



TELLING TALES 2025 Reading List

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Reading List



Early Years | Ages 0-3 & Kindergarten-Grade 1 | Ages 4-6

A SUMMER WITHOUT ANNA

Kate Jenks Landry

Kids Can Press

03/06/2025

Emotions & Social Awareness |

Health & Wellness | Family & Friendship

AGGIE AND THE GHOST

Matthew Forsythe

Simon & Schuster

19/08/2025

Humour | Emotions & Social Awareness

BABY ANIMALS TRYING:

A CELEBRATION OF FIRST MOMENTS

Aimee Reid

Sourcebooks

29/10/2024

STEM | Family & Friendships

BENJAMIN GROWS A GARDEN

Melanie Florence

Kids Can Press

02/09/2025

Nature & Environment |

Indigenous Voices | Family & Friendships

BOG MYRTLE

Sid Sharp

Annick Press

08/10/2024

Emotions & Social Awareness |

Family & Friendship |

Nature & Environment

CALL ME GRAY

Andrew Larsen & Bells Larsen

Kids Can Press

07/10/2025

2SLGBTQIA+ | Emotions & Social

Awareness | Family & Friendship |

Inclusion & Diversity

DEBORAH KERBEL

Dr. Jillian Roberts

Groundwood Books

07/10/2025

Family & Friendship | Inclusion &

Diversity

EVERYBELLY

Thao Lam

Groundwood Books

01/04/2025

Inclusion & Diversity |

Emotions & Social Awareness |

AAPI Voices

FANTASTIC LOU

Qin Leng

Tundra/Penguin Random House

28/01/2025

Humour | Family & Friendship

FIGHTING WORDS

Leonarda Carranza

Annick Press

17/09/2024

Emotions & Social Awareness |

Family & Friendship

HEAD FULL OF CLOUDS

Joanne Schwartz

Tundra/Penguin Random House

18/03/2025

Emotions & Social Awareness |

Family & Friendship |

Nature & Environment

HOME FOR MARGARET

Denise Davy

Groundwood Books

07/10/2025

Emotions & Social Awareness |

Family & Friendship |

Inclusion & Diversity

I WOULD GIVE YOU MY TAIL

Tanya Tagaq

la courte echelle

08/04/2025

Emotions & Social Awareness |

Family & Friendship | Indigenous Voices

LE MAUVAIS COUP

Danielle Chaperon

Tundra/Penguin Random House

05/08/2024

Emotions & Social Awareness |

Family & Friendship

LUCKY MERMAID SLEEPOVER

(THE PARTY DIARIES #5)

Mitali Banerjee Ruths

Scholastic Canada

01/04/2025

Family & Friendship |

Emotions & Social Awareness

MRS. NOBODY

Y. S. Lee

Groundwood Books

01/04/2025

Family & Friendship |

Emotions & Social Awareness |

AAPI Voices

MY STREET REMEMBERS

Karen Krossing

Groundwood Books

02/09/2025

History | Indigenous Voices |

Emotions & Social Awareness

NIBI'S WATER SONG /

NIBI NIGOMON

Sunshine Tenasco

Scholastic Canada

06/05/2025

Inclusion & Diversity | Family & Friendship |

Indigenous Voices



Early Years | Ages 0-3 & Kindergarten-Grade 1 | Ages 4-6 con't

ONE CAN

Eric Walters & Lana Button

Groundwood Books

02/09/2025

Emotions & Social Awareness |
Inclusion & Diversity | Family &
Friendship

OUR ANCESTORS' KITCHEN

Willie Poll

Annick Press

08/04/2025

Cooking & Food | Nature & Environment |
Family & Friendship | Indigenous Voices

PÊYAK LITTLE DUCK

Sandra Lamouche

Orca

11/03/2025

Family & Friendship | Indigenous Voices

REZ KID

Isabella Fassler

Kids Can Press

02/09/2025

Inclusion & Diversity |
Emotions & Social Awareness |
Indigenous Voices

ROCK

Laurel Croza

Groundwood Books

04/03/2025

Emotions & Social Awareness |
Inclusion & Diversity

SARI SISTERS

Anitha Rao-Robinson

Penguin Random House

22/10/2024

Family & Friendship |
Emotions & Social Awareness

SOMETIMES I EAT WITH MY HANDS

Kid Haile

01/04/2025

Cooking & Food | Family & Friendship |
Inclusion & Diversity | Black Voices

STAR SAILOR, THE STORY OF WORDS

Sara Cassidy

Orca

19/08/2025

History | STEAM

THE BEAR OUT THERE

Jess Hannigan

HarperCollins

29/04/2025

Humour | Family & Friendship

THE FRIENDSHIP BLANKET

Leonarda Carranza

Scholastic Canada

01/07/2025

Emotions & Social Awareness |
Inclusion & Diversity |
Family & Friendship

THE FRIENDSHIP GUIDE

Dr. Jillian Roberts

Orca

11/02/2025

Emotions & Social Awareness |
Family & Friendship

THE LAST LAST

Wendy J. Whittingham

Groundwood Books

02/09/2025

Emotions & Social Awareness |
Family & Friendship |
Inclusion & Diversity

THE WITCHING HOUR

Jennifer Harris

Tundra/Penguin Random House

24/06/2025

Humour | Family & Friendship

THREE CITY KITTIES

Ashley Barron

Owlkids Books

15/09/2024

Humour | Animals

VAMPIRE JAM SANDWICH

Casey Lyall

Tundra/Penguin Random House

01/07/2025

Humor | Sci-Fi & Fantasy | Mystery

WHEN THE AIR SANG

Laura Bontje

Annick Press

08/04/2025

Nature & Environment |
Family & Friendship |
Emotions & Social Awareness

YOU NEED PANTS

Sonya Bell

Scholastic Canada

01/07/2025

Humour | Family & Friendship



Early Readers | Ages 6-8 | Grades 1-3

A STRONGER HOME

Katrina Chen & Elaine Su

Orca

13/05/2025

Emotions & Social Awareness |
Family & Friendship | AAPI Voices

BIG CITY BUNS

(FLUFFLE BUNNIES #2)

Anna Humphrey

Penguin Random House

15/04/2025

Humour | Family & Friendship

BRIANNA BANANA, HELPER OF THE DAY

Lana Button

Orca

11/02/2025

Emotions & Social Awareness |
Inclusion & Diversity |
Family & Friendship

CHOMP-O-RAMA: THE STRANGE WAYS THAT ANIMALS EAT

Maria Birmingham

Owlkids Books

15/04/2025

Humour | Cooking & Food

COURAGE, EVERY DAY

Wai Mei Wong

Tilbury House Publishers

17/09/2024

Emotions & Social Awareness |
Family & Friendship | AAPI Voices

DRAGON ON THE LOOSE

Marty Chan

Orca

16/04/2024

Adventure, Sci-Fi & Fantasy |
Family & Friendship

GHOST GIRL

Brooke Carter

Orca

12/09/2023

Adventure, Sci-Fi & Fantasy |
Family & Friendship |
Emotions & Social Awareness

GROWING HOME

Eric Fan & Terry Fan

Simon & Schuster

27/05/2025

Adventure | Sci-Fi & Fantasy |
Inclusion & Diversity |
Family & Friendship

HUNGRY FOR ENGINEERING: POEMS TO GNAW ON

Kari-Lynn Winters

Fitzhenry & Whiteside

06/12/2024

STEAM

KATIE CRUMBLE: AND THE CASE OF THE MISSING UNDERWEAR

Oksanna Crawley

Plumleaf Press

01/04/2025

Humour | Mystery | Family & Friendship

ONE BEADED EARRING

Pat Lamondin Skene

Orca

14/10/2025

Family & Friendship |
Emotions & Social Awareness |
Indigenous Voices

PURRANORMAL ACTIVITY

Alina Tysoe

Simon & Schuster

04/02/2025

Mystery | Humour | Sci-Fi & Fantasy |
Family & Friendship

RA! TA! MA! CUE!

Howie Shia

Annick Press

30/09/2025

Adventure | Emotions & Social
Awareness | Family & Friendship

SALMA SPEAKS UP

Danny Ramadan

Annick Press

02/09/2025

Emotions & Social Awareness |
Inclusion & Diversity | Family & Friendship

SARAH PONAKEY, STORYCATCHER AND MASKWA'S TIPI TALES

Sita MacMillan

Annick Press

18/03/2025

Emotions & Social Awareness |
Family & Friendship | Indigenous |
Inclusion & Diversity



Early Readers | Ages 6-8 | Grades 1-3 con't

SWEET STEPS

Abbi Cloth & Heather Miller

Self-published by The Diabetes Hope

Foundation

14/11/2024

Emotions & Social Awareness |

Health & Wellness |

Inclusion & Diversity |

Family & Friendship

THE CRAYON STUB

Marcus Cutler

G. P. Putnam's Sons

06/05/2025

Humour | Family & Friendship

THE JOURNEY OF THE ANCESTORS' GIFTS

Linda Trinh

Annick Press

31/10/2023

Family & Friendship |

Inclusion & Diversity |

Emotions & Social Awareness |

Sci-Fi & Fantasy

THE RACC PACK:

PRINCE AND THE PAWPER

Stephanie Cooke

Simon & Schuster

28/01/2025

Humor | Adventure |

Family & Friendship

TWO TALES OF TWENTY SIX

Stephanie Simpson McLellan

Red Deer Press

01/12/2024

Adventure | Family & Friendship

TWO TRICKSTERS

FIND FRIENDSHIP

Elder Johnny Aitken &

Jess Willows

Orca

13/05/2025

Family & Friendship |

Emotions & Social Awareness |

Inclusion & Diversity |

Indigenous Voices

UP, UP, EVER UP!

JUNKO TABEI: A LIFE IN THE MOUNTAINS

Anita Yasuda

Clarion/ Harper Collins

24/09/2024

Biography | Adventure |

Inclusion & Diversity | AAPI Voices

WILD GREENS, BEAUTIFUL GIRL

Cinyee Chiu

Sleeping Bear Press

15/08/2024

Nature & Environment | Cooking & Food |

Inclusion & Diversity



Ages 9-12 | Grades 4-7 & Ages 12-13 | Grades 7-8

A RECIPE FOR RHYME AND RESCUE

Wanda Taylor

HarperCollins

31/12/2024

Cooking / Food | Family & Friendship |

Black Voices

ALLYSHIP AS ACTION: 7 WAYS TO ADVOCATE FOR OTHERS

Tanya Boteju

Orca

19/08/2025

Activism | Inclusion & Diversity |

Emotional & Social Awareness

ASTRONAUTICAL!

Brooklin Stormie

Annick Press

27/05/2025

Sci-Fi & Fantasy | Adventure |

Family & Friendship

ATANA AND THE JADE MERMAID

Vivian Zhou

HarperCollins

13/05/2025

Sci-Fi & Fantasy | Adventure |

Family & Friendship

BEA MULLINS TAKES A SHOT

Emily Deibert

Penguin Random House/Random House

Books for Young Readers

25/02/2025

2SLGBTQIA+ | Sports & Games |

Love & Romance | Emotions & Social

Awareness

BENNY ON THE CASE

Wesley King

Simon & Schuster

15/04/2025

Mystery | Adventure | Neurodivergence |

Family & Friendship

CRACKING THE CODE: THE HUMAN QUEST TO UNCOVER SECRETS

Meegan Lime

Orca

16/09/2025

History | Mystery | Sports & Games

FREE PIANO (NOT HAUNTED)

Whitney Gardner

Simon & Schuster

15/07/2025

Sci-Fi Fantasy | Family & Friendship

GHOST CIRCUS

Adrienne Kress

Union Square Kids

19/08/2025

Sci-Fi Fantasy | Mystery |

Family & Friendship

I, TOO, AM HERE

Morgan Christie

Second Story Press

10/09/2024

Emotion & Social Awareness |

Inclusion & Diversity | Family & Friendship |

Black Voices

MESSY PERFECT

Tanya Boteju

Quill Tree Books/HarperCollins

01/04/2025

2SLGBTQIA+ | Emotions & Social

Awareness | Family & Friendship

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY

Maria Marianayagam

HarperCollins

14/01/2025

Emotions & Social Awareness |

Family & Friendship | Inclusion & Diversity

SHOOT THE MOON

Matt Beam

Orca

15/04/2025

Mystery | Emotions & Social Awareness |

Family & Friendship

THE ANXIOUS EXILE

OF SARA SALT

Gabrielle Prendergast

Orca

11/03/2025

Emotions & Social Awareness |

Neurodivergence |

Inclusion & Diversity |

Family & Friendship

THE GHOSTS OF BITTERFLY BAY

Mary Averling

Penguin Random House

04/02/2025

Sci-Fi & Fantasy | Adventure |

Family & Friendship

THE REHEARSAL CLUB

Laurie Petrou

Groundwood Books

04/02/2025

Mystery | Family & Friendship

THE STORY AND SCIENCE OF HOPE

Andrea Curtis

Groundwood Books

07/10/2025

STEAM | Emotion & Social Awareness

UNSINKABLE CAYENNE

Jessica Vitalis

Greenwillow/HarperCollins

29/10/2024

Emotions & Social Awareness |

Family & Friendships

WAY OFF TRACK

Carl Bruntland

Kids Can Press

06/05/2025

Sports & Games | Emotion & Social

Awareness | Black Voices

YOU WERE MADE FOR THIS WORLD: CELEBRATED INDIGENOUS VOICES SPEAK TO YOUNG PEOPLE

Stephanie Sinclair

Tundra/Penguin Random House

29/07/2025

Inclusion & Diversity | Emotions & Social

Awareness | Indigenous Voices



A MASTERY OF MONSTERS

Liselle Sambury

Margaret K. McElderry Books/Simon & Schuster

29/07/2025

Black Voices | Dark Academia |

Mystery | Horror

A TREACHERY OF SWANS

A. B. Poranek

Margaret K. McElderry Books/Simon & Schuster

24/06/2025

2SLGBTQIA+ | Love & Romance |

Mystery

**A WOLF IN THE SUN VOLUME 1:
SECRETS OF STONE**

Coltrane Seesequasis

Kegedonce Press

07/09/2024

Indigenous Voices | Sci-fi & Fantasy

DEFY

Sara de Waard

DCB/Cormorant Books

26/10/2024

Emotions & Social Awareness |

Sci-fi & Fantasy

LEGENDARY FRYBREAD DRIVE-IN

**Cheryl Issacs, David A Robertson
& Jen Ferguson**

HarperCollins

26/08/2025

Indigenous Voices | Emotions & Social
Awareness | Family & Friendship

MEET ME ON LOVE STREET

Farah Heron

Simon & Schuster

10/06/2025

Love & Romance | AAPI Voices

RECOMMENDED READING

Paul Coccia

Zando Young Readers

28/01/2025

2SLGBTQIA+ | Love & Romance |

Emotions & Social Awareness

THE DARK BECOMES HER

Judy I. Lin

Rick Riordan Presents/Disney

Hyperion

01/10/2024

Horror | Sci-Fi Fantasy |

Emotions & Social Awareness |

AAPI Voices

THE HISTORY OF EVERYTHING

Victoria Evans

HarperCollins

18/02/2025

Emotions & Social Awareness |

Family & Friendship

THE QUEEN'S SPADE

Sarah Roughly

HarperCollins

14/01/2025

Historical | Love & Romance |

Adventure | Black Voices

WAVELENGTH

Cale Plett

Groundwood Books

07/10/2025

2SLGBTQIA+ | Love & Romance |

Adventure