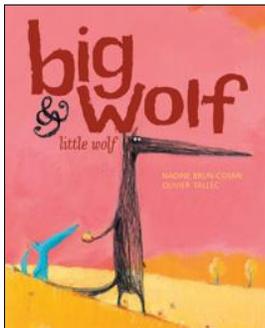


In Search of Wonder: Common Core and More
World Literature
Book Recommendations

This list of book recommendations was created by specialists in literature for young people to supplement *In Search of Wonder: Common Core and More*, a professional development day presented by The National Children’s Book and Literacy Alliance, in conjunction with the Perry Ohio School District. We invite you to print and share this list as needed. Books are listed by age range. This document is formatted so you can print it double sided on 3-hole punch paper and store in a binder. Lists of book recommendations for many other categories are available at: thencbla.org



Big Wolf, Little Wolf

Written by Nadine Brun-Cosone, illustrated by Olivier Tallec.

Published by Enchanted Lion.

For ages 3-7.

Fiction: This Batchelder Honor book tells the story about an unexpected friendship—two solitary wolves meet and gently reach out to each other.

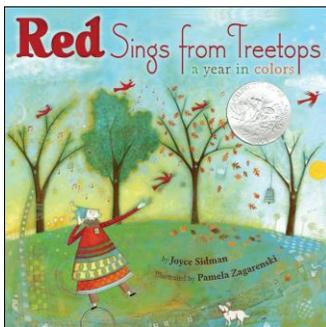
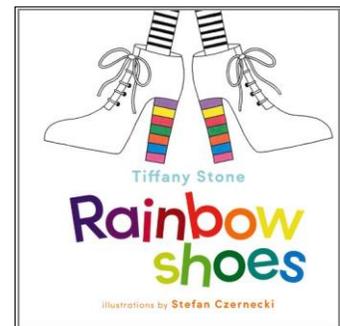
Rainbow Shoes

Written by Tiffany Stone, illustrated by Stefan Czernecki.

Published by Tradewind Books.

For ages 3-7.

Poetry. Imagine a wonderfully silly world filled with colors of every hue. You'll find purple pants, blue hair, orange socks, pink pajamas, and robots with red rubber boots.



Red Sings from Treetops

Written by Joyce Sidman, illustrated by Pamela Zagarenski.

Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

For ages 5-8.

Poetry: In spring, Red sings from tree-tops: cheer-cheer-cheer, each note dropping like a cherry into my ear.

With original and spot-on perceptions, Joyce Sidman's poetry brings the colors of the seasons to life in a fresh light, combining the senses of sight, sound, smell, and taste. In this Caldecott Honor book, illustrator Pam Zagarenski's interpretations go beyond the concrete, allowing us to not just see color, but feel it.

The Green Book

Written by Jill Paton Walsh.

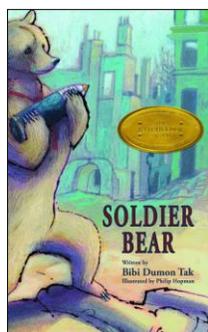
Published by Square Fish, an imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

For ages 8-12.

Note: This book is out of print. Please ask for it at your local library or used book bookstore.



Fiction: Pattie and her family are among the last refugees to flee a dying Earth in an old spaceship. And when the group finally lands on the distant planet which is to be their new home, it seems that the four-year journey has been a success. But as they begin to settle this shiny new world, they discover that the colony is in serious jeopardy. Nothing on this planet is edible, and they may not be able to grow food. With supplies dwindling, Pattie and her sister decide to take the one chance that might make life possible on Shine.



Soldier Bear

Written by Bibi Dumon Tak, illustrated by Philip Hopman.

Published by Eerdmans Books for Young Readers.

For ages 8-12.

Historical Fiction: Based on a real series of events that happened during World War II, *Soldier Bear* tells the story of an orphaned bear cub adopted by a group of Polish soldiers. Voytek's mischief gets him into trouble along the way, but he also provides some unexpected encouragement for the soldiers amidst the reality of war.

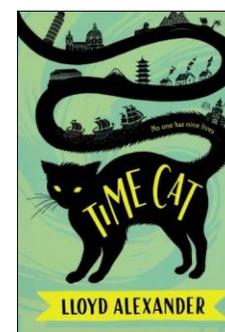
Time Cat: The Remarkable Journeys of Jason and Gareth

Written by Lloyd Alexander.

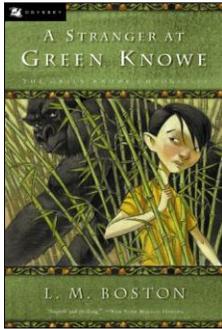
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Fiction: Gareth doesn't have nine lives, but he is definitely not an ordinary cat. For one thing, he can talk. For another, he has magical powers that Jason never dreamed of. "Anywhere, any time, any country, any century"—Gareth tells Jason he can take them traveling through time. And in the wink of a very special cat's eye, they're off. From ancient Egypt to Japan, from the land of young Leonardo da Vinci to the town of a woman accused of witchcraft, Jason and Gareth are whisked from place to place and friend to foe. This fantastic tale grabs the imagination and takes it far and wide, on the adventure of not one, but nine, amazing lifetimes.



A Stranger at Green Knowe

Written by L.M. Boston, illustrated by Peter Boston.

Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

For ages 8 and up.

Fiction: L. M. Boston's thrilling and chilling tales of Green Knowe, a haunted manor deep in an overgrown garden in the English countryside, have been entertaining readers for half a century. Now the children of Green Knowe—both alive and ghostly—are back in appealing new editions. The spooky original illustrations have been retained, but dramatic new cover art by Brett Helquist (illustrator of *A Series of Unfortunate Events*) gives the books a fresh, timeless appeal for today's readers.

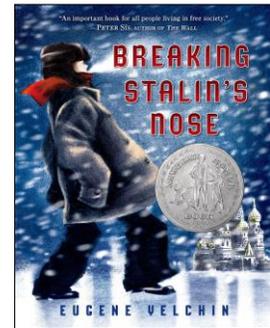
Breaking Stalin's Nose

Written by Eugene Yelchin.

Published in paperback by Square Fish, an imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group, and in hardcover by Henry Holt, an imprint of Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

For ages 9-13.

Fiction: This moving story of a ten-year-old boy's world shattering is masterful in its simplicity, powerful in its message, and heartbreaking in its plausibility.



The Thief Lord

Written by Cornelia Funke, illustrated by Christian Birmingham.

Published by Scholastic.

For ages 10-14.

Fiction: Two orphaned brothers, Prosper and Bo, have run away to Venice, where crumbling canals and misty alleyways shelter a secret community of street urchins. Leader of this motley crew of lost children is a clever, charming boy with a dark history of his own: He calls himself the

Thief Lord.

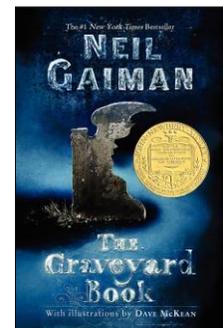
The Graveyard Book

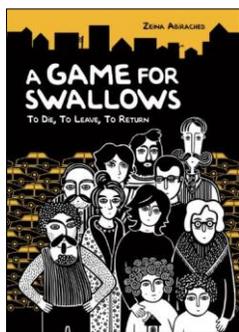
Written by Neil Gaiman, illustrated by Dave McKean.

Published by HarperCollins Children's Books.

For ages 10 and up.

Fiction: The Newbery award winning *Graveyard Book* is a luminous novel about the adventures of a boy raised by the ghosts, werewolves, and other denizens of a graveyard.





A Game for Swallows: To Die, To Leave, To Return

Written by Zeina Abirached.

Published by Graphic Universe.

For ages 10 and up.

Memoir: When Zeina was born, the civil war in Lebanon had been going on for six years, so it's just a normal part of life for her and her parents and little brother. The city of Beirut is cut in two by bricks and sandbags, threatened by snipers and shelling. East Beirut is for Christians, and West Beirut is for Muslims. When Zeina's parents don't return from a visit to the other half of the city, and the bombing grows ever closer, the neighbors in her apartment house create a world indoors for Zeina and her brother, where they can share cooking lessons and games and gossip. Together they try to make it through a dramatic evening in the one place they hoped they would always be safe—home. Zeina Abirached, born into a Lebanese Christian family in 1981, has collected her childhood memories of Beirut in a warm story about the strength of family and community.

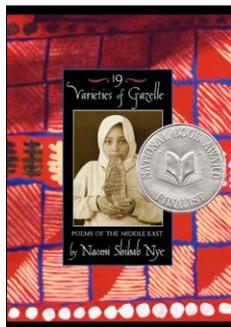
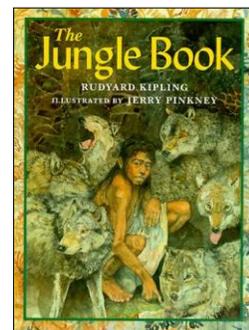
The Jungle Book

Written by Rudyard Kipling.

Published by multiple publishers.

For ages 10 and up.

Fables and Tales: This classic collection of stories still enchants: Mowgli, Rikki-Tikki-Tavi, Toomai of the Elephants, and much more.



19 Varieties of Gazelle: Poems of the Middle East

Written by Naomi Shihab Nye.

Published by Greenwillow Books.

For ages 11 and up.

Poetry: A collection of poems about the Middle East, about peace, about family, and about being an Arab-American by the renowned poet Naomi Shihab Nye.

A Maze Me: Poems for Girls

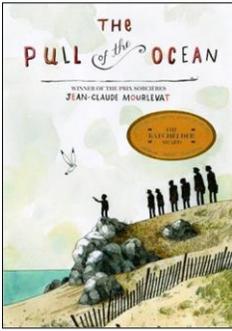
Written by Naomi Shihab Nye.

Published by Greenwillow Books.

For ages 12-17.

Poetry: Seventy-two new and original poems for teenage girls by the renowned poet Naomi Shihab Nye.





The Pull of the Ocean

Written by Jean-Claude Mourlevat, translated by Y. Maudet.

Published by Delacorte Books for Young Readers.

For ages 12 and up.

Note: This book is out of print. Please ask for it at your local library or used book bookstore.

Fiction: On a stormy night, little Yann Doutreleau wakes up his six older brothers, all twins. He lets them know that they must flee their home—or risk being killed by their violent father. Without question, the siblings follow Yann into the wet darkness. And so begins their remarkable odyssey toward the ocean—as well as an unforgettable story of brotherhood.

The social worker investigating the Doutreleau family, the truck driver who gives the boys a lift, the police officer who believes they've run away, the baker who gives them bread—each of the many people the seven boys encounter gives a stirring account of what he or she witnesses. The twins themselves add their voices, as do the Doutreleau parents; but not until the end of the journey does little Yann express his reasons for his galvanizing actions.

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