

TEACHER FAVORITES

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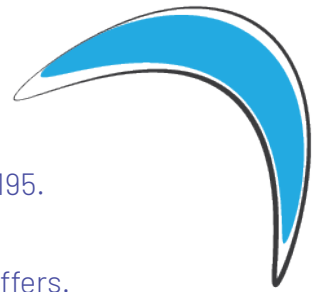
• KINDERGARTEN — 2ND GRADE •

TEACHER READ. TEACHER CHOSEN.

From the hundreds of newly published books voted on by teacher across the country, here are the top vote-getters, starting with the top 25!

1. **Make a Pretty Sound: A Story of Ella Jenkins—The First Lady of Children’s Music.** Written by Traci N. Todd. Illustrated by Eleanor Davis. ISBN 9781452170640. Chronicle Books. K-2
2. **Don’t Trust Fish.** Written by Neil Sharpson. Illustrated by Dan Santat. ISBN 9780593616673. Penguin Young Readers / Dial Books. K-2
3. **Cranky, Crabby Crow (Saves the World).** Written & illustrated by Corey R. Tabor. ISBN 9780063373587. HarperCollins / Greenwillow Books. K-2
4. **POP! Goes the Nursery Rhyme.** Written by Betsy Bird. Illustrated by Andrea Tsurumi. ISBN 9781454960461. Union Square & Co. / Union Square Kids. K-2
5. **Recess: A Picture Book.** Written & illustrated by Lane Smith. ISBN 9781419776892. ABRAMS / Abrams Books for Young Readers. K-2
6. **The Pine Cone’s Secret.** Written by Hannah Barnaby. Illustrated by Cédric Abt. ISBN 9781464224980. Sourcebooks / Sourcebooks Explore. K-2
7. **Max and Chaffy: Welcome to Animal Island.** Written & illustrated by Jamie Smart. ISBN 9780593965306. DK. 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. **Piece Out.** Written by Alex Willan. ISBN 9781662620935. Astra Books for Young Readers / Astra Young Readers. K-2
10. **Awesome Earth: Concrete Poems Celebrate Caves, Canyons, and Other Fascinating Landforms.** Written by Joan Bransfield Graham. Illustrated by Tania García. ISBN 9780358396048. HarperCollins / Clarion Books. K-2
11. **Bear.** Written & illustrated by Natalia Shaloshvili. ISBN 9781836002611. The Quarto Group / Frances Lincoln Children’s Books. K-2
12. **Kwesi and Nana Ruby Learn to Swim.** Written by Kobina Commeh. Illustrated by Bárbara Quintino. ISBN 9798888593639. Barefoot Books. K-2
13. **Humpty’s Great Fall.** Written by Amy Moore. Illustrated by Josh Cleland. ISBN 9781662527968. Amazon Publishing / Two Lions. K-2
14. **Flat Cat: The Class Pet.** Written by Tara Lazar. Illustrated by Pete Oswald. ISBN 9780593404607. Penguin Young Readers / Flamingo Books. K-2
15. **Dogs Love Books, Too.** Written & illustrated by Maria Coco. ISBN 9781547613656. Bloomsbury / Bloomsbury Children’s Books. K-2





16. **On Our Way with Mr. Jay.** Written by Chelsea Lin Wallace. Illustrated by Thyra Heder. ISBN 9780823457045. Holiday House / Neal Porter Books. K-2
 17. **Froggy: A Pond Full Of Pals!** Written & illustrated by Paige Walshe. ISBN 9781838742195. Flying Eye Books. K-2
 18. **The Day the Crayons Made Friends.** Written by Drew Daywalt. Illustrated by Oliver Jeffers. ISBN 9780593622360. Penguin Young Readers / Philomel Books. K-2
 19. **Just a Banana.** Written & illustrated by Barney Saltzberg. ISBN 9781523528837. Hachette Book Group / Workman Kids. K-2
 20. **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
 21. **Buzz! Boom! Bang!: The Book of Sounds.** Written & illustrated by Benjamin Gottwald. ISBN 9780735846036. NorthSouth Books. K-2
 22. **Croco.** Written by Azul López. Translated by Kit Maude. Illustrated by Azul López. ISBN 9798988749974. Tapioca Stories. K-2
 23. **I Hate Everything!** Written & illustrated by Sophy Henn. ISBN 9781665980494. Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing / Beach Lane Books. K-2
 24. **The Grumpy Ghost Upstairs.** Written & illustrated by Mamiko Shiotani. ISBN 9781782509264. Floris Books. K-2
 25. **Hedgehogs Don't Wear Underwear.** Written & illustrated by Marissa Valdez. ISBN 9781250814388. Macmillan Children's Publishing / Roaring Brook Press. K-2
- Amy's Travels.** Written by Kathryn Starke. Illustrated by Jennifer Carter, Laura Starke Barrick, Charlotte Barrick, and Charity Wells. ISBN 9798218184124. Creative Minds Publications. K-2
- Awesome of the Day.** Written by Ellen Javernick. Illustrated by Bhagya Madanasinghe. ISBN 9781662521966. Amazon Publishing / Two Lions. K-2
- Axolotl and Axolittle.** Written by Jess Hitchman. Illustrated by Sarah Rebar. ISBN 9781464237904. Sourcebooks / Sourcebooks Jabberwocky. K-2
- Bearsuit Turtle Makes a Friend: A Picture Book.** Written & illustrated by Bob Shea. ISBN 9781419771552. ABRAMS / Abrams Books for Young Readers. K-2
- Big Boy Joy.** Written by Connie Schofield-Morrison. Illustrated by Shamar Knight-Justice. ISBN 9781547611515. Bloomsbury / Bloomsbury Children's Books. K-2
- The Big Snowdown.** Written & illustrated by Katy Hudson. ISBN 9781684469123. Capstone / Capstone Editions. K-2
- The Biggest Smallest Thing.** Written by Sara de Waal. Illustrated by Ana Stretcu. ISBN 9781773219455. Annick Press. 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

A Cat Like That. Written by Lester L. Laminack. Illustrated by Nicole Wong. ISBN 9781682635230. Peachtree / Margaret Quinlin 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 Day the Books Disappeared. Written by Joanna Ho and Caroline Kusin Pritchard. Illustrated by Dan Santat. ISBN 9781368110655. Disney Publishing / Disney Hyperion. K-2

Dinosaur Days. Written by Courtney Pippin-Mathur. Illustrated by Pauline Gregory. ISBN 9781478887843. Reycraft Book / Benchmark Education. K-2

E-I-UFO: Old MacDonald Had a Farm. Written by Zach von Zonk. Illustrated by Benjamin Chaud. ISBN 9781797223896. Chronicle Books. K-2

Ellie Has a Secret. Written & illustrated by Amelia Bothe. ISBN 9780063373150. HarperCollins / Clarion Books. K-2

Emily Was SO Embarrassed. Written & illustrated by Michelle Olson. ISBN 9798986047263. Bellie Button 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

Hank's Change of Heart. Written by Cindy Williams Schrauben. Illustrated by Sasha Richards. ISBN 9781956378313. The Little Press. K-2

A Home Like This. Written by Laura Purdie Salas. Illustrated by Miriam Nerlove. ISBN 9781568463995. The Creative Company / Creative Editions. K-2

Hugs Are (Not) for Everybody. Written by Ella Russell. Illustrated by Udayana Lugo. ISBN 9781771476393. Owlkids Books. K-2

I Know What You Do When I Go to School. Written by Siona Talekar. ISBN 9781589853553. Story Monsters / Story Monsters Press. K-2



Mara Plants a Seed. Written by Robert Furrow and Donna Jo Napoli. Illustrated by Melissa Bailey. ISBN 9781958629765. Science, Naturally!. K-2

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

Piccolo. Written & illustrated by Dan Yaccarino. ISBN 9780316574563. Little, Brown and Company / Little, Brown for Young Readers / Christy Ottaviano Books. K-2

Sign Up for Adventure!: The Doodling Duo vs. Spaghetti Monster. Written & illustrated by Lavanya Karthik. ISBN 9781949528084. Sambasivan & Parikh / Modern Marigold Books. K-2

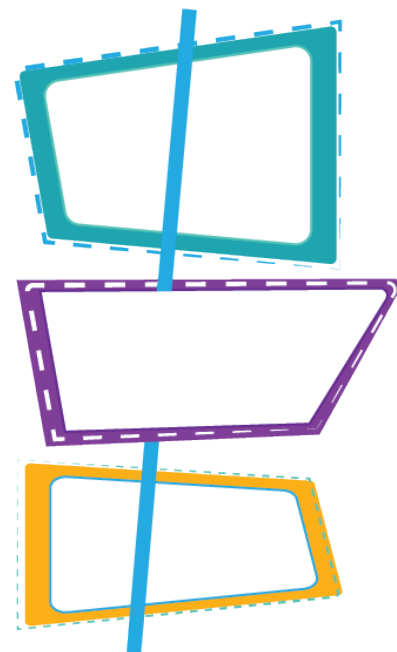
Snarky Sharky. Written by Bethan Clarke. Illustrated by Nikolas Ilić. ISBN 9781664300644. Tiger Tales. K-2

The Strongest Monster on Mill Street. Written by Sarah Sparks. Illustrated by Sypha Vendez. ISBN 9798990776524. ViaNova Productions. K-2

This Year, a Witch! Written & illustrated by Zoey Abbott. ISBN 9781665956024. Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing / Atheneum BFYR. K-2

Tiny T. Rex and the First-Day Oopsies: A Back-to-School Book. Written by Jonathan Stutzman. Illustrated by Jay Fleck. ISBN 9781797233208. Chronicle 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



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

Will The Pigeon Graduate? Written & illustrated by Mo Willems. ISBN 9781454960430. Union Square & Co. / Union Square Kids. K-2

Wôpanâak Seasons: Seeqan, Neepun, Keepun, Pup8n. Written by Carrie Anne Vanderhoop. Illustrated by Mangeshig Pawis-Steckley. ISBN 9781926890418. Tradewind Books. K-2

• 3RD — 5TH GRADE •

TEACHER READ. TEACHER CHOSEN.

From the hundreds of newly published books voted on by teacher across the country, here are the top vote-getters, starting with the top 15!

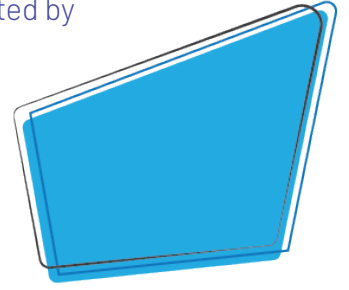
1. **The South Pole and the North Pole: Two Books in One.** Written by Li Rongbin. Illustrated by Juliana Motzko. ISBN 9798890631404. Clavis. 3-5
2. **Earl and Worm #1: The Bad Idea and Other Stories.** Written by Greg Pizzoli. ISBN 9780593649664. Random House Children's Books / Alfred A. Knopf BFYR. 3-5
3. **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
4. **Jellyfish Scientist: Maude Delap and Her Mesmerizing Medusas.** Written by Michelle Cusolito. Illustrated by Ellen Rooney. ISBN 9781623545819. Charlesbridge Publishing. 3-5
5. **Duck and Moose: Moose's Bad Hair Day!** Written & illustrated by Kirk Reedstrom. ISBN 9781368115865. Disney Publishing / Disney Hyperion. 3-5
6. **Dog Man: Big Jim Believes: A Graphic Novel (Dog Man #14).** Written & illustrated by Dav Pilkey. ISBN 9781546176183. Scholastic / Graphix. 3-5
7. **We're All Gonna Die-nosaur!** Written & illustrated by Kon Tan. ISBN 9781368101912. Disney Publishing / Disney Hyperion. 3-5
8. **Mariam's Dream: The Story of Mariam Al-Shaar and Her Food Truck of Hope.** Written by Leila Boukarim. Illustrated by Sona Avedikian. ISBN 9781797222332. Chronicle Books. 3-5
9. **Journey of the Humpbacks.** Written by Juliana Muñoz Toro. Illustrated by Dipacho. ISBN 9780802856432. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers. 3-5
10. **Calm: A Choose Your Own Attitude Book.** Written by Gail Hayes. Illustrated by Helen Flook. ISBN 9781486731572. Flowerpot Press. 3-5
11. **What to Do When the News Scares You, Revised Edition: A Kid's Guide to Understanding Current Events.** Written by Jacqueline B. Toner, PhD. Illustrated by Janet McDonnell. ISBN 9781433845239. American Psychological Association / Magination Press. 3-5
12. **Caring.** Written by Kobi Yamada. Illustrated by Elise Hurst. ISBN 9781957891606. Compendium. 3-5
13. **All Ears.** Written by Stuart Gibbs. ISBN 9781665956482. Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing / Simon & Schuster BFYR. 3-5
14. **Sketch.** Written & illustrated by Jacques Goldstyn. ISBN 9781778402777. Greystone Books / Aldana Libros. 3-5
15. **Chicken Predicament.** Written by Mary Rand Hess and Randy Preston. Illustrated by Marilena Perilli. ISBN 9798885544061. Free Spirit Publishing. 3-5



365 Amazing True Things to Read in Bed. Written by Edward Brooke-Hitching. Illustrated by Oksana Drachkovska. ISBN 9781836004561. The Quarto Group / words & pictures. 3-5

Around the World on 80 Horses. Written by Jill Newtow. Illustrated by Jill Newton. ISBN 9781786288073. Child's Play, Inc. 3-5

Bad Badger. Written by Maryrose Wood. Illustrated by Giulia Ghigini. ISBN 9781454953456. Union Square & Co. / Union Square Kids. 3-5



C Is for Crime Scene: A Forensics A to Z Book. Written by Dr. Judy Staveley. Illustrated by Alessandra Vitelli. ISBN 9781958629918. Science, Naturally! 3-5

A Change is Gonna Come. Written by Sam Cooke. Illustrated by Nikkolas Smith. ISBN 9781499816150. Little Bee Books. 3-5

Dino Poet: A Graphic Novel. Written & illustrated by Tom Angleberger. ISBN 9781419772801. ABRAMS / Fanfare. 3-5

Down Syndrome Out Loud. Written by Melissa Hart. Illustrated by María Perera. ISBN 9781464216695. Sourcebooks / Sourcebooks Explore. 3-5

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

Farting Fish: and 49 other weird and wonderful scientific discoveries. Written by Alice Harman. Illustrated by Sam Wedelich. ISBN 9780711298811. The Quarto Group / Happy Yak. 3-5

The Fossil Keeper's Treasure: With Amazing Fossils to Touch. Written by Amy Atwater. Illustrated by Natalia Cardozo. ISBN 9781917044264. Magic Cat Publishing. 3-5

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

The Golden Necklace: A Darjeeling Tea Mystery. Written by Mitali Perkins. Illustrated by Maithili Joshi. ISBN 9781623543730. Charlesbridge Publishing. 3-5

The Lighthouse Keeper. Written by Eugenio Fernández Vázquez. Translated by Kit Maude. Illustrated by Mariana Villanueva Segovia. ISBN 9798988749943. Tapioca Stories. 3-5

Me & the Magic Cube. Written by Daniel Fehr. Translated by Marshall Yarbrough. Illustrated by GOLDEN COSMOS. ISBN 9780735845732. NorthSouth Books. 3-5

Newborns: How Baby Animals Come into the World. Written by Paulina Jara. Illustrated by Mercè Galí. ISBN 9781459840348. Orca Book Publishers. 3-5

Not Extinct: The Przewalski's Horse Returns from Extinct in the Wild. Written by Darcy Pattison. ISBN 9781629442648. Mims House. 3-5

Passover on Everest. Written by Rachelle Burk. Illustrated by Craig Orback. ISBN 9781951365288. Intergalactic Afikoman. 3-5

Paws, Camera, Action! Starring Bugsy: A Collection of Poems & Videos. Written by Kristine Koziol-Gallop. Illustrated by Surya Gunawan. ISBN 9798218457532. Gallop Press. 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. Arbordale Publishing. 3-5

Sabotage at Casa Grande Springs. Written by DD Sterner. ISBN 9781944644543. Crimson Dragon Publishing. 3-5

Saving Hawai'i's Honu. Written by Leslie Ann Hayashi. Illustrated by Kelly Pousette. ISBN 9781478868514. Reycraft Book / Benchmark Education. 3-5

Seabird. Written by Michelle Kadarusman. ISBN 9781772783490. Pajama Press. 3-5

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

Shirley Chisolm: Champion of Change. Written by Dr. Tonya Allen. Illustrated by Chasity Hampton. ISBN 9781959223610. Planting People Growing Justice. 3-5

Smalltown City and the Spirit of City Hall. Written by Nancy Pearson. Illustrated by John Klossner. ISBN 9781942155942. Peter E. Randall Publisher. 3-5

Snake in the Grass: A Fina Mendoza Mystery. Written by Kitty Felde. ISBN 9798989493425. Chesapeake Press. 3-5

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

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

Stuck! The Story of La Brea Tar Pits. Written by Joyce Uglow. Illustrated by Valerya Milovanova. ISBN 9781638191889. Bushel & Peck Books. 3-5

The Undead Fox of Deadwood Forest. Written by Aubrey Hartman. ISBN 9780316575720. Little, Brown and Company / Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. 3-5

The Voyage That Changed The World: The Epic Story of The First Crew to Sail Around the Globe. Written & illustrated by Thekla Priebst. ISBN 9780711293489. The Quarto Group / Wide Eyed Editions. 3-5

When a Book Begins: A Book of Poems. Written by Alegria Dashielle. Illustrated by Daniela Alarcon. ISBN 9781223188812. Paw Prints Publishing. 3-5

Wild Wonderings: Scientists and Their Questions. Written by Jessica Fries-Gaither. Illustrated by Linda Olliver. ISBN 9781681409597. NSTA Kids. 3-5

You Are Home. Written by Bex Tobin Fine. Illustrated by Andrés Landazábal. ISBN 9781797221663. Chronicle Books. 3-5

Zero! The Number That Almost Wasn't. Written by Sarah Albee. Illustrated by Chris Hsu. ISBN 9781623544324. Charlesbridge Publishing. 3-5



• 6TH — 8TH GRADE •

TEACHER READ. TEACHER CHOSEN.

From the hundreds of newly published books voted on by teacher across the country, here are the top vote-getters, starting with the top 15!

1. **Chickenpox.** Written & illustrated by Remy Lai. ISBN 9781250863294. Macmillan Children's Publishing / Henry Holt Books for Young Readers. 6-8
2. **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
3. **Blood in the Water.** Written by Tiffany D. Jackson. ISBN 9781338849912. Scholastic / Scholastic Press. 6-8
4. **Almost Sunset.** Written & illustrated by Wahab Algarmi. ISBN 9780063355668. HarperCollins / HarperAlley. 6-8
5. **El Niño.** Written by Pam Muñoz Ryan. Illustrated by Joe Cepeda. ISBN 9781338068559. Scholastic / Scholastic Press. 6-8
6. **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
7. **Busted.** Written by Dan Gemeinhart. ISBN 9781250378361. Macmillan Children's Publishing / Henry Holt Books for Young Readers. 6-8
8. **The Island of Forgotten Gods.** Written by Victor Piñeiro. ISBN 9781728230559. Sourcebooks / Sourcebooks Young Readers. 6-8
9. **Make Good Trouble.** Written by Jamia Wilson. ISBN 9780744092196. DK. 6-8
10. **Hick.** Written by Sarah Miller. ISBN 9780593649091. Random House Children's Books / Random House Studio. 6-8
11. **Ink of Nightmares.** Written by Jeff Szpirglas. Illustrated by Andrew P. Barr. ISBN 9781459840591. Orca Book Publishers. 6-8
12. **Oppenheimer and the Atomic Bomb: Young Readers Edition of AMERICAN PROMETHEUS: The Triumph and Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer.** Written by Kai Bird and Martin J. Sherwin. Adapted by Eric Singer. ISBN 9780593856451. Penguin Young Readers / G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers. 6-8
13. **Old School.** Written by Gordon Korman. ISBN 9780063238145. HarperCollins . 6-8
14. **War Games.** Written by Alan Gratz. ISBN 9781338736106. Scholastic / Scholastic Press. 6-8
15. **Allyship as Action: 7 Ways to Advocate for Others.** Written by Tanya Boteju. Illustrated by Bithi Sutradhar. ISBN 9781459840478. Orca Book Publishers. 6-8



Aarzu All Around. Written by Marzieh Abbas. ISBN 9781665970419. Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing / Simon & Schuster BFYR. 6-8

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

Afia in the Land of Wonders. Written & illustrated by Mia Araujo. ISBN 9781338856729. Scholastic / Scholastic Press. 6-8

Are There Rainbows in Space?: A Colorful Compendium of Seriously Cool Science. Written by Sheila Kanani. Illustrated by Liz Kay. ISBN 9780593889633. Penguin Young Readers / Penguin Workshop. 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



The Burning Season. Written by Caroline Starr Rose. ISBN 9780593617939. Penguin Young Readers / Nancy Paulsen Books. 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

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

Creaky Acres. Written by Calista Brill and Nilah Magruder. Illustrated by Nilah Magruder. ISBN 9780735230620. Penguin Young Readers / Kokila. 6-8

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

The Glade. Written by Naseem Jamnia. ISBN 9781665949804. Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing / Aladdin. 6-8

Halfway to Somewhere. Written by Jose Pimienta. ISBN 9780593569450. Random House Children's Books / Random House Graphic. 6-8

It's Watching. Written by Lindsay Currie. ISBN 9780593811665. Random House Children's Books / Delacorte Press. 6-8

Malcolm Lives! The Official Biography of Malcolm X for Young Readers. Written by Ibram X. Kendi. ISBN 9780374311865. Macmillan Children's Publishing / Farrar Straus Giroux Books for Young Readers. 6-8

Oasis. Written & illustrated by Guojing. ISBN 9781250818379. Macmillan Children's Publishing / Godwin Books. 6-8

Ollie In Between. Written by Jess Callans. ISBN 9781250331342. Macmillan Children's Publishing / Feiwel & Friends. 6-8

One Crazy Summer: The Graphic Novel. Written by Rita Williams-Garcia. Illustrated by Sharee Miller. ISBN 9780062935588. HarperCollins / Quill Tree Books. 6-8

Refugee: The Graphic Novel. Written by Alan Gratz. Illustrated by Syd Fini. ISBN 9781338733969. Scholastic / Graphix. 6-8

The Trouble With Heroes. Written by Kate Messner. ISBN 9781547616398. Bloomsbury / Bloomsbury Children's Books. 6-8

We Need to Talk About Divorce : An IMPORTANT book about Separation, Stepfamilies, and Feeling Heard. Written by Kate Scharff. Illustrated by Annika Le Large. ISBN 9781684494484. Macmillan Children's Publishing / Neon Squid. 6-8



• 9TH — 12TH GRADE •

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From the hundreds of newly published books voted on by teacher across the country, here are the top vote-getters, starting with the top 15!

1. **Trans History: A Graphic Novel: From Ancient Times to the Present Day.** Written & illustrated by Alex L. Combs and Andrew Eakett. ISBN 9781536219234. Candlewick Press. 9-12
2. **Beyond They/Them: 20 Influential Nonbinary and Gender-Diverse People You Should Know.** Written by Em Dickson. Illustrated by Cameron Mukwa. ISBN 9781524893996. Andrews McMeel. 9-12
3. **The Art of Drag.** Written by Jake Hall. Illustrated by Sofie Birkin, Helen Li, and Jasjot Singh Hans. ISBN 9781838749767. Flying Eye Books. 9-12
4. **I Can't Even Think Straight.** Written by Dean Atta. ISBN 9780063158030. HarperCollins / Quill Tree Books. 9-12
5. **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
6. **The 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
7. **Eve (Adapted for Young Adults): How the Female Body Shaped Human Evolution.** Written by Cat Bohannon. ISBN 9780593811887. Random House Children's Books / Bright Matter Books. 9-12
8. **Silenced Voices: Reclaiming Memories from the Guatemalan Genocide.** Written & illustrated by Pablo Leon. ISBN 9780063223554. HarperCollins / HarperAlley. 9-12
9. **Buzz! (2025 edition).** Written by Ananth Hirsh. Illustrated by Tess Stone. ISBN 9781637156193. Oni Press. 9-12
10. **You've Found Oliver.** Written by Dustin Thao. ISBN 9780593858479. Penguin Young Readers / Dutton Books for Young Readers. 9-12
11. **King: A Life (Young Adult Edition).** Written by Jonathan Eig. Adapted by Yohuru Williams and Michael G. Long. ISBN 9780374393106. Macmillan Children's Publishing / Farrar Straus Giroux Books for Young Readers. 9-12
12. **Royal Heirs Academy.** Written by Lindsey Duga. ISBN 9780316578660. Little, Brown and Company / Little, Brown for Young Readers / Christy Ottaviano Books. 9-12
13. **Latina Superheroes (Volume 1): Jalisco & Santa.** Written by Kayden Phoenix. ISBN 9781524892586. Andrews McMeel. 9-12
14. **The Crimson Throne.** Written by Sara Raasch and Beth Revis. ISBN 9781464236136. Sourcebooks / Sourcebooks Fire. 9-12
15. **Maya in Multicolor.** Written by Swati Teerdhala. ISBN 9781368096126. Disney Publishing / Hyperion. 9-12



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

After We Burned. Written by Marieke Nijkamp. ISBN 9781728291208. Sourcebooks /
Sourcebooks Fire. 9-12

Bright Before Us, Like a Flame: Igniting The New Generation of Writers. Edited by Sasa Aakil and
Kathy Crutcher. Foreword by Elizabeth Acevedo. ISBN 9781950807826. Shout Mouse Press. 9-12

Common Rule Youth Edition, The: Growing Your Faith in a Distracted World. Written by Justin Whitmel Earley.
ISBN 9781514010433. InterVarsity Press (IVP). 9-12

The Education of Kia Greer. Written by Alanna Bennett. ISBN 9780593806104. Random House Children's Books /
Alfred A. Knopf BFYR. 9-12

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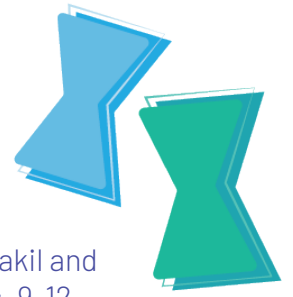
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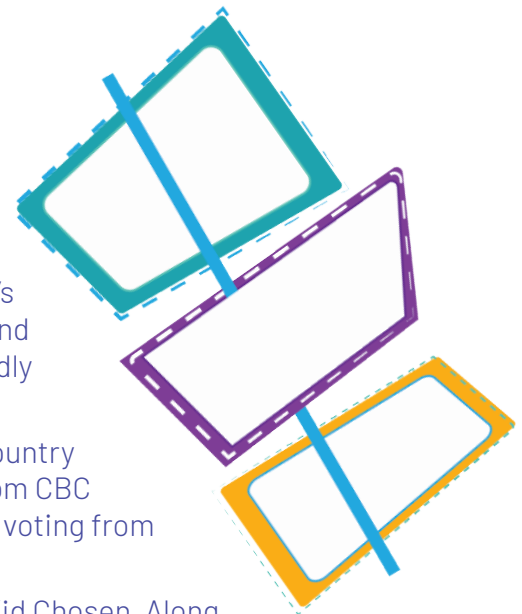


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Launched in 1974, Children's Choices was a project co-sponsored by the Children's Book Council and the International Literary Association (ILA). ILA's regional coordinators took books into schools and conducted the reading and voting. After the program 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. Along with the TEACHER and LIBRARIAN FAVORITES as voted on by the supervisors at the 60 voting schools and libraries.



ABOUT THE CHILDREN'S BOOK COUNCIL



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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.