

Great Nonfiction Books for Kids of All Ages



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Nonfiction books contain information about almost everything! The books on this list are recommended for PreK – Grade 6. We didn't assign specific grade levels because:

- Some children will appreciate these books even if they can't read all the words on their own.
- Older children will find the topics interesting regardless of level.
- The illustrations have a broad appeal for all ages.
- There is something for everyone in these books!

(List is arranged by title)

You'll find more books on the same topics right next to these.

	Amazing Greek Myths of Wonder and Blunders by Mike Townsend Enjoy ten familiar myths, comic-book style: The stories of Pandora, Arachne, Midas, Perseus, and others perform amazing wonders and make terrific blunders.
E 636.967 LEW	Balarama: A Royal Elephant by Ted Lewin The authors share their experience of meeting the elephants trained to lead the annual Dasara procession in southern India.
E411 COT	The Black Book of Colors by Menena Cottin Thomas describes how he recognizes different colors using various senses in this book of black pages with white text and Braille and with raised black illustrations.
E811.54 THO	The Blacker the Berry by Joyce Carol Thomas This collection of poems includes "Golden Goodness," "Cranberry Red," and "Biscuit Brown," celebrating individuality and Afro-American identity.
E709.2 GRE	Christo and Jeanne-Claude: Through the Gates and Beyond by Greenberg & Jordan The story of the life and work of two artists who brought Central Park in New York City to life with their brilliant, vibrant-colored outdoor work <i>The Gates</i> .
E973.31 WIN	Colonial Voices: Hear Them Speak by Kay Winters and Larry Day It's December 16, 1773: Listen to the voices of the city as Ethan, a printer's errand boy, runs through Boston to alert everyone that King George has decided to tax tea ...
E811.54 SIL	Don't Bump the Glump and other fantasies by Shel Silverstein These imaginative poems by the author of <i>Where the Sidewalk Ends</i> contain the most unusual collection of whacky, funny, scary creatures.
EB Stanton	Elizabeth Leads the Way by Tanya Lee Stone This is the true story of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, who lived over 100 years ago and fought for a woman's right to vote in the days when only men were allowed to do so.
EB Twain	The Extraordinary Mark Twain (According to Susy) by Barbara Kerley Susy Clemens, age 13, vows to set the record straight about her beloved (and misunderstood) father and becomes his secret biographer in this heavily illustrated work.
EB Tubman	Harriet Tubman, Secret Agent by Thomas B. Allen Learn how daring slaves and free blacks spied for the Union during the Civil War.

E 811.54 GIO	Hip Hop Speaks to Children by Nikki Giovanni The author describes Hip Hop as “poetry with a beat” and gives a capsule history of African American vernacular music along with 51 poems to appeal to every generation.
E 363.5 RUB	If I Had a Hammer: Building Homes and Hope with Habitat for Humanity By David Rubel with Jimmy Carter This book examines how Habitat got its start and what it is like to volunteer today along with interesting commentary about just what it takes to join together to build a house.
E 811.6 INC	Incredible Inventions: Poems by Julia Sarcone-Roach Celebrate everyday inventions like jeans, popsicles, and basketballs in these 16 poems.
E 020.92 WIN	The Librarian of Basra: A True Story from Iraq by Jeanette Winter This book tells the story of how one librarian saved the library books during the war.
EB Lincoln	Lincoln Through the Lens by Martin W. Sandler “How Photography Revealed and Shaped an Extraordinary Life” is the subtitle of this book that looks at the world Lincoln lived and worked in during the days when photography was fairly new.
E 371 MOR	Listen to the Wind: The Story of Dr. Greg and Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson This is the story of how one man made a difference in the life of a small village in Pakistan after the villagers nursed him back to health.
E 629.45 CHA	Mission Control, This is Apollo: The Story of the First Voyages to the Moon by Andrew Chaikin, Victoria Kohl, & Alan Bean Alan Bean, an astronaut who walked on the moon, provides the illustrations for this history of space travel from the Mercury missions to Apollo 17 and beyond.
E 629.45 FLO	Moonshot by Brian Floca Step back in time and ride with the astronauts on the historic flight of Apollo 11 that brought three men into space to land on the moon.
EB Tatum	Piano Starts Here: The Young Art Tatum by Robert Andrew Parker Simple, lyrical storytelling and colorful and energetic ink-and-wash illustrations show the world as young Art Tatum, who was nearly blind, might have seen it. Tatum had a passion for the piano and an acute memory for any sound that he heard.
E 811.4 PRE	Pizza, Pigs, and Poetry: How to Write a Poem by Jack Prelutsky Get the inside scoop on writing poetry and see how you can turn your own experiences and stories about your family, your pets, and your friends into poems.
E 460 GON	The Storyteller’s Candle/La velita de los cuentos by Lucia Gonzalez Told in English and Spanish, this is the story of a talented storyteller, Pura Belpre, who was hired as the first Puerto Rican librarian in the New York City Public Library system during the Great Depression, and of how her stories brought the warmth of Puerto Rico to the cold winter in Manhattan’s <i>El Barrio</i> .
EB MAA	Wangari’s Trees of Peace: A True Story from Africa by Jeanette Winter This true story of Wangari Maathai, environmentalist and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, is a shining example of how one woman's passion, vision, and determination inspired great change.
E 973.334 FRE	Washington at Valley Forge by Russell Freedman First-person accounts, photographs of historic sites, and more bring to life the bleak winter that the Revolutionary army spent at Valley Forge in 1777.
E 796.357 NEL	We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball by Kadir Nelson Describes the glory years of Negro league baseball in the early 1900s, profiling its star athletes and highlighting the challenges faced by the players and the sacrifices made to live out their dreams and play the game they loved.