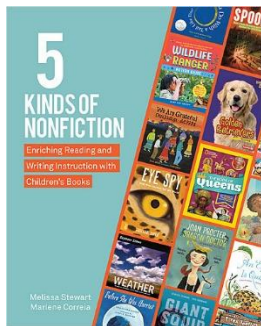


5 Kinds of Nonfiction Book Lists



In [*5 Kinds of Nonfiction: Enriching Reading and Writing Instruction with Children's Books*](#), Marlene Correia and I provided six sample texts in each of the five categories—active, browsable, traditional, expository literature, and narrative.

We also include nine sample blended books that appeal to a broad range of readers because they have a roughly 50-50 mix of narrative and expository writing styles.

During presentations, educators have let us know that they'd like us to suggest additional sample texts for grades K-8. To honor these requests, we've provided more titles below.

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While we're excited to see a recent uptick in narrative nonfiction by and about Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC), there are currently very few children's books in the other categories by authors and illustrators from traditionally underrepresented and marginalized groups. As more diverse books become available, we will be updating these lists to feature a more inclusive mix of titles.

Sample **Traditional Nonfiction** Titles

Cherry-Paul, Sonja, Jason Reynolds, and Ibram X. Kendi. *Stamped (for Kids): Racism, Antiracism, and You*. New York: Little, Brown, 2021.

Crull, Kelly. *Making Art of Ocean Plastic*. Minneapolis, MN: Lerner, 2022.

Derr, Aaron. *Sports of the Paralympic Games*. South Egremont, MA: Red Chair Press, 2020.

Dionne, Evette. *Lifting as We Climb: Black Women's Battle for the Ballot Box*. New York: Viking, 2020.

Doeden, Matt. *It's Outta Here! The Might and Majesty of the Home Run*. Minneapolis, MN: Lerner, 2021.

Eszterhas, Suzi. *Operation Pangolin: Saving the World's Only Scaled Mammal*. Minneapolis, MN: Lerner, 2022.

Fleischer, Jeff. *Civic Minded: What Everyone Should Know About the US Government*. Minneapolis, MN: Zest Books, 2024.

Markle, Sandra. *On the Hunt with Great White Sharks*. Minneapolis, MN: Lerner, 2022.

Montgomery, Sy. *The Book of Turtles*. New York: Carion, 2023.

Schutten, Jan Paul. *Inside In: X-Rays of Nature's Hidden World*. Berkeley CA: Greystone Kids, 2021.

Seifert, Christine. *Whoppers: History's Most Outrageous Lies and Liars*. San Francisco: Zest Books, 2015.

Simon, Seymour. *Exoplanets*. New York: HarperCollins, 2018.

Treuer, Anton. *Everything You Wanted to Know about Indians But Were Afraid to Ask Young Readers Edition*. New York: Levine Querido, 2021.

Tyner, Artika R. *Black Lives Matter: From Hashtag to the Streets*. Minneapolis, MN: Lerner, 2021.

Young, Karen Romano. *Shark Quest: Protecting the Oceans Top Predators*. Minneapolis, MN: Lerner, 2022.

Sample **Browsable Nonfiction** Titles

Albee, Sarah. *North America: A Fold-Out Graphic History*. London: What on Earth Books, 2019.

Bellows, Melrina Gerosa. *Totally Random Facts: 3,128 Wild, Wacky, and Wondrous Things About the World*. Random House, 2022.

Drimmer, Stephanie Warren. *The Book of Queens: Legendary Leaders, Fierce Females, and Wonder Women Who Ruled the World*. Washington, D.C.: National Geographic, 2019.

Duprat, Guillaume. *Eye Spy: Wild Ways Animals See the World*. London: What on Earth Books, 2018.

Grossman, Emily. *What Breathes Through Its Butt? Mind-Blowing Science Questions Answered*. New York: Bloomsbury, 2020.

Guinness World Records. *Guinness World Records 2024*. New York: Guinness World Records, 2023.

Harrison, Vashti. *Little Dreamers Visionary Women Around the World*. New York: Little, Brown, 2018.

Henderson, Leah. *Together We March: 25 Protest Movements that March into History*. New York: Atheneum, 2021.

Ignatofsky, Rachel. *What's Inside a Bird's Nest? And Other Questions About Nature and Life Cycles*. New York: Crown, 2024.

Jenkins, Steve. *The Animal Book: A Collection of the Fastest, Fiercest, Toughest, Cleverest, Shyest—and Most Surprising—Animals on Earth*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2013.

Leigh, Lindsey. *The Deep: Wild Life at the Ocean's Darkest Depths*. New York: Penguin workshop, 2023.

Rocco, John. *How We Got to the Moon: The People, Technology, and Daring Feats of Science Behind Humanity's Greatest Adventure*. New York: Crown, 2020.

Roy, Katherine. *Making More: How Life Begins*. New York: Norton, 2023.

McCann, Jackie. *If the World Were 100 People a Visual Guide to Our Global Village*. New York: Crown, 2021.

Socha, Piotr. *Trees: A Rooted History*. New York: Abrams, 2019.

Sample Narrative Nonfiction Titles

Balouch, Kristen. *One Million Trees: A True Story*. New York: Holiday House, 2022

Carson, Mary Kay. *Urban Coyotes*. New York: Clarion, 2024.

Denise, Anika Aldamuy. *Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré*. New York: HarperCollins, 2019.

Fleming, Candace. *Narwhal: Unicorn of the Arctic*. New York: Anne Schwartz Books, 2024.

Jarrow, Gail. *Spooked! How a Radio Broadcast and The War of the Worlds Sparked the 1938 Invasion of America*. Honesdale, PA: Calkins Creek, 2018.

McDaniel, Breanna J. *Go Forth and Tell: The Life Augusta Baker, Librarian and Master Storyteller*. New York: Dial, 2024.

Montgomery, Heather L. *Something Rotten: A Fresh Look at Roadkill*. New York: Bloomsbury, 2019.

Parrott-Ryan, Maria. *Mysterious Glowing Mammals: An Unexpected Discovery Sparks a Scientific Investigation*. Minneapolis: Millbrook, 2023.

Roth, Jonathan. *Almost Underwear: How a Piece of Cloth Traveled from Kitty Hawk to the Moon and Mars*. New York: Christy Ottaviano Books, 2024.

Rubin, Sean. *The Iguanodon's Horn: How Artists and Scientists put a Dinosaur Back Together Again and Again . . . and Again!* New York: Clarion, 2024.

Slater, Dashka. *Accountable: The True Story of a Racist Social Media Account and the Teenagers Whose Lives It Changed*. New York: Farar, Straus, and Giroux, 2023.

Soontornvat, Christina. *All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team*. Somerville, MA: Candlewick, 2020.

Swanson, Jennifer. *Up Periscope: How Engineer Raye Montague Revolutionized Shipbuilding*. New York: Little, Brown, 2024.

Valdez, Patricia. *Joan Proctor, Dragon Doctor: The Woman Who Loved Reptiles*. New York: Knopf, 2018.

Weatherford, Carole Boston. *How Do You Spell Unfair? MacNolia Cox and the National Spelling Bee*. Somerville, MA: Candlewick, 2023.

Sample Expository Literature Titles*

- Albee, Sarah. *The Painter and the President: Gilbert Stuart's Brush with George Washington*. New York: Calkins Creek/Astra, 2024.
- Beckerman, Nell Cross. *Caves*. New York: Orchard/Scholastic, 2022.
- Bolling, Valerie. *I See Color: An Affirmation and Celebration of Our Diverse World*. New York: HaperCollins, 2024.
- Brew-Hammond, Nana Ekua. *Blue: A History of the Color as Deep as the Sea and as Wide as the Sky*. New York: Knopf, 2023.
- Duffield, Katy S. *Crossings: Extraordinary Structures for Extraordinary Animals*. San Diego: Beach Lane, 2020
- Johnson, Dinah. *H Is for Harlem*. Christy Ottaviano Books/Little, Brown, 2022.
- Lavelle, Kari. *Butt or Face? A Hilarious Animal Guessing Game Book for Kids*. New York: Sourcebooks, 2023.
- Markle, Sandra. *What If You Had T. rex Teeth? And Other Dinosaur Parts*. New York: Scholastic, 2019.
- Montgomery, Heather L. *What's in Your Pocket?: Collecting Nature's Treasures*. Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge, 2021.
- Page, Robin. *The Beak Book*. San Diego: Beach Lane, 2021.
- Rosenstock, Barb. *The Great Lakes: Our Freshwater Treasure*. New York, Knopf, 2024.
- Roth, Susan L. *Birds of a Feather: Bowerbirds and Me*. New York, Neal Porter Books, 2019.
- Salyer, Hannah. *Ancestry: The Mystery and Majesty of Ancient Cave Art*. New York, Clarion, 2023.
- Sanchez, Anita. *Rotten: Vultures, Beetles, Slime and Nature's Other Decomposers*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2019.
- Sorell, Traci. *We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga*. Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge, 2018.

Sample **Active Nonfiction** Titles

Alderfer, Jonathan. *National Geographic Kids Bird Guide of North America: Second Edition*. Washington, D.C.: National Geographic, 2018.

Bondy, Halley. *Don't Sit on the Baby: The Ultimate Guide to Sane, Skilled, and Safe Babysitting*. Minneapolis, MN: Lerner, 2022.

Butterworth, Chris. *Where Did My Clothes Come From?* Somerville, MA: Candlewick,

Bauer, Joy. *Yummy Yoga: Playful Poses and Tasty Treats*. New York, Abrams, 2019.

Carson, Mary Kay. *Wildlife Ranger Action Guide: Track, Spot & Provide Healthy Habitat for Creatures Close to Home*. North Adams, MA: Storey, 2020.

Choi, Betty, MD. *Human Body Learning Lab: Take an Inside Tour of How Your Anatomy Works*. North Adams, MA: Storey, 2022.

Cook, Deanna F. *Cooking Class 73 Fun Recipes that Kids Will Love to Make (and Eat)*. North Adams, MA: Storey, 2024.

Dewar, Andrew. *Ultimate Paper Airplanes for Kids*. North Clarendon, VT, 2015.

Eason, Sarah and Ruth Bennett. *How Do I Manage My Social Media?* Minneapolis, MN: Lerner, 2022.

Lisle, Andria. *Sewing School: 21 Sewing Projects Kids Will Love to Make*. North Adams, MA: Storey, 2010.

Masiello, Ralph. *Ralph Masiello's Alien Drawing Book*. Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge, 2019.

Moore, Arden. *A Kids' Guide to Dogs: How to Train, Care for, Play and Communicate with Your Amazing Pet*. North Adams, MA: Storey, 2020.

Rissman, Rebecca. *Hair-Raising Hairstyles that Make a Statement*. Mankato, MN: Compass Point Books, 2018.

Sepetys, Ruta. *You, the Story: A Writer's Guide to Craft Through Memory*. New York: Viking, 2023.

Szymanski, Jennifer *Code This! Puzzles, Games, Challenges, and Computer Coding Concepts for the Problem Solver in You*. Washington, D.C.: National Geographic, 2019.

Sample **Blended Nonfiction** Titles

Buhrmann-Deever, Susannah. *If You Take Away the Otter*. Somerville, MA: Candlewick, 2020.

Castaldo, Nancy F. *Sniffer Dogs: How Dogs (and their Noses) Save the World*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2014.

Fleming Candace *Giant Squid*. New York: Roaring Brook, 2016.

Johnson, Rebecca L. *Masters of Disguise: Amazing Animal Tricksters*. Minneapolis, MN: Millbrook, 2016.

Johnson, Rebecca L. *When Lunch Fights Back: Wickedly Clever Animal Defenses*. Minneapolis, MN: Millbrook, 2014.

Johnson, Rebecca L. *Zombie Makers: True Stories of Nature's Undead*. Minneapolis, MN: Millbrook, 2012.

Li, Amanda. *Rise Up: Ordinary Kids with Extraordinary Stories*. Kansas City, MO: Andrews McMeel, 2020.

Markle, Sandra. *Animals to the Rescue! Amazing True Stories from Around the World*. Minneapolis, MN: Millbrook, 2021.

Markle, Sandra. *The Great Monkey Rescue: Saving the Golden Lion*. Minneapolis, MN: Millbrook, 2015.

Markle, Sandra. *Snowy Owl Invasion: Tracking an Unusual Migration*. Minneapolis, MN: Millbrook, 2017.

Roy, Katherine. *How to Be an Elephant*. New York: David Macaulay Studio, 2017

Roy, Katherine. *Neighborhood Sharks: Hunting with the Great Whites of California's Farallon Islands*. New York: David Macaulay Studio, 2012.

Stewart, Melissa and Steve Brusatte. *Pinocchio Rex and Other Tyrannosaurs*. New York: HarperCollins, 2017.

Stewart, Melissa. *Hurricane Watch*. New York: HarperCollins, 2015.