



Recommended Book List for Students Entering 6th Grade

BIBLE/FAITH/INSPIRATIONAL

- *The 2:52 Ultimate Devo for Boys: 365 Devos to Make You Stronger, Smarter, Deeper, and Cooler*† / Ed Strauss
- *All Creatures Great & Small, All Things Bright & Beautiful, All Things Wise & Wonderful, The Lord God Made Them All, Every Living Thing* series†** / James Herriot (an English veterinarian)
- *Battlefield of the Mind for Kids*†** / Joyce Meyer & Karen Moore
- *Between God and Me: A Journey through Proverbs*†** / Vicki Courtney
- *BeTween: A Preteen Girl's Guide to Life*† / Vicki Courtney
- *The Book of Virtues for Young People* / William J. Bennett
- *Boyhood and Beyond: Practical Wisdom for Becoming a Man*† / Bob Schultz
- *The Case for a Creator for Kids*†** / Lee Strobel
- *Chronicles of Narnia* series†** / C.S. Lewis
- *Dangerous Journey: The Story of Pilgrim's Progress*† / Oliver Hunkin
- *Everybody Tells Me to Be Myself But I Don't Know Who I Am: Building Your Self-Esteem (Faithgirlz!)*† / Nancy Rue
- *For Girls Only! Devotions*† / Carolyn Larsen
- *A Girl After God's Own Heart: A Tween Adventure with Jesus*†** / Elizabeth George
- *Jesus Calling: 365 Devotions For Kids: Time-Tested Answers to Your Toughest Questions*†** / Sarah Young
- *No Girls Allowed: Devotions for Boys*† / Jayce O'Neal
- *The One Year Book of Devotions for Boys*† / Children's Bible Hour (Producer), Tyndale (Producer)
- *The Power of a Praying Kid*†** / Stormie Omartian
- *Soul Surfer: A True Story of Faith, Family, and Fighting to Get Back on the Board*†** / Bethany Hamilton & Rick Bundschuh
- *Stuart's Run to Faith* / Sharon Hambrick
- *A Wrinkle in Time and A Wind in the Door (series)* / Madeline L'Engle

SOCIAL STUDIES

FICTION (PRIMARILY HISTORICAL FICTION)

- *After the Train*** / Gloria Whelan
- *Breaking Stalin's Nose* / Eugene Yelchin
- *Caddie Woodlawn* / Carol Ryrie Brink
- *Fever 1793* / Laurie Halse Anderson
- *Francie* / Karen English
- *Goodbye, Vietnam* / Gloria Whelan
- *The Great Wall of Lucy Wu* / Wendy Wan-Long Shang
- *Heart of a Samurai* / Margi Preus
- *Inside Out and Back Again* / Thanhha Lai
- *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*†** / Brian Selznick
- *Journey Home* / Yoshiko Uchida
- *The Light in the Forest* / Conrad Richter
- *The Lions of Little Rock*** / Kristin Levine

- *The Mighty Miss Malone* / Christopher Paul Curtis
- *Return to Sender*** / Julia Alvarez
- *The Secret School* / Avi
- *Small Acts of Amazing Courage* / Gloria Whelan
- *Titanic Sinks!: Experience the Titanic's Doomed Voyage in this Unique Presentation of Fact and Fiction* / Barry Denenberg
- *When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit* / Judith Kerr

NON-FICTION

- *Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart* / Candace Fleming
- *Animals in the House: A History of Pets and People* / Sheila Keenan
- *Blizzard: The Storm that Changed America* / Jim Murphy
- *The Circuit: Stories from the Life of a Migrant Child and Breaking Through* (sequel to *The Circuit*)** / Francisco Jiménez
- *The Sudan Project: Rebuilding With the People of Darfur - A Young Person's Guide* / Melissa Jane Leembruggen
- *Titanic: Voices from the Disaster* / Deborah Hopkinson

SCIENCE

- *Animal Tracks and Signs* / Jinny Johnson
- *Backyard Science* / Shar Levine & Leslie Johnstone
- *Biomimicry: Inventions Inspired by Nature* / Dora Lee
- *Bone Detective: The Story of Forensic Anthropologist Diane France* / Lorraine Jean Hopping
- *The Book of Potentially Catastrophic Science* / Sean Connolly
- *Cars on Mars: Roving the Red Planet* / Alexandra Siy
- *Case for a Creator for Kids, Updated and Expanded†*** / Lee Strobel
- *The Case of the Vanishing Golden Frogs: A Scientific Mystery* / Sandra Markle
- *Cool Chemistry Concoctions: 50 Formulas that Fizz, Foam, Splatter and Ooze* / Joe Rhatigan & Veronika Gunter
- *Cool Stuff and How It Works*** / Chris Woodford & Luke Collins
- *Elephant Talk: The Surprising Science of Elephant Communication*** / Ann Downer
- *ER Vets: Life in an Animal Emergency Room* / Donna M. Jackson
- *Every Minute On Earth* / Steve Murrie
- *Exploratopia*** / Pat Murphy
- *Forgery: Crime-Solving Science Experiments* / Kenneth G. Rainis
- *The Frog Scientist* / Pamela S. Turner
- *Genius: A Photobiography of Albert Einstein* / Marfe Ferguson Delano
- *Gorilla Doctors: Saving Endangered Great Apes* / Pamela S. Turner
- *Guinea Pig Scientists: Bold Self-experimenters in Science and Medicine* / Leslie Dendy & Mel Boring
- *The Hive Detectives: Chronicle of a Honey Bee Catastrophe* / Loree Griffin Burns
- *Insights from Insects: What Bad Bugs Can Teach Us* / Gilbert Waldbauer
- *Invisible Allies: Microbes That Shape Our Lives* / Jeanette Farrell
- *Kakapo Rescue: Saving the World's Largest Parrot* / Sy Montgomery
- *Life on Earth - and Beyond: An Astrobiologist's Quest* / Pamela S. Turner
- *Mission Control, This Is Apollo: The Story of the First Voyages to the Moon*** / Andrew Chaikin
- *Nature Science Experiments* / Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen
- *An Ocean of Air: Why the Wind Blows and Other Mysteries of the Atmosphere* / Gabrielle Walker
- *Oh, Rats! The Story of Rats and People* / Albert Marrin
- *The Prairie Builders: Reconstructing America's Lost Grasslands* / Sneed B. Collard, III
- *Saving God's Green Earth: Rediscovering the Church's Responsibility to Environmental Stewardship†*** / Tri Robinson & Jason Chatraw
- *The Secret of the Yellow Death: A True Story of Medical Sleuthing*** / Susan Jermain
- *Sound Projects with a Music Lab You Can Build* / Robert Gardner

- *Stellar Science Projects about Earth's Sky* / Robert Gardner
- *Team Moon: How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon* / Catherine Thimmesh
- *Temperature* / Navin Sullivan
- *Thomas Edison for Kids: His Life and Ideas: 21 Activities* / Laurie Carlson
- *True Green Kids: 100 Things You Can Do to Save the Planet*** / Kim McKay & Jenny Bonnin
- *What's Eating You? Parasites - The Inside Story* / Nicola Davies
- *The Wild Trees: A Story of Passion and Daring*** / Richard Preston
- *Wild Wings* / Gill Lewis

BIOGRAPHY

- *Christian Men of Science†* / George Mulfinger & Julia Mulfinger Orozco
- *Robert Boyle: Trailblazer of Science†*** (Sowers Series) / John Tiner
- *George Washington Carver: Man's Slave Becomes God's Scientist†*** (Sower Series) / David Collins
- *Johannes Kepler: Giant of Faith and Science* (Sower Series)†** / John Hudson Tiner
- *Men of Science, Men of God: Great Scientists Who Believed the Bible†* / Henry Madison Morris
- *Isaac Newton: Inventor, Scientist, and Teacher* (Sower Series)†** / John Hudson Tiner

OTHER HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TITLES

- *Black Beauty* / Anna Sewell
- *The Boy Who Spoke Dog*** and *The Boy Who Returned from the Sea*** / Clay Morgan
- *A Dog's Life and Everything for a Dog* (sequel) / Ann Martin
- *Hatchet, Brian's Hunt, Brian's Return, Brian's Winter* series / Gary Paulsen
- *The Cay and Timothy of the Cay* / Theodore Taylor
- *City of Ember, The People of Sparks, The Diamond of Darkhold, The Prophet of Yonwood* / Jeanne DuPrau
- *Everest Trilogy: The Contest, The Climb, The Summit* / Gordon Korman
- *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*** / E.L. Konigsburg
- *Heidi* / Johanna Spyri
- *The Incredible Journey* / Sheila Burnford
- *Julie, Julie of the Wolves, & Julie's Wolf Pack* (series) / Jean Craighead George
- *The Jungle Book* / Rudyard Kipling
- *Knights of Arrethtreat†* / Chuck Black
- *Listening for Lions*** / Gloria Whelan
- *M.C. Higgins the Great* / Virginia Hamilton
- *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* / Kate DiCamillo
- *My Side of the Mountain, Frightful's Mountain, On the Far Side of the Mountain* / Jean Craighead George
- *Oliver Twist*** / Charles Dickens
- *Peter Pan* / James M. Barrie
- *The Secret Garden*** / Frances Hodgson Burnett
- *Sing Down the Moon* / Scott O'Dell
- *A Single Shard* / Linda Sue Park
- *Soldier's Heart* / Gary Paulsen
- *The Swiss Family Robinson* / J.D. Wyss
- *Turtle in Paradise* / Jennifer L. Holm
- *Under the Same Sky*** / Cynthia DeFelice
- *The Voyage of the Frog* / Gary Paulsen
- *The Voyages of Doctor Dolittle* / Hugh Lofting
- *Watership Down* / Richard Adams
- *Whittington* / Alan Armstrong
- *Witness* / Karen Hesse

- *Wonderstruck* / Brian Selznick

† Christian title

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