

# Creative Reading for Kids of All Ages: Nonfiction

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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!

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

(List is arranged by title)

E411 COT	<b>The Black Book of Colors</b> 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	<b>The Blacker the Berry</b> 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	<b>Christo and Jeanne-Claude: Through the Gates and Beyond</b> 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 The Gates.
E973.31 WIN	<b>Colonial Voices: Hear Them Speak</b> 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	<b>Don't Bump the Glump and other fantasies</b> 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	<b>Elizabeth Leads the Way</b> 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 Tubman	<b>Harriet Tubman, Secret Agent</b> by Thomas B. Allen Learn how daring slaves and free blacks spied for the Union during the Civil War.
E 811.54 GIO	<b>Hip Hop Speaks to Children</b> 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 020.92 WIN	<b>The Librarian of Basra: A True Story from Iraq</b> by Jeanette Winter This is a true story about how one librarian saved the books in the library during the war.

EB Lincoln	<b>Lincoln Through the Lens</b> 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	<b>Listen to the Wind: The Story of Dr. Greg and Three Cups of Tea</b> 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.
EB Lowry	<b>Looking Back: A Book of Memories</b> by Lois Lowry Lois Lowry provides a glimpse into her childhood using family photographs and quotes from her books.
E 629.45 FLO	<b>Moonshot</b> 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.
E 811.54 PRE	<b>My Dog May Be a Genius</b> by Jack Prelutsky Have you ever encountered an underwater marching band? A pig in a bathing suit? Have you ever shopped for a dinosaur? You will when you read the crazy poems in this book.
EB Tatum	<b>Piano Starts Here: The Young Art Tatum</b> 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	<b>Pizza, Pigs, and Poetry: How to Write a Poem</b> 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	<b>The Storyteller's Candle/La velita de los cuentos</b> 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> .
E 371.822 THO	<b>Three Cups of Tea: Young Readers Edition</b> by Greg Mortenson & David Oliver Relin, adapted by Sarah Thomson This adaptation by Sarah Thomson tells the story of the author's experiences in a remote village where he was nursed back to health and the changes he made in the education of the village children.
EB MAA	<b>Wangari's Trees of Peace: A True Story from Africa</b> 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	<b>Washington at Valley Forge</b> 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	<b>We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball</b> 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.
EB Wells	<b>Yours for Justice, Ida B. Wells</b> by Philip Dray "The Daring Life of a Crusading Journalist" is the subtitle for this biography of a woman who was a slave as a child and lived to become a journalist and champion for civil rights.