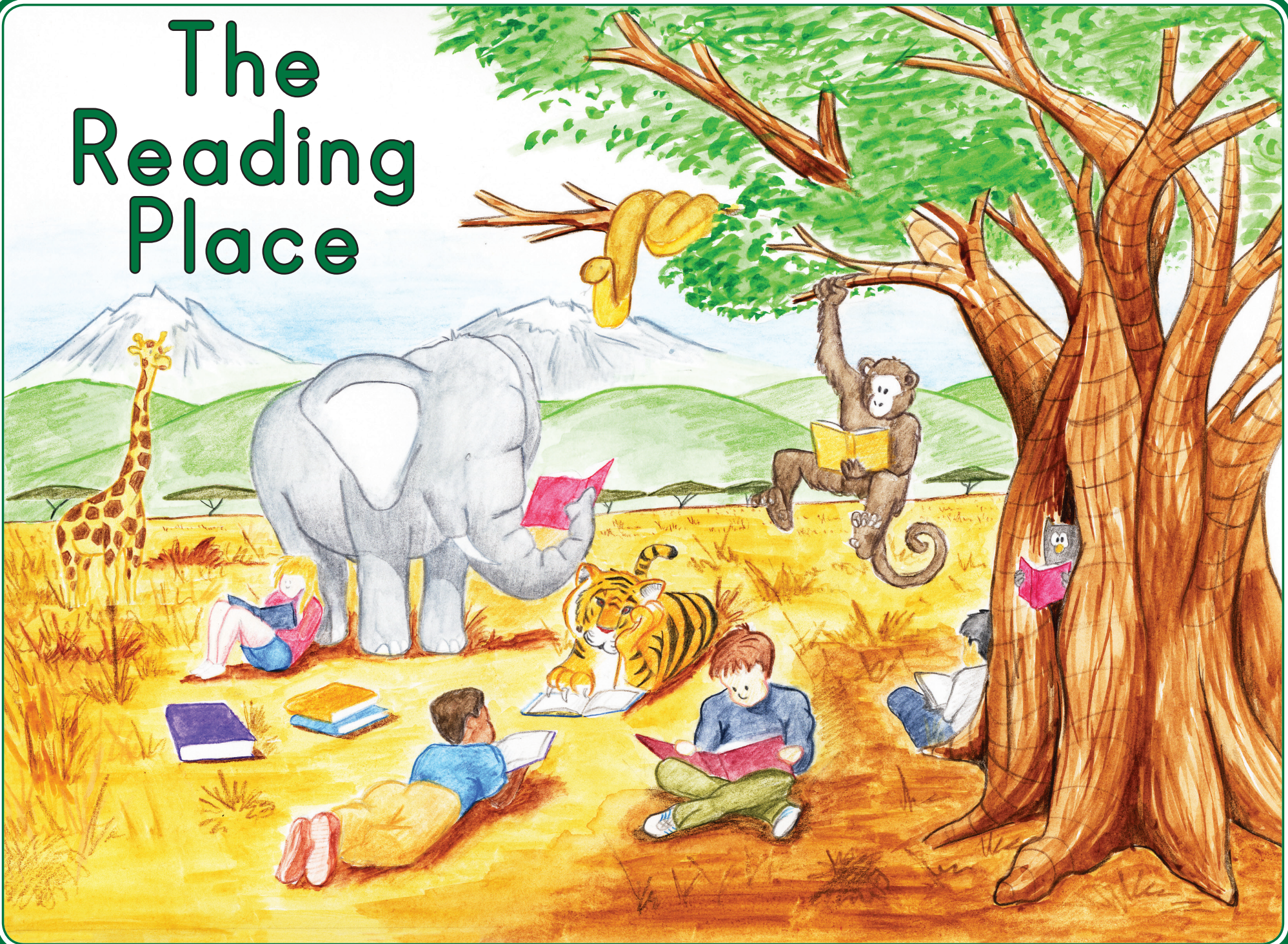


The Reading Place



Welcome to The Reading Place!



Come to the wise old baobab tree
And sit by its side, where the shade is free.
Our mighty green tree grew from a seed,
(You'll grow the same way as you learn to read.)
In the very beginning, some things might seem slow,
But lots of great words you will soon come to know.
Reading will make your confidence strong,
And your love for good books will be lifelong.
So, come along now; you'll soon be a reader.
(You'll quickly find out that you're also a leader.)
Come gather 'round this fine Reading Place.
Begin with a smile and a bright, happy face!
We'll make this time count (and have lots of fun, too).
Everyone here is so proud of you!
I will be here to help you and guide -
So, let's read together now - side-by-side.

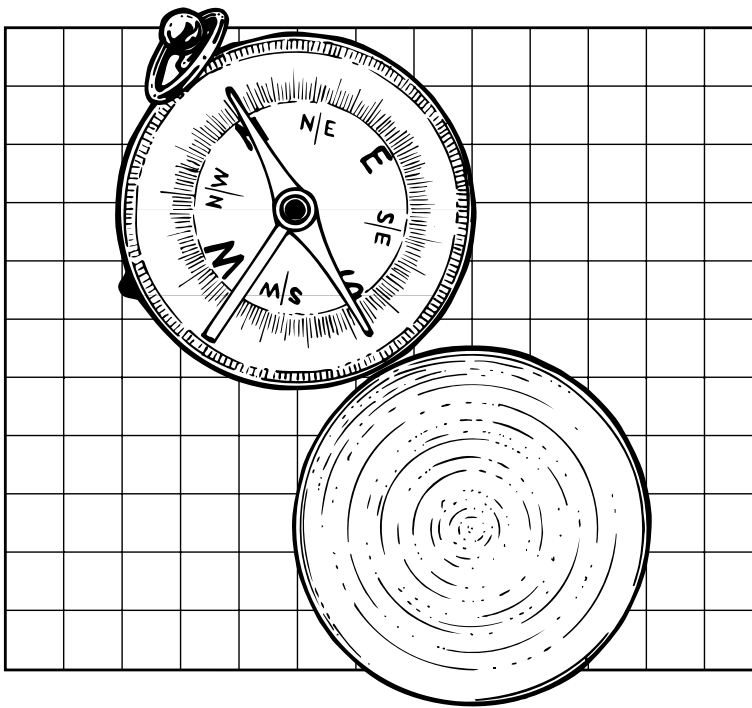
~ Victoria Beck

Beyond the Basics with Plurals

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Navigation Tip

A



When a reader first learns about making words plural, he or she is reading very simple words, almost all of which can be made plural by adding the letter "s". "The Plural Song" teaches the concept of plural - "plural means more than one". It goes on to sing about making a toy into toys and a hug into hugs, and so on. Of course, while adding "s" is the simplest way to make the plural form of a word, there are several other ways to change certain words into their plural forms. This Navigation Tip explains a number of other rules to keep in mind when making the plural form of a word.

Add "es" to words that end in "o".

Examples:	potato	potatoes
	tomato	tomatoes
	volcano	volcanoes

Add "es" to words ending in "ch", "sh", "s", "z" and "x".

Examples:	peach	peaches
	fix	fixes
	pass	passes
	mash	mashes
	fizz	fizzes

An apostrophe and the letter "s" should be used to form the plurals of letters and numbers.

Examples: e's and f's
2's and 3's

Exception: When referring to years using a plural form, an "s" may be used without an apostrophe

Examples: 1920s
1990s
1600s

Some words that end in "f" need to be changed altogether to make the plural form. The "f" is eliminated, and "ves" is added.

Examples:	calf	calves
	leaf	leaves
	thief	thieves

Words that end in the letter "y" are changed in the process of being made plural. The "y" is dropped, and "ies" is added.

Examples:	baby	babies
	lady	ladies
	fly	flies
	harmony	harmonies
	melody	melodies
	story	stories

Exception: If the original word ends in "ey", only an "s" is added.

Examples:	key	keys
	monkey	monkeys

Sometimes, the plural form of a word follows no particular rule at all. We just need to learn a new form of the original, singular word. Some examples of "irregular" plural forms have been listed below.

Examples:	cactus	cacti
	child	children
	die	dice
	foot	feet
	goose	geese
	man	men
	mouse	mice
	tooth	teeth
	woman	women



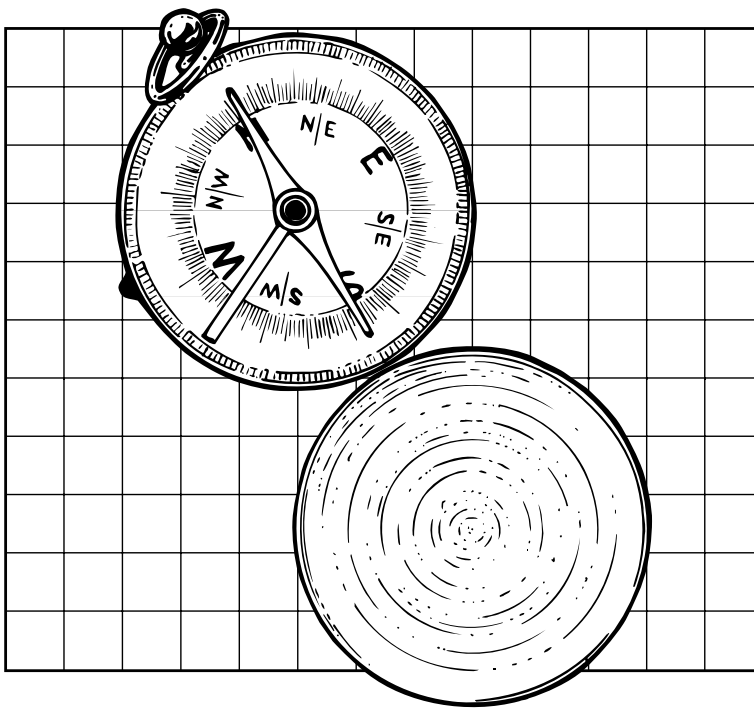
The Tour Guide says...
draw a picture of something that is plural (more than one).

More About Prefixes



Navigation Tip

B



Prefixes are letters or word parts that are added to the beginning of a base word. When a prefix is added, it changes the original meaning of the word.

The prefixes we have introduced in the Reading Expeditions folders are some of the most common ones. This section provides a more comprehensive list of prefixes, along with their meanings. We've also included an example of each.

Don't worry about teaching your young safari mate the complicated meanings of these prefixes or the meanings of all of the words they can make. For now, you may simply wish to point out that there are many different prefixes. You may wish to teach the pronunciation of each prefix (the first column of the chart only).

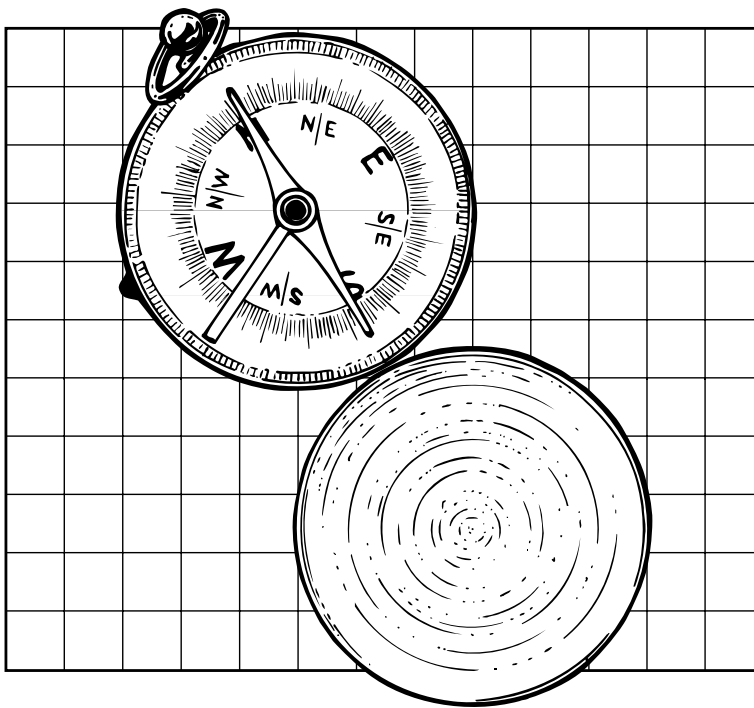
Prefix	Meaning	Example	Prefix	Meaning	Example
a-	on or in	amidst	intra-	inside, within, in, between	intramural
ad-	toward, to, near, in	adhere	intro-	into, in	introduce
anti-	against	antidote	micro-	small	microscope
auto-	self	automobile	mis-	wrongly, poorly, badly	mishandle
bi-	two	bicycle	mono-	one, single, alone	monorail
bio-	life	biology	multi-	many	multiplex
con-	together, with	contact	non-	not	nonfat
com-	together, with	compile	over-	beyond, too much	overexcited
contra-	against, opposite	contravene	post-	after	postdate
counter-	contrary, opposite	counterpart	pre-	before, in front of	prefix
de-	opposite of, reverse, remove	deodorize	pro-	for, forward	promote
dis-	reverse, absence, opposite	disable	re-	again, back	recall
ex-	out of, from, former, before	export	sub-	beneath, under, below	subway
hydro-	water	hydroplane	super-	beyond, in addition to	superman
hyper-	in excess, too much, beyond	hyperspace	tele-	distant	telescope
hypo-	too little, beneath, under	hypodermic	trans-	across, change, over	transport
im-	not, without	impossible	tri-	three	triangle
in-	not	inexact	un-	not, opposite of	unwelcome
inter-	between, together, among	interplay	uni-	one	unify

More About Suffixes



Navigation Tip

C



A suffix is an ending added to a base word or a word root to change the meaning of the word. Sometimes, when a suffix is added, the spelling of the original word doesn't change at all. Other times, the original word might change in order to accommodate the new ending. Your reader won't need to know all of the suffixes we've listed here. It's a good idea, though, to recognize that large words are often just small words with parts added on to the beginning or the end of the original, small word. Over time, your reader will recognize the suffixes that are common to many, everyday words.

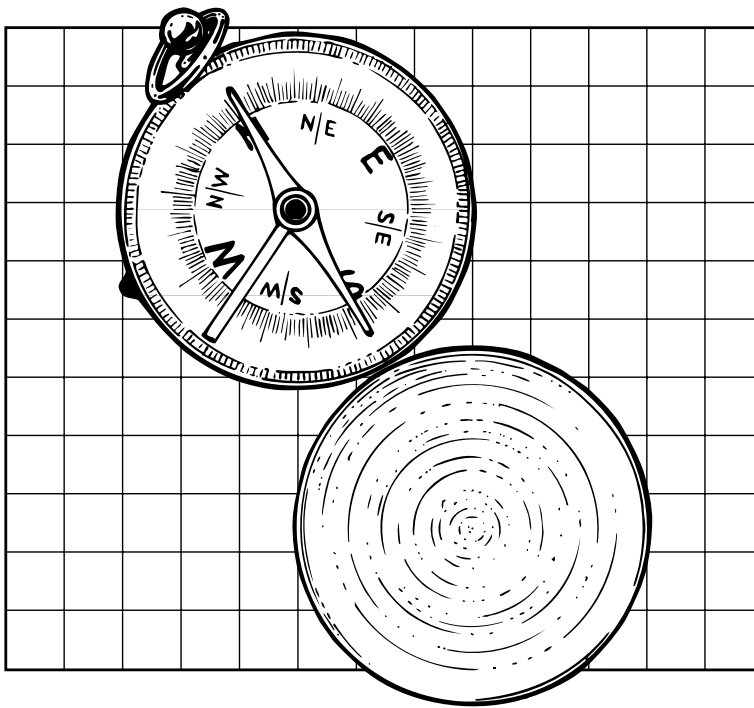
Suffix	Meaning	Example	Suffix	Meaning	Example
-able	able or capable of	trustable	-ous	full of	perilous
-ible	able or capable of	flexible	-ious	full of	spacious
-age	action, state of	encourage	-ship	quality or state of	friendship
-al	relates to	postal	-sion	action or condition of	decision
-ian	belong to	Californian	-tion	action or condition of	imagination
-ance	condition or state of	annoyance	-ity	quality of	humidity
-ence	condition or state of	dependence	-ward	toward, in the direction	backward
-er	more	bigger	-ery	occupation or condition of	bakery
-est	most	smallest	-ess	the feminine form of	countess
-ful	full of	useful	-fest	gathering for a common purpose	songfest
-ing	presently happening	exploring	-gen	that which produces	oxygen
-ish	relating to or illness	childish	-gram	written or drawn, message	telegram
-less	without	careless, happiness	-ics	field of study	physics
-ly	in a certain way	truly	-ite	from a place; mineral names	Israelite
-ment	state of or condition	achievement	-osis	condition or state of	hypnosis
-ness	quality or condition of	fullness	-scope	used for viewing	microscope

Compound Words



Navigation Tip

D



Compound words are words that are made by combining two smaller words together to make one word. A solid understanding of how compound words are formed will help when reading them. Understanding how compound words are formed will also enhance your reader's spelling ability. Here are some common compound words for your reader to master. He or she has all of the reading skills needed to read these words.

afternoon
aircraft
airplane
airport
anthill
anyone
anything
anyway
barefoot
baseball
basketball
bathtub
beanbag
bedroom
beeswax
birthday
blackboard
blacksmith
blowout
bookcase
bookmark
breakfast
broadcast
campfire

chessboard
classmate
classroom
clothesline
clubhouse
cookbook
countryside
cowboy
doghouse
doormat
downpour
downtown
drawbridge
evergreen
eyeball
eyeglass
faraway
fingernail
fingerprint
fingertip
fireman
flagpole
floodlight
football

gentleman
grapefruit
grasshopper
hatbox
herself
himself
homework
honeymoon
horseshoe
houseboat
inside
lifetime
lighthouse
lipstick
mailbox
meatball
motorcycle
needlepoint
nighttime
notebook
nowhere
oatmeal
otherwise
outside

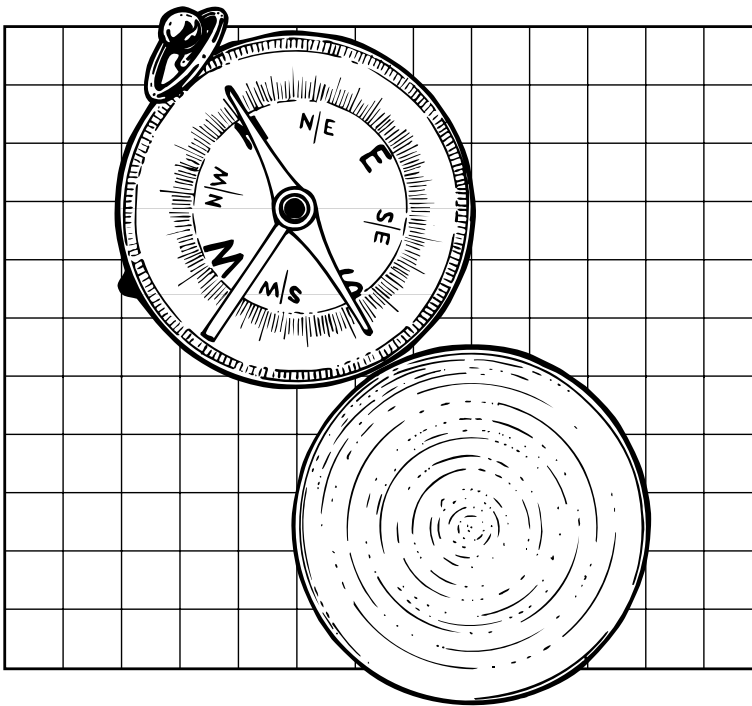
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pancake
peacetime
peanut
peppermint
pigtail
playground
pocketbook
policeman
railroad
raincoat
riverbank
rowboat
sailboat
salesman
sandbox
shortstop
sidewalk
skydive
slowpoke
snowball
snowman
someone
something

spacesuit
spellbound
strawberry
sweatshirt
teenage
toenail
toothache
toothbrush
toothpaste
touchdown
township
treetop
underground
upset
upstairs
wastebasket
weatherman
wheelbarrow
whenever
windshield
wishbone
without
wristwatch
yourself

Homophones



Navigation Tip E



Homophones are words that sound alike, but are spelled differently and have different meanings. On the following page, is a list of many common homophones. Learning homophones will improve your reader's ability to recognize and understand the different forms of these words when reading, and to spell these words correctly when writing.

ail ale
air heir
aisle isle
allowed aloud
altar alter
ant aunt
bail bale
bear bare
beet beat
bell belle
blew blue
bored board
bough bow
brake break
by buy
capital capitol
cell sell
cent sent
cheap cheep

chews choose
cymbal symbol
dear deer
do due
doe dough
eight ate
ewe you
fare fair
feet feat
flee flea
flew flu
flour flower
for four
foul fowl
gait gate
grate great
groan grown
guessed guest
heel heal

here hear
hole whole
hour our
in inn
its it's
knew new
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maid made
male mail
mane main
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night knight
oar or
one won
pair pear
pale pail

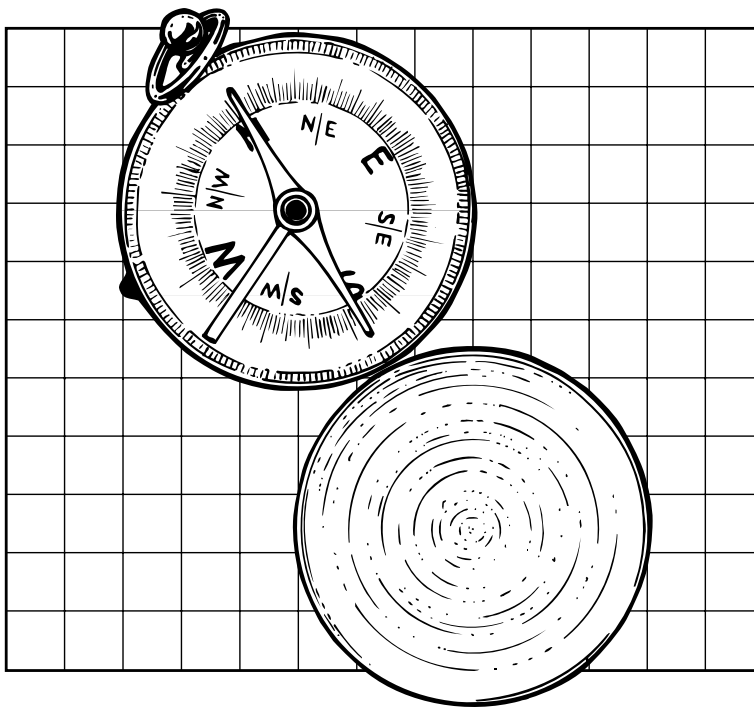
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pause paws
peek peak
peel peal
piece peace
plane plain
pole poll
praise prays
rap wrap
red read
right write
ring wring
road rode
roll role
sale sail
see sea
seem seam
seen scene
shear sheer

sighs size
so sew
some sum
stake steak
steel steal
suite sweet
tale tail
team team
there their
threw through
to two
tow toe
vein vain
waist waste
way weigh
wear ware
week weak
witch which
would wood

The Newbery Medal Award Books



Navigation Tip F



The Newbery Medal is an award given to each year's most outstanding book in the category of American Literature for children. It is presented by a division of The American Library Association.

2015	TBA	TBA
2014	TBA	TBA
2013	TBA	TBA
2012	TBA	TBA
2011	<i>Moon over Manifest</i>	by Clare Vanderpool
2010	<i>When You Reach Me</i>	by Rebecca Stead
2009	<i>The Graveyard Book</i>	by Neil Gaiman
2008	<i>Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village</i>	by Laura Ama Schlitz
2007	<i>The Higher Power of Lucky</i>	by Susan Patron
2006	<i>Cris Cross</i>	by Lynne Rae Perkins
2005	<i>Kira-Kira</i>	by Cynthia Kadohata
2004	<i>The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup and a Spoot of Thread</i>	by Kate DiCamillo
2003	<i>Crispin: The Cross of Lead</i>	by Avi
2002	<i>A Single Shard</i>	by Linda Sue Park
2001	<i>A Year Down Yonder</i>	by Richard Peck
2000	<i>Bud, Not Buddy</i>	by Christopher Paul Curtis
1999	<i>Holes</i>	by Louis Sachar
1998	<i>Out of the Dust</i>	by Karen Hesse
1997	<i>The View From Saturday</i>	by E. L. Konigsburg
1996	<i>The Midwife's Apprentice</i>	by Karen Cushman
1995	<i>Walk Two Moons</i>	by Sharon Creech
1994	<i>The Giver</i>	by Lois Lowry
1993	<i>Missing May</i>	by Cynthia Rylant
1992	<i>Shiloh</i>	by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
1991	<i>Maniac Magee</i>	by Jerry Spinelli
1990	<i>Number the Stars</i>	by Lois Lowry
1989	<i>Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices</i>	by Paul Fleischman

1988	Lincoln: A Photobiography	by Russell Freedman
1987	The Whipping Boy	by Sid Fleischman
1986	Sarah, Plain and Tall	by Patricia MacLachlan
1985	The Hero and the Crown	by Robin McKinley
1984	Dear Mr. Henshaw	by Beverly Cleary
1983	Dacey's Song	by Cynthia Voigt
1982	A Visit to William Blake's Inn	by Nancy Willard
1981	Jacob Have I loved	by Katherine Patterson
1980	A Gathering of Days	by Joan W. Blos
1979	The Westing Game	by Ellen Raskin
1978	Bridge to Terabithia	by Katherine Paterson
1977	Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	by Mildred D. Taylor
1976	The Grey King	by Susan Cooper
1975	M.C. Higgins, the Great	by Virginia Hamilton
1974	The Slave Dancer	by Paula Fox
1973	Julie of the Wolves	by Jean Craighead George
1972	Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh	by Robert C. O'Brien
1971	The Summer of the Swans	by Betsy Cromer Byars
1970	Souder	by William H. Armstrong
1969	The High King	by Lloyd Alexander
1968	From the Mixed-up File of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler	by E.L. Konigsburg
1967	Up a Road Slowly	by Irene Hunt
1966	I, Juan De Pareja	by Elizabeth Borton De Trevino
1965	Shadow of a Bull	by Maia Wojciechowska
1964	It's Like This Cat	by Emily Cheney Neville
1963	A Wrinkle in Time	by Madeline L'engle
1962	The Bronze Bow	by Elizabeth George Speare
1961	Island of the Blue Dolphins	by Scott O'Dell

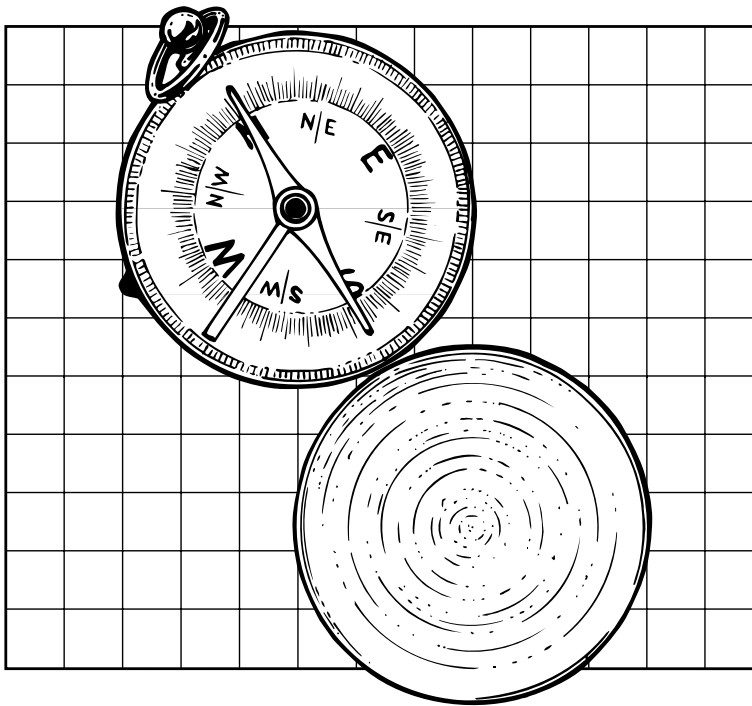
1960	Onion John	by Joseph Krumgold
1959	The Witch of Blackbird Pond	by Elizabeth George Speare
1958	Rifles for Watie	by Harold Keith
1957	Miracles on Maple Hill	by Virginia Eggertsen Sorensen
1956	Carry on Mr. Bowditch	by Jean Lee Latham
1955	The Wheel on the School	by Meindert De Jong
1954	And Now Miguel	by Joseph Krumgold
1953	Secret of the Andes	by Ann Nolan Clark
1952	Ginger Pye	by Eleanor Estes
1951	Amos Fortune, Free Man	by Elizabeth Yates
1950	The Door in the Wall	by Marguerite De Angeli
1949	Kind of the Wind	by Marguerite Henry
1948	The Twenty-One Balloons	by William Pene du Bois
1947	Miss Hickory	by Carolyn Sherwin Bailey
1946	Strawberry Girl	by Lois Lenski
1945	Rabbit Hill	by Robers Lawson
1944	Johnny Tremain	by Esther Forbes
1943	Adam of the Road	by Elizabeth Janet Gray
1942	The Matchlock Gun	by Walter D. Edmonds
1941	Call It Courage	by Armstrong Sperry
1940	Daniel Boone	by James Daugherty
1939	Thimble Summer	by Elizabeth Enright
1938	The White Stag	by Kate Seredy
1937	Roller Skates	by Ruth Sawyer
1936	Caddie Woodlawn	by Carol Ryrie Brink
1935	Dorby	by Monica Sannon
1934	Invincible Louisa: The Sory of the Author of Little Women	by Cornelia Meigs
1933	Young Fu of the Upper Yangtze	by Elizabeth Foreman Lewis

The Caldecott Medal Award Books



Navigation Tip

G



Each year, since 1938, the Association for Library Service to Children (a division of the American Library Association) has awarded The Caldecott Medal. This award recognizes the illustrator of an American picture book for children. Randolph J. Caldecott was an English illustrator in the nineteenth century. The Caldecott Medal is named in his honor and memory.

2015	TBA	TBA
2014	TBA	TBA
2013	TBA	TBA
2012	TBA	TBA
2011	<i>A Sick Day for Amos McGee</i>	by Phillip C. Stead
2010	<i>The Lion & the Mouse</i>	by Jerry Pinkney
2009	<i>The House in the Night</i>	by Susan Marie Swanson
2008	<i>The Invention of Hugo Cabret</i>	by Brian Selznick
2007	<i>Flotsam</i>	by David Wiesner
2006	<i>The Hello, Goodbye Window</i>	by Norton Juster
2005	<i>Kitten's First Full Moon</i>	by Kevin Henkes
2004	<i>The Man Who Walked Between the Towers</i>	by Mordicai Gerstein
2003	<i>My Friend Rabbit</i>	by Eric Rohmann
2002	<i>The Three Pigs</i>	by David Wiesner
2001	<i>So You Want To Be President?</i>	by Judith St. George
2000	<i>Joseph Had a Little Overcoat</i>	by Simms Taback
1999	<i>Snowflake Bentley</i>	by Jacqueline Briggs Martin
1998	<i>Rapunzel</i>	by Paul O. Zelinsky
1997	<i>Golem</i>	by David Wisniewski
1996	<i>Officer Buckle and Gloria</i>	by Peggy Rathmann
1995	<i>Smoky Night</i>	by Eve Bunting
1994	<i>Grandfather's Journey</i>	by Allen Say
1993	<i>Mirette on the High Wire</i>	by Emily Arnold McCully
1992	<i>Tuesday</i>	by David Wiesner
1991	<i>Black and White</i>	by David Macaulay
1990	<i>Lon Po Po: A Red-riding Hood Story From China</i>	by Ed Young
1989	<i>Song and Dance Man</i>	by Karen Ackerman
1988	<i>Owl Moon</i>	by Jane Yolen

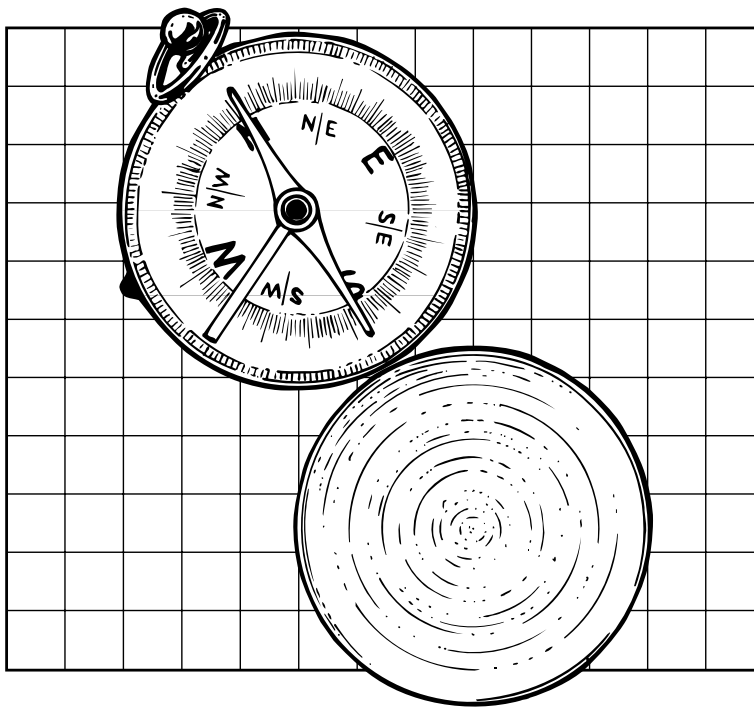
1987	Hey, Al	by Arthur Yorinks
1986	The Polar Express	by Chris Van Allsburg
1985	Saint George and the Dragon	by Margaret Hodges
1984	The Glorious Flight: Across the Channel With Louis Bleriot, July 25, 1909	by Alice Provensen
1983	Shadow	by Blaise Cendrars
1982	Jumanji	by Chris Van Allsburg
1981	Fables	by Arnold Lobel
1980	Ox-cart Man	by Donald Hall
1979	The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses	by Paul Goble
1978	Noah's Ark	by Peter Spier
1977	Ashanti To Zulu: African Traditions	by Margaret W. Musgrove
1976	Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears: A West African Tale	by Verna Aardema
1975	Arrow To the Sun: A Pueblo Indian Tale	by Gerald McDermott
1974	Duffy and the Devil	by Harve Zemach
1973	The Funny Little Woman	by Arlene Mosel
1972	One Fine Day	by Nonny Hogrogian
1971	A Story, A Story	by Gail E. Haley
1970	Sylvester and the Magic Pebble	by William Steig
1969	The Fool of the World and the Flying Ship	by Arthur Ransome
1968	Drummer Hoff	by Barbara Emberley
1967	Sam Bangs and Moonshine	by Evaline Ness
1966	Always Room for One More	by Sorche Nic Leodhas
1965	May I Bring a Friend?	by Beatrice Schenk De Regniers
1964	Where the Wild Things Are	by Maurice Sendak
1963	The Snowy Day	by Ezra Jack Keats
1962	Once a Mouse...A Fable Cut in Wood	by Marcia Brown
1961	Baboushka and the Three Kings	by Ruth Robbins

1960	Nine Days To Christmas	by Marie Hall Ets
1959	Chanticleer and the Fox	by Geoffrey Chaucer
1958	Time of Wonder	by Robert McCloskey
1957	A Tree Is Nice	by Janice May Udry
1956	Frog Went A-Courtin'	by John Langstaff
1955	Cinderella	by Charles Perrault
1954	Madeline's Rescue	by Ludwig Bemelmans
1953	The Biggest Bear	by Lynn K. Ward
1952	Finders Keepers	by Nicolas Will
1951	The Egg Tree	by Katherine Milhous
1950	Song of the Swallows	by Leo Politi
1949	The Big Snow	by Berta Hader
1948	White Snow, Bright Snow	by Alvin Tresselt
1947	The Little Island	by Golden MacDonald
1946	The Rooster Crows: A Book fo American Rhymes and Jingles	by Maud Petersham
1945	Prayer for a Child	by Rachel Field
1944	Many Moons	by James Thurber
1943	The Little House	by Virginia Lee Burton
1942	Make Way for Ducklings	by Robert McCloskey
1941	They Were Strong and Good	by Robert Lawson
1940	Abraham Lincoln	by Ingri D'aulaire
1939	Mei Li	by Thomas Handforth
1938	Animals of the Bible: A Picture Book	by Dorothy P. Lathrop

The Coretta Scott King Award Books



Navigation Tip H



This award honors the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the efforts of Dr. King's widow, Mrs. Coretta Scott King. Individuals who receive the award are of African descent. Their works must somehow reflect an understanding and appreciation for the American Dream. There are two categories for the Coretta Scott King Award - "Author" and "Illustrator". Past winners are listed on the following pages, by category.

Coretta Scott King Award - Author Award Winners

2015	TBA	TBA
2014	TBA	TBA
2013	TBA	TBA
2012	TBA	TBA
2011	One Crazy Summer	by Rita Williams-Garcia
2010	Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshal	by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson
2009	We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball	by Kadir Nelson
2008	Elijah of Buxton	by Christopher Paul Curtis
2007	Copper Sun	by Sharon Draper
2006	Day of Tears: A Novel in Dialogue	by Julius Lester
2005	Remember: The Journey to School Integration	by Toni Morrison
2004	The First Part Last	by Angela Johnson
2003	Bronx Masquerade	by Nikki Grimes
2002	The Land	by Mildred Taylor
2001	Miracle's Boys	by Jacqueline Woodson
2000	Bud, Not Buddy	by Christopher Paul Curtis
1999	Heaven	by Angela Johnson
1998	Forged by Fire	by Sharon M. Draper
1997	Slam	by Walter Dean Myers
1996	Her Stories	by Virginia Hamilton
1995	Christmas in the Big House, Christmas in the Quarters	by Patricia C. & Frederick L. McKissack
1994	Toning the Sweep	by Angela Johnson
1993	Dark Thirty: Southern Tales of the Supernatural	by Patricia A. McKissack
1992	Now is Your Time: The African American Struggle for Freedom	by Walter Dean Myers
1991	The Road to Memphis	by Mildred D. Taylor
1990	A Long Hard Journey: The Story of the Pullman Porter	by Patricia C. & Frederick L. McKissack

1989	Fallen Angels	by Walter Dean Myers
1988	The Friendship	by Mildred L. Taylor
1987	Justin and the Best Biscuits in the World	by Mildred Pitts Walter
1986	The People Could Fly: American Black Folktales	by Virginia Hamilton
1985	Motown and Didi	by Walter Dean Myers
1984	Everett Anderson's Good-bye	by Lucille Clifton
1983	Sweet Whispers, Brother Rush	by Virginia Hamilton
1982	Let the Circle Be Unbroken	by Mildred D. Taylor
1981	This Life	by Sidney Poitier
1980	The Young Landlords	by Walter Dean Myers
1979	Escape to Freedom	by Ossie Davis
1978	Africa Dream	by Eloise Greenfield

Coretta Scott King Award - Illustrator Award Winners

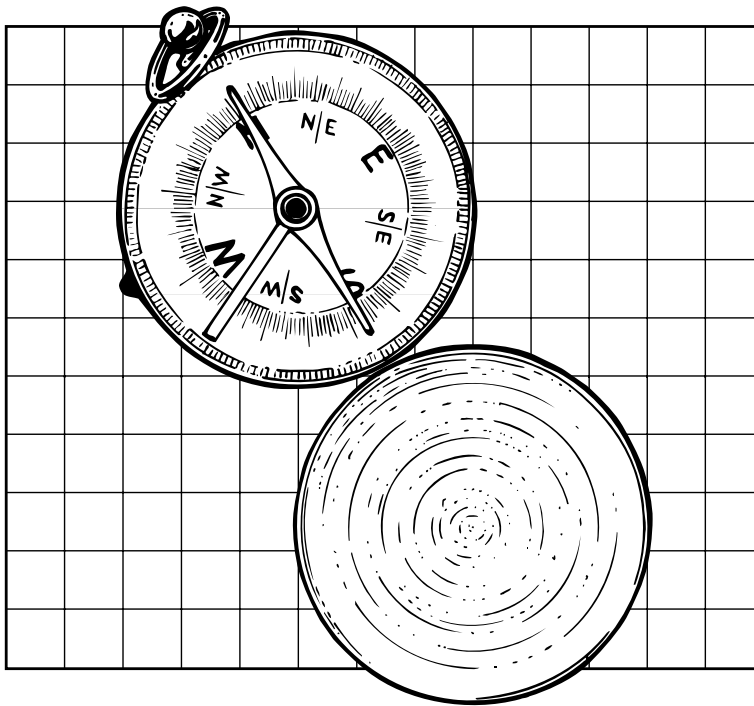
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2013	TBA	TBA
2012	TBA	TBA
2011	Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave	ill. by Bryan Collier
2010	My People	ill. by Charles R. Smith, Jr.
2009	The Blacker the Berry	ill. by Floyd Cooper
2008	Let it Shine	ill. by Ashley Bryan
2007	Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom	ill. by Kadir Nelson
2006	Rosa	ill. by Bryan Collier
2005	Ellington Was Not a Street	ill. by Kadir Nelson
2004	Beautiful Blackbird	ill. by Ashley Bryan
2003	Talkin' About Bessie: The Story of Aviator Elizabeth Coleman	ill. by E. B. Lewis
2002	Goin' Someplace Special	ill. by Jerry Pinkney

2001	Uptown	ill. by Bryan Collier (Henry Holt)
2000	In the Time of the Drums	ill. by Brian Pinkney
1999	I See the Rhythm	ill. by Michele Wood
1998	In Daddy's Arms I am Tall: African Americans Celebrating Fathers	ill. by Javaka Steptoe
1997	Minty: A Story of Young Harriet Tubman	ill. by Jerry Pinkney
1996	The Middle Passage: White Ships Black Cargo	ill. by Tom Feelings
1995	The Creation	ill. by James Ransome
1994	Soul Looks Back in Wonder	ill. by Tom Feelings
1993	The Origin of Life on Earth: An African Creation Myth	ill. by Kathleen Atkins Wilson
1992	Tar Beach	ill. by Faith Ringgold
1991	Aida	ill. by Leo and Diane Dillon
1990	Nathaniel Talking	ill. by Jan Spivey Gilchrist
1989	Mirandy and Brother Wind	ill. by Jerry Pinkney
1988	Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: an African Tale	ill. by John Steptoe
1987	Half a Moon and One Whole Star	ill. by Jerry Pinkney
1986	The Patchwork Quilt	ill. by Jerry Pinkney
1985	No award	
1984	My Mama Needs Me	ill. by Pat Cummings
1983	Black Child	ill. by Peter Mugabane
1982	Mother Crocodile; An Uncle Amadou Tale from Senegal	ill. by John Steptoe
1981	Beat the Story Drum, Pum-Pum	ill. by Ashley Bryan
1980	Cornrows	ill. by Carole Byard
1979	Something on My Mind	ill. by Tom Feelings
1978	Africa Dream	ill. by Carole Byard
1977	No award	
1976	No award	
1975	No award	
1974	Ray Charles	ill. by George Ford

The Young Readers Choice Award Books



Navigation Tip I



The Young Readers Choice Awards have two divisions. One division (the Youth Division) recognizes the authors of outstanding books for readers in grades 4-8. A second division, added in 1991, recognizes the authors of outstanding books for grades 9-12. Only the Youth Division Books have been listed here.

2015	TBA	TBA
2014	TBA	TBA
2013	TBA	TBA
2012	TBA	TBA
2011	Amulet: The Stonekeeper	by Kazu Kibuishi
2010	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Greg Heffley's Journal	by Jeff Kinney
2009	Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane	by Kate DiCamillo
2008	A Dog's Life: Autobiography of a Stray	by Ann Martin
2007	Dragon Rider	by Cornelia Funke
2006	The Tale of Despereaux	by Kate DiCamillo
2005	The Thief Lord	by Corneila Funke
2004	Skeleton Man	by Joseph Bruchac
2003	Because of Winn-Dixie	by Kate DiCamillo
2002	Bud, Not Buddy	by Christopher Paul Curtis
2001	Holes	by Louis Sachar
2000	A Mouse Called Wolf	by Dick King-Smith
1999	Frindle	by Andrew Clements
1998	Wayside School Gets a Little Stranger	by Louis Sachar
1997	Nasty Stinky Sneakers	by Eve Bunting
1996	The Boys Start the War	by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
1995	Terror at the Zoo	by Peg Kehret
1994	Shiloh	by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
1993	Maniac Magee	by Jerry Spinelli
1992	Danger in Quicksand Swamp	by Bill Wallace
1991	Ten Kids, No Pets	by Ann M. Martin
1990	There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom	by Louis Sachar
1989	Wait Till Helen Comes	by Mary Downing Hahn
1988	Sixth Grade Can Really Kill You	by Barthe DeClements

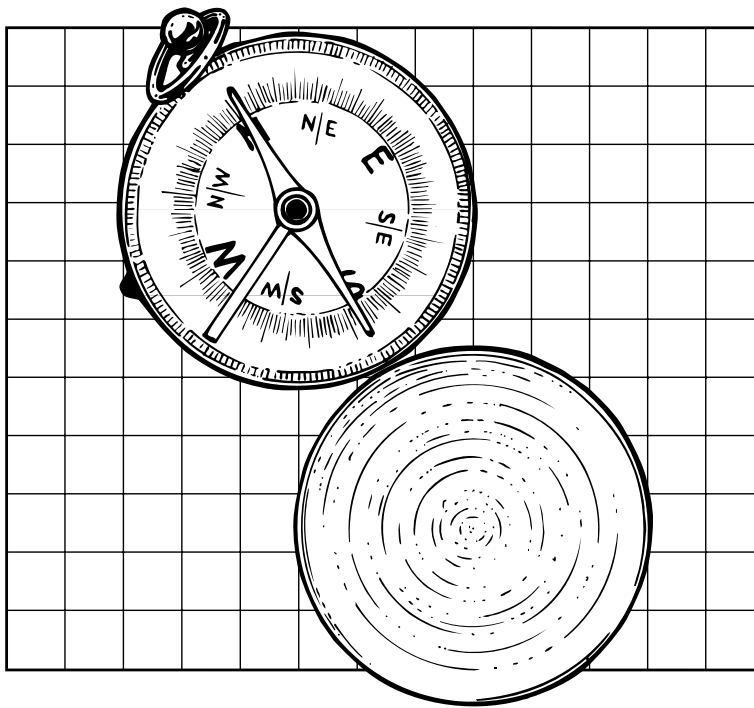
1987	The War With Grandpa	by Robert Smith
1986	The Dollhouse Murders	by Betty Ren Wright
1985	Thirteen Ways to Sink a Sub	by Jamie Gilson
1984	The Indian in the Cupboard	by Lynne Reid Banks
1983	Superfudge	by Judy Blume
1982	Bunnicula: A Rabbit Tale of Mystery	by Deborah and James Howe
1981	Hail, Hail Camp Timberwood	by Ellen Conford
1980	Ramona and Her Father	by Beverly Cleary
1979	Roll of Thunder, Hear My Call	by Mildred Taylor
1978	The Great Brain Does It Again	by John D. Fitzgerald
1977	Blubber	by Judy Blume
1976	The Great Brain Reforms	by John D. Fitzgerald
1975	Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing	by Judy Blume
1974	Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH	by Robert C. O'Brien
1973	No Award	
1972	Encyclopedia Brown Keeps the Peace	by Donald J. Sobol
1971	Ramona the Pest	by Beverly Cleary
1970	Smoke	by William Corbin
1969	Henry Reed's Baby-Sitting Service	by Keith Robertson
1968	The Mouse and the Motorcycle	by Beverly Cleary
1967	Chitty-Chitty-Bang-Bang	by Ian Fleming
1966	Rascal	by Sterling North
1965	John F. Kennedy and PT-109	by Richard Tregaskis
1964	The Incredible Journey	by Sheila Burnford
1963	Danny Dunn on the Ocean Floor	by Jay Williams
1962	The Swamp Fox of the Revolution	by Stewart Holbrook
1961	Danny Dunn and the Homework Machine	by Jay Williams
1960	Henry and the Paper Route	by Beverly Cleary

1959	Old Yeller	by Fred Gipson
1958	Golden Mare	by William Corbin
1957	Henry and Ribsy	by Beverly Cleary
1956	Miss Pickerell Goes to Mars	by Ellen MacGregor
1955	No Award	
1954	No Award	
1953	No Award	
1952	Sea Star	by Marguerite Henry
1951	King of the Wind	by Marguerite Henry
1950	McElligot's Pool	by Dr. Seuss
1949	Cowboy Boots	by Shannon Garst
1948	The Black Stallion Returns	by Walter Farley
1947	Homer Price	by Robert McCloskey
1946	The Return of Silver Chief	by Jack O'Brien
1945	Snow Treasure	by Marie McSwigan
1944	The Black Stallion	by Walter Farley
1943	Lassie Come Home	by Eric Knight
1942	By the Shores of Silver Lake	by Laura Ingalls Wilder
1941	Mr. Popper's Penguins	by Richard and Florence Atwater
1940	Paul Bunyan Swings His Axe	by Dell J. McCormick

The Edgar Juvenile Awards



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The Edgar Juvenile Awards are given in honor of Edgar Allan Poe. These awards are given for great mystery fiction for young readers. Keep in mind that many of these books may not be suitable for a very young child. It is a good idea to either preview the books or talk to a librarian about them, to determine the appropriateness of the book for your particular child.

2015	TBA	TBA
2014	TBA	TBA
2013	TBA	TBA
2012	TBA	TBA
2011	The Buddy Files: The Case of the Lost Boy	by Dori Hillestad Butler
2010	Closed for the Season	by Mary Downing Hahn
2009	The Postcard	by Tony Abbott
2008	The Night Tourist	by Katherine Marsh
2007	Room One: A Mystery or Two	by Andrew Clements
2006	The Boys of San Joaquin	by D. James Smith
2005	Chasing Vermeer	by Blue Balliett
2004	Bernie Magruder & the Rats in the Belfry	by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
2003	Harriet Spies Again	by Helen Ericson
2002	Dangling	by Lillian Eige
2001	Dovey Coe	by Frances O'Roark Dowell
2000	The Night Flyers	by Elizabeth McDavid Jones
1999	Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief	by Wendelin Van Draanen
1998	Sparrows in the Scullery	by Barbara Brooks Wallace
1997	The Clearing	by Dorothy Reynolds Miller
1996	Looking for Jamie Bridger	by Nancy Springer
1995	The Absolutely True Story..How I Visited Yellowstone Park with the Terrible Rubes	by Willo Davis Roberts
1994	The Twin in the Tavern	by Barbara Brooks Wallace
1993	Coffin on a Case!	by Eve Bunting
1992	Wanted...Mud Blossom	by Betsy Byars
1991	Stonewords	by Pam Conrad
1989	Megan's Island	by Willo Davis Roberts
1988	Lucy Forever and Miss Rosetree, Shrinks	by Susan Shreve
1987	The Other Side of Dark	by Joan Lowery Nixon

1986	The Sandman's Eyes	by Patricia Windsor
1985	Night Cry	by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
1984	The Callender Papers	by Cynthia Voigt
1983	The Murder of Hound Dog Bates	by Robbie Branscum
1982	Taking Terri Mueller	by Norma Fox Mazer
1981	The Séance	by Joan Lowery Nixon
1980	The Kidnapping of Christina Lattimore	by Joan Lowery Nixon
1979	Alone in Wolf Hollow	by Dana Brookins
1978	A Really Weird Summer	by Eloise Jarvis McGraw
1977	Are You in the House Alone?	by Richard Peck
1976	Z for Zachariah	by Robert C. O'Brien
1975	The Dangling Witness	by Jay Bennett
1974	The Long Black Coat	by Jay Bennett
1973	Deathwatch	by Robb White
1972	Nightfall	by Joan Aiken
1971	The Intruder	by John Rowe Townsend
1970	Danger at Black Dyke	by Winfred Finlay
1969	The House of Dies Drear	by Virginia Hamilton
1968	Signpost to Terror	by Gretchen Sprague
1967	Sinbad and Me	by Kin Platt
1966	The Mystery of 22 East	by Leon Ware
1965	Mystery at Crane's Landing	by Marcella Thum
1964	Mystery of the Hidden Hand	by Phyllis A. Whitney
1963	Cutlass Island	by Scott Corbett
1962	The Phantom of Walkaway Hill	by Edward Fenton
1961	The Mystery of the Haunted Pool	by Phyllis A. Whitney

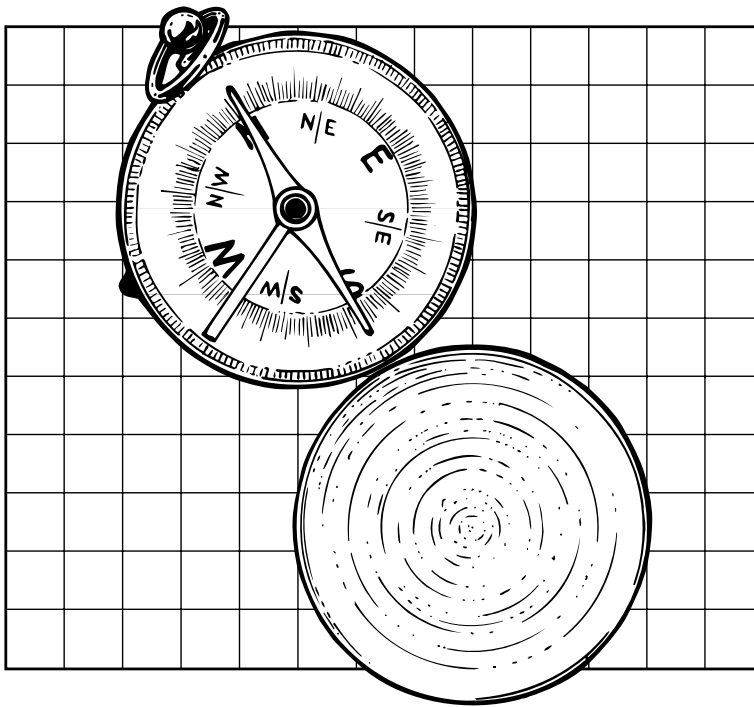


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Other Recommended Books and Authors



Navigation Tip K



As your reader is becoming more proficient, it is important that you read to him or her as much as possible. We have compiled this comprehensive reading guide to assist you in your search for good children's literature. Many of these books are appropriate selections for the beginning reader. The books listed on the following pages are excellent choices for children ages four through twelve years old. Also provided is a list of recommended authors.

List 1 Ages 4 - 8

A Fly Went By	by Mike McClintock
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day	by Judith Viorst
Amos and Boris	by William Steig
Are You My Mother?	by P.D. Eastman
The Bee Tree	by Patricia Ploacco
Blueberries for Sal	by Robert McCloskey
Bread and Jam for Frances	by Russell Hoban
The Cat in the Hat	by Dr. Seuss
The Cat in the Hat Comes Back	by Dr. Seuss
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs	by Judith Barrett
Corduroy	by Don Freeman
Curious George	by H.A. Rey
Days with Frog and Toad	by Arnold Lobel
Dr. Seuss's A B C	by Theodor S. Geisel
Fox in Socks	by Dr. Seuss
Frederick	by Leo Lionni
Frog and Toad Together	by Arnold Lobel
George and Martha	by James Marshall
Go, Dog, Go	by P.D. Eastman
Green Eggs and Ham	by Dr. Seuss
Harry the Dirty Dog	by Gene Zion
The House on East 88th Street	by Bernard Waber
If You Give a Moose a Muffin	by Laura Joffe Numeroff
In A People House	by Theo. LeSieg
It's Not Easy Being a Bunny	by Marilyn Sadler
Little Bear	by Else Holmelund Minarik
Madeline	by Ludwig Bemelmans

List 1 (continued) Ages 4 - 8

Make Way for Ducklings	by Robert McCloskey
Many Moons	by James Thurber
The Mitten	by Jan Brett
Mr. Rabbit and the Lovely Present	by Charlotte Zolotow
Music, Music Everywhere	by Vera B. Williams
A New Coat for Anna	by Harriet Ziefert
No Roses for Harry!	by Gene Zion
One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish	by Dr. Seuss
Peppe the Lamplighter	by Elisa Bartone
The Polar Express	by Chris Van Allsburg
The Purple Coat	by Amy West
The Snowy Day	by Ezra Jack Keats
Stellaluna	by Janell Cannon
Stone Soup	by Marcia Brown
Stop That Ball!	by Mike McClintock
Sylvester and the Magic Pebble	by William Steig
The Tale of Peter Rabbit	by Beatrix Potter
Ten Apples Up On Top!	by Theo. LeSieg
A Three Hat Day	by Laura Geringer
Uncle Jed's Barbershop	by Margaree King Mitchell

List 2 Ages 5 - 10

The Amazing Bone	by William Steig
Amelia Bedelia	by Peggy Parish
Annie and the Wild Animals	by Jan Brett
Brave Irene	by William Steig

List 2 (continued) Ages 5 - 10

Caleb and Kate	by William Steig
A Child's Garden of Verses	by Robert Louis Stevenson
Comet's Nine Lives	by Jan Brett
The Complete Adventures of Curious George	by Margret & H.A. Rey
Doctor De Soto	by William Steig
Emily	by Michael Bedard
Fox and His Friends	by Edward Marshall
The Giving Tree	by Shel Silverstein
Griselda's New Year	by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
Harold and the Giant Knight	by Donald Carrick
I'll Meet You Halfway	by John Schindel
The Magic Finger	by Roald Dahl
The Magic School Bus At the Waterworks	by Joanna Cole
The Magic School Bus Inside the Earth	by Joanna Cole
The Magic School Bus Inside the Human Body	by Joanna Cole
The Magic School Bus On the Ocean Floor	by Joanna Cole
Mouse Tales	by Arnold Lobel
Mr. Popper's Penguins	by Richard and Florence Atwater
Nate the Great	by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
Nate the Great and the Sticky Case	by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
The New Kid on the Block	by Jack Prelutsky
Nobody's Cat	by Miska Miles
Now We Are Six	by A.A. Milne
Perfect the Pig	by Susan Jeschke
Ramona Quimby, Age 8	by Beverly Cleary
The Rough-Face Girl	by Rafe Martin
Town Mouse, Country Mouse	by Jan Brett

List 2 (continued) Ages 5 - 10

The Velveteen Rabbit	by Margery Williams
The Wednesday Surprise	by Eva Bunting
Where the Sidewalk Ends: Poems and Drawings	by Shel Silverstein
Magic Treehouse Book Series	by Mary Pope Osborne

List 3 Ages 7 - 12

Abel's Island	by William Steig
The Adventures of Pinocchio	by Carlo Collodi
The American Girls Collection	by Various Authors
Anne of Green Gables	by L.M. Montgomery
Baseball in April	by Gary Soto
The Best Christmas Pageant Ever	by Barbara Robinson
Black Beauty	by Anna Sewell
The Borrowers	by Mary Norton
The Brave Little Toaster	by Thomas M. Disch
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	by Roald Dahl
Charlotte's Web	by E.B. White
A Christmas Carol	by Charles Dickens
The Chronicles of Narnia	by C.S. Lewis
The Cricket in Times Square	by George Selden
Freaky Friday	by Mary Rogers
The Hobbit	by J.R.R. Tolkien
The Hundred Dresses	by Eleanor Estes
Just So Stories	by Rudyard Kipling
Lassie-Come-Home	by Eric Knight
The Last of the Mohicans	by James Fenimore Cooper

List 3 (continued) Ages 7 - 12

The Light in the Attic	by Shel Silverstein
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe	by C.S. Lewis
Little Women	by Louisa May Alcott
The Magic Attic Collection	by various authors
The Moffats	by Eleanor Estes
Pippi Longstocking	by Astrid Lingren
The Secret Garden	by Frances Hodgson Burnett
Souder	by William H. Armstrong
The Story of King Arthur and His Knights	by Howard Pyle
Thank You, Jackie Robinson	by Barbara Cohen
Heidi	by Johanna Spyri
Treasure Island	by Robert Louis Stevenson
Watership Down	by Richard Adams
The Wind in the Willows	by Kenneth Grahame
Winnie-the-Pooh	by A.A. Milne
The Wonderful Wizard of Oz	by L. Frank Baum
The Yearling	by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings
The Harry Potter Series	by J. K. Rowling

Recommended Authors

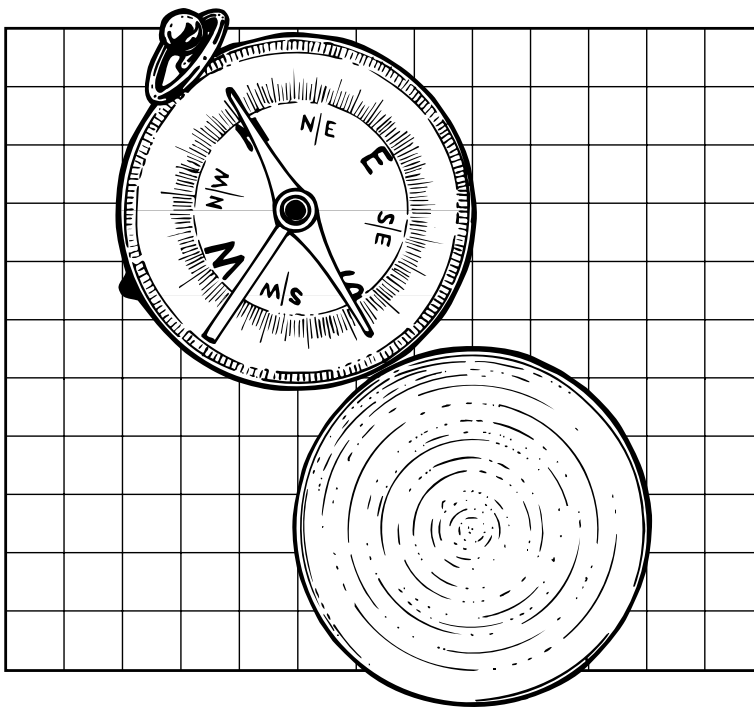
Louisa May Alcott	Carolyn Keene	J.K. Rowling	Chris Van Allsburg
Natalie Babbitt	C.S. Lewis	Cynthia Rylant	Judith Viorst
William J. Bennett	Lois Lowry	Dr. Seuss	Gertrude Chandler Warner
Eric Carle	L.M. Montgomery	Shel Silverstein	E.B. White
Roald Dahl	Mary Pope Osborne	William Steig	Laura Ingalls Wilder
P.D. Eastman	Katherine Paterson	James Thurber	Gene Zion

Continuing the Reading Journey



Navigation Tip

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Share your reading journey with everyone! Keep a record of your reading accomplishments to cherish forever. Each entry has a space for the title of the book, the author's name, and the date the book was completed. A space to the right of each box is reserved to signify the importance of the completion. The reader can feel a great sense of pride by coloring the space or by placing a favorite sticker on top of it. This special diary is a long-lasting reminder of the joy of reading and of the wonderful moments captured from the pages of books.