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• KINDERGARTEN — 2ND GRADE •

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From the hundreds of newly published books voted on by children across the country, here are the top vote-getters, starting with the top 10!

1. **Don't Trust Fish.** Written by Neil Sharpson. Illustrated by Dan Santat. ISBN 9780593616673. Penguin Young Readers / Dial Books. K-2
2. **Aggie and the Ghost.** Written & illustrated by Matthew Forsythe. ISBN 9781534478206. Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing / Beach Lane Books / A Paula Wiseman Book. K-2
3. **POP! Goes the Nursery Rhyme.** Written by Betsy Bird. Illustrated by Andrea Tsurumi. ISBN 9781454960461. Union Square & Co. / Union Square Kids. K-2
4. **Bruce Saves the Planet.** Written & illustrated by Ryan T. Higgins. ISBN 9781368090209. Disney Publishing / Disney Hyperion. K-2
5. **Piece Out.** Written & illustrated by Alex Willan. ISBN 9781662620935. Astra Books for Young Readers / Astra Young Readers. K-2
6. **Recess: A Picture Book.** Written & illustrated by Lane Smith. ISBN 9781419776892. ABRAMS / Abrams Books for Young Readers. K-2
7. **E-I-UFO: Old MacDonald Had a Farm.** Written by Zach von Zonk. Illustrated by Benjamin Chaud. ISBN 9781797223896. Chronicle Books. K-2
8. **Buffalo Fluffalo and Puffalo.** Written by Bess Kalb. Illustrated by Erin Kraan. ISBN 9780593810309. Random House Children's Books / Random House Studio. K-2
9. **Flat Cat: The Class Pet.** Written by Tara Lazar. Illustrated by Pete Oswald. ISBN 9780593404607. Penguin Young Readers / Flamingo Books. K-2
10. **Axolotl and Axolittle.** Written by Jess Hitchman. Illustrated by Sarah Rebar. ISBN 9781464237904. Sourcebooks / Sourcebooks Jabberwocky. K-2

Are You a Hungry Monster? Written & illustrated by Guilherme Karsten. ISBN 9780711283404. The Quarto Group / Happy Yak. K-2

Babies Are Not Bears. Written by Linda Lodding. Illustrated by Lara Dombret. ISBN 9781478883272. Reycraft Book / Benchmark Education. K-2

The Big Snowdown. Written & illustrated by Katy Hudson. ISBN 9781684469123. Capstone / Capstone Editions. K-2

The Biggest Dog in the Book. Written by Ben Lerwill. Illustrated by Mark Chambers. ISBN 9780593965405. DK. K-2



Bob and Dob: A Tale of Tattling. Written & illustrated by Sean E. Avery.
ISBN 9781536236040. Candlewick Press. K-2

Buzz! Boom! Bang!: The Book of Sounds. Written & illustrated by Benjamin Gottwald.
ISBN 9780735846036. NorthSouth Books. K-2

Caboose: A Picture Book. Written by Travis Jonker. Illustrated by Ruth Chan. ISBN 9781419765032.
ABRAMS / Abrams Books for Young Readers. K-2

Calm Your Roar Like a Dinosaur: How to Relax Muscle by Muscle. Written by Brenda S. Miles and Colleen A. Patterson. Illustrated by John Joseph. ISBN 9781433844652. American Psychological Association / Magination Press. K-2

Chalk the Walk. Written by Chelsea Tornetto. Illustrated by Laurel Aylesworth. ISBN 9781641709682.
Familius. K-2

Charley Mouse Cleans House. Written & illustrated by Katerina Gorelik. ISBN 9781636551418.
Red Comet Press. K-2

Cranky, Crabby Crow (Saves the World). Written & illustrated by Corey R. Tabor. ISBN 9780063373587.
HarperCollins / Greenwillow Books. K-2

Cute Animals That Could Kill You Dead. Written by Booke Hartman. Illustrated by María García.
ISBN 9781728285290. Sourcebooks / Sourcebooks Explore. K-2

The Distraction Monster. Written by Ryan K. Woodall. Illustrated by Stevie Mahardhika. ISBN 9781612547121.
Brown Books Publishing Group / Brown Books Kids. K-2

Dogs Love Books, Too. Written & illustrated by Maria Coco. ISBN 9781547613656. Bloomsbury /
Bloomsbury Children's Books. K-2

Dropbear. Written & illustrated by Philip Bunting. ISBN 9781623547264. Charlesbridge Publishing. K-2

The Fib. Written by Pedro Iniguez. Illustrated by Nathan Kwan. ISBN 9781962351300. Gloo Books. K-2

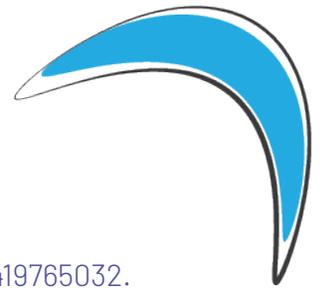
Fireworks. Written by Matthew Burgess. Illustrated by Cátia Chien. ISBN 9780063216723. HarperCollins /
Clarion Books. K-2

Fish Don't Go to School. Written & illustrated by Deb Pilutti. ISBN 9780316565271. Little, Brown and Company /
Little, Brown for Young Readers / Christy Ottaviano Books. K-2

Fish Fry Friday: A Picture Book. Written by Winsome Bingham. Illustrated by C. G. Esperanza.
ISBN 9781419766930. ABRAMS / Abrams Books for Young Readers. K-2

Goats Afloat. Written by Lezlie Evans. Illustrated by Julia Patton. ISBN 9781662520259. Amazon Publishing /
Two Lions. K-2

Good Morning, Space. Written & illustrated by Linda Bondestam. ISBN 9781632063830. Restless Books /
Yonder. K-2



The Grumpy Ghost Upstairs. Written & illustrated by Mamiko Shiotani. ISBN 9781782509264. Floris Books. K-2

Hank Meets Frank. Written by Maudie Powell-Tuck. Illustrated by Duncan Beedie. ISBN 9781664300729. Tiger Tales. K-2

Hedgehogs Don't Wear Underwear. Written & illustrated by Marissa Valdez. ISBN 9781250814388. Macmillan Children's Publishing / Roaring Brook Press. K-2

Humpty's Great Fall. Written by Amy Moore. Illustrated by Josh Cleland. ISBN 9781662527968. Amazon Publishing / Two Lions. K-2

In-Between Places. Written by Alex Killian. Illustrated by Grady McFerrin. ISBN 9781452172798. Chronicle Books. K-2



Just a Banana. Written & illustrated by Barney Saltzberg. ISBN 9781523528837. Hachette Book Group / Workman Kids. K-2

Max and Chaffy: Welcome to Animal Island. Written & illustrated by Jamie Smart. ISBN 9780593965306. DK. K-2

Messi's Magic: How Lionel Messi Became the G.O.A.T. Written by Caroline L. Perry. Illustrated by Luciano Lozano. ISBN 9781546147534. Scholastic / Scholastic Press. K-2

Mindful Nature: Connecting with Our Great Green World. Written by Paige Towler. ISBN 9781433845185. American Psychological Association / Magination Press. K-2

Minh and the Magic Grains of Rice. Written by Đỗ Nguyệt Hà. Illustrated by Lê Phương Quỳnh. ISBN 9781797213330. Chronicle Books. K-2

Miya Wears Orange. Written by Wanda John-Kehewin. Illustrated by Erika Rodriguez Medina. ISBN 9781774921258. Portage & Main Press / HighWater Press. K-2

The Monster in the Lake. Written & illustrated by Leo Timmers. ISBN 9798765670507. Lerner Publishing Group / Gecko Press. K-2

My Quiet Place. Written & illustrated by Monica Mikai. ISBN 9781797225319. Chronicle Books. K-2

Night Creatures: Firefly. Written by Robert Macfarlane. Illustrated by Luke Adam Hawker. ISBN 9781917366175. Magic Cat Publishing. K-2

No More Gnomes. Written & illustrated by Beth Mills. ISBN 9798765643457. Lerner Publishing Group / Carolrhoda Books. K-2

Not-So-Bad-Guys Snow Monster. Written & illustrated by Michael Buxton. ISBN 9798384600572. Phoenix International Publications / Sunbird Books. K-2

Over and Under the Coral Reef. Written by Kate Messner. Illustrated by Christopher Silas Neal. ISBN 9781797225357. Chronicle Books. K-2

Pencil's Best Story Ever. Written & illustrated by Carly Gledhill. ISBN 9798895090206. Post Wave Children's Books. K-2

Ready, Set, Mango! Written by Tamla T. Young. Illustrated by Raz Latif. ISBN 9781771475488. Owlkids Books. K-2

There Doesn't Have to Be A Reason. Written & illustrated by M.C. Kasper. ISBN 9781963511109. Catalyst Press / Flare Kids. K-2

This Plant Is NOT Boring. Written by Marie Hoy-Kenny. Illustrated by Mike Deas. ISBN 9781459839076. Orca Book Publishers. K-2

To Catch a Ghost. Written & illustrated by Rachel Michelle Wilson. ISBN 9781339031958. Scholastic / Orchard Books. K-2

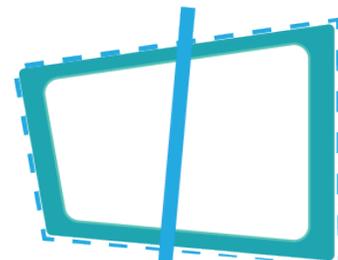
Torrible Puns: A Collection of Punny Poems. Written by Tricia Torrible. Illustrated by Robert Dunn. ISBN 9781957655468. Gnome Road Publishing. K-2

The Trouble with Giraffes. Written by Lisa Mantchev. Illustrated by Taeun Yoo. ISBN 9781665962766. Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing / Beach Lane Books / A Paula Wiseman Book. K-2

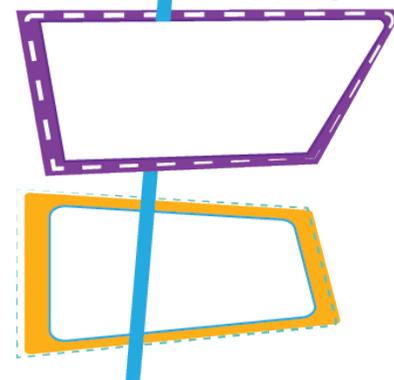
Vida: The Mice, the Cat, and the Alebrije. Written & illustrated by Duncan Tonatiuh. ISBN 9781419764592. ABRAMS / Abrams Books for Young Readers. K-2

Welcome to Whalebone Mansion: Creatures That Lurk at a Whale Fall. Written by Laken Slate. Illustrated by Bindy James. ISBN 9781623545789. Charlesbridge Publishing. K-2

Why Do Okapis Look So Funny?: A Book about Rainforest Animals. Written by Jack Beard. Illustrated by Jayri Gomez. ISBN 9781486731145. Flowerpot Press. K-2



The Wombats Go Wild for Words. Written by Beth Ferry. Illustrated by Lori Nichols. ISBN 9780593711057. Random House Children's Books / Random House Studio. K-2



Zip Zap Wickety Wack. Written & illustrated by Matthew Diffie. ISBN 9780823458714. Holiday House / Neal Porter Books. K-2

• 3RD — 5TH GRADE •

KID READ. KID CHOSEN.

From the hundreds of newly published books voted on by children across the country, here are the top vote-getters, starting with the top 10!

1. **Croco.** Written & illustrated by Azul López. Translated by Kit Maude. ISBN 9798988749974. Tapioca Stories. 3-5
2. **Biggest Fake in the Universe.** Written by Johan Rundberg. Translated by Eva Apelqvist. ISBN 9781662532030. Amazon Publishing / Amazon Crossing Kids. 3-5
3. **Swap-A-Word! Fun with a Sound-Alike-Words.** Written by Marvin Terban. Illustrated by Andreas Wittmann. ISBN 9781478887836. Reycraft Book / Benchmark Education. 3-5
4. **George Washington's Spectacular Spectacles: The Glasses That Saved America.** Written by Selene Castrovilla. Illustrated by Jenn Harney. ISBN 9781662680434. Astra Books for Young Readers / Calkins Creek. 3-5
5. **Dog Man: Big Jim Believes: A Graphic Novel (Dog Man #14).** Written & illustrated by Dav Pilkey. ISBN 9781546176183. Scholastic / Graphix. 3-5
6. **Why We Eat Fried Peanuts: A Celebration of Family and Lunar New Year Traditions.** Written by Zed Zha. Illustrated by Sian James. ISBN 9780760395523. The Quarto Group / becker&mayer! kids. 3-5
7. **Zero! The Number That Almost Wasn't.** Written by Sarah Albee. Illustrated by Chris Hsu. ISBN 9781623544324. Charlesbridge Publishing. 3-5
8. **Duck and Moose: Moose's Bad Hair Day!** Written & illustrated by Kirk Reedstrom. ISBN 9781368115865. Disney Publishing / Disney Hyperion. 3-5
9. **The Snips: A Bad Buzz Day.** Written & illustrated by Raúl the Third. ISBN 9780316528689. Little, Brown and Company / Little, Brown Books for Young Readers / Little, Brown Ink. 3-5
10. **Paw & Order Vol. 1.** Written & illustrated by Jason Platt. ISBN 9781545819937. Mad Cave Studios / Papercutz. 3-5

The Adventures of Penguin and Panda: In the Dark (Vol 4). Written by Brenda Maier. Illustrated by Fanni Mézes. ISBN 9781958325445. Marble Press. 3-5



The Cake Problem: Equivalent and Simplified Fractions. Written by Bill Wise. Illustrated by Davilyn Lynch. ISBN 9798890630285. Clavis. 3-5

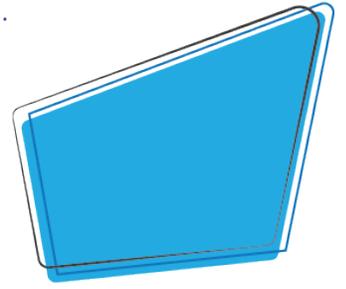
Caring. Written by Kobi Yamada. Illustrated by Elise Hurst. ISBN 9781957891606. Compendium. 3-5

Chicken Predicament. Written by Mary Rand Hess and Randy Preston. Illustrated by Marilena Perilli. ISBN 9798885544061. Free Spirit Publishing. 3-5

Dinosaur Pie. Written by Jen Wallace. Illustrated by Alan O'Rourke. ISBN 9781915071491. Little Island Books. 3-5

Einstein the Penguin. Written by Iona Rangeley. Illustrated by David Tazzyman. ISBN 9781684648504. Kane Miller Books. 3-5

A Family for Zoya: The True Story of an Endangered Cub. Written by Debra Kim Wolf. Illustrated by Annalisa Durante and Marina Durante. ISBN 9781951995294. Platypus Media. 3-5



Fight for the Right to Read: Samuel Wilbert Tucker and the 1939 Sit-Down Strike for Library Reading Equality. Written by Jeff Gottesfeld and Michelle Y. Green. Illustrated by Kim Holt. ISBN 9781954354333. Creston Books. 3-5

Gabby Torres Gets a Billion Followers. Written by Angela Dominguez. ISBN 9781250901361. Macmillan Children's Publishing / Roaring Brook Press. 3-5

Growing Home. Written by Beth Ferry. Illustrated by Terry Fan and Eric Fan. ISBN 9781665942485. Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing / Simon & Schuster BFYR. 3-5

How Do Seeds Grow Into Gardens?: A Hands-On Book about Gardening. Written by Clayton Grider. Illustrated by Srimalie Bassani. ISBN 9781486731091. Flowerpot Press. 3-5

I Am the Sun. Written by Janessa Parker. Illustrated by Beverly Blacksheep. ISBN 9781638191339. Bushel & Peck Books. 3-5

Jellyfish Scientist: Maude Delap and Her Mesmerizing Medusas. Written by Michelle Cusolito. Illustrated by Ellen Rooney. ISBN 9781623545819. Charlesbridge Publishing. 3-5

Kwesi and Nana Ruby Learn to Swim. Written by Kobina Commeh. Illustrated by Bárbara Quintino. ISBN 9798888593639. Barefoot Books. 3-5

Let's Get Spooky. Written by Štěpánka Sekaninová. Illustrated by Lukáš Figeř. ISBN 9788000074498. Albatros Media. 3-5

The Museum of Shapes. Written & illustrated by Sven Völker. ISBN 9781800660595. Cicada Books. 3-5

Mythology Land: 12 Classic Legends Reimagined. Written by Claire Cock-Starkey. Illustrated by Pham Quang Phuc. ISBN 9780711294066. The Quarto Group / Frances Lincoln Children's Books. 3-5

Operation: Cover Up. Written by Tate Godwin. ISBN 9781524890216. Andrews McMeel. 3-5

Rachel Carson's Wonder-Filled World: How the Scientist, Writer, and Nature Lover Changed the Environmental Movement. Written by Kate Hannigan. Illustrated by Kate Hickey. ISBN 9781662680571. Astra Books for Young Readers / Calkins Creek. 3-5

Return of the Terns: How Scientists Are Saving Island Birds. Written by Jennifer Keats Curtis and Kim Abplanalp. Illustrated by Phyllis Saroff. ISBN 9781638173298. Arborale Publishing. 3-5

Shadow Warrior (Spider-Man: Original Manga). Written & illustrated by Shogo Aoki. ISBN 9781546148494. Scholastic / Graphix. 3-5

Shape Families. Written by Lynn Parrish Sutton. Illustrated by Jake Tebbit. ISBN 9781649090775. Star Bright Books. 3-5

She Speaks: The Women of Norse Myths in their Own Words. Written by Honor Cargill-Martin. Illustrated by Pauliina Hannuniemi. ISBN 9781917366083. Magic Cat Publishing. 3-5

Sketch. Written & illustrated by Jacques Goldstyn. ISBN 9781778402777. Greystone Books / Aldana Libros. 3-5

So Rude!: Animals Behaving Badly. Written by Jessica Fries-Gaither. ISBN 9798765671047. Lerner Publishing Group / Millbrook Press. 3-5

Supernavigators: How Animals Find Their Way (Young Readers Edition). Written by David Barrie. Adapted by Rebecca Stefoff. Illustrated by Qu Lan. ISBN 9781962098137. Tra Publishing. 3-5

The Ultimate Book of Silly Jokes for Kids. Written & illustrated by Highlights. ISBN 9781639623693. Highlights. 3-5

We're All Gonna Die-nosaur! Written & illustrated by Kon Tan. ISBN 9781368101912. Disney Publishing / Disney Hyperion. 3-5

When a Tree Falls: Nurse Logs and Their Incredible Forest Power. Written by Kirsten Pendreigh. Illustrated by Elke Boschinger. ISBN 9781797218670. Chronicle Books. 3-5

The Witches of Anderson House: A Spell for Disaster. Written by Jennie Poh and Dave Lowe. Illustrated by Jennie Poh. ISBN 9780593971475. DK / DK Flip. 3-5



• 6TH — 8TH GRADE •

KID READ. KID CHOSEN.

From the hundreds of newly published books voted on by middle graders across the country, here are the top vote-getters, starting with the top 10!

1. **Chickenpox.** Written & illustrated by Remy Lai. ISBN 9781250863294. Macmillan Children's Publishing / Henry Holt Books for Young Readers. 6-8
2. **Blood in the Water.** Written by Tiffany D. Jackson. ISBN 9781338849912. Scholastic / Scholastic Press. 6-8
3. **J vs. K.** Written by Kwame Alexander and Jerry Craft. Illustrated by Jerry Craft. ISBN 9780316582681. Little, Brown and Company / Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. 6-8
4. **Coven.** Written by Soman Chainani. Illustrated by Joel Gennari. ISBN 9780062979681. HarperCollins / HarperAlley. 6-8
5. **Creaky Acres.** Written by Calista Brill and Nilah Magruder. Illustrated by Nilah Magruder. ISBN 9780735230620. Penguin Young Readers / Kokila. 6-8
6. **Aarzu All Around.** Written by Marzieh Abbas. ISBN 9781665970419. Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing / Simon & Schuster BFYR. 6-8
7. **Dial If You Dare.** Written by Alexandre Côté-Fournier. Illustrated by Geneviève Bigué. ISBN 9781459839953. Orca Book Publishers. 6-8
8. **Billions to Burn.** Written by Taylor Banks. ISBN 9781368110419. Disney Publishing / Melissa de la Cruz Studio. 6-8
9. **Isle of Ever.** Written by Jen Calonita. ISBN 9781728277035. Sourcebooks / Sourcebooks Young Readers. 6-8
10. **The Trouble With Heroes.** Written by Kate Messner. ISBN 9781547616398. Bloomsbury / Bloomsbury Children's Books. 6-8

Adi of Boutanga: A Story from Cameroon. Written by Alain Serge Dzutap. Illustrated by Marc Daniau. ISBN 9780802856296. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers. 6-8

Adorable Empire: A Graphic Novel. Written & illustrated by Laura Terry. ISBN 9781338325096. Scholastic / Graphix. 6-8

The Adventures of the Flash Gang, Episode Three: Berlin Breakout. Written by M.M. Downing and S.J. Waugh. ISBN 9781646035694. Regal House Publishing / Fitzroy Books. 6-8

All the Blues in the Sky. Written by Renée Watson. ISBN 9781547605897. Bloomsbury / Bloomsbury Children's Books. 6-8



Another. Written by Paul Tremblay. ISBN 9780063396357. HarperCollins / Quill Tree Books. 6-8

At the Edge of Lost. Written by Martha Brockenbrough. ISBN 9781546125020. Scholastic / Scholastic Press. 6-8

Athlete is Agender. Written by Katherine Locke and Nicole Melleby. ISBN 9780316572002. Little, Brown and Company / Little, Brown for Young Readers / Christy Ottaviano Books. 6-8

Atlas Obscura Explorer's Guide to Inventing the World. Written by Dylan Thuras and Jennifer Swanson. Illustrated by Ruby Fresson. ISBN 9781523516889. Hachette Book Group / Workman Kids. 6-8

Benny on the Case. Written by Wesley King. ISBN 9781665937696. Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing / Beach Lane Books. 6-8

Bree Boyd is a Legend. Written by Leah Johnson. ISBN 9781368090100. Disney Publishing / Disney Hyperion. 6-8



The Bug Bandits: The Museum Is Her Home. Her Mission Is to Save It. Written by Jenni L. Walsh. ISBN 9780310167921. HarperCollins Christian Publishing / Zonderkidz. 6-8

The Cassette Tape Secret. Written by Danielle Herzog. ISBN 9781631639852. North Star Editions / Jolly Fish Press. 6-8

Chinese Mythology: Legendary Tales of Heaven, Earth, Humanity, and Beyond. Written by Aaron Hwang. Illustrated by Adela Li. ISBN 9780762487769. Hachette Book Group / Running Press Kids. 6-8

Climate Is Just the Start. Written by Mikaela Loach. ISBN 9780593897324. Random House Children's Books / Bright Matter Books. 6-8

Cosmo Park. Written by Madeleine Finlay. Illustrated by Tom Dearie. ISBN 9781838741303. Flying Eye Books. 6-8

The Court of the Dead: A Nico di Angelo Adventure. Written by Rick Riordan and Mark Oshiro. ISBN 9781368109116. Disney Publishing / Disney Hyperion. 6-8

Deepwater Creek. Written & illustrated by Michael Regina. ISBN 9780593117392. Penguin Young Readers / G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers. 6-8

Donutella Hamachi and the Library Avengers. Written by Kim Chi and Stephan Lee. Illustrated by Utamaru. ISBN 9781536236705. Candlewick Press. 6-8

Dragonforged: Sword of the Champion. Written by Eric Lide. ISBN 9781454947745. Union Square & Co. / Union Square Kids. 6-8

Dream. Written by Barbara O'Connor. ISBN 9780374392949. Macmillan Children's Publishing / Farrar Straus Giroux Books for Young Readers. 6-8

Extra Large. Written by Tyler Page. ISBN 9781250851567. Macmillan Children's Publishing / First Second. 6-8

Leyendas/Legends: 60 Latine People Who Changed the World. Written by Mónica Mancillas. Illustrated by Isadora Zeferino. ISBN 9781797211985. Chronicle Books. 6-8

Lice: How to Survive on Humans. Written & illustrated by Berta Paramo. ISBN 9783039640553. Helvetiq. 6-8

Marisol Acts the Part. Written by Elle Gonzalez Rose. ISBN 9780593900512. Random House Children's Books / Joy Revolution. 6-8

Ride or Die. Written by Delilah S. Dawson. ISBN 9780593486832. Random House Children's Books / Delacorte Press. 6-8

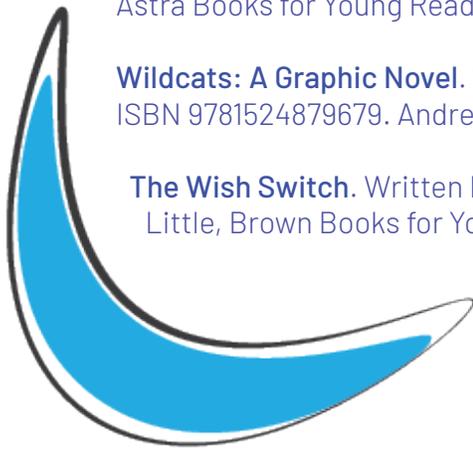
School for Thieves. Written by Peter Burns. ISBN 9781665982283. Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing / Aladdin. 6-8

A Summer of Dragonflies. Written by Natasha Deen. ISBN 9781770868007. Cormorant Books / DCB Young Readers. 6-8

White House Secrets: Medical Lies and Cover-Ups. Written by Gail Jarrow. ISBN 9781662681035. Astra Books for Young Readers / Calkins Creek. 6-8

Wildcats: A Graphic Novel. Written by Crystal Velasquez. Illustrated by Eva Cabrera. ISBN 9781524879679. Andrews McMeel. 6-8

The Wish Switch. Written by Lynn Painter. ISBN 9780316578578. Little, Brown and Company / Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. 6-8



• 9TH — 12TH GRADE •

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From the hundreds of newly published books voted on by teens across the country, here are the top vote-getters, starting with the top 10!

1. **Dear Manny.** Written by Nic Stone. ISBN 9780593308011. Random House Children's Books / Crown BFYR. 9-12
2. **The Flip Side.** Written by Jason Walz. ISBN 9780593617991. Penguin Young Readers / Rocky Pond Books. 9-12
3. **Buzz! (2025 edition).** Written by Ananth Hirsh. Illustrated by Tess Stone. ISBN 9781637156193. Oni Press. 9-12
4. **Messi Mania: The Ultimate Story of the World's Greatest Soccer Star.** Written by Luis Miguel Echegaray. ISBN 9781836001201. The Quarto Group / Holler. 9-12
5. **Raven Boys: The Graphic Novel.** Written by Maggie Stiefvater. Adapted by Stephanie Williams. Illustrated by Sas Milledge. ISBN 9780593621189. Penguin Young Readers / Viking Books for Young Readers. 9-12
6. **The Art of Drag.** Written by Jake Hall. Illustrated by Sofie Birkin, Helen Li, and Jasjyot Singh Hans. ISBN 9781838749767. Flying Eye Books. 9-12
7. **Silenced Voices: Reclaiming Memories from the Guatemalan Genocide.** Written & illustrated by Pablo Leon. ISBN 9780063223554. HarperCollins / HarperAlley. 9-12
8. **Fireblooms.** Written by Alexandra Villasante. ISBN 9780525514053. Penguin Young Readers / Nancy Paulsen Books. 9-12
9. **Banned Together: Our Fight for Readers' Rights.** Written by Ashley Hope Pérez. ISBN 9780823458301. Holiday House. 9-12
10. **After We Burned.** Written by Marieke Nijkamp. ISBN 9781728291208. Sourcebooks / Sourcebooks Fire. 9-12

13 Days of Summer. Written by Stephanie Kate Strohm. ISBN 9798894141206. Hachette Book Group / Running Press Teens. 9-12

American Spirits: The Famous Fox Sisters and The Mysterious Fad that Haunted a Nation. Written by Barb Rosenstock. ISBN 9781635928051. Astra Books for Young Readers / Calkins Creek. 9-12

Among Ghosts. Written by Rachel Hartman. ISBN 9780593813720. Random House Children's Books / Random House BFYR. 9-12

Climate of Chaos. Written by Cassandra Newbould. ISBN 9781682637579. Peachtree Teen. 9-12



The Common Rule Youth Edition: Growing Your Faith in a Distracted World.

Written by Justin Whitmel Earley. ISBN 9781514010433. InterVarsity Press (IVP). 9-12

Death in the Dark. Written by Bryce Moore. ISBN 9781728293363. Sourcebooks / Sourcebooks Fire. 9-12

The Devil's in the Dancers. Written by Catherine Yu. ISBN 9798890032331. Page Street Publishing / Page Street YA. 9-12

Espada: The Will of the Blade. Written by Anabel Colazo; Translated by Diego Jourdan Pereira. Illustrated by Anabel Colazo. ISBN 9781637157596. Oni Press. 9-12

Everything I Promised You. Written by Katy Upperman. ISBN 9781464217784. Sourcebooks / Sourcebooks Fire. 9-12

Extraordinary Quests for Amateur Witches. Written by Kayla Cottingham. ISBN 9780593814017. Random House Children's Books / Delacorte Press. 9-12

Fawn's Blood: A Novel. Written by Hal Schriever. ISBN 9781644214701. Seven Stories Press / Triangle Square Books for Young Readers. 9-12

Gay the Pray Away. Written by Natalie Naudus. ISBN 9781683695110. Quirk Books. 9-12

The Girl You Know. Written by Elle Gonzalez Rose. ISBN 9781547616039. Bloomsbury / Bloomsbury YA. 9-12

I Wish I Didn't Have to Tell You This: A Graphic Memoir. Written & illustrated by Eugene Yelchin. ISBN 9781536215533. Candlewick Press. 9-12

Latina Superheroes (Volume 1): Jalisco & Santa. Written by Kayden Phoenix. ISBN 9781524892586. Andrews McMeel. 9-12

Legendary Frybread Drive-In: Intertribal Stories. Written by Edited by Cynthia Leitich Smith. ISBN 9780063314269. HarperCollins / Heartdrum. 9-12

Love, Misha. Written by Askel Aden. ISBN 9781250866219. Macmillan Children's Publishing / First Second. 9-12

On Again, Awkward Again: A Novel. Written by Erin Entrada Kelly and Kwame Mbalia. ISBN 9781419775635. ABRAMS / Amulet Books. 9-12

(S)Kin. Written by Ibi Zoboi. ISBN 9780062888877. HarperCollins / Versify. 9-12

Song of the Lioness, Book 1: Alanna: A Graphic Novel Adaptation. Written by Tamora Pierce. Adapted by Vita Ayala. Illustrated by Sam Beck. ISBN 9781419765582. ABRAMS / Fanfare. 9-12

Student Government. Written by Dave Justus and Lilah Sturges. Illustrated by Joe Eisma. ISBN 9781545816103. Mad Cave Studios / Maverick. 9-12

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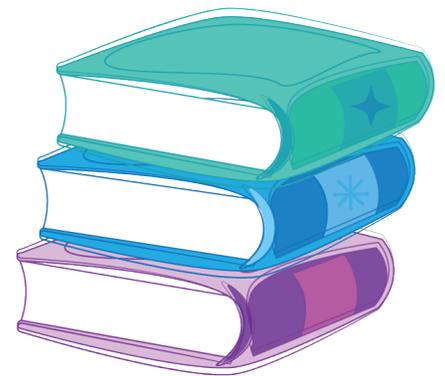
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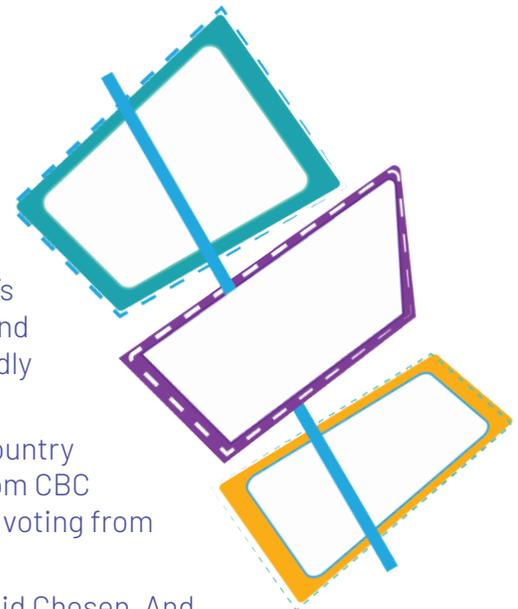


ABOUT THE KIDS FAVORITES PROGRAM

Launched in 1974, Children's Choices was a project co-sponsored by the Children's Book Council and the International Literary Association (ILA). ILA's regional coordinators took books into schools and conducted the reading and voting. After the program was suspended in 2020 due to COVID, the ILA kindly ceded the organization of the program to the CBC.

In 2021, renamed CBC Favorites, over 60 schools and libraries across the country were chosen by application to each receive 300-500 new books directly from CBC member publishers, set up displays, and organize school-wide reading and voting from August to February.

Now, in 2026, we have renamed the program KIDS FAVORITES: Kid Read. Kid Chosen. And coming soon are the TEACHER and LIBRARIAN FAVORITES as voted on by the supervisors at the 60 voting schools and libraries.



ABOUT THE CHILDREN'S BOOK COUNCIL



The Children's Book Council (CBC) is the nonprofit trade association for children's book publishers in North America. The CBC manages a portfolio of national book awards, creates educational programming, promotes diversity in book publishing, compiles curated reading lists for teachers, librarians, and booksellers, and fights against the banning of books. CBC's awards include Best STEM Books, Social Justice Book Prize, CBC Favorites/Kid Chosen, the Free Speech Advocate of the Year, and more.

The CBC also oversees Every Child a Reader, an award-winning 501(c)(3) national organization that celebrates the powerful impact children's books have on young people by organizing national book celebrations, providing free books to students in need, fighting book bans, partnering with other major organizations, and producing free and diverse educational resources for classrooms and libraries. Every Child a Reader's major national campaigns include: Children's Book Week, the longest-running literacy initiative in the country since 1919; the National Ambassador for Young People's Literature, with the Library of Congress; Get Caught Reading, a free poster program of diverse role models reading new and classic books, now celebrating its 25th year; and the Anna Dewdney Read Together Award, promoting family reading time, now in its 10th year.