

Green Acres School

Suggestions for Reading

For Students Entering 2nd and 3rd Grades

This is a list of suggested books, taken from several sources, including Green Acres student recommendations. Try other books by these authors, too. We hope that your child's schedule will allow for many relaxing times to read and ponder.

Picture Books

Aliki. **A Play's the Thing**

Barasch, Lynne. **Radio Rescue**

Birch, David. **The King's Chessboard**

Bruel, Nick. **Who Is Melvin Bubble?**

Daly, Niki. **Welcome to Zanzibar Road**

Fleischman, Paul. **Weslandia**

Gerstein, Mordicai. **The Man Who Walked Between the Towers**

Grimes, Nikki. **Danitra Brown, Class Clown**

Gwynne, Fred. **A Chocolate Moose for Dinner**

Hopkinson, Deborah. **Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt**

Hooks, William. **Moss Gown**

Jenkins, Steve and Robin Page. **What Do You Do with a Tail Like This?**

Keller, Laurie. **The Scrambled States of America**

Kelly, John and Cathy Tincknell. **The Mystery of Eatum Hall** (not for the tender-hearted)

Madrigal, Antonio Hernandez. **Erandi's Braids**

Mahy, Margaret. **Down the Back of the Chair**

McCully, Emily Arnold. **Beautiful Warrior**

Mortenson, Greg and Susan L. Roth. **Listen to the Wind**

Muth, Jon J. **Zen Ties**

O'Malley, Kevin. **Once Upon a Cool Motorcycle Dude**

Osborne, Mary Pope. **Kate and the Beanstalk**

Pinkney, Jerry. **Rikki-Tikki-Tavi; The Ugly Duckling**

Polacco, Patricia. **Mr. Katz and Tush**

Rey, H.A. **Curious George**

Seuss, Dr. **And To Think that I saw It on Mulberry Street; The Sneetches and Other Stories**

Shulevitz, Uri. **How I Learned Geography**

Silverstein, Shel. **The Giving Tree**

Spier, Peter, ill. **Star Spangled Banner**

Soto, Gary. **Too Many Tamales**

Teague, Mark. **Dear Mr. LaRue: Letters from Obedience School**

Van Allsburg, Chris. **The Garden of Abdul Gasazi; Jumanji; Probuditi!**

Watt, Melanie. **Scaredy Squirrel** (series)

Watt, Melanie. **Chester**

Wiesner, David. **Flotsam**

Yee, Paul. **Roses Sing on New Snow**

Young, Ed. **Lon Po Po**

Fiction, Transitional Fiction

Byars, Betsy. **My Brother, Ant; Ant Plays Bear**
Fun stories about two brothers.

Cazet, Denys. **Minnie and Moo Go to the Moon** (series)
Minnie and Moo, two cows, decide to drive the farmer's tractor to the moon.

Hoberman, Mary Ann. **You Read to Me and I'll Read to You** (series)
Each short, rhymed story invites two readers to read their own parts and then read the passage in the central column together.

Ross, Pat. **Meet M & M** (series)
Mandy and Mimi are close friends who like to be known as M & M.

Rylant, Cynthia. **Mr. Putter and Tabby; Henry and Mudge; Poppleton; High-Rise Private Eyes** (series)
Four series by a master of the beginning reader genre.

Sharmat, Marjorie. **Nate the Great** (series)
Fortified by a pancake breakfast, Nate sets out to find a missing picture.

Yolen, Jane. **Commander Toad in Space (series)**

Join Commander Toad and crew for their mission on the space ship Star Warts.

Graphic Novels

Davis, Eleanor. **Stinky**

Stinky the monster is afraid of people. When a new kid enters his swamp, the monster tries many ways to scare him away.

Davis, Jim. **Garfield**

Antics and adventures of a cat named Garfield

Goscinnny, Rene and Albert Uderzo. **Asterix**

The series is about the exploits of a village of ancient Gauls as they resist Roman occupation.

Haspiel, Dean. **Mo and Jo Fighting Together Forever**

When the superhero MOJO gives Mo and Jo his costume, they fight and tear it in half. Now each twin is only half as strong. Can they find a way to combine their powers to fight the evil Saw-Jaw?

Hayes, Geoffrey. **Benny and Penny in Just Pretend: A Toon Book**

Benny wants to play pirates without his little sister Penny, and so he tries to get rid of her. When Penny really disappears, Benny begins to worry.

Herge. **Tintin**

Classic adventures of a boy in early and mid-20th century.

Holm, Jennifer. **Babymouse: Monster Mash (series)**

A graphic novel follows the Halloween adventures of Babymouse, an imaginative young mouse.

Jacques, Brian. **Redwall: The graphic novel**

Told in graphic forma, the adventures in Redwall Abbey include all the heroes, villains, and battles.

Morse, Scott. **Magic Pickle**

With his feisty sidekick, Jo Jo Wigman, the Magic Pickle faces his worst nightmare: the Brotherhood of Evil Produce!

Proimos, James. **The Many Adventures of Johnny Mutton (series); When Guinea Pigs Fly**

Comic book type silly fun.

Watterson, Bill. **Calvin and Hobbes**

Beloved comics about a boy and his stuffed animal.

More Fiction

Abbot, Tony. **The Secrets of Droon (series)**

Eric, Julie, and Neal face magic and adventure in the mysterious land of Droon.

Amato, Mary. **Take the Mummy and Run: The Riot Brothers Are on a Roll (series)**

Orville and Wilbur Riot are back in the hilarious fourth book of the Riot Brothers adventures. Whether hunting for lost mummies or creating their own water park, there's never a dull moment.

Blume, Judy. **Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing** (series)

Peter Hatcher has a terrible problem -- his two-year-old brother, Fudge.

Cameron, Ann. **The Stories Huey Tells** (series)

More stories about Huey and Julian and their contemporary African American family.

Christopher, Matt. **Centerfield Ballhawk**

José Mendez worries about his poor hitting and about disappointing his father, a former baseball player. (Related titles are available.)

Clifford, Eth. **Flatfoot Fox and the Case of the Missing Eye** (series)

Detective Fox uncovers the thief who stole Fat Cat's glass eye.

Cleary, Beverly. **The Mouse and the Motorcycle** (series)

Tiny Ralph S. Mouse meets a boy and discovers the joys of motorcycling.

Cole, Joanna. **Gator Girls** (series)

When best friends Allie and Amy Gator learn that Allie is going to camp, they try to cram all their summer plans into a few days of activities.

Cowley, Joy. **Snake and Lizard**

Join Snake and Lizard as they learn to appreciate their differences while becoming friends.

Cowley, Joy. **Chicken Feathers**

Relates the story of the summer Josh spends while his mother is in the hospital awaiting the birth of his baby sister. His pet chicken, Semolina, who talks only to him, is almost killed by a red fox.

Danziger, Paula. **Amber Brown Is Not a Crayon** (series)

Amber's close friend Justin is about to move. Now what will she do?

DiCamillo, Kate. **Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride** (series)

Mr. Watson's usual Saturday drive in his Cadillac with his favorite pig, Mercy, turns into an adventure when an unexpected passenger shows up in the back seat and Mercy finds herself behind the wheel.

Duffey, Betsy. **Puppy Love** (series)

Evie and Megan must find homes for four puppies.

Gannett, Ruth. **My Father's Dragon** (series)

A young boy determines to rescue a poor baby dragon that is being used by a group of lazy wild animals to ferry them across the river.

Haas, Jessie. **Jigsaw Pony**

When the twins' wish comes true they must learn to work together, for the first time, to care for their new pony. (Related titles are available.)

Hanson, Mary. **How to Save Your Tail*: *if You Are a rat nabbed by cats who really like stories about magic spoons, wolves with snout-warts, big, hairy chimney trolls...and cookies, too**

When he is captured by two of the queen's cats, Bob the rat prolongs his life by sharing fresh-baked cookies and stories of his ancestors, whose escapades are remarkably similar to those of well-known fairy tale heroes.

Kelly, Katy. **Lucy Rose: Busy Like You Can't Believe** (series)

Now in fourth grade, palindrome-enthusiast Lucy Rose learns about the perils of eavesdropping while also confiding in her diary her worries that her recently divorced mother is beginning to date.

Kline, Suzy. **Herbie Jones** (series)

Herbie's experiences in the 3rd grade include wandering away during a field trip, finding bones in the boy's bathroom, and being promoted to a higher reading group.

Lowry, Lois. **Gooney Bird Greene** (series)

A new student, who loves to be the center of attention, entertains her teacher and fellow students by telling absolutely true stories, including how she got her name.

McDonald, Megan. **Hinky Pink**

Summoned to the Great Castle of Firenze to create a dress for Princess Isabella Caramella Gorgonzola, Anabel, a seamstress, is delighted but then despairs as time passes when her efforts are subverted by an unseen sprite.

Moss, Marissa. **Amelia's Notebook** (series)

Amelia shares her truest nine-year-old feelings in this journal.

Osborne, Mary Pope. **The Magic Tree House** (series)

The magic tree house takes Jack and Annie on adventures back in time.

Park, Barbara. **Junie B. Jones and the Stupid Smelly Bus** (series)

The series begins with this less-than-perfect kindergartener describing in her own words her feelings about starting kindergarten and about not wanting to ride the bus home.

Pennypacker, Sara. **Clementine** (series)

While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine tries out several unique hairstyles while also helping her father to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.

Pilkey, Dav. **Captain Underpants** (series)

Belly-laugh potty humor that most boys love to read.

Roy, Ron. **The ABC Mysteries** (series)

A mystery series just right for second and third grade.

Sachar, Louis. **Marvin Redpost: Why Pick on Me?** (series)

An incident during recess threatens to turn nine-year-old Marvin into the outcast of his third grade class.

Sobol, Donald. **Encyclopedia Brown** (series)

Match wits with a 10-year-old boy who is always solving intriguing mysteries.

Poetry

Agee, Jon. **Orangutan Tong: Poems to Tangle Your Tongue**

Presents an illustrated collection of humorous poems featuring rhymes and tongue twisters.

Florian, Douglas. **In the Swim: Poems and Paintings**

Collections of humorous poems, ones about such underwater creatures as the starfish, piranha, and clams. All his books are fun. (Related titles are available.)

George, Kristine. **Little Dog and Duncan**

Series of poems about a friendship between two dogs. (Related titles are available.)

George, Kristine. **Toasting Marshmallows: Camping Poems**

Conveys the sights, sounds, smells and sensations of a family's camping trip.

Giovanni, Nikki (editor). **Hip Hop Speaks to Children: A Celebration of Poetry with a Beat**

A collection of poems with rhythm, from 42 poets and artists, that speaks to children.

Hughes, Langston. **The Dream Keeper and Other Poems**

A collection of sixty-six poems for young readers, that includes lyrical poems, songs, and blues, many exploring the black experience.

Prelutsky, Jack. **If Not for the Cat**

Seventeen perfectly phrased haiku teasingly convey the traits of an assortment of animals.

Prelutsky, Jack. **A Pizza the Size of the Sun**

Collection of humorous poetry on a variety of topics. (Related titles are available.)

Silverstein, Shel. **A Light in the Attic**

Collection of humorous poems and drawings. (Related titles are available.)

Stevenson, James. **Candy Corn** (series)

These whimsical, insightful poems are a treat to read. Stevenson uses experimental typeface in all of his corn poem books.

Thomas, Joyce Carol. **The Blacker the Berry**

A collection of poems, including "Golden Goodness," "Cranberry Red," and "Biscuit Brown," that celebrate individuality and African American identity.

More Fiction, Longer Chapter Books

Atwater, Richard. **Mr. Popper's Penguins**

The story of Mr. Popper, a house painter, and his penguins has delighted children since 1938.

Bearn, Emily. **Tumtum & Nutmeg Adventures Beyond Nutmouse Hall**

Evocative of classics like *The Borrowers* and *The Wind in the Willows*, this mouse tale should appeal to children who like to imagine little creatures operating behind the scenes. (Booklist review)

Bond, Michael. **A Bear Called Paddington** (series)

A very small bear found by Mr. and Mrs. Brown at Paddington Station becomes one of the family.

Cleary, Beverly. **Ramona the Pest** (series)

The hilarious adventures of Ramona as she enters Kindergarten. (Related titles are available as well.)

Dahl, Roald. **James and the Giant Peach**

After the untimely death of his parents, little James finds life with aunts Sponge and Spiker miserable until a magic potion produces an enormous peach that becomes his new and exciting home.

DiCamillo, Kate. **The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread**

The adventures of Despereaux Tilling -- a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.

Eager, Edward. **Half Magic**

Four children discover that they can work magic with an unusual coin.

Etra, Jonathan. **Aliens for Breakfast** (series)

Richard will soon find out that he has only five days to save the world.

Estes, Eleanor. **The Moffats**

Old-fashioned but still fun.

Feiffer, Jules. **A Room with a Zoo**

Nine-year-old Julie decorates her room with a vast array of creatures including a cat, a hamster, a fish, a turtle, a kitten, and a cranky hermit crab, all of which take over the house and her life, but she still wants more.

Greene, Stephanie. **Owen Foote, Super Spy** (series)

Owen and his friends decide that spying on the school principal at his own house will be a fun challenge.

Hale, Bruce. **The Big Nap: From the Tattered Casebook of Chet Gecko, Private Eye** (series)

Someone is turning the students at Emerson Hicky Elementary into zombies, and it's up to fourth-grade private eye Chet Gecko to find out who it is.

Howe, James. **Bunnicula: A Rabbit Tale of Mystery** (series)

Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their foundling baby bunny must be a vampire. Told from the viewpoint of Harold the dog.

Jenkins, Emily. **Toys Go Out**

Six stories relate the adventures of three best friends, who happen to be toys. (Related titles are available.)

Keene, Carolyn. **Nancy Drew mysteries** (series)

A mystery series that has been popular for generations.

King-Smith, Dick. **Pigs Might Fly**

A runt piglet, born with deformed front feet, uses newly learned skills to save the pig farm when it becomes flooded. (Related titles are available.)

Lewis, C. S. **The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe** (series)

In the first story in *The Chronicles of Narnia* series, four English schoolchildren find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia and help Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch, who has cursed the land with eternal winter.

Lewis, Maggie. **Morgy Makes His Move**

When third grader Morgy MacDougal-MacDuff moves from California to Massachusetts with his parents, he has a lot of new things to get used to before he feels comfortable.

Lindbergh, Anne. **The People in Pineapple Place**

Ten-year-old August Brown adjusts to his new home in Washington, D.C. with the help of the seven children of Pineapple Place. (Related titles are available.)

Lindgren, Astrid. **Pippi Longstocking** (series)

Pippi's high-spirited, good-natured hijinks cause as much trouble as fun.

Look, Lenore. **Ruby Lu: Empress of Everything**

After Ruby Lu's deaf cousin, Flying Duck, and her parents come from China to live with her, Ruby finds life challenging as she adjusts to her new family, tries to mend her rocky relationship with her friend Emma, and faces various adventures in summer school. (Related titles are available.)

Look, Lenore. **Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things**

A young boy in Concord, Massachusetts who loves superheroes and comes from a long line of brave Chinese farmer-warriors wants to make friends, but first he must overcome his fear of everything. (Related titles are available.)

MacDonald, Betty. **Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle** (series)

Children love Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle. She lives in an upside-down house and has magical common sense solutions for children's problems.

McDonald, Megan. **Judy Moody; Stink** (series)

Two entertaining series that portray the challenges of childhood from a kid's perspective.

MacLachlan, Patricia. **Sarah Plain and Tall** (series)

When their father invites a mail-order bride to live in their house, Caleb and Anna are captivated by her and hope that she will stay.

Manes, Stephen. **Be a Perfect Person in Just Three Days**

Milo, tired of problems with his sister, parents, and classmates, finds a book in the library that promises to make him perfect in just three days.

Marsden, Carolyn. **Jade Dragon**

A Chinese American girl torn between her family's traditional values and the more modern ones in her second grade classroom learns that friendship cannot be bought.

Martin, Ann. **The Doll People** (series)

Toys that come to life, and what happens when the 100-year-old Doll Family meets the modern plastic Funcraft Family.

Milne, AA. **Winnie the Pooh**

Whimsy and humorous adventure in these stories of friendships between a boy and his five endearing animal friends. A modern classic.

Norton, Mary. **The Borrowers** (series)

A charming story of tiny people no taller than a pencil who live in quiet old country houses and "borrow" the things they need.

Quattlebaum, Mary. **Spark Fly High: The Legend of Dancing Point**

A Colonial American tale full of humor and folk wisdom.

Rowling, JK. **Harry Potter** (series)

Meant for older readers, but the third graders recommend them. Parents enjoy reading these books aloud.

Sachar, Louis. **Wayside School Is Falling Down** (series)

Humorous stories from the classroom on the thirteenth floor of the Wayside School.

Scieszka, Jon. **Time Warp Trio** (series)

Follow the adventures of Fred, Sam, and Joe as they are transported back in time in this popular series.

Steig, William. **Abel's Island**

Castaway on an uninhabited island, Abel's resourcefulness and endurance are tested to the limit as he struggles to survive and return to his home. (Related titles are available.)

Stine, R. L. **Goosebumps** (series)

Scary and funny, a series third graders continue to enjoy.

Taylor, Sydney. **All-of-a-Kind Family** (series)

The adventures of five sisters growing up in a Jewish family in New York during the early 20th century.

Warner, Gertrude Chandler. **The Boxcar Children** (series)

Popular mystery series.

White, E. B. **Charlotte's Web**

Wilbur the pig is desolate when he learns that he is to become the farmer's Christmas dinner. Then his spider friend Charlotte decides to help him.

Wilder, Laura Ingalls. **Little House on the Prairie** (series)

A family travels from the big woods of Wisconsin to a new home on the prairie, where they build a house, meet neighboring Indians, build a well, and fight a prairie fire.

Biographies and Other Information Books

Aaseng, Nathan. **Baseball's Power Hitters**

Profiles the careers of eight power baseball hitters.

Adler, David. **A Picture Book Biography of Helen Keller** (series)

A brief biography of the woman who overcame her handicaps of being both blind and deaf.

Aliki. **William Shakespeare & the Globe**

Tells the story of the well-known playwright, William Shakespeare, and of the famous Globe Theatre in which many of his works were performed.

Bishop, Nic. **Butterflies and Moths**

Discusses the anatomy, physiology, habits, and behavior of a group of insects both harmful and beneficial to man.

Brown, Don. **Odd Boy Out: Young Albert Einstein**

An introduction to the work and early life of the twentieth-century physicist whose theory of relativity revolutionized scientific thinking.

Brown, Don. **Teedie: The Story of Young Teddy Roosevelt**

Biography of Teddy Roosevelt's childhood and accomplishments as the youngest president of the United States.

Brown, Don. **Uncommon Traveler: Mary Kingsley in Africa**

After caring for her parents, Mary Kingsley traveled to West Africa in 1893 and 1894. Fascinating tale of an intrepid, quirky woman.

Cassino, Mark. **The Story of Snow**

Using photographs, the author explores the science of snow crystals. Great with Jacqueline Briggs' *Snowflake Bentley*.

Chandra, Deborah. **George Washington's Teeth**

The sad saga of Washington's terrible dental problems is told in a rollicking rhyme.

Chin, Jason. **Redwoods**

Blending nonfiction and fantasy, Chin informs the reader about the redwoods in an engaging and entertaining way.

Coburn, Broughton. **Triumph on Everest: A Photobiography of Sir Edmund Hillary**

A biography of Edmund Hillary, whose love of snow, mountains, and the outdoor life culminated in his conquering the highest peak in the world.

Coles, Robert. **The Story of Ruby Bridges**

Six-year-old Ruby Bridges must confront the hostility of white parents when she becomes the first African American girl to integrate Frantz Elementary School in New Orleans in 1960.

Cooney, Barbara. **Eleanor**

Presents the childhood of Eleanor Roosevelt, who married a president of the United States and became known as a great humanitarian.

Deedy, Carmen. **14 Cows for America**

The Masai give a gift of cows to America in response to 9/11.

Dennis, Brian. **Nubs**

The story of Nubs, an Iraqi dog of war, that became friends with Marine Major Brian Dennis. The Major was relocated 70 miles away, so Nubs began a dangerous desert trek to find his friend.

De Paola, Tomie. **Here We All Are** (series)

Children's author-illustrator Tomie De Paola describes his experiences at home and in school when he was a boy throughout the *26 Fairmont Avenue* series.

Emberley, Ed. **Ed Emberley's Complete Funprint Drawing Book**

Innovative drawing book using fingerprints.

Farris, Christine King. **My Brother Martin: A Sister Remembers Growing Up with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

Looks at the early life of Martin Luther King, Jr., as seen through the eyes of his older sister.

Ferris, Jeri. **Walking the Road to Freedom: A Story about Sojourner Truth**

Traces the life of the black woman orator who spoke out against slavery throughout New England and the Midwest.

Floca, Brian. **Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11**

Provides an up-close look at the historic mission to the moon that took place over forty years ago.

Hoberman, Mary Ann. **The Tree That Time Built**

Celebrates the world of nature and science, with a focus on the earth's origins and the need to protect and preserve the environment.

Jenkins, Steve. **Down, Down, Down: A Journey to the Bottom of the Sea**

Provides a top-to-bottom look at the ocean, from birds and waves to thermal vents and ooze.

Joubert, Beverly. **Face to Face with Elephants**

Introduces the African elephant by following a husband and wife team who observe them. Covers the importance of the herd, why its population is dwindling, and ways people can help protect them.

Katz, Alan. **Smelly Locker: Silly Dilly School Songs**

Well-known songs, including "Oh Susannah" and "Take Me Out to the Ballgame," are presented with new words and titles such as "Heavy Backpack!" and "I Don't Want to Do Homework!"

Kerley, Barbara. **What to Do about Alice: How Alice Roosevelt Broke the Rules, Charmed the World, and Drove Her Father Teddy Crazy!**

A biography of Alice Roosevelt Longworth, daughter of President Theodore Roosevelt, from her rebellious childhood to marriage to being a political force in her own right.

Kirby, Pamela. **What Bluebirds Do**

Follows a pair of bluebirds through courting and rearing their young.

Krull, Kathleen. **Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez**

Picture book account of a young boy who grew up to change the world by protesting the working conditions of migrant workers on California farms.

Krull, Kathleen. **I Hear America Singing: Folk Songs for American Families**

62 of the best-loved American folk songs.

Kudlinski, Kathleen. **Boy, Were We Wrong about Dinosaurs!**

Examines what is known about dinosaur bones, behavior, and other characteristics and how different the facts often are from what scientists, from ancient China to the recent past, believed to be true.

Macaulay, David. **Castle**

Text and detailed drawings follow the planning and construction of a "typical" castle and adjoining town in thirteenth-century Wales.

Myers, Walter Dean. **Malcolm X**

A biography of the civil rights leader that offers an in-depth look at his life and includes quotes from speeches.

Nivola, Claire. **Planting the Trees of Kenya: The Story of Wangari Maathai**

Biography of a brave woman from Kenya who wants to save her country by teaching the people to take care of it.

Pellant, Chris. **Crystals and Gemstones**

Introduces the reader to crystals and gemstones. Discusses how they are formed, their shapes, and how to become a collector.

Potter, Jean. **Science in Seconds with Toys: Over 100 Experiments You Can Do in Ten Minutes or Less**

Presents over 100 simple experiments that use all sorts of toys to explore various scientific principles.

Pulleyn, Micah. **Kids in the Kitchen: 100 Delicious, Fun & Healthy Recipes to Cook and Bake**

A children's vegetarian cookbook.

Rappaport, Doreen. **Eleanor, Quiet No More: The Life of Eleanor Roosevelt**

Introduces the wife of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who was born a privileged but shy girl, who taught the less fortunate and became one of the most outspoken first ladies in history, and who was known as a champion of civil rights.

Rey, H. A. **Find the Constellations**

An informative beginner's guide to locating the constellations in the northern hemisphere

Ryan, Pam. **When Marian Sang: The True Recital of Marian Anderson**

The poignant journey of the famous African American singer from child wonder to opera diva.

Smith, Lane. **John, Paul, George, & Ben**

A humorous look at five of our country's founding fathers.

Spain, Valerie. **Meet Maya Angelou**

A biography of Maya Angelou that tells of her rough childhood in rural Arkansas and her rise to international fame as writer, poet, actress, dancer, producer, composer, and political activist.

Sturm, James. **Adventures in Cartooning: How to Turn Your Doodles into Comics**

An insightful and enjoyable way for kids to learn about cartooning, presented in a vibrant graphic format.

Weatherford, Carole. **Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom**

Follows Harriet Tubman's spiritual journey to freedom as she leaves her family behind, escapes from slavery, and leads many others to freedom.

Wehr, Janet. **Peterson First Guide to Trees** (series)

A beginner's guide to trees that is part of the *Peterson Field Guides*.

Weitzman, David. **Pharoah's Boat**

Discusses the boat built for Cheops, the mighty pharaoh.