

Governor's Summer Reading Challenge Grades K-2



Camp Tiger by Susan Choi

Every year, a boy and his family go camping at Mountain Pond, but this year is different. This year, the boy is going into first grade. The most different thing of all... this year, a tiger comes to the woods. | Lexile: 560L

Curious Encounters: 1 to 13 Forest Friends by Ben Clanton

Children will have fun learning to count from 1 to 13 in this clever and imaginative book featuring Pacific Northwest critters engaged in curious activities. | Lexile: AD460L

Pete the Cat Goes Camping by James Dean

Pete can't wait to go hiking, fishing, and eat s'mores. But when Pete hears about a creature named Bigfoot, Pete can't help but wonder. Is Bigfoot real? | Lexile: 480L

Forest Baby by Laurie Elmquist

From a carrier, a baby peers out at the trail. This delightful board book takes the reader on a hike accented by the soft sound of footsteps on the trail and grounded by the rhythmic rocking of mother and baby moving through the forest. Lexile: AD 410L

The Great Indoors by Julie Falatko

When the humans head out to go camping, the animals settle in for a relaxing holiday of their own! What starts as a little unwinding soon escalates to a big mess, just in time for everyone to head home. | Lexile: AD530L

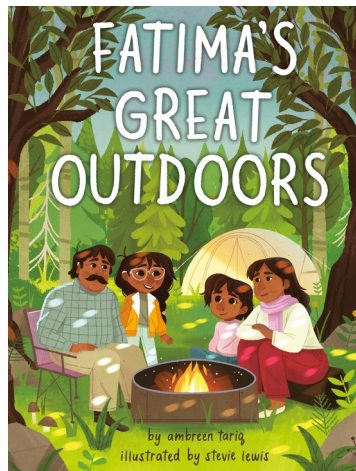
The Camping Trip by Jennifer K. Mann

Ernestine is beyond excited to go camping. She follows the packing list carefully so she knows she is ready when the weekend arrives. But she quickly realizes that nothing could have prepared her for how hard it is to set up a tent, never mind fall asleep in it.

Walk on the Wild Side

by Nicholas Oldland

There once was a bear, a moose, and a beaver who loved adventure. One day, the three set off to climb a mountain together and decided to make it a race to the top. | Lexile: AD550L



Little Hoo Goes Camping

by Brenda Ponnay

It's time for the Hoo family to go on their annual camping trip, but Little Hoo is a little bit nervous. Camping has a lot of new things for Little Hoo to experience. Lexile: 420L

Seeking Aurora

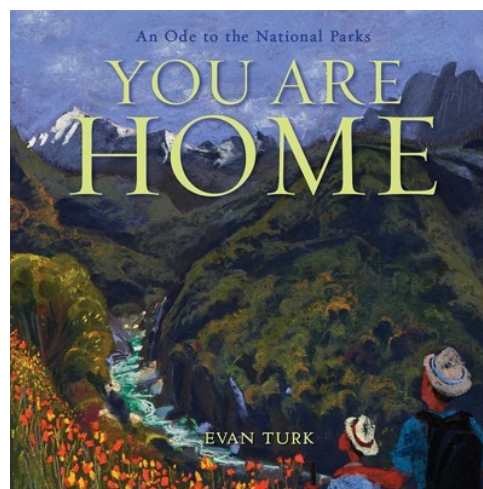
by Elizabeth Pulford

In the quiet of the night, a child's father bundles them up and shows them the majesty of an aurora. | Lexile: AD550L

Charlie & Mouse Outdoors

by Laurel Snyder

Two brothers and their family are off on an adventure: going camping! Follow along as they take a long drive, have a quick hike, defeat a big lion, hide in a small tent, and conquer the great outdoors together. | Lexile: 390L



Fatima's Great Outdoors

by Ambreen Tariq

An immigrant family embarks on their first camping trip in the Midwest. Fatima Khazi is excited for the weekend. Her family is headed to a local state park for their first camping trip!

You are Home: An Ode to the National Parks by Evan Turk

From the rugged coast of Maine to the fiery volcanoes of Hawaii, *You Are Home* reminds us that every animal, plant, and person helps make this land a brilliant, beautiful sanctuary of life. | Lexile: NP



Fiction

Milo Imagines the World

by *Matt de la Peña*

Milo is on a long subway ride with his older sister.

To pass the time, he studies the faces around him and makes pictures of their lives. But when the boy in the suit gets off on the same stop as Milo he realizes that you can't really know anyone just by looking at them. | Lexile: AD980L

Zonia's Rain Forest

by *Juana Martinez-Neal*

Zonia's home is the Amazon rain forest. Every morning, the rain forest calls to Zonia. She visits the sloth family, greets the giant anteater, and runs with the speedy jaguar. But one morning, the rain forest calls to her in a troubled voice. How will Zonia answer?

Time for Kenny by *Brian Pinkney*

Time for Kenny to get up and enjoy the day with his family! In four deceptively simple stories, Brian Pinkney guides readers through a young child's day.

Lucille Camps In by *Kathryn Lasky*

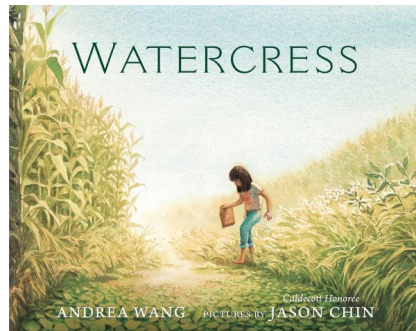
When Lucille's siblings and father go out camping, she is left behind at home. But her adventure begins when she and her mother turn their house into an imaginary campsite and learn about the happy adventures you can have, even while staying at home.

I Sang You Down from the Stars

by *Tasha Spillett-Summer*

As she waits for the arrival of her new baby, a mother-to-be gathers gifts to create a sacred bundle. A white feather, cedar and sage, a stone from the river.

Lexile: AD640L



Watercress by *Andrea Wang*

Driving through Ohio in an old Pontiac, a young girl's parents stop suddenly when they spot watercress growing wild. At first, she's embarrassed. Why can't her family get food from the grocery store? But when her mother shares a story of her family's time in China, the girl learns to appreciate the fresh food they foraged.

Non Fiction

Jump at the Sun: The True Life Tale of Unstoppable Storycatcher Zora Neale Hurston

by *Alicia Williams*

Zora Neale Hurston hankered for tales. With encouragement from her mother, Zora jumped from place to place, from the porch of the general store where she listened to folktales, to Howard University, to Harlem. And everywhere she jumped, she shined sunlight on the tales most people hadn't bothered to listen to until Zora.

Lexile: AD1030L



Many of the listed books were recognized as exemplary books by one or more of the following organizations: *American Library Association (ALA)*, *Children's Literature & Reading and Special Interest Group (CL/R SIG)*, *iRead*, *American Indian Library Association (AILA)*, *International Literacy Association (ILA)*, *National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS)*, *National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)*, *National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM)*, *National Science Teachers Association (NSTA)*, *American Association of the Advancement of Science (AAAS)*, *United States Board on Books for Young People (USBYP)*. Other awards as noted.



Featured Authors



Anna Nyakana

Anna was born in Berlin, Germany in 1986. She and her family immigrated to the United States in the 1990s. Her dad is from Uganda and her mom is from Moldova. Anna's family is diverse, but

growing up, she couldn't find books with kids that looked like her. When Anna grew up, she decided to become an author and created stories for kids with diverse characters, world history, and tons of adventure.

Niyah Zuri and The Pharaoh's Throne
Niyah Zuri and The Mayan Eclipse



Valerie Bolling

How did she become a picture book author? When she was four, Valerie's grandmother taught her how to write, and as a first grader, began to write "poetry." As an adult, inspired by a visit

from her nieces in December 2016, she wrote two stories in which each of them was the protagonist. Shortly after, she decided to pursue becoming a published author. In addition to writing picture books, Valerie has written a *Monthly Memo* for teachers published on Twitter, and she has been published in The National Writing Project's *Quarterly* and *NESCBWI News*.

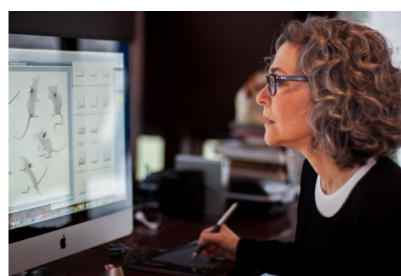
Together We Ride
Let's Dance



Lizzy Rockwell

Lizzy Rockwell is an illustrator whose artwork can be seen in picture books, magazines, games and on walls. She studied art and art history at Connecticut College, and drawing and illustration at the School of Visual Arts in New York City.

The All-Together Quilt
I Love Insects
Hiking Day
Plants Feed Me



Deborah Freedman

Deborah Freedman was an architect once-upon-a-time, but now she loves to build worlds in books. Her first

picture books were tiny and hand-made over thirty years ago for her own children, and her first published book debuted in 2007. Since then, she has written and illustrated many more. Her books have been translated into nine different languages.

Blue Chicken | Lexile: 420L
Shy | Lexile: 490L
The Story of Fish & Snail | Lexile: 510L



Classics and Popular Titles

Ten, Nine, Eight by Molly Bang

Numbers from ten to one are part of this lullaby which observes the room of a little girl going to bed. | ALA | Lexile: NP500L

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs by Judi Barrett

Life is delicious in the town of Chewandswallow where it rains soup and juice, snows mashed potatoes, and blows storms of hamburgers, until the weather takes a turn for the worse. Lexile: AD730L

Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown

Goodnight to each of the objects in the great green room; goodnight chairs, goodnight comb, goodnight air. | Lexile AD360L

Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type by Doreen Cronin

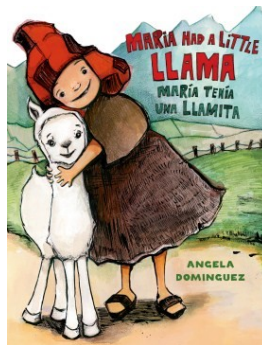
When Farmer Brown's cows find a typewriter in the barn, they start making demands and go on strike when the farmer refuses to give them what they want. | Lexile: AD470L

Maria Had a Little Llama/María Tenía una Llamita by Angela Dominguez

In this bilingual version of the classic rhyme set in Peru, Maria takes her llama to school one day. | Lexile: AD530L

Abuela by Arthur Dorros

While riding on a bus with her grandmother, a little girl imagines that they are carried up into the sky and fly over the sights of new York City. | ALA | Lexile: 510L



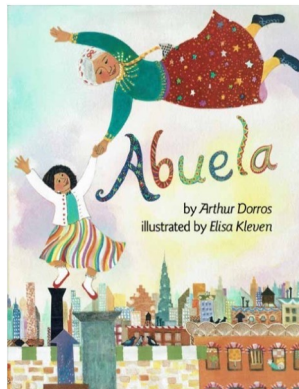
Harold and the Purple Crayon

by Crockett Johnson

Harold goes for an adventurous walk in the moonlight with his purple crayon. Lexile AD490L

George and Martha by James Marshall

This popular book relates several episodes in the friendship of two hippopotamuses. Lexile: AD530L



Chicka Chicka Boom Boom

by Bill Martin

An Alphabet rhyme/chant that relates what happens when the whole alphabet tries to climb a coconut tree. | Lexile: AD530L

Make Way for Ducklings

by Robert McCloskey

Mr. and Mrs. Mallard proudly return to their home in the Boston Public Garden with their eight offspring. | Lexile: AD710L

The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs

by Jon Scieszka

The wolf gives his own outlandish version of what *really* happened when he tangled with the three little pigs. | Lexile: AD510L



Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina

A band of mischievous monkeys steal every one of a peddler's caps while he takes a nap under a tree. | Lexile: AD480L

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! by Mo Willems

When a bus driver takes a break from his route, a very unlikely volunteer springs up to take his place. | Lexile: 280L