Brooks, Bruce  
*My Side of the Mountain* – George, Jean Craighead  
*Park’s Quest* – Paterson, Katherine  
*The Pearl* – Steinbeck, John  
*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* – Taylor, Mildred D.  
*Summer of My German Soldier* – Greene, Bette  
*Summer of the Swans* – Byars, Betsy  
*The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* – Avi  
*Words by Heart* – Sebestyen, Ouida  
*Year of Impossible Goodbyes* – Choi, Sook Nyui  
*The Yearling* – Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan

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### Historical Fiction

- Across Five Aprils* – Hunt, Irene  
*After the Dancing Days* –Rostkowski, Margaret  
*Bull Run* – Fleischman, Paul  
*Catherine, Called Birdy* –Cushman, Karen  
*Johnny Tremain* – Forbes, Esther  
*Lyddie* – Paterson, Katherine  
*The Night Journey* – Lasky, Kathryn  
*Out of the Dust* – Hesse, Karen  
*The Slave Dancer* – Fox, Paula  
*The Watsons Go to Birmingham –1963* – Curtis, Christopher Paul  
*The Witch of Blackbird Pond* –Speare, Elizabeth George

### Science Fiction/Fantasy

- Abel's Island* – Steig, William  
*The Book of Three* – Alexander, Lloyd  
*The Hobbit* – Tolkien, J.R.R.  
*I, Robot* – Asimov, Isaac  
*The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* – Lewis, C.S.  
*Peter Pan* – Barrie, James  
*Phantom Tollbooth* – Juster, Norton  
*The Shepherd Moon* – Hoover, H.M.  
*Swiftly Tilting Planet* –L' Engle, Madeleine  
*The Time Machine* – Wells, H.G.  
*Tuck Everlasting* – Babbitt, Natalie  
*A Wizard of Earthsea* –Le Guin, Ursula  
*Z for Zachariah* – O'Brien, Robert C.

### Mystery/Adventure

- The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*– Doyle, Arthur Conan  
*And Then There Were None* –Christie, Agatha  
*Call of the Wild* – London, Jack  
*Hatchet* – Paulsen, Gary  
*Motel of the Mysteries* –Macauley, David

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*Stranded* – Mikaelson, Ben

*Treasure Island* –Stevenson, Robert Louis

*The Westing Game* – Raskin, Ellen

### Folklore/Fairy Tales/Mythology

*Aesop's Fables* – Aesop

*American Tall Tales* –Osborne, Mary Pope

*The Crest and the Hide (and other African stories)* –Courlander, Harold

*D'Aulaire's Norse Gods and Giants* –D'Aulaire, Ingri and Edgar

*Favorite Folktales from Around the World* – Yolen, Jane

*Grimm Fairy Tales* –Grimm, Jacob and Wilhelm(original authors)

*Jason and the Argonauts* –Osborne, Mary Pope (ed.)

*The People Could Fly: American*

*Black Folktales* –Hamilton, Virginia

*Three Strong Women* –Stamm, Claus and Kazue Mizumura

### Poetry

Selections from *Been to Yesterdays* –Hopkins, Lee Bennet

Selections from *The Collected Poems of John Ciardi* – Ciardi, John

Selections from *Custard and Company* – Nash, Ogden

Selections from *The Dream Keeper and Other Poems* –Hughes, Langston

Selections from *Ego Tripping and Other Poems for Young People* –Giovanni, Nikki

Selections from *Four Ancestors:Stories, Songs, and Poems from Native North America* –Bruchac, Joseph

“The Highwayman” – Noyes, Alfred

Selections from *Inner Chimes* –Goldstein, Bobbye

“The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere” –Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth

“Odes to Common Things” –Neruda, Pablo

“Song of Myself” – Whitman, Walt

Selections from *You Come Too* –Frost, Robert

### Short Stories

Selections from *Baseball in April and Other Stories* – Soto, Gary

“The Bear” – Faulkner, William

“Boys and Girls” – Munro, Alice

“The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County” – Twain, Mark

“Charles” – Jackson, Shirley

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“A Day’s Wait” – Hemingway, Ernest  
Selections from *Eight Plus One* – Cormier, Robert  
“The Legend of Sleepy Hollow” – Irving, Washington  
“A Mother in Mannville” – Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan  
“The Night the Bed Fell” – Thurber, James  
“Raymond’s Run” – Bambara, Toni Cade  
“Riki Tiki Tavi” – Kipling, Rudyard  
“The Storyteller” – Saki  
“The Tell-Tale Heart” – Poe, Edgar Allan  
“Thank You Ma’am” – Hughes, Langston  
“Zlatch the Goat” – Singer, Isaac Bashevis

### Drama

*Brian’s Song* – Blinn, William  
*Inherit the Wind* – Lawrence, Jerome and Robert Lee  
*A Midsummer Night’s Dream* – Shakespeare, William  
*The Miracle Worker* – Gibson, William  
*The Mousetrap and Other Plays* – Christie, Agatha  
*Our Town* – Wilder, Thornton

### Nonfiction: Science, Social Studies, and Mathematics

*Across America on an Emigrant Train* – Murphy, Jim  
*The American Revolutionaries* – Meltzer, Milton  
*Bound for America: Forced Migration of Africans* – Haskins, James  
*The Brooklyn Bridge: They Said It Couldn’t be Built* – St. George, Judith  
*Cathedral: The Story of its Construction* – Macaulay, David  
*Digger: The Tragic Fate of the California Indians* – Stanley, Jerry  
*Farewell to Manzanar* – Houston, Jeanne Watzkuzuki  
*Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inventions by Women* – Thimmesh, Catherine  
*The Great Fire* – Murphy, Jim

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*Hiroshima* – Hersey, John  
*History of Women in Science for Young People* – Epstein, Vivian  
*How the Future Began: Communications* – Wilson, Anthony  
*The I Hate Mathematics! Book* – Burns, Marilyn  
*Kennedy Assassinated! The World Mourns* – Hampton, William  
*Living Up the Street* – Soto, Gary  
*A Night to Remember* – Lord, Walter  
*No Pretty Pictures: A Child of War* – Lobel, Anita  
*Orphan Train Rider* – Warren, Andrea  
*Rosie the Riveter: Women Working on the Homefront in World War II* – Colman, Penny  
*Safari Beneath the Sea: The Wonder of the Pacific Northwest* – Swanson, Diane  
*Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World* – Armstrong, Jennifer  
*Space Station Science: Life in Free Fall* – Dyson, Marianne  
*The Way Things Work* – Macaulay, David  
*When Justice Failed: The Fred Korematsu Story* – Chin, Steven A.  
*Wildlife Rescue: The Work of Dr. Kathleen Ramsay* – Dewey, Jennifer Owings

### Biography/Autobiography

*King of the World: Muhammed Ali and the Rise of an American Hero* – Remnick, David  
*The Life and Death of Crazy Horse* – Freedman, Russell  
*Shadow Catcher: Life & Work of Edward S. Curtis* – Lawlor, Laurie  
*Amelia Earhart: Courage in the Sky* – Kerby, Mona  
*The Story of Thomas Alva Edison* – Cousins, Margaret  
*Zlata's Diary: A Child's Life in Sarajevo* – Filipovic, Zlata  
*The Diary of a Young Girl* – Frank, Anne  
*Benjamin Franklin: The New American* – Meltzer, Milton  
*Homesick: My Own Story* – Fritz, Jean  
*The Children of Willesden Lane: Beyond the Kindertransport* – Golabek, Mona and Lee Cohen  
*My Life with the Chimpanzees* – Goodall, Jane  
*All Creatures Great and Small* – Herriot, James  
*Thomas Jefferson: The Revolutionary Aristocrat* – Meltzer, Milton  
*On the Court with Michael Jordan* – Christopher, Matt

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*Lives of the Writers* – Krull, Kathleen

*The Great Little Madison* –Fritz, Jean

*Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery* – Freedman, Russell

*Bully for You, Teddy Roosevelt* –Fritz, Jean

*Sojourner Truth: Ain't I a Woman?* –McKissack, Patricia

*Leonardo da Vinci: Artist, Inventor, and Scientist of the Renaissance* –Romei, Francesca

*Ryan White: My Own Story* –White, Ryan

### Magazines/Newspapers

*Consumer Reports*

*Cricket*

*Faces: The Magazine About People*

*Muse*

*National Geographic*

*Newsweek*

*Science World*

*Scope*

*Time*

*USA Today*