



READING BEYOND

2017-2018 BOOK LIST

For 2nd-3rd graders reading at a 5th grade level

Chosen by the American Library Association & the Children's Book Council

Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart by Candace Fleming (J BIO EARHART)

In a stirring account of an American icon, Fleming seeks to portray the Amelia behind the mythology--some of which, she explains, was perpetuated by Earhart herself. Chapters alternate between the tense search for the pilot's missing plane and a chronological progression through her life, complemented by b&w photographs and other materials smoothly incorporated into the book's crisp Art Deco-inspired design.

Cars on Mars: Roving the Red Planet by Alexandra Siy (J 919.9 SIY)
Dubbed Spirit and Opportunity in a naming contest won by a nine-year-old, the two golf-cart-sized rovers sent to Mars in 2003 were designed to last for three months. Battered but game, they're still inching along all these years later.

Dash by Kirby Larson (J FIC LARSON)

When her family is forced into an internment camp, Mitsi Kashino is separated from her home, her classmates, and her beloved dog Dash. As her family begins to come apart around her, Mitsi clings to her one connection to the outer world--the letters from the kindly neighbor who is caring for Dash.

The Dreamer by Pam Muñoz Ryan; Illustrated by Peter Sís (J FIC RYAN)

A fictionalized biography of the Nobel Prize-winning Chilean poet Pablo Neruda, who grew up a painfully shy child, ridiculed by his overbearing father, but who became one of the most widely-read poets in the world.

***Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library** by Chris Grabenstein (J FIC GRABENSTEIN)

This is an adventurous romp, which pays playful homage to books and libraries while engaging readers in a fast-paced competition involving research and reasoning skills. Twelve seventh-graders win a chance to spend an overnight lock-in previewing their town's new public library--it's a marvel of technological delights.

***Flashback Four #1: The Lincoln Project** by Dan Gutman (J FIC GUTMAN)

Miss Z, a mysterious billionaire and a collector of rare photographs, is sending her four recruits back in time on a mission to capture, for the first time, one of the most important moments in American history--Abraham Lincoln giving his famous Gettysburg address.

The Hero Two Doors Down: Based on the True Story of Friendship Between a Boy and a Baseball Legend by Sharon Robinson (J FIC ROBINSON)

Eight-year-old Steve Satlow is thrilled when Jackie Robinson moves into his Jewish neighborhood in Brooklyn in 1948, although many of his neighbors are not, and when Steve actually meets his hero he is even more excited--and worried that a misunderstanding over a Christmas tree could damage his new friendship.

Ophelia and the Marvelous Boy by Karen Foxlee (J FIC FOXLEE)

Ophelia, a timid eleven-year-old girl grieving her mother, suspends her disbelief in things non-scientific when a boy locked in the museum where her father is working asks her to help him complete an age-old mission.

** Asterisks denote one book of a series.*

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