

Greatest Books for Kids from the Trait Lady

PICTURE BOOKS

Title	Author
A Place to Grow	Soyung Pak
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day	Judith Viorst
All In a Day's Work	Eve Bunting
All the Places to Love	Patricia MacLachlan
An Island Grows <i>The simple elegance of this text should inspire all young writers to see how much can be done with so little.</i>	Lola M. Schaefer
Bad Case of Stripes	David Shannon
Bat Loves the Night	Nicola Davies
The Best Class Picture Ever	Denis Roche
Big Al	Andrew Clements
Birds	Kevin Henkes
Blood and Gore <i>The circulatory system was never this fascinating when I went to school. I wish someone like Vicki Cobb had written my textbooks!</i>	Vicki Cobb
Bullfrog Pops <i>This is the ultimate "verb" book. Page spreads end on a verb, inviting readers to guess what comes next, after the action word. But be prepared for surprises. Those verbs can be tricky.</i>	Rick Walton
Charlie Anderson <i>Wonder how to end a story other than "the end"? Read this lovely story that has three endings: a wrap up, a personal insight, a surprise.</i>	Barbara Abercrombie

Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type	Doreen Cronin
Cloud Dance	Thomas Locker
The Composition <i>What would you do if the government came into your classroom and required an essay of every student that explained what the family did in the evenings? Do you tell the truth and put your family in danger because of their anti-government sentiments and meetings, or do you cover?</i>	Antonio Skarmeta
Courage	Bernard Waber
Dear Mrs. La Rue: Letter from Obedience School	Mark Teague
The Diamond Life	Charles R. Smith Jr.
Diary of a Worm	Doreen Cronin
Dizzy	Jonah Winter
Dog Breath	Dav Pilkey
Don't Take Your Snake for a Stroll	Karen Ireland
Dream Weaver <i>Free verse poetry, this beautifully written text extols habits and virtues of spiders.</i>	Jonathan London
Duck on a Bike	David Shannon
Eats, Shoots & Leaves <i>I bet you never thought you'd enjoy a book on punctuation! Try this one. It's clever and quite funny. Plus you learn a thing or two.</i>	Lynne Truss
Exploding Ants	Joanne Settel
Fancy Nancy	Robin Priess Glasser
Fireflies	Judy Brinckloe
Five Little Monkeys Go Shopping	Eileen Christelow

Fox <i>Readers beware. This is not a book for little children.</i>	Margaret Wild
The Girl's Like Spaghetti	Lynn Truss
Grand Canyon: Exploring a Natural Wonder	Wendell Minor
Greedy Apostrophe	Jan Carr
Have You Seen Trees?	Joanne Oppenheim
Hello Ocean <i>A beautifully sensory book, this story is told through the eyes of a young girl and her adventures at the seaside.</i>	Pam Munoz Ryan
The Hickory Chair <i>My top pick for a picture book, I simply love this text. I never tire of reading it, and I've shared it with thousands of teachers and students. It's just brilliantly wonderful.</i>	Lisa Rowe Fraustino
Hoops	Robert Burleigh
I Am America <i>This is a beautiful, simple, affirming text that reminds us that we are all different, and that's what makes our country strong.</i>	Charles R. Smith Jr.
I Am the Dog/I Am the Cat <i>Oh, these two pets couldn't be more different. Enjoy their back and forth explanations of how they act, what matters most to each, and why each is so lovable.</i>	Donald Hall
I Love You the Purplest	Barbara Joosse
I Wanna Iguana	Karen Kaufman Orloff
Ish <i>The power of trying and doing the best you can is celebrated in this brilliant book. Read it with The Dot, and then talk about motivation with children of all ages.</i>	Peter H. Reynolds
It's a Book <i>It's easy to get so caught up in the latest technology that we forget the power of a book. Smith writes an important and delightful book.</i>	Lane Smith

Lest We Forget	<i>Velma Maia Thomas</i>
The Librarian of Basra	<i>Jeanette Winter</i>
Lincoln: A Photobiography	<i>Russell Freedman</i>
Martin's Big Words	<i>Doreen Rappaport</i>
Meanwhile Back at the Ranch <i>I laugh out loud at this hilarious book every time I read it. It's so clever and all readers will find something to love about the two crazy old main characters.</i>	<i>Trinka Hanks Noble</i>
Millions of Cats	<i>Wanda Gag</i>
Motel of the Mysteries	<i>David Macaulay</i>
No, David!	<i>David Shannon</i>
Nothing Ever Happens on 90th Street	<i>Roni Schotter</i>
Nouns and Verbs Have a Field Day	<i>Robin Pulver</i>
The Old Woman Who Named Things	<i>Cynthia Rylant</i>
The Other Side	<i>Jacqueline Woodson</i>
Owl Moon <i>There isn't another picture book as fluent as this award-winning text. It's quiet and powerful.</i>	<i>Jane Yolen</i>
Pig Pigger Piggest	<i>Rick Walton</i>
Punctuation Takes a Vacation	<i>Robin Pulver</i>
Rachel: the Story of Rachel Carson	<i>Amy Erlich</i>
Rimshots <i>If you don't feel like you live and breath basketball by the time you finish this fine book, you need to read it again!</i>	<i>Charles R. Smith Jr.</i>

Rose's Journal <i>Explore life in the Great Depression in this journal-like text written from the point of view of a young girl experiencing life during this period of American history.</i>	Marissa Moss
The Secret Knowledge of Grown-Ups <i>Ever wonder why grownups tell kids to eat their vegetables? The real reasons, the ones adults never tell kids, are explored in this outrageously funny book.</i>	David Wisniewski
Seven Blind Mice	Ed Young
Sitta's Secrets	Naomi Shihab Nye
Straight to the Pole	Kevin O'Malley
Switch on the Night	Ray Bradbury
Thank You, Mr. Falker	Patricia Polacco
This is Your Life Cycle <i>Now this is a book with VOICE. Enjoy learning about the Life Cycle in a game show format with lively characters and actions.</i>	Heather Lynn Miller
Those Shoes	Maribeth Boelts
True Story of the Three Little Pigs by A. Wolf	Jon Scieszka
Twenty-Odd Ducks	Lynn Truss
Twilight Comes Twice	Ralph Fletcher
Voices in the Park	Anthony Browne
We the Kids <i>Old, historic documents don't have to be boring or a turn off, as this new look at the Preamble to the Constitution clearly shows.</i>	David Catrow
The Web Files	Margie Palatini
What You Know First	Patricia MacLachlan
Who is the Beast	Keith Baker

<p>Why the Banana Split <i>Explore English idioms in this funny book about language.</i></p>	<p>Rick Walton</p>
<p>Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge <i>A favorite of every teacher, this book explores the story behind objects that have great meaning to us.</i></p>	<p>Mem Fox</p>
<p>Yesterday I had the Blues <i>Free verse poetry, this book explores the attitudes of family members and associates each with a color. It's a delight from beginning to end.</i></p>	<p>Jeron Ashford Frame</p>

CHAPTER AND YOUNG ADULT BOOKS (*):

Title	Author
39 Clues Series	Rick Riordan, Gordon Korman, Peter Lerangis, Jude Watson, Linda Sue Park, Patrick Carman, Margaret Paterson Haddix
A Single Shard	Linda Sue Park
A Wrinkle in Time	Madeleine L'Engle
The Adventures of Captain Underpants	Dav Pilkey
Adventures of Ulysses	Bernard Evslin
Because of Winn-Dixie	Kate DiCamillo
Becoming Naomi Leon	Pam Munoz Ryan
Ben and Me: An Astonishing Life of Benjamin Franklin by His Good Mouse Amos	Robert Lawson
Bud, Not Buddy	Christopher Paul Curtis
Cannery Row	John Steinbeck

Charlotte's Web <i>Every adult should treat themselves to reading this fine book again. It gets better and better with every read! read it aloud to someone at your house. You'll both want to read all night.</i>	E. B. White
Chasing Vermeer	Blue Balliett
Dear Mr. Henshaw	Beverly Cleary
Diary of a Wimpy Kid <i>Jeff Kinney knows what's funny. Don't settle for the movie – read and enjoy every page of this hilarious story that everyone will love.</i>	Jeff Kinney
Donovan's Word Jar	Monalisa DeGross
*Fahrenheit 451 <i>A world without books and without reading might seem impossible, but Bradbury gives us a chilling look at what might happen if we forget that books give us hope, compassion, and understanding.</i>	Ray Bradbury
Frindle	Andrew Clements
*The Giver	Lois Lowrey
*The Glory Field	Walter Dean Myers
The Golden Compass	Philip Pullman
Harris and Me <i>Semi-autobiographical, this hilarious yet touching story will have you rolling in the aisles and reaching for Kleenex at the same time.</i>	Gary Paulsen
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone	J.K. Rowling
Hatchet <i>The all-time favorite book of young teens and tweens. Boys and girls alike love the writing, the story, the amazing voice.</i>	Gary Paulsen
Holes	Lous Sachar
The House on Mango Street	Sandra Cisneros
How to Eat Fried Worms	Thomas Rockwell

*The Hunger Games	<i>Suzanne Collins</i>
*The Iceberg Hermit <i>What would it be like to be the only survivor of a shipwrecked whaling ship in Antarctica, winter after winter? Historical fiction, this adventure survival story is right up there with Hatchet, by Gary Paulsen.</i>	<i>Arthur Roth</i>
Inkheart <i>Imagine living inside your favorite book? What if you could bring your favorite characters to life? Mo can. And what happens is simply amazing.</i>	<i>Cornelia Funke</i>
The Invention of Hugo Cabret	<i>Brian Selznick</i>
Kavik the Wolf Dog	<i>Walt Morey</i>
*The Last Book in the Universe	<i>Rodman Philbrick</i>
The Lightning Thief	<i>Rick Riordan</i>
Love That Dog and Hate That Cat	<i>Sharon Creech</i>
Maniac Magee	<i>Jerry Spinelli</i>
*No More Dead Dogs <i>Why do the dogs always die in award winning books? The protagonist has some pretty tough questions about books, literature, and life that get him into a jam with his English teacher, and out again.</i>	<i>Gordon Korman</i>
*Oh My Gods <i>Fall in love with Greek and Roman Mythology all over again with this hip, updated, and chocked full of fascinating information text. First of a series not to be missed.</i>	<i>Megan E. Bryant</i>
The Outsiders	<i>S.E. Hinton</i>
The Pearl	<i>John Steinbeck</i>
Pedro's Journal	<i>Pam Conrad</i>
The Phantom Tollbooth	<i>Norton Juster</i>

Rules <i>Gentle, sweet, compassionate, this story of a young boy who is mentally challenged and his family inspires and teaches with humor and insight.</i>	Cynthia Lord
Sarah, Plain and Tall	Patricia MacLachlan
Shiloh	Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
The Skin I'm In	Sharon G. Flake
Through My Eyes	Ruby Bridges
To Kill a Mockingbird <i>This is my all-time favorite book, hands down. I read it every August and keep learning from it. It's a priceless American treasure. Thank you, Harper Lee.</i>	Harper Lee
The Watsons Go to Birmingham	Christopher Paul Curtis
The Westing Game	Ellen Raskin
Where the Red Fern Grows <i>I had the privilege of hearing Wilson Rawls speak about his writing many years ago. It still gives me chills when I think about the passion he had for stories and for writing.</i>	Wilson Rawls
Wonderstruck <i>I was "wonderstruck" at the majesty of this book. It's impossible to describe, trust me, get a copy and read it. You will have to hold your jaw to keep it from dropping the whole time.</i>	Brian Selznick



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