



**100 Suggested Titles  
for  
Elementary School Students**

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**This is a suggested reading list for elementary school students; however, several of the titles will be appealing to readers of all ages.** The recommended titles reflect the quality and complexity of the types of material elementary school students should be reading both at school and outside of class. This list contains contemporary titles to create a more comprehensive list for expanding options for classroom teachers, librarians, students, and parents.

The purpose of this list is to provide suggestions for literature with a wide appeal to elementary school students. While this list is not intended to replace existing reading lists, classroom teachers, reading teachers, library information specialists, parents, and others should use this list to encourage their young people to read a wider variety of current literature.

Criteria used in the selection of books for this suggested reading list were:

- Copyright date must be within five years from the current calendar date.
- Each title must have at least three favorable reviews from recognized review sources.
- Each title must be currently available in print.

This list will be updated annually to meet the selection criteria as outlined above. For more information about this elementary school suggested reading list, please contact Martha Alewine ([malewine@ed.sc.gov](mailto:malewine@ed.sc.gov)).

**100 Suggested Titles for Elementary School Students  
Alphabetical by Author**

AUTHOR	TITLE	© DATE
1. Allen, Thomas B.	George Washington, Spymaster: How the Americans Outspied the British and Won the American Revolutionary War	2004
2. Alsenas, Linas	Peanut	2007
3. Armstrong, Jennifer	Once upon a banana	2006
4. Balan, Bruce	Cows Going Past	2005
5. Barasch, Lynn	Knockin' on Wood: Starring Peg Leg Bates	2004
6. Beard, Darleen Bailey	Operation Clean Sweep	2004
7. Berry, Lynne	Curious Demise of a Contrary Cat, The	2006
8. Bertrand, Lynne	Granite Baby	2005
9. Birdsall, Jeanne	Penderwicks, The: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and A Very Interesting Boy	2005
10. Birney, Betty G.	World According to Humphrey	2004
11. Borden, Louise	Across the Blue Pacific: A World War II Story	2006
12. Brown, Calef	Flamingos on the Roof: Poems and Paintings	2006
13. Bruchac, Joseph	Hidden Roots	2004
14. Burleigh, Robert	American Moments: Scenes from American History	2004
15. Carlson, Drew	Attack of the Turtle: a novel	2007
16. Cheng, Andrea	Honeysuckle House	2004
17. Child, Lauren	But Excuse Me That Is My Book	2005
18. Cleary, Brian P.	Rainbow Soup: Adventures in Poetry	2004
19. Clements, Andrew	Report Card	2004
20. Clements, Andrew	Million Dots, A	2006
21. Coombs, Kate	Secret-keeper, The	2006
22. Creech, Sharon	Heartbeat	2004
23. Cronin, Dooren	Duck for President	2006
24. De La Hoya, Oscar	Super Oscar	2006
25. DeFelice, Cynthia C.	Ghost of Cutler Creek	2006
26. Delanye, M.C.	Great Sockathon	2004
27. DiTerlizzi, Tony	Nixie's Song, The	2007
28. Dowell, Frances O'Roark	Phineas L. MacGuire Erupts!	2006
29. Elvgren, Jennifer Riesmeyer	Josias, Hold the Book	2006
30. Evans, Douglas	MVP (Magellan Voyage Project)	2004
31. Ferguson, Sarah, The Duchess of York	Little Red's Summer Adventure	2006
32. Florian, Douglas	Comets, Stars, the Moon, and Mars: Space Poems and Paintings	2007
33. Funke, Cornelia	Dragon Rider	2004
34. Gilson, Jamie	Gotcha!	2006
35. Giovanni, Nikki	Rosa	2005
36. Gleitzman, Morris	Toad Rage	2004
37. Gorman, Carol	Stumptown Kid	2005

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38. Grace, Catherine O'Neill	1621: A New Look at Thanksgiving	2006
39. Greenfield, Eloise	Friendly Four, The	2006
40. Gregorich, Barbara	Waltur Buys a Pig in a Poke and other stories	2006
41. Hamm, Mia	Winners Never Quit	2004
42. Hannigan, Katherine	Ida B...and her plans to maximize fun, avoid disaster, & (possibly) save the world	2004
43. Henkes, Kevin	Good Day, A	2007
44. Hodges, Margaret	Merlin and the Making of the King	2004
45. Jacobson, Jennifer Richard	Winner at her best	2006
46. Jenkins, Steve & Robin Page	Move!	2006
47. Johnson, Angela	Sweet Smell of Roses, A	2005
48. Johnson, Angela	Lily Brown's Paintings	2007
49. Kadohata, Cynthia	Weedflower	2006
50. Kennedy, Edward M.	My Senator and Me: A Dog's-Eye View of Washington, D.C.	2006
51. Kerr, P. B.	Children of the Lamp: The Akhenaten Adventure	2004
52. Kimmel, Eric A.	Blackbeard's Last Fight	2006
53. Kinney, Jeff	Diary of a Wimpy Kid	2007
54. Kipling, Rudyard	If: A Father's Advice to His Son	2007
55. Knswy-Warnock, Natalie	Christmas Like Helen's, A	2004
56. Kudlinski, Kathleen	Mother Teresa: Friend to the Poor	2006
57. Lewis, E. B.	This Little Light of Mine	2005
58. Look, Lenore	Ruby Lu, Brave and True	2004
59. Lorbiecki, Marybeth	Jackie's Bat	2006
60. Lucas, D.J. (a.k.a. Sally Grindley)	Dear Max	2006
61. Lyons, Mary E.	Roy Makes a Car	2005
62. Martin, Ann	On Christmas Eve	2006
63. McCully, Emily Arnold	Marvelous Mattie: How Margaret E. Knight Became an Inventor	2006
64. McGhee, Alison	Mrs. Watson Wants Your Teeth	2004
65. McKissack, Patricia	Abby Takes a Stand	2005
66. Micklos John, Jr.	No Boys Allowed: Poems about brothers and sisters	2006
67. Milford, Susan	Three about Thurston	2006
68. Morrison, Taylor	Wildfire	2006
69. Moss, Marissa	Mighty Jackie: The Strike-Out Queen	2004
70. Murphy, Yannick	Ahwoooooooo!	2006
71. Nolen, Herdine	Plantzilla Goes to Camp	2005
72. Norman, Lissette	My Feet are Laughing	2006
73. Pelley, Kathleen T.	Inventor McGregor	2006
74. Philbrick, W.R.	Young Man & the Sea	2004
75. Pinckney, Sandra L.	Read and Rise	2006
76. Polacco, Patricia	Emma Kate	2005
77. Prelutsky, Jack	If Not for the Cat	2004

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78. Rankin, Laura	Ruthie and the (Not So) Teeny Tiny Lie	2007
79. Raven, Margot Theis	Circle Unbroken: the Story of a Basket and Its People	2004
80. Robinson, Sharon	Promise to Keep: How Jackie Robinson Changed America	2004
81. Ryan, Pam Munoz	Becoming Naomi Leon	2004
82. Segal, Lore	Story of Mrs. Movewright and Purrless her cat, The	2006
83. Shannon, David	Alice the Fairy	2004
84. Sis, Peter	Train of States, The	2004
85. Smith, Charles R.	Hoop Kings: Poems	2004
86. Smith, Lane	John, Paul, George, & Ben	2006
87. Tankard, Jeremy	Grumpy Bird	2007
88. Taylor, Barbara	Insects (Kingfisher Young Knowledge)	2006
89. Teevin, Toni	What to Do? What to Do?	2006
90. Trumbore, Cindy	Genie in the Book, The	2004
91. Truss, Lynne	East, Shoots, & Leaves: the Zero Tolerance Approach to Punctuation	2006
92. Ullman, Barb Bentler	Fairies of Nutfolk Wood, The	2006
93. Watt, Melanie	Scaredy Squirrel Makes a Friend	2007
94. Wheeler, Lisa	Dino-hockey	2007
95. White, Ruth	Buttermilk Hill	2004
96. Wiles, Deborah	Each Little Bird That Sings	2005
97. Winkler, Henry	Niagara Falls, or Does it?	2006
98. Winter, Jonah	Roberto Clemente: Pride of the Pittsburgh Pirates	2005
99. Wolfson, Jill	What I Call Life	2005
100. Woodson, Jacqueline	Show Way	2005