

# Book Stacks

This list includes the one hundred titles featured as stacks throughout *The Joy of Reading*. These books are a sample of our children's and young adult literature recommendations from our presentations, booklists, and reviews since 2015. This list is not meant to be comprehensive. Please consider the interests and needs of your own students and children when selecting books and your goals to provide an expansive reading experience. We have suggested numerous resources for locating and evaluating books. Happy Reading!

## Chapter 1

### PEOPLE AND SCIENCE

#### **A Sporting Chance**

***How Ludwig Guttman Created the Paralympic Games***

**Author:** Lori Alexander

**Illustrator:** Allan Drummond

**Grade Range:** 4–7

**Genre:** nonfiction history and science

**Format:** biography collection

#### **Fatal Fever**

***Tracking Down Typhoid Mary***

**Author:** Gail Jarrow

**Grade Range:** 5–8

**Genre:** nonfiction history and science

**Format:** long-form nonfiction

#### **Poison**

***Deadly Deeds, Perilous Professions, and Murderous Medicines***

**Author:** Sarah Albee

**Grade Range:** 4–7

**Genre:** nonfiction history and science

**Format:** long-form nonfiction

#### **Women in Science (series)**

**Author:** Rachel Ignatofsky

**Grade Range:** 5–9

**Genre:** nonfiction history and science

**Format:** biography collection

#### **The Story of Seeds**

**Author:** Nancy F. Castaldo

**Grade Range:** 5–9

**Genre:** nonfiction history and science

**Format:** long-form nonfiction

### GRAPHIC NOVEL

### MEMOIRS & BIOGRAPHIES

#### **Astronauts**

***Women on the Final Frontier***

**Author:** Jim Ottaviani

**Illustrator:** Maris Wicks

**Grade Range:** 5–8

**Genre:** biography and memoir

**Format:** graphic novel

#### **Becoming RBG**

***Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Journey to Justice***

**Author:** Debbie Levy

**Illustrator:** Whitney Gardner

**Grade Range:** 5–8

**Genre:** biography and memoir

**Format:** graphic novel

#### **Chunky**

**Author:** Yehudi Mercado

**Grade Range:** 3–7

**Genre:** biography and memoir

**Format:** graphic novel

#### **Dancing at the Pity Party**

**Author:** Tyler Feder

**Grade Range:** 7–9

**Genre:** biography and memoir

**Format:** graphic novel

#### **When Stars Are Scattered**

**Author:** Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed

**Grade Range:** 4–7

**Genre:** biography and memoir

**Format:** graphic novel

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SURVIVAL

**All Thirteen**

***The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team***

Author: Christina Soontornvat  
Grade Range: 3–7  
Genre: nonfiction geography, science, and current events  
Format: long-form nonfiction

**Alone**

Author: Megan E. Freeman  
Grade Range: 5–7  
Genre: dystopian science fiction  
Format: novel in verse

**Lifeboat 12**

Author: Susan Hood  
Grade Range: 4–8  
Genre: nonfiction history  
Format: novel in verse

**Stormy Seas**

***Stories of Young Boat Refugees***  
Author: Mary Beth Leatherdale  
Illustrator: Eleanor Shakespeare  
Grade Range: 4–6  
Genre: nonfiction history and current events  
Format: picture book

**Wildfire**

Author: Rodman Philbrick  
Grade Range: 3–7  
Genre: realistic fiction  
Format: novel

## Chapter 2

VOICES IN AMERICAN HISTORY

**An Indigenous People's History of the United States for Young People**

Author: Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz, adapted by Jean Mendoza and Debbie Reese  
Grade Range: 7–9  
Genre: nonfiction history  
Format: long-form nonfiction

**Dreams from Many Rivers**  
***A Hispanic History of the United States Told in Poems***

Author: Margarita Engle  
Illustrator: Beatriz Gutierrez Hernandez  
Grade Range: 5–9  
Genre: historical fiction  
Format: poetry collection

MIDDLE SCHOOL FANTASY & SCI-FI SERIES

**Arc of a Scythe (series)**

Author: Neal Shusterman  
Grade Range: 7–9  
Genre: science fiction  
Format: novel

**Grishaverse (series)**

Author: Leigh Bardugo  
Grade Range: 7–9  
Genre: fantasy  
Format: novel

**Raybearer (series)**

Author: Jordan Ifueko  
Grade Range: 7–9  
Genre: fantasy  
Format: novel

**Legend (series)**

Author: Marie Lu  
Grade Range: 7–9  
Genre: science fiction  
Format: novel

**The Nsibidi Scripts (series)**

Author: Nnedi Okorafor  
Grade Range: 7–9  
Genre: fantasy  
Format: novel

**Finish the Fight**

***The Brave and Revolutionary Women Who Fought for the Right to Vote***

Author: Veronica Chambers and the staff of the New York Times  
Grade Range: 4–7  
Genre: nonfiction history and biography  
Format: long-form nonfiction

**Pathfinders**

***The Journeys of 16 Extraordinary Black Souls***

Author: Tonya Bolden  
Grade Range: 5–9  
Genre: nonfiction history and biography  
Format: biography collection

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**Rad American Women A to Z  
Rebels, Trailblazers, and Visionaries Who  
Shaped Our History . . . and Our Future!**

**Author:** Kate Schatz  
**Illustrator:** Miriam Klein Stahl  
**Grade Range:** 5–9  
**Genre:** nonfiction biography  
**Format:** biography collection

NOVELS IN VERSE

**Rebound**

**Author:** Kwame Alexander  
**Grade Range:** 5–7  
**Genre:** realistic fiction  
**Format:** novel in verse

**Kent State**

**Author:** Deborah Wiles  
**Grade Range:** 7–12  
**Genre:** historical fiction  
**Format:** novel in verse

**Land of the Cranes**

**Author:** Aida Salazar  
**Grade Range:** 4–8  
**Genre:** realistic fiction  
**Format:** novel in verse

**Starfish**

**Author:** Lisa Fipps  
**Grade Range:** 5–7  
**Genre:** realistic fiction  
**Format:** novel in verse

**You Can Fly**

**The Tuskegee Airmen**  
**Author:** Carole Boston Weatherford  
**Grade Range:** 4–8  
**Genre:** historical fiction  
**Format:** novel in verse

MORE NOVELS IN VERSE!

**Before the Ever After**

**Author:** Jacqueline Woodson  
**Grade Range:** 5–7  
**Genre:** realistic fiction  
**Format:** novel in verse

**Gone Camping**

**A Novel in Verse**  
**Author:** Tamera Will Wissinger  
**Illustrator:** Matthew Cordell  
**Grade Range:** 1–4  
**Genre:** realistic fiction  
**Format:** novel in verse

**Other Words for Home**

**Author:** Jasmine Warga  
**Grade Range:** 3–7  
**Genre:** realistic fiction  
**Format:** novel in verse

**Red, White, and Whole**

**Author:** Rajani LaRocca  
**Grade Range:** 3–7  
**Genre:** realistic fiction  
**Format:** novel in verse

**Samira Surfs**

**Author:** Rukhsanna Guidroz  
**Illustrator:** Fahmida Azim  
**Grade Range:** 3–7  
**Genre:** realistic fiction  
**Format:** novel in verse

GRAPHIC NOVELS  
ABOUT GROWING UP

**Allergic**

**Author:** Megan Wagner Lloyd  
**Illustrator:** Michelle Mee Nutter  
**Grade Range:** 3–7  
**Genre:** realistic fiction  
**Format:** graphic novel

**Green Lantern  
Legacy**

**Author:** Minh Le  
**Illustrator:** Andie Tong  
**Grade Range:** 3–7  
**Genre:** fantasy  
**Format:** graphic novel

**This Was Our Pact**

**Author:** Ryan Andrews  
**Grade Range:** 5–9  
**Genre:** fantasy  
**Format:** graphic novel

**Jukebox**

**Author:** Nidhi Chanani  
**Grade Range:** 5–9  
**Genre:** fantasy  
**Format:** graphic novel

**Miles Morales  
Shock Waves**

**Author:** Justin A. Reynolds  
**Illustrator:** Pablo Leon  
**Grade Range:** 3–7  
**Genre:** science fiction  
**Format:** graphic novel

# Chapter 3

## SHORT STORY COLLECTIONS

### **Ancestor Approved** *Intertribal Stories for Kids*

Editor: Cynthia Leitich Smith  
Grade Range: 3–7  
Genre: realistic fiction  
Format: short story collection

### **Black Boy Joy** *17 Stories Celebrating Black Boyhood*

Editor: Kwame Mbalia  
Grade Range: 4–7  
Genre: various genres  
Format: short story collection

### **Flying Lessons and Other Stories**

Editor: Ellen Oh  
Grade Range: 3–7  
Genre: various genres  
Format: short story collection

### **Once Upon an Eid** *Stories of Hope and Joy by 15 Muslim Voices*

Editors: S. K. Ali and Aisha Saeed  
Grade Range: 3–7  
Genre: realistic fiction  
Format: short story collection

### **The Hero Next Door** *A We Need Diverse Books Anthology*

Editor: Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich  
Grade Range: 3–7  
Genre: various genres  
Format: short story collection

## SHORTER READ-ALOUDS

### **Maybe Marisol Rainey**

Author: Erin Entrada Kelly  
Grade Range: 3–7  
Genre: realistic fiction  
Format: chapter book

### **Garvey's Choice**

Author: Nikki Grimes  
Grade Range: 4–8  
Genre: realistic fiction  
Format: novel in verse

### **Rez Dogs**

Author: Joseph Bruchac  
Grade Range: 3–7  
Genre: realistic fiction  
Format: novel in verse

### **Look Both Ways**

#### *A Tale Told in Ten Blocks*

Author: Jason Reynolds  
Grade Range: 5–9  
Genre: realistic fiction  
Format: short story collection

### **What Lane?**

Author: Torrey Maldonado  
Grade Range: 5–7  
Genre: realistic fiction  
Format: novel

## ADVENTUROUS READ-ALOUDS

### **Clean Getaway**

Author: Nic Stone  
Grade Range: 3–7  
Genre: realistic fiction  
Format: novel

### **The Curse of the Mummy** *Uncovering Tutankhamen's Tomb*

Author: Candace Fleming  
Grade Range: 4–7  
Genre: nonfiction history and current events  
Format: long-form nonfiction

### **The Lion of Mars**

Author: Jennifer Holm  
Grade Range: 3–7  
Genre: science fiction  
Format: novel

### **The Sea-Ringed World** *Sacred Stories of the Americas*

Author: María García Esperón  
Translator: David Bowles  
Illustrator: Amanda Mijangos  
Grade Range: 3–9  
Genre: traditional literature  
Format: short story collection

### **Ground Zero**

Author: Alan Gratz  
Grade Range: 4–7  
Genre: historical fiction  
Format: novel

## EMBRACING WHO YOU ARE

### **The Boys in the Back Row**

Author: Mike Jung  
Grade Range: 4–7  
Genre: realistic fiction  
Format: novel

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**Jasmine Toguchi (series)**

Author: Debbi Michiko Florence  
Grade Range: 1–4  
Genre: realistic fiction  
Format: chapter book

**Genesis Begins Again**

Author: Alicia D. Williams  
Grade Range: 4–8  
Genre: realistic fiction  
Format: novel

**Apple in the Middle**

Author: Dawn Quigley  
Grade Range: 7–9  
Genre: realistic fiction  
Format: novel

**A High Five for Glenn Burke**

Author: Phil Bildner  
Grade Range: 5–8  
Genre: realistic fiction  
Format: novel

# Chapter 4

STORIES THAT MAKE  
MIDDLE SCHOOLERS LAUGH

**Greetings from Witness Protection**

Author: Jake Burt  
Grade Range: 5–8  
Genre: mystery  
Format: novel

**Lupe Wong Won't Dance**

Author: Donna Barba Higuera  
Grade Range: 4–7  
Genre: realistic fiction  
Format: novel

**Stand Up, Yumi Chung!**

Author: Jessica Kim  
Grade Range: 4–7  
Genre: realistic fiction  
Format: novel

**The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora**

Author: Pablo Cartaya  
Grade Range: 5–8  
Genre: realistic fiction  
Format: novel

**Wink**

Author: Rob Harrell  
Grade Range: 5–8  
Genre: biography and memoir  
Format: long-form nonfiction

POETRY COLLECTIONS

**Cast Away**

*Poems of Our Time*  
Author: Naomi Shihab Nye  
Grade Range: 3–7  
Genre: free verse  
Format: poetry collection

**Dictionary for a Better World**

*Poems, Quotes, and Anecdotes  
from A to Z*

Authors: Irene Latham and Charles Waters  
Illustrator: Mehrdokht Amini  
Grade Range: 3–6  
Genre: various genres  
Format: picture book

**I Remember**

*Poems and Pictures  
of Heritage*

Editor: Lee Bennett Hopkins  
Illustrator: various illustrators  
Grade Range: 3–8  
Genre: various genres  
Format: poetry picture book

**I'm Just No Good at Rhyming**

*And Other Nonsense*

Author: Chris Harris  
Illustrator: Lane Smith  
Grade Range: 1–5  
Genre: various genres  
Format: poetry picture book

**One Last Word**

*Wisdom from the Harlem Renaissance*

Author: Nikki Grimes  
Illustrator: various illustrators  
Grade Range: 4–7  
Genre: nonfiction history, historical  
fiction, biography  
Format: poetry collection

KIDS FINDING JOY

**The First Rule of Punk**

Author: Celia Pérez  
Grade Range: 4–7  
Genre: realistic fiction  
Format: novel

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**Yasmin (series)**

Author: Saadia Faruqi  
Illustrator: Hatem Aly  
Grade Range: K–3  
Genre: realistic fiction  
Format: chapter book

**The Legendary Alston Boys Adventures (series)**

Author: Lamar Giles  
Illustrator: various illustrators  
Grade Range: 3–6  
Genre: fantasy  
Format: novel

**A Boy Called Bat (series)**

Author: Elana K. Arnold  
Grade Range: 1–4  
Genre: realistic fiction  
Format: chapter book

**Pawcasso**

Author: Remy Lai  
Grade Range: 3–7  
Genre: realistic fiction  
Format: graphic novel

**Berrybrook Middle School (series)**

Author: Svetlana Chmakova  
Grade Range: 5–8  
Genre: realistic fiction  
Format: graphic novel

**Katie the Catsitter (series)**

Author: Colleen AF Venable  
Illustrator: Stephanie Yue  
Grade Range: 3–7  
Genre: fantasy  
Format: graphic novel

**Lowriders in Space (series)**

Author: Cathy Camper  
Illustrator: Raúl the Third  
Grade Range: 3–7  
Genre: fantasy  
Format: graphic novel

**The Cardboard Kingdom (series)**

Author: various authors  
Illustrator: Chad Sell  
Grade Range: 4–7  
Genre: fantasy  
Format: graphic novel

GRAPHIC NOVEL SERIES

**Amulet (series)**

Author: Kazu Kibuishi  
Grade Range: 3–7  
Genre: fantasy  
Format: graphic novel

# Chapter 5

BOOK CLUB BOOKS FOR GRADES 3–6

**Forget Me Not**

Author: Ellie Terry  
Grade Range: 3–7  
Genre: realistic fiction  
Format: novel in verse

**Merci Suárez Changes Gears**

Author: Meg Medina  
Grade Range: 4–7  
Genre: realistic fiction  
Format: novel

**New Kid**

Author: Jerry Craft  
Grade Range: 3–7  
Genre: realistic fiction  
Format: graphic novel

**The Kids Under the Stairs (series)**

Author: K. A. Holt  
Grade Range: 3–7  
Genre: realistic fiction  
Format: novel in verse

**The Parker Inheritance**

Author: Varian Johnson  
Grade Range: 4–7  
Genre: mystery  
Format: novel

BOOK CLUB BOOKS FOR GRADES 7–9

**Everything Sad Is Untrue**

Author: Daniel Nayeri  
Grade Range: 7–12  
Genre: defies categorization  
Format: novel

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**Flowers in the Gutter**

*The True Story of the Edelweiss Pirates, Teenagers Who Resisted the Nazis*

Author: K. R. Gaddy

Grade Range: 7–9

Genre: nonfiction history

Format: long-form nonfiction

**Internment**

Author: Samira Ahmed

Grade Range: 7–12

Genre: science fiction

Format: novel

**Stamped**

*Racism, Antiracism, and You: A Remix of the National Book Award–Winning Stamped from the Beginning*

Authors: Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi

Grade Range: 7–12

Genre: nonfiction history and current events

Format: long-form nonfiction

**Stepsister**

Author: Jennifer Donnelly

Grade Range: 7–9

Genre: fantasy

Format: novel

READ ALOUD THE FIRST ONE  
AND PASS ALONG THE REST

**Dragons in a Bag (series)**

Author: Zetta Elliott

Grade Range: 3–7

Genre: fantasy

Format: novel

**Front Desk (series)**

Author: Kelly Yang

Grade Range: 3–7

Genre: realistic fiction

Format: novel

**History Smashers (series)**

Author: Kate Messner

Grade Range: 3–7

Genre: nonfiction history

Format: long-form nonfiction

**Track (series)**

Author: Jason Reynolds

Grade Range: 5–7

Genre: realistic fiction

Format: novel

**Two Truths and a Lie (series)**

Authors: Ammi-Joan Paquette and

Laurie Ann Thompson

Grade Range: 3–7

Genre: nonfiction science

Format: long-form nonfiction

FAMILIES

**King and the Dragonflies**

Author: Kacen Callender

Grade Range: 5–9

Genre: realistic fiction

Format: novel

**The Bridge Home**

Author: Padma Venkatraman

Grade Range: 3–7

Genre: realistic fiction

Format: novel

**The List of Things That Will Not Change**

Author: Rebecca Stead

Grade Range: 3–7

Genre: realistic fiction

Format: novel

**Sea in Winter**

Author: Christine Day

Grade Range: 3–7

Genre: realistic fiction

Format: novel

**The Science of Breakable Things**

Author: Tae Keller

Grade Range: 3–7

Genre: realistic fiction

Format: novel