

## Suggested Books for Reluctant Readers

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List includes fiction, graphic novels, manga, reference books, and pop-up books

**Abdel-Fattah, Randa.** Does My Head Look Big in This?  
<http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/contributor.jsp?id=10187>

**Alexite, Sherman.** The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian  
<http://www.fallsapart.com/>

**Anderson, Laurie Halse.** Twisted, Speak, Fever 1793, Prom, Catalyst  
<http://www.writerlady.com/>

**Bateman, Donna M.** Deep in the Swamp

**Bishop, Nic.** Backyard Detective: Critters Up Close, Forest Explorer  
<http://www.houghtonmifflinbooks.com/catalog/searchresults.cfm?adv=y&authorID=287>

**Cabot, Meg.** Vol I-IX: Princess Diaries Series  
The Mediator Series  
1-800 Series  
Avalon High – Manga  
<http://www.megcabot.com/>

**Castellucci, Cecil.** Boy Proof, The Queen of Cool, Beige, The Plain Janes  
<http://www.misscecil.com/> (graphic novel)

**Cheney, Lynne.** Our 50 States: A Family Adventure Across America

**Cole, Joanna & Calmenson, Stephanie.** Why Did the Chicken Cross the Road?

**Coffelt, Nancy.** Fred Stays With Me, Dogs in Space, Pug in a Truck, Good Night Sigmund  
<http://www.nancycoffelt.com/index.html>

**DiTerlizzi, Tony & Black, Holly.** Spiderwick Series, The Field Guide, The Seeing Stone, Lucinda's Secret, The Ironwood Tree  
<http://www.spiderwick.com/>

**Draper, Sharon.** Fire From the Rock, Romiette and Julio, The Battle of Jericho, November Blues, Hazelwood High Trilogy  
<http://sharondraper.com/>

**Florian, Douglas.** Comets, Stars, the Moon, and Mars, Beast Feast, Lizard, Frogs and Polliwogs, In the Swim, Mammalabilia, Handsprings, Autumnblings, Summersaults  
<http://www.harpercollinschildrens.com/HarperChildrens/Kids/AuthorsAndIllustrators/ContributorDetail.aspx?Cid=16495>

**Gutman, Dan.** Baseball Card Adventure Series, Satch and Me (a book about Satchel Page – Negro League) New Book: Casey Back at Bat  
<http://www.dangutman.com/>  
[http://www.dangutman.com/pages/back\\_at\\_bat.html](http://www.dangutman.com/pages/back_at_bat.html)

**Harrington, Janice.** The Chicken Chasing Queen of Lamar County, Going North  
[http://www.amazon.com/Going-North-Ribbon-Picture-Awards/dp/0374326819/ref=pd\\_bbs\\_sr\\_3?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1202663867&sr=8-3](http://www.amazon.com/Going-North-Ribbon-Picture-Awards/dp/0374326819/ref=pd_bbs_sr_3?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1202663867&sr=8-3)

**Jenkins, Steve.** Almost Gone: The World's Rarest Animals, What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?, Move!, Living Color, Dogs and Cats (flip book)  
<http://www.stevejenkinsbooks.com/>

**Keenan, Shelia.** O, Say Can You See?, Gods, Goddesses, and Monsters: An Encyclopedia of World Mythology, Animals in the House, Scholastic Book of Outstanding Americans  
<http://content.scholastic.com/browse/contributor.jsp?id=2143>

**Kirkpatrick, Katherine.** The Snow Baby, Keeping the Good Light  
<http://www.katherinekirkpatrick.com/>

**Levine, Ellen.** Henry's Freedom Box, If Your Name Was Changed at Ellis Island, If You Traveled on the Underground Railroad  
[http://books.google.com/books?ct=title&q=inauthor:Ellen+inauthor:Levine&as\\_brr=0](http://books.google.com/books?ct=title&q=inauthor:Ellen+inauthor:Levine&as_brr=0)

**Lord, Cynthia.** Rules  
<http://www.cynthialord.com/>

**Lubar, David.** Invasion of the Road Weenies  
The Curse of the Campfire Weenies  
In The Land of the Lawn Weenies  
Punished  
<http://www.davidlubar.com/>

**McDonald, Megan.** Judy Moody, Judy Moody Gets Famous, Judy Moody Saves the World, Judy Moody Predicts the Future, Judy Moody, M.D., The Doctor is In, Judy Moody Declares Independence, Judy Moody, Around the World in 8 ½ days

Stink: The Incredible Shrinking Kid, Stink and the Incredible Super-Galactic Jawbreaker,  
Stink and the World's Worst Super-Stinky Sneakers  
<http://www.meganmcdonald.net/>

**Meyer, Stephanie.** Twilight, New Moon, Eclipse, Breaking Dawn  
<http://www.stepheniemeyer.com/>

**Paulsen, Gary.** True Adventure Series, Tales to Tickle the Funnybone, Lawn Boy  
<http://www.randomhouse.com/features/garypaulsen/library/>

**Pennypacker, Sara.** Clementine Series  
<http://books.google.com/books?id=UeLmAAAACAAJ&dq=inauthor:Sara+inauthor:Pennypacker>

**Peterson, Cris.** Fantastic Farm Machines, Wild Horses, Clarabelle: Making Milk and So Much More  
[http://www.boydsmillspress.com/contributors/contributors/peterson\\_cris.html](http://www.boydsmillspress.com/contributors/contributors/peterson_cris.html)

**Selznick, Brian.** The Invention of Hugo Cabret  
<http://www.theinventionofhugocabret.com/index.htm>

**Wetherford, Carole.** Dear Mr. Rosenwald, Moses: When Harriet Tubman Lead Her People to Freedom, Birmingham 1963, Freedom on the Menu, I, Matthew Henson Polar Explorer  
<http://www.carolewetherford.com/>

**Willems, Mo.** Knuffle Bunny  
Knuffle Bunny Too

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus  
The Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog  
Don't Let the Pigeon Stay up Late

Edwina: The Dinosaur Who Didn't Know She Was Extinct  
Leonardo the Terrible Monster

Elephant and Piggie Series:  
There is a Bird on Your Head  
I am Invited to a Party  
My Friend is Sad  
Today I Will Fly

<http://www.mowillems.com/>

**Zevin, Gabrielle.** Elsewhere, Memoirs of a Teenage Amnesiac  
<http://www.memoirsofa.com/Elsewhere.html>  
<http://www.memoirsofa.com/>

## **REFERENCE BOOKS**

Endangered Animals Dictionary: An A to Z of Threatened Species

**Buckley Jr., James.** Book of Firsts: More Than 1,000 of the Coolest, Biggest, and Most Exciting First Facts You'll Ever Read

**Sports Illustrated for Kids.** The Top 20 Under 20: The Most Talented Young Stars in Sports

**Yes Mag** – Fantastic Feats and Failures  
[www.kidscanpress.com](http://www.kidscanpress.com)

## **GRAPHIC NOVELS**

Graphic Novels - What are they? Graphic novels are longer versions of a comic book. They are published in “book style” with a sturdy cover.

Manga – Japanese graphic novels. They are read back to front. Be careful – some manga have very mature story lines.

Web Resources on Graphic Novels:

<http://sidekicks.noflyingnotights.com/index.html>

<http://www.geocities.com/SoHo/5537/hist.htm>

**Clugston, Chynna.** Queen Bee

<http://www.scholastic.com/queenbee/>

**Holm, Jennifer.** BABYMOUSE Queen of the World , Middle School is Worse Than Meatloaf

[www.babymouse.com](http://www.babymouse.com)

<http://www.jenniferholm.com/index.html>

**Smith, Jeff.** Bone Series:

Out From Boneville, The Great Cow Race, Eyes of the Storm, The Dragon Slayer,

Master of the Eastern Border, Old Man's Cave, Ghost Circles, Treasure Hunters

[www.boneville.com](http://www.boneville.com)

<http://www.scholastic.com/bone/>

## **POP UP BOOKS**

**Sabuda, Robert.** America the Beautiful, Encyclopedia Prehistorica: Dinosaurs, Mega Beasts, Sharks and Sea Monsters, Mommy, Winters Tale

<http://robertsabuda.com/>