

Building a Home Library

for Children Ages 12-14

The ALA-Children's Book Council (CBC) Joint Committee, with cooperation from the ALSC's Quicklists Consulting Committee, has created this bibliography to provide guidance to parents, grandparents, and others interested in assembling a high-quality library for their children at home.



We suggest the following sites for more book titles:

www.cbcbooks.org
www.ala.org/alsc

Questions?

American Library Association
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Chicago, IL 60611
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I Lived on Butterfly Hill
by Marjorie Agosin
Illustrated by Lee White

Atheneum Books for Young Readers / Simon & Schuster, 2014

Celeste's world changes forever when the Dictator comes to power. As her parents go into hiding and classmates become part of the disappeared, Celeste tries to find strength in both Chile and Maine. *Ebook available.*

The Crossover
by Kwame Alexander

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2014

Twins Josh and Jordan are inseparable until a girl comes between them in a fast-paced mix of poetry and basketball. *Audio/Ebook available.*

Mockingbird
by Kathryn Erskine

Philomel / Penguin, 2010
Caitlyn has Asperger's and finds school difficult. After her brother is killed in a school shooting, how will she adjust to life without him? *Audio/Ebook available.*

***Better Nate Than Ever**
by Tim Federle

Simon & Schuster, 2013
When Nate hears about auditions for E.T.: The Musical!, he realizes this might be his one and only chance to fulfill his Broadway dreams. *Audio/Ebook available.*

Sidekicks
by Jack D. Ferraiolo

Amulet Books / Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2010
By day, he's Scott Hutchinson. By night, he's Bright Boy, superhero sidekick. *Ebook available.*

The Graveyard Book
by Neil Gaiman
Illustrated by Dave McKean

HarperCollins, 2008

After toddler Nobody Owens' family is murdered, he wanders into the nearby graveyard and is raised by the spirits who live there. *Audio/Ebook available.*

***Dead End in Norvelt**
by Jack Gantos

Farrar, Straus and Giroux / Macmillan, 2011

Jack thinks his summer is over until his mother volunteers him to help a neighbor. He discovers a mystery behind his unusual assignment. *Audio/Ebook available.*

Seraphina
by Rachel Hartman

Random House, 2012

In an era of uneasy peace, half-human half-dragon Seraphina Dombegh, court musician in the kingdom of Goredd, hides the truth of her birth. When a royal is killed by a rogue dragon and her beloved dragon uncle goes missing, Seraphina draws on powers she didn't know she possessed. She can communicate with others like herself. *Ebook available.*

Titanic: Voices from the Disaster

by Deborah Hopkinson

Scholastic Inc., 2012
Using accounts from survivors, Hopkinson paints a gripping picture of the Titanic disaster. *Ebook available.*

Roller Girl
by Victoria Jamieson
Illustrated by Jim Kay

Dial Books / Penguin, 2015

Astrid's desire to learn roller derby leads her away from an old friend but towards a new sense of self-confidence. *Ebook available.*

Inside Out and Back Again

by Thanhha Lai

HarperCollins, 2011

Hà flees with her family from war-torn Vietnam and comes to the United States to make a new home in a strange country. *Audio/Ebook available.*

***A Wrinkle In Time**
by Madeleine L'Engle

Farrar, Straus and Giroux / Macmillan, 2012

Meg, her brother Charles Wallace, and friend Calvin embark on a fantastic journey across time and space to rescue her scientist father. *Ebook available.*

Egg & Spoon
by Gregory Maguire

Candlewick Press, 2014

A chance encounter between a peasant girl, and young noblewoman in the countryside of tsarist Russia begins this adventure involving mistaken identity, a train, a firebird, a Fabergé egg, a near-sighted guardian, a cannibalistic witch (whose bark is worse than her bite), and a magical flying house with chicken legs. *Audio/Ebook available.*

A Monster Calls
by Patrick Ness
Illustrated by Jim Kay

Candlewick Press, 2011

There are many different kinds of monsters and nightmares, but sometimes what frightens you most also makes you strong. *Ebook available.*

The Seventh Most Important Thing

by Shelley Pearsall

Knopf / Random House, 2015

Grieving his father's death, Arthur lashes out at the local "junk man" by hurling a brick at him. His sentence is to work for his victim, Mr. Hampton, collecting the seven most important kinds of trash, which he uses to create an artistic masterpiece. *Ebook available.*

Pax

by Sara Pennypacker
Illustrations by Jon Klassen

Balzer & Bray / HarperCollins, 2016

Separated by war, Peter and his pet fox struggle to reunite despite overwhelming physical and emotional obstacles. *Audio/Ebook available.*

The Queen of Water
by Laura Resau and Maria Virginia Farinango

Delacorte / Random House, 2011

A young girl in Ecuador is taken from her family to be a servant to the ruling class. Based on a true story. *Ebook available.*

Echo
by Pam Munoz Ryan

Scholastic Inc., 2015

Music and an incredibly special harmonica link together the lives of four different children. *Audio/Ebook available.*

The War Within These Walls

by Aline Sax

Eerdmans, 2013

Misha's family, like the rest of the Jews living in Warsaw, has been moved by the Nazis into a single crowded ghetto. When conditions worsen, Misha joins a handful of other Jews who decide to make a final, desperate stand against the Nazis.

Okay for Now

by Gary D. Schmidt

Clarion / Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2011

Doug Swietek must overcome a deadbeat father, an older brother who steals from him, a brother returning from the Vietnam War, and being the new kid in boring Marysville, New York. *Audio/Ebook available.*

The Hired Girl

by Laura Amy Schlitz

Candlewick Press, 2015

In her diary, Joan records her dreams, hopes, and aspirations to escape her subsistence life as a farm worker in Pennsylvania of 1911. *Ebook available.*

Bomb: The Race to Build—and Steal—the World's Most Dangerous Weapon

by Steve Sheinkin

Flash Point / Macmillan, 2013
As WWII raged, the United States entered the race to build the first atomic bomb. *Ebook available.*

Goodbye Stranger
by Rebecca Stead

Random House Children's Books, 2015

The lives of three best friends who have the motto, "No fighting," get complicated as they navigate seventh grade. Their stories intersect with a mystery character with something to hide. *Ebook available.*

***The Mysterious Benedict Society**

by Trenton Lee Stewart
Illustrated by Carson Ellis

Little, Brown and Company Books for Young Readers, 2007
Four children are selected, through a series of unusual tests, to go on a secret mission that will quite possibly save the world. *Audio/Ebook available.*

Drama
by Raina Telgemeier

Graphix / Scholastic Inc., 2012

Callie works on the stage crew, where she meets new friends and navigates middle school, in this engaging graphic novel. *Ebook available.*