

Part 2

Intermediate Book Lists

See also Primary Book Lists for additional picture books and easy chapter books that would be appropriate for some intermediate grade readers. In addition, see the Upper Intermediate/Middle School Book Lists for more challenging chapter books.

Themes

[See also Primary and Upper Intermediate/Middle School]

Theme 1. Reaching Out to Others/Friendship

Picture Books for Older Readers

Be Good to Eddie Lee by Virginia Fleming
Collector of Moments by Quint Buchholz
Drylongso by Virginia Hamilton
Flags by Maxine Trottier
Josepha: A Prairie Boy's Story by Jim McGugan
Just Like New by Ainslie Manson
Nadia's Hands by Karen English
Nobiah's Well by Donna Guthrie
The Orphan Boy by Tololwa M. Mollel
Pink and Say by Patricia Polacco
Smoky Night by Eve Bunting
Tomás and the Library Lady by Pat Mora

Chapter Books

Absolutely Normal Chaos by Sharon Creech
Anastasia Krupnik by Lois Lowry (series)
Babe: The Gallant Pig by Dick King-Smith
Bandit's Moon by Paul Fleischman
Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo
The Best School Year Ever by Barbara Robinson
The BFG by Roald Dahl
Bingo Brown and the Language of Love by Betsy Byars
The Boys Start the War by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Building a Bridge by Lisa Shook Begaye
Daphne's Book by Mary Downing Hahn
Don't Call Me Beanhead by Susan Wojchiechowski
Finding Buck McHenry by Alfred Slote
The Flip-flop Girl by Katherine Paterson
Freckle Juice by Judy Blume
The Girls Get Even by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Henry and Ribsy by Beverly Cleary
Loudmouth George by Nancy Carlson

Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan
Skylark by Patricia MacLachlan
Socks by Beverly Cleary
Superfudge by Judy Blume
The Trading Game by Alfred Slote
The War with Grandpa by Robert Kimmel Smith
Yang the Third and Her Impossible Family by Lensey Namioka (series)
The Zebra Wall by Kevin Henkes

Theme 3. Generations Learning from One Another

Picture Books for Older Readers

The Day GoGo Went to Vote by Elinor Betezat Sisulu
Grandfather's Journey by Allen Say
How Does it Feel to Grow Old? by Norma Farber
The Hundred Penny Box by Sharon Bell Mathis
The Keeping Quilt by Patricia Polacco
Lucy's Picture by Nicola Moon
Luka's Quilt by Georgia Guback
The Memory Box by Mary Bahr
Momma, Where Are You From? by Marie Bradby
Muskrat Will Be Swimming by Cheryl Savageau
My Great-Aunt Arizona by Gloria Houston
The Night the Grandfathers Danced by Linda Theresa Raczek
The Patchwork Quilt by Valerie Flournoy
The Remembering Box by Eth Clifford
Something Special by Vera B. Williams
Storm in the Night by Mary Stolz
The Summer My Father Was Ten by Pat Brisson
Sunshine Home by Eve Bunting
Tales of a Gambling Grandma by Dayal Kaur Khalsa
Three Cheers for Catherine the Great! by Cari Best
The Two of Them by Alike
The Unbreakable Code by Sarah Hoagland Hunter
A Walk to the Great Mystery by Virginia Stroud
The Wall by Eve Bunting
Wednesday Surprise by Eve Bunting
Where is Grandpa? by T. A. Barron
The Year of Fire by Teddy Jam

Chapter Books

Blackberries in the Dark by Mavis Jukes
An Early Winter by Marion Dane Bauer
Finding Buck McHenry by Alfred Slote
The Last Lobo by Roland Smith
Leaving Emma by Nancy Steele Brokaw
My Daniel by Pam Conrad
The Snoop by Jane Resh Thomas
Sun and Spoon by Kevin Henkes
Take a Chance, Gramps by Jean Davies Okimoto
The Trolls by Polly Horvath
The War with Grandpa by Robert Kimmel Smith

Chapter Books

Daughter of Suqua by Diane Johnston Hamm
Under the Hawthorne Tree by Marta Conlon-McKenna

Theme 4d. Challenges (Challenges of Growing Up)**Picture Books**

Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes
Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse by Kevin Henkes
Ruby the Copycat by Peggy Rathmann

Picture Books for Older Readers

Too Many Tamales by Gary Soto
The Very Last First Time by Jan Andrews
When Jo Louis Won the Title by Belinda Rochelle

Easy Chapter Book

Pia Lia's First Day by Michelle Edwards

Chapter Books

Are You There, God? It's Me, Margaret by Judy Blume
Cassandra—Live at Carnegie Hall by Nancy Hopper
Darnell Rock Reporting by Walter Dean Myers
Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary
Ever-Clever Elisa by Johanna Hurwitz
The Flunking of Joshua T. Bates by Susan Shreve
In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson by Bette Bao Lord
Jack on the Tracks: Four Seasons of Fifth Grade by Jack Gantos
James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl
Judy Moody was in a Mood. Not a Good Mood. A Bad Mood. by Megan McDonald
Keep Ms. Sugarman in the Fourth Grade by Elizabeth Levy
Spider Boy by Ralph Fletcher
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume
Thank You, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.! by Eleanora Tate
There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom by Louis Sachar
Trumpet of the Swan by E. B. White
You're a Brave Man, Julius Zimmerman by Claudia Mills

Theme 4e. Challenges (Overcoming Personal Challenges)**Picture Books for Older Readers**

Danny and the Kings by Susan Cooper
Listen for the Bus: David's Story by Patricia McMahon
Sadako by Eleanor Coerr
Thank You, Mr. Falker by Patricia Polacco
Tight Times by Barbara Shook Hazen

Easy Chapter Book

Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes by Eleanor Coerr

Chapter Books

Do You Remember the Color Blue? by Sally Hobart Alexander
The Fear Place by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Theme 6. Standing Up for Your Beliefs**Picture Book***Aani and the Tree Huggers* by Jeannine Atkins**Picture Books for Older Readers***The Ballot Box Battle* by Emily Arnold McCully*The Bobbin Girl* by Emily Arnold McCully*A Boy Becomes a Man at Wounded Knee* by Ted Wood*Crazy Horse's Vision* by Joseph Bruchac*Dear Benjamin Banneker* by Andrea Davis Pinkney*The Death of the Iron Horse* by Paul Goble*Friends from the Other Side* by Gloria Anzaldua*Ghandi* by Leonard Everett Fisher*Ghost Dance* by Alice McLerran*Granddaddy's Gift* by Margaree King Mitchell*Harriet and the Promised Land* by Jacob Lawrence*If a Bus Could Talk* by Faith Ringgold*Joan of Arc* by Diane Stanley*Leagues Apart: The Men and Times of the Negro Baseball Leagues* by Lawrence Ritter*Mandela* by Floyd Cooper*Minty: A Story of Young Harriet Tubman* by Alan Schroeder*Molly Bannaky* by Alice McGill*My Dream of Martin Luther King* by Faith Ringgold*Now Let Me Fly: The Story of a Slave Family* by Dolores Johnson*Passage to Freedom: The Sugihara Story* by Ken Mochizuki*The People Who Hugged Trees* by Deborah Lee Rose*She's Wearing a Dead Bird on Her Head* by Kathryn Lasky*Sister Anne's Hands* by Maribeth Lorbiecki*Starry Messenger* by Peter Sis*Teammates* by Peter Golenbock**Easy Chapter Book***Eleanor Everywhere* by Monica Kulling**Chapter Books***Edwina Victorious* by Susan Bonners*Frindle* by Andrew Clements*Harriet Beecher Stowe and the Beecher Preachers* by Jean Fritz*Just a Few Words, Mr. Lincoln: The Story of the Gettysburg Address* by Jean Fritz*The Landry News* by Andrew Clements*Rosa Parks: My Story* by Rosa Parks with Jim Haskins*What Are You Figuring Now, Benjamin Banneker?* by Jeri Ferris*You Want Women to Vote, Lizzie Stanton?* by Jean Fritz**Theme 7. Justice**

[See Upper Intermediate/Middle School]

Theme 8. Survival

[See Upper Intermediate/Middle School]

Theme 9. Respecting Nature**Picture Books for Older Readers***Henry Hikes to Fitchburg* by Donald B. Johnson

Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (series)
Souder by William Armstrong
Star in the Storm by Joan Hiatt Harlow
The Tarantula in My Purse and 172 Other Wild Pets by Jean Craighead George
There's an Owl in My Shower by Jean Craighead George
The Trouble with Tuck by Theodore Taylor
Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

Genres

[See also Primary and Upper Intermediate/Middle School]

Genre 1. Fiction

[No Book List]

Genre 2. Historical Fiction

[See Time Periods]

Genre 3a. Biography (Sports Heroes)

Picture Books

Satchel Paige by Lesa Cline-Ransome

Picture Books for Older Readers

America's Champion Swimmer: Gertrude Ederle by David Adler

Dirt on Their Skirts: The Story of the Young Women Who Won the World Championship
 by Doreen Rappaport and Lyndall Callan

Leagues Apart: The Men and Times of the Negro Baseball Leagues by Lawrence S.
 Ritter

Lou Gehrig: The Luckiest Man by David Adler

Teammates by Peter Golenbock

Wilma Unlimited by Kathleen Krull

Chapter Books

Black Diamond: The Story of Negro Baseball by Patricia McKissack and Frederick L.
 McKissack

Jim Abbot: Against All Odds by Ellen Emerson White

Stealing Home: The Story of Jackie Robinson by Barry Denenberg

The Story of Jackie Robinson: Bravest Man in Baseball by Margaret Davidson

Genre 3b. Biography (Imagining the Future: Aviators, Explorers, Inventors and Scientists)

Picture Books

The Glorious Flight by Alice Provensen and Martin Provensen

Nobody Owns the Sky by Reeve Lindbergh

Picture Books for Older Readers

Always Inventing: A Photobiography of Alexander Graham Bell by Tom L. Matthews

Black Whiteness: Admiral Byrd Alone in the Antarctic by Robert Burleigh

Sky Pioneer by Corinne Szabo

Easy Chapter Books

Amelia Earhart: Pioneer of the Sky by John Parlin

Five Brave Explorers by Wade Hudson

Five Brave Inventors by Wade Hudson

Picture Books for Older Readers

Bard of Avon: The Story of William Shakespeare by Diane Stanley and Peter Vennema
Coming Home: From the Life of Langston Hughes by Quint Buchholz
Duke Ellington: The Piano Prince and his Orchestra by Andrea Davis Pinkney
If I Only Had a Horn: Young Louis Armstrong by Roxanne Orgill
Mysterious Thelonious by Chris Raschka
Satchmo's Blues by Alan Schroeder

Genre 4. Mystery**Picture Books for Older Readers**

The Mary Celeste: An Unsolved Mystery from History by Jane Yolen and Heidi Elisabet Yolen Stemple

Chapter Books

The Clearing by Dorothy Reynolds Miller
The Curse of the Blue Figurine by John Bellairs
Danger in Quicksand Swamp by Bill Wallace
Dead Man in Indian Creek by Mary Downing Hahn
The Egypt Game by Zilpha Keatley Snyder
The Hideout by Eve Bunting
The House with a Clock in Its Walls by John Bellairs
Is Anybody There? by Eve Bunting
Magic of the Black Mirror by Ruth Chew
The Man Who Was Poe by Avi
Night Cry by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Something Upstairs by Avi
Terror at the Zoo by Peg Kehret
The View from the Cherry Tree by Willo Davis Roberts
The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin
Windcatcher by Avi

Genre 5a. Fantasy**Picture Books for Older Readers**

The Tale I Told Sasha by Nancy Willard

Easy Chapter Books

Fantastic Mr. Fox by Roald Dahl
The Time Warp Trio by Jon Scieszka (series)

Chapter Books

The BFG by Roald Dahl
A Brush with Magic by William Brooke
The Castle in the Attic by Elizabeth Winthrop (series)
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl
The Dragon's Boy by Jane Yolen
The Fairy Rebel by Lynne Reid Banks
The Forest by Janet Lisle
George's Marvelous Medicine by Roald Dahl
James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl
A Glory of Unicorns edited by Bruce Coville
Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher by Bruce Coville
Matilda by Roald Dahl
Song of the Wanderer by Bruce Coville

Genre 8. Nonfiction

[No Book List]

Genre 9. Poetry

Baseball, Snakes, and Summer Squash: Poems about Growing Up by Donald Graves
Been to Yesterdays: Poems of a Life by Lee Bennett Hopkins
Brown Angels: An Album of Pictures and Verse by Walter Dean Myers
Brown Honey in Broomwheat Tea by Joyce Carol Thomas
The Dragons Are Singing Tonight by Jack Prelutsky
The Earth Under Sky Bear's Feet: Native American Poems of the Land by Joseph Bruchac
Extra Innings: Baseball Poems selected by Lee Bennett Hopkins
If I Were in Charge of the World and Other Worries by Judith Viorst
Inner Chimes: Poems on Poetry selected by Bobbye Goldstein
A Jar of Tiny Stars: Poems by NCTE Award-Winning Poets edited by Bernice Cullinan
Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices by Paul Fleischman
Love Letters by Arnold Adoff
Meet Danitra Brown by Nikki Grimes
Navajo: Visions and Voices Across the Mesa by Shonto Begay
Pass It On: African American Poetry for Children selected by Wade Hudson
Ten-Second Rainshowers: Poems by Young People selected by Sandford Lyne
Thirteen Moons on Turtle's Back: A Native American Year of Moons by Joseph Bruchac and Jonathan London
This Big Sky by Pat Mora
Winter Poems selected by Barbara Rogasky

Time Periods

[See also Primary and Upper Intermediate/Middle School]

Time Period 1. Looking into the Ancient Past

[See Upper Intermediate/Middle School]

Time Period 2. Middle Ages and Renaissance

[See Upper Intermediate/Middle School]

Time Period 3a. Early Colonial

Picture Books for Older Readers

Dear Benjamin Banneker by Andrea Davis Pinkney
Maria's Comet by Deborah Hopkinson
Molly Bannaky by Alice McGill
Samuel Eaton's Day by Kate Waters

Chapter Books

Pirate's Promise by Clyde Robert Bulla

Time Period 3b. Early Colonial (Relationships between Colonists and Native Americans)

Chapter Books

Between Two Worlds by Candice Ransome
Calico Captive by Elizabeth George Speare

Shannon by Kathleen Kudlinski (series)
Where Did Your Family Come From? by Melvin and Gilda Berger

Time Period 6. Westward Expansion (Multiple Perspectives)

Picture Books for Older Readers

Black Cowboys, Wild Horses: A True Story by Julius Lester
A Boy Called Slow by Joseph Bruchac
Cassie's Journey by Brett Harvey
Cheyenne Again by Eve Bunting
Crazy Horse's Vision by Joseph Bruchac
Daily Life in a Covered Wagon by Paul Erickson
Dandelions by Eve Bunting
Ghost Dance by Alice McLerran
Gift Horse by S. D. Nelson
Joseph: A Prairie Boy's Story by Jim McGugan
Laura's Album by William Anderson
My Prairie Year by Brett Harvey
Orphan Train Rider by Andrea Warren
Rachel's Journal by Marissa Moss
Train to Somewhere by Eve Bunting
West by Covered Wagon by Dorothy Hinshaw Patent

Chapter Books

Adaline Falling Star by Mary Pope Osborne
The Birchbark House by Louise Erdrich
Black-Eyed Susan by Jennifer Armstrong
Bound for Oregon by Jean Van Leeuwen
The Cabin Faced West by Jean Fritz
Caddie Woodlawn by Carol Ryrie Brink
Calico Bush by Rachael Field
The Captain's Dog by Roland Smith
Daughter of Suqua by Diane Johnston Hamm
Fortune's Journey by Bruce Coville
The Gentleman Outlaw and Me—Eli by Mary Downing Hahn
Jericho's Journey by G. Clifton Wisler
The Journey Home by Isabelle Holland
The Legend of Jimmy Spoon by Kristiana Gregory
The Life and Death of Crazy Horse by Russell Freedman
Little Farm in the Ozarks by Roger Lea McBride
Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder (series)
My Daniel by Pam Conrad
Prairie Song by Pam Conrad
Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLaughlin
Save Queen of Sheba by Louise Moeri
Sing Down the Moon by Scott O'Dell
Shooting Star by Sheila Solomon Klass
Skylark by Patricia MacLaughlin
The Story of Laura Ingalls Wilder, Pioneer Girl by Megan Stine
Stream to the River, River to the Sea by Scott O'Dell
Thunder Rolling in the Mountains by Scott O'Dell and Elizabeth Hall

Which Way Freedom? by Joyce Hansen
Who Is Carrie? by James Lincoln Collier and Christopher Collier

Time Period 8. Gold Rush

[See Upper Intermediate/Middle School]

Time Period 9. Turn of the Century

Picture Books

Mailing May by Michael O. Tunnell
Marven of the Great North Woods by Kathryn Lasky

Picture Books for Older Readers

Coming Home: From the Life of Langston Hughes by Floyd Cooper
The Glorious Flight by Alice Provensen and Martin Provensen
The Great Migration: An American Story by Jacob Lawrence
Mirette on the High Wire by Emily Arnold McCully
True Heart by Marissa Moss

Easy Chapter Book

Fire at the Triangle Factory by Holly Littlefield

Chapter Books

Earthquake! A Story of Old San Francisco by Kathleen Kudlinski
Earthquake at Dawn by Kristiana Gregory
Growing Up in Coal Country by Susan Campbell Bartoletti
Home Child by Barbara Haworth-Attard
I Am Lavina Cumming by Susan Lowell
Preacher's Boy by Katherine Paterson
Promise Song by Linda Holeman
S.O.S. Titanic by Eve Bunting
Star in the Storm by Joan Hiatt Harlow
Starfisher by Laurence Yep

Time Period 10. Women's Rights Movement

[See Upper Intermediate/Middle School]

Time Period 11. Great Depression

Picture Books for Older Readers

The Babe and I by David Adler
The Dust Bowl by David Booth
The Gardener by Sarah Stewart
Home to Medicine Mountain by Chiori Santiago
Uncle Jed's Barbershop by Margaree King Mitchell

Easy Chapter Book

Dust for Dinner by Ann Turner

Chapter Books

Breakaway by Paul Yee
The Friendship by Mildred Taylor
Jar of Dreams by Yoshiko Uchida
Let the Circle Be Unbroken by Mildred Taylor
Mississippi Bridge by Mildred Taylor
Oh Those Harper Girls by Kathleen Karr