

Be a Reading Star

With so many books out there, how does your child find ones he will love? Here are some that are sure to please.

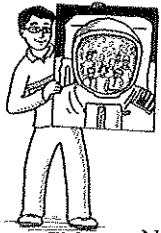
Encourage him to use the star-studded log on the back of this guide to keep track of the books he reads. As he fills the page with titles, he will become a reading superstar!

Tip: To find more books, he can share his interests with the public librarian or school media specialist and ask for recommendations.



The Young Man and the Sea

To save his family's fishing business, 12-year-old Skiff needs to catch a bluefin tuna. But after the town bully sabotages his plans, Skiff must fish using only a 10-foot plywood boat and a harpoon. A story of adventure and perseverance by Rodman Philbrick. (Also available in Spanish.)



Team Moon: How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon

Engineers who built heat shields, seamstresses who sewed space suits, and workers who built the lunar module are just some of the people behind sending Apollo 11 to the moon. Author Catherine Thimmesh used NASA transcripts and other documents to tell this behind-the-scenes story of the first successful moonwalk.

A Long Way from Chicago

Summer vacations with Grandma Dowdel during the Great Depression are never boring for Joey and Mary Alice. Every year, Grandma gets into some kind of mischief, from catching milk thieves to "borrowing" the sheriff's boat. An entertaining look at life in the 1930s by Richard Peck.

The Tail of Emily Windsnap

Seventh-grader Emily Windsnap has a secret—she has discovered that she's a mermaid! As if that were not enough, she has also learned that her long-lost father is in merman prison. Determined to meet him, Emily will risk everything to break into his underwater jail. The first book in the Emily Windsnap fantasy series by Liz Kessler.

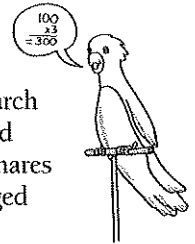


Sidekicks

After a peanut allergy knocks Captain Amazing out of commission, he decides he needs a sidekick. The trouble is that all of his super-powered pets want the job! Your youngster will enjoy the funny competition among the animals in this graphic novel by Dan Santat.

Alex the Parrot

Alex was supposed to be a "birdbrain." After all, he was just a parrot. But in a research project, Alex learned math skills, colors, and more than 100 words. Stephanie Spinner shares the real-life story of Alex and how he changed what people believe about animal brains.



Touch Blue

Eleven-year-old Tess wants her school to stay open, but there aren't enough kids on the island where she lives. Tess's family is among those who take in a foster child to boost the school's enrollment—but what if her new brother doesn't want to stay? Cynthia Lord's book explores what it means to belong.

The Word Snoop

Your child will discover how much fun words can be in this nonfiction book about language. Ursula Dubosarsky covers everything from the first alphabet to modern text messages. Young readers will also learn fun ways to play with words, using anagrams, secret codes, and more.



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