



South Carolina Reads

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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).

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

AUTHOR	TITLE	© DATE
1. Ada, Alma Flor and Leslie Tryon	Extra! Extra! Fairy-Tale News from Hidden Forest	2007
2. Alsenas, Linas	Peanut	2007
3. Anderson, Peggy Perry	Chuck's Band	2008
4. Armstrong, Jennifer	Once upon a banana	2006
5. Balan, Bruce	Cows Going Past	2005
6. Balliett, Blue	Calder Game, The	2008
7. Banks, Kate	Lenny's Space	2007
8. Berlin, Eric	Puzzling World of Winston Breen, The	2007
9. Berry, Lynne	Curious Demise of a Contrary Cat, The	2006
10. Birdsall, Jeanne	Penderwicks, The: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and A Very Interesting Boy	2005
11. Boniface, William	Hero Revealed, The	2006
12. Borden, Louise	Across the Blue Pacific: A World War II Story	2006
13. Botzakis, Stergios	What's Your Source? Questioning the News	2009
14. Brown, Calef	Flamingos on the Roof: Poems and Paintings	2006
15. Buckley, Susan and Elspeth Leacock	Kids Make History: A New Look at America's Story	2006
16. Buffett, Jimmy	Swine Not!	2008
17. Carlson, Drew	Attack of the Turtle: a novel	2007
18. Child, Lauren	But Excuse Me That Is My Book	2005
19. Clements, Andrew	Million Dots, A	2006
20. Coombs, Kate	Secret-keeper, The	2006
21. Cronin, Dooren	Duck for President	2006
22. De La Hoya, Oscar	Super Oscar	2006
23. DeFelice, Cynthia C.	Ghost of Cutler Creek	2006
24. DiTerlizzi, Tony	Nixie's Song, The	2007
25. Dowell, Frances O'Roark	Phineas L. MacGuire Erupts!	2006
26. Dungy, Tony	You Can Do It!	2008
27. Elvgren, Jennifer Riesmeyer	Josias, Hold the Book	2006
28. Ferguson, Sarah, The Duchess of York	Little Red's Summer Adventure	2006
29. Florian, Douglas	Comets, Stars, the Moon, and Mars: Space Poems and Paintings	2007
30. Funke, Cornelia	Igraine, the brave	2007
31. Gilson, Jamie	Gotcha!	2006
32. Giovanni, Nikki	Rosa	2005
33. Gorman, Carol	Stumptown Kid	2005
34. Grace, Catherine O'Neill	1621: A New Look at Thanksgiving	2006
35. Greenfield, Eloise	Friendly Four, The	2006
36. Gregorich, Barbara	Waltur Buys a Pig in a Poke and other stories	2006

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37. Gregorich, Barbara	Waltur Paints Himself into a Corner and Other Stories	2007
38. Henkes, Kevin	Good Day, A	2007
39. Herman, Charlotte	My Chocolate Year	2008
40. Jacobson, Jennifer Richard	Winner at her best	2006
41. Jenkins, Steve & Robin Page	Move!	2006
42. Johnson, Angela	Lily Brown's Paintings	2007
43. Kadohata, Cynthia	Weedflower	2006
44. Katz, Alan	Stinky Thinking: Number 2	2007
45. Kennedy, Edward M.	My Senator and Me: A Dog's-Eye View of Washington, D.C.	2006
46. Kimmel, Eric A.	Blackbeard's Last Fight	2006
47. Kinney, Jeff	Diary of a Wimpy Kid	2007
48. Kipling, Rudyard	If: A Father's Advice to His Son	2007
49. Korman, Gordon	Swindle	2008
50. Kudlinski, Kathleen	Mother Teresa: Friend to the Poor	2006
51. Lewis, E. B.	This Little Light of Mine	2005
52. Lewis, Maggie	Morgy's Musical Summer	2008
53. Lincoln, Christopher	Billy Bones: A Tale from the Secrets Closet	2008
54. Lorbiecki, Marybeth	Jackie's Bat	2006
55. Lucas, D.J. (a.k.a. Sally Grindley)	Dear Max	2006
56. Lyons, Mary E.	Roy Makes a Car	2005
57. MacDonald, Amy	Too Much Flapdoodle	2008
58. Mariconda, Barbara	Sort It Out!	2008
59. Martin, Ann	On Christmas Eve	2006
60. McCully, Emily Arnold	Marvelous Mattie: How Margaret E. Knight Became an Inventor	2006
61. McKissack, Patricia	Abby Takes a Stand	2005
62. Meyerhoff, Jenny	Third Grade Baby	2008
63. Micklos John, Jr.	No Boys Allowed: Poems about brothers and sisters	2006
64. Milford, Susan	Three about Thurston	2006
65. Montanari, Eva	Very Full Morning, A	2006
66. Morris, Gerald	Adventures of Sir Lancelot the Great, The	2008
67. Morrison, Taylor	Wildfire	2006
68. Morse, Scott	Magic Pickle and the Planet of the Grapes	2008
69. Murphy, Yannick	Ahwoooooo!	2006
70. Nolen, Herdine	Plantzilla Goes to Camp	2005
71. Norman, Lissette	My Feet are Laughing	2006
72. O'Shei, Tim	Diana, Princess of Wales	2009
73. Pelley, Kathleen T.	Inventor McGregor	2006
74. Pinckney, Sandra L.	Read and Rise	2006
75. Polacco, Patricia	Emma Kate	2005
76. Rankin, Laura	Ruthie and the (Not So) Teeny Tiny Lie	2007

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77. Rees, Douglas	Uncle Pirate	2008
78. Ruddell, Deborah	Today at the Blue-Bird Café: A Branchful of Birds	2007
79. Schwarts, Heather E.	Yourspace: Questioning New Media	2009
80. Segal, Lore	Story of Mrs. Movewright and Purrless her cat, The	2006
81. Sidman, Joyce	Butterfly Eyes and Other Secrets of the Meadow	2006
82. Siebert	Tour America: A Journey Through Poems and Art	2006
83. Siegal, Aranka	Memories of Babi	2008
84. Smith, Lane	Madam President	2008
85. Tankard, Jeremy	Grumpy Bird	2007
86. Taylor, Barbara	Insects (Kingfisher Young Knowledge)	2006
87. Teevin, Toni	What to Do? What to Do?	2006
88. Truss, Lynne	East, Shoots, & Leaves: the Zero Tolerance Approach to Punctuation	2006
89. Ullman, Barb Bentler	Fairies of Nutfolk Wood, The	2006
90. Wan, Guofang	Virtually True: Questioning Online Media	2007
91. Watt, Melanie	Scaredy Squirrel Makes a Friend	2007
92. Wheeler, Lisa	Dino-hockey	2007
93. Wiles, Deborah	Each Little Bird That Sings	2005
94. Winkler, Henry	Niagara Falls, or Does it?	2006
95. Winter, Jonah	Roberto Clemente: Pride of the Pittsburgh Pirates	2005
96. Wolfson, Jill	What I Call Life	2005
97. Wong, Janet S.	Twist: Yoga Poems	2007
98. Woodson, Jacqueline	Show Way	2005
99. Wynne-Jones, Tim	Rex Zero: King of Nothing	2008
100. Yaccarino, Dan	Go, Go America	2008