

# Indiana Reading List



Level 2

## Grades 3 – 5

Designed as a companion piece to Indiana's Academic Standards in English/Language Arts, the following selections of the Indiana Reading List illustrate the quality and complexity of the suggested reading materials for students in Grades 3 – 5. The Indiana Reading List is not required reading nor is it meant to be all-inclusive. Teachers and parents are encouraged to review the selections to ensure suitability for the individual student.

### Fiction: Classic and Contemporary

*The Best Bad Thing* – Uchida, Yoshiko  
*The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* – Robinson, Barbara  
*Bill and Pete Go Down the Nile* – de Paola, Tomie  
*A Boy of Old Prague* – Ish-Kishor, Shulamith  
*Cam Jansen* (series) – Adler, David  
*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* – Dahl, Roald  
*Charlotte's Web* – White, E.B.  
*Class Clown* – Hurwitz, Johanna  
*Felita* – Mohr, Nicholessa  
*Freckle Juice* – Blume, Judy  
*From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* – Konigsburg, E.L.  
*The Hundred Dresses* – Estes, Eleanor  
*In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson* – Lord, Bette Bao  
*Maniac Magee* – Spinelli, Jerry  
*Misty of Chincoteague* – Henry, Marguerite  
*Molly's Pilgrim* – Cohen, Barbara  
*The Pinballs* – Byars, Betsy  
*Pippi Longstocking* – Lindgren, Astrid  
*Poppy* – Avi

*The Pushcart War* – Merrill, Jean  
*Ramona* (series) – Cleary, Beverly  
*Shades of Gray* – Reeder, Carolyn  
*Shiloh* (trilogy) – Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds  
*Souder* – Armstrong, William  
*Stone Fox* – Gardiner, John Reynolds  
*The Stories Julian Tells* – Cameron, Anne  
*Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* – Blume, Judy  
*Trumpet of the Swan* – White, E.B.  
*Velveteen Rabbit* – Williams, Margery  
*Wayside School* (series) – Sachar, Louis  
*Where the Red Fern Grows* – Rawls, Wilson  
*The Whipping Boy* – Fleischman, Sid

### Historical Fiction

*The Courage of Sarah Noble* – Dalglish, Alice  
*Journey to Topaz* – Uchida, Yoshiko  
*Lily's Crossing* – Giff, Patricia Reilly  
*Little House in the Big Woods* (series) – Wilder, Laura Ingalls  
*Number the Stars* – Lowry, Lois  
*Prairie Songs* – Conrad, Pam  
*Sadako and the 1,000 Paper Cranes* – Coerr, Eleanor  
*Sarah, Plain and Tall* – MacLachlan, Patricia  
*The Sign of the Beaver* – Speare, Elizabeth George

### Science Fiction/Fantasy

*20,000 Leagues Under the Sea* – Verne, Jules  
*Alice in Wonderland* – Carroll, Lewis  
*Bridge to Terabithia* – Paterson, Katherine  
*The Court of the Stone Children* – Cameron, Eleanor  
*The Cricket in Times Square* – Selden, George  
*The Ear, the Eye and the Arm* – Farmer, Nancy  
*James and the Giant Peach* – Dahl, Roald  
*Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh* – O'Brien, Robert C.  
*The Secret Garden* – Burnett, Frances  
*This Place Has No Atmosphere* – Danziger, Paula  
*The Wind in the Willows* – Grahame, Kenneth  
*Wizard of Oz* – Baum, L. Frank  
*A Wrinkle in Time* – L'Engle, Madeleine

### Folklore/Fairy Tales/Mythology

*The Barefoot Book of Trickster Tales* – Walker, Richard  
*The Crane Wife* – Yagawa, Sumiko and Odds Bodkin  
*D'Aulaires Book of Greek Myths* – D'Aulaire, Ingri and Edgar  
*The Days When the Animals Talked* – Faulkner, William



*The First Strawberries: A Cherokee Story* – Bruchac, Joseph

*How the Leopard Got His Spots* – Kipling, Rudyard

*The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood* – Pyle, Howard

*The Olympians: Great Gods and Goddesses of Ancient Greece* – Fisher, Leonard Everett

*Saint George and the Dragon* – Hodges, Margaret

*Tales of Uncle Remus* – Lester, Julian

*Why Mosquitos Buzz in People's Ears* – Aardema, Verna

## Poetry

*Beat the Story-Drum, Pum-Pum* – Bryan, Ashley

*From Sea to Shining Sea: A Treasury of American Folklore and Folk Songs* – Cohn, Amy

*Hand in Hand: An American History Through Poetry* – Hopkins, Lee Bennett

*Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices* – Fleischman, Paul

*Nathaniel Talking* – Greenfield, Eloise

*The New Kid on the Block* – Prelutsky, Jack

*The Random House Book of Poetry for Children* – Prelutsky, Jack (ed.)

*Sing a Song of Popcorn: Every Child's Book of Poems* – White, M. and others

*Snow Toward Evening: A Year in a River Valley* – Frank, Josette

## Nonfiction: Science, Social Studies, and Mathematics

*African Beginnings* – Haskins, James

*Animal Defenses: How Animals Protect Themselves* – Kaner, Etta

*Bizarre Birds* – Wechsler, Doug

*Black Whiteness: Admiral Byrd Alone in the Antarctic* – Burleigh, Robert

*Buddy: The First Seeing Eye Dog* – Moore, Eva

*Castle* – Macaulay, David

*Caves and Caverns* – Gibbons, Gail

*Come Back, Salmon* – Cone, Molly

*Counting on Frank: Level 4* – Clement, Rod

*Dive! My Adventures in the Deep Frontier* – Earle, Sylvia

*DK Guide to Space: A Photographic Journey Through the Universe* – Bond, Peter

*Dolphin Man: Exploring the World of Dolphins* – Pringle, Laurence

*Exploding Ants: Amazing Facts About How Animals Adapt* – Settel, Joanne

*An Extraordinary Life: Story of a Monarch Butterfly* – Pringle, Laurence

*Fire! Fire!* – Gibbons, Gail

*How Much Is a Million?* – Schwartz, David

*The Magic School Bus* (series) – Cole, Joanna

*Mapping the World* – Johnson, Sylvia

*One World, Many Religions* – Osborne, Mary Pope

*The People Shall Continue* – Ortiz, Simon

*Pyramid* – Macaulay, David

*Reaching for Dreams: A Ballet from Rehearsal to Opening Night* – Kuklin, Susan

*Shh! We're Writing the Constitution* – Fritz, Jean

*Top of the World: Climbing Mount Everest* – Jenkins, Steve

*Volcano: The Eruption and Healing of Mount St. Helens* – Lauber, Patricia

## Biography/Autobiography

*The First Woman Doctor* – Baker, Rachel

*Through My Eyes* – Bridges, Ruby

*Cleopatra* – Stanley, Diane

*Where Do You Think You're Going, Christopher Columbus?* – Fritz, Jean

*Frederick Douglass: The Black Lion* – McKissack, Patricia

*Albert Einstein: Young Thinker* – Hammontree, Marie

*Queen Eleanor: Independent Spirit of the Medieval World* – Brooks, Polly Schoer

*The Librarian Who Measured the Earth: Eratosthenes* – Lasky, Kathryn

*Benjamin Franklin* – D'Aulaire, Ingri

*Ben and Me* – Lawson, Robert

*Prince Henry the Navigator* – Fisher, Angela

*The Land I Lost: Adventures of a Boy in Vietnam* – Huynh, Quang Nhuong

*Helen Keller: Courage in the Dark* – Hurwitz, Johanna

*Lives of the Presidents* – Krull, Kathleen

*Abe Lincoln's Hat* – Brenner, Martha

*Charles Lindbergh: A Human Hero* – Giblin, James

*Commodore Perry in the Land of the Shogun* – Blumberg, Rhoda

*The Story of Sacajawea, Guide to Lewis and Clark* – Rowland, Della

*The Secret Soldier: The Story of Deborah Sampson* – McGovern, Ann

*Clara Schumann: Piano Virtuoso* – Reich, Susanna

*Inspirations: Stories About Women Artists* – Sills, Leslie

*Squanto: Friend of the Pilgrims* – Bulla, Clyde Robert

*On the Day Peter Stuyvesant Sailed into Town* – Lobel, Arnold

*Walking the Road to Freedom: Sojourner Truth* – Ferris, Jeri

*Frank Lloyd Wright for Kids: His Life and Ideas* – Thorne-Thomsen, Kathleen

*The Wright Brothers: How They Invented the Airplane* – Freedman, Russell

*Babe Didrikson Zaharias: The Making of a Champion* – Freedman, Russell

### Magazines/Periodicals

*Calliope*

*Cobblestone*

*Cricket*

*Highlights*

*Kids Discover*

*Odyssey*

*Owl*

*National Geographic Kids*

*Ranger Rick*

*Sports Illustrated for Kids*

### Reference Tools (in printed and electronic format)

#### Atlas/Almanac, such as:

Printed: *Time for Kids: Almanac 2005*; *The Kingfisher Student Atlas of North America*; *If the World Were a Village* – Smith David

CD-ROM: *Microsoft Encarta Deluxe 2005*

#### Dictionary, such as:

Printed: *American Heritage Children's Dictionary*; *Macmillan Dictionary for Children*

CD-ROM: *Simon & Schuster New Millennium Children's Dictionary*

#### Encyclopedia, such as:

Printed: *New Book of Knowledge*

CD-ROM: *Compton's Multimedia Encyclopedia*; *2003 Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia, Deluxe Edition*

Online: Encarta ([www.encarta.msn.com](http://www.encarta.msn.com));  
Fact Monster ([www.factmonster.com](http://www.factmonster.com))

#### Other Resources, such as:

Printed: *Alabama to Wyoming: State Fact Cards*; *Biography for Beginners: Sketches for Early Readers*; *Biography Today*; *Scientists and Inventors: Profiles*

*of People of Interest to Young People*; *DK Space Encyclopedia*; *Endangered Wildlife of the World*; *Famous First Facts*; *Something About the Author*

CD-ROM: *Mammals: A Multimedia Encyclopedia*

#### Thesaurus, such as:

Printed: *In Other Words: A Beginning Thesaurus*

### Informational, Technical, and Practical Documents

Agendas

Directions: homework, class activities and tests, finding way around school and community

Letters: personal

Library Card Applications

Manuals: computer, electronic equipment, appliance

Phone Messages

Telephone Directory

Thank You Notes

**Web Disclaimer:** Due to the ever-changing nature of Internet materials, parents and educators are strongly advised to monitor the suggested Web sites to ensure that content remains appropriate for students.

## Questions?

The Indiana Reading List is a suggested reading resource for students and teachers. Check with your local school to see if there is a required reading list. For additional information or questions, call the office of Program Development at 1.800.527.4930 or visit the Web site for the standards at [www.doe.state.in.us/standards](http://www.doe.state.in.us/standards).

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