Here are 75 books chosen by the American Library Association & Children’s Book Council Joint Committee to provide guidance to parents, caregivers, teachers, librarians, and others interested in discovering books for children who read at an advanced level and are seeking more challenging, but still age-appropriate, books.

The 75 Reading Beyond books are comprised of 25 in each of the three categories below:

**Grades K - 1 reading at 3rd Grade level**
- Ada Byron Lovelace and the Thinking Machine, by Laurie Wallmark; Illustrated by April Chu (Creston Books, 2015)
- Ada Twist, Scientist, by Andrea Beaty; Illustrated by David Roberts (Abrams, 2016)
- Anna Hibiscus, by Atinuke; Illustrated by Lauren Tobia (Kane Miller, 2007)
- The Boy Who Loved Math: The Improbable Life of Paul Erdos, by Deborah Heiligman; Illustrated by LeUyen Pham (Roaring Brook Press / Macmillan, 2013)
- Comets, Stars, the Moon, and Mars: Space Poems and Paintings, by Douglas Florian (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2007)
- Detective Gordon: The First Case, by Ulf Nilsson; Illustrated by Gitte Spee (Gecko, 2015)

**Grades 2-3 reading at 5th Grade level**
- Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart, by Candace Fleming (Schwartz & Wade / Random House, 2011)
- A Black Hole Is Not a Hole, by Carolyn Cinami DeCristofano; Illustrated by Michael Carroll (Charlesbridge, 2012)
- Cars on Mars: Roving the Red Planet, by Alexandra Siy (Charlesbridge, 2009)
- Dash, by Kirby Larson (Scholastic, 2014)
- The Dreamer, by Pam Muñoz Ryan; Illustrated by Peter Sís (Scholastic, 2010)
- Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library, by Chris Grabenstein (Yearling Books / Random House, 2014)

**Grades 4-5 reading at 7th Grade level**
- The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind, by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer (Dial Books for Young Readers / Random House, 2016)
- Candy Bomber: The Story of the Berlin Airlift’s “Chocolate Pilot”, by Michael O. Tunnell (Charlesbridge, 2010)
- Earthrise: My Adventures as an Apollo 14 Astronaut, by Edgar Mitchell and Ellen Mahoney (Chicago Review Press, 2014)
- Everland, by Wendy Spinale (Scholastic, 2016)
- Falling Over Sideways, by Jordan Sonnenblick (Scholastic, 2016)

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- Echo Echo: Reverso Poems about Greek Myths, by Marilyn Singer; Illustrated by Josée Masse (Dial Books for Young Readers / Penguin, 2016)
- Eyewitness Explorer: Bug Hunter, by DK (DK, 2015)
- Frank and Lucky Get Schooled, by Lynne Rae Perkins (Greenwillow Books / HarperCollins, 2016)
- How We are Smart, by W. Nikola-Lisa; Illustrated by Sean Qualls (Lee and Low Books, 2009)
- I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark, by Debbie Levy; Illustrated by Elizabeth Baddeley (Simon & Schuster, 2016)
- Juana & Lucas, by Juana Medina (Candlewick Press, 2016)
- Mighty Jack, by Ben Hatke (First Second / Macmillan, 2016)
- A New Class (Star Wars Jedi Academy #4), by Jarrett J. Krosoczka (Scholastic, 2016)
- Pugs of the Frozen North, by Philip Reeve; Illustrated by Sarah McIntyre (Random House Books for Young Readers, 2016)
- Tiger Boy, by Mitali Perkins; Illustrated by Jamie Hogan (Charlesbridge, 2015)
- Toys Go Out, by Emily Jenkins; Illustrated by Paul O. Zelinsky (Yearling Books / Random House, 2008)
- The Tragic Tale of the Great Auk, by Jan Thornhill (Groundwood Books, 2016)
- Tricky Vic, by Greg Pizzoli (Viking Books for Young Readers / Penguin, 2015)
- Trombone Shorty, by Troy Andrews; Illustrated by Bryan Collier (Abrams, 2015)
- Twenty-Two Cents: Muhammad Yunus and the Village Bank, by Paula Yoo; Illustrated by Jamel Akib (Lee and Low Books, 2014)
- Weekends with Max and His Dad, by Linda Urban (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2015)
- Wet Cement: A Mix of Concrete Poems, by Bob Racza (Roaring Brook Press / Macmillan, 2016)
- When the Beat Was Born: DJ Kool Herc and the Creation of Hip Hop, by Laban Carrick Hill; Illustrated by Theodore Taylor III (Roaring Brook Press / Macmillan, 2013)

Grades 2-3 reading at 5th Grade level

- Flashback Four #1: The Lincoln Project, by Dan Gutman (HarperCollins, 2016)
- Genius!: The Most Astonishing Inventions of All Time, by Deborah Kespert (Thames and Hudson, 2015)
- The Hero Two Doors Down: Based on the True Story of Friendship Between a Boy and a Baseball Legend, by Sharon Robinson (Scholastic, 2016)
- Mountain Dog, by Margarita Engle; Illustrated by Alexsey and Olga Ivanov (Henry Holt Books for Young Readers / Macmillan, 2013)
- The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy, by Jeanne Birdsall (Knopf Books for Young Readers / Random House, 2005)
- Random Body Parts: Gross Anatomy Riddles in Verse, by Leslie Bulion; Illustrated by Mike Lowery (Peachtree, 2015)
- Raymie Nightingale, by Kate DiCamillo (Candlewick Press, 2016)
- The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus, by Jen Bryant; Illustrated by Melissa Sweet (Eerdmans, 2014)
- Save Me a Seat, by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan (Scholastic, 2016)
- Secret Coders, by Gene Luen Yang; Illustrated by Mike Holmes (First Second / Macmillan, 2015)
- Sisters Grimm, by Michael Buckley; Illustrated by Peter Ferguson (Abrams, 2007)
- A Snicker of Magic, by Natalie Lloyd (Scholastic, 2014)
- Some Writer!: The Story of E.B. White, by Melissa Sweet (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2016)
- The Way Things Work Now, by David Macauley (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2016)
- What Elephants Know, by Eric Dinerstein (Disney-Hyperion, 2016)
- The Wild Robot, by Peter Brown (Little, Brown and Co. Books for Young Readers, 2016)
- Wonderstruck, by Brian Selznick (Scholastic, 2011)

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- Gracefully Grayson, by Ami Polonsky (Disney-Hyperion, 2014)
- Hour of the Bees, by Lindsay Eagar (Candlewick Press, 2016)
- The Inquisitor’s Tale: Or, The Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog, by Adam Gidwitz; Illustrated by Hatem Aly (Dutton Children’s Books / Random House, 2016)
- The Lightning Queen, by Laura Resau (Scholastic, 2015)
- Lincoln’s Grave Robbers, by Steve Sheinkin (Scholastic, 2013)
- Moonbird: A Year on the Wind with the Great Survivor B95, by Phillip Hoose (FSG Books for Young Readers / Macmillan, 2012)
- One Last Word: Wisdom from the Harlem Renaissance, by Nikki Grimes (Bloomsbury USA, 2017)
- The Ruins of Gorlan (The Ranger’s Apprentice #1), by John Flanagan (Scholastic Inc., 2007)
- Sachiko: A Nagasaki Bomb Survivor’s Story, by Caren Stelson (Lerner / Carolrhoda, 2016)
- This Same Sky: A Collection of Poems from Around the World, by Naomi Shihab Nye (Simon & Schuster, 1992)
- Samurai Rising: The Epic Life of Minamoto Yoshitsune, by Pamela S. Turner; Illustrated by Gareth Hinds (Charlesbridge, 2016)
- Splendors and Glooms, by Laura Amy Schlitz (Candlewick Press, 2012)
- A Time to Dance, by Padma Venkatraman (Nancy Paulsen Books / Penguin, 2014)
- The Watch that Ends the Night: Voices from the Titanic, by Allan Wolf (Candlewick Press, 2013)
- Unidentified Suburban Object, by Mike Jung (Scholastic, 2016)
- We Will Not Be Silent, by Russell Freedman (Clarion / Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2016)

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