

Great Books for Boys

By Kathleen Odean

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Book Title	Author	Publisher and Copyright Year	Recommended Age Range	
Fiction			Ages	
A Boy and His Bear	Harriet Graham	Hardcover: McElderry, 1996	10-13	
A Sunburned Prayer	Marc Talbert	Hardcover: Simon & Schuster. Paperback: Aladdin, 1995	10-12	
Climb or Die	Edward Myers	Hardcover: Hyperion. Paperback: Hyperion, 1994	10-13	
Island of the Blue Dolphins	Scott O'Dell	Hardcover: Houghton. Paperback: Dell, 1960	9-13	
My Side of the Mountain	Jean Craighead George	Paperback: Dutton, 1988	9-14	
Shiloh	Phyllis Naylor	Hardcover: Atheneum. Paperback: Bantam, 1991	8-12	
The Talking Earth	Jean Craighead George	Paperback: Harper, 1983	10-13	
The Whipping Boy	Sid Fleischman	Paperback: Troll, 1986	8-11	
The Wolves of Willoughby Chase	Joan Aiken	Paperback: Dell, 1962	10-13	
Underrunners	Margaret Mahy	Hardcover: Viking, Paperback: Puffin, 1992	9-13	
Weasel	Cynthia DeFelice	Paperback: Avon, 1990	10-13	
Historical Fiction				
Belle Prater's Boy	Ruth White	Hardcover: FSG., 1996	10-13	
Jip: His Story	Katherine Paterson	Hardcover: LoDESTAR, 1996	10-13	
Mississippi Chariot	Harriette Gillem Robinet	Hardcover: Atheneum. Paperback: Aladdin, 1994	9-12	
Number the Stars	Lois Lowry	Hardcover: Houghton. Paperback: Dell, 1989	9-12	
Shades of Gray	Carolyn Reeder	Hardcover: Macmillan. Paperback: Avon, 1989	9-12	
The Apprentice	Pilar Nolina Llorente	Hardcover: FSG. Paperback: FSG	10-13	
The Apprenticeship of Lucas Whitabker	Cynthia DeFelice	Hardcover: FSG, 1996	10-13	
The Barn	Avi	Hardcover: Orchard. Paperback: Avon, 1994	9-13	
The Captive	Joyce Hansen	Hardcover: Scholastic. Paperback: Scholastic, 1994	10-13	
The Great American Elephant Chase	Gillian Cross	Hardcover: Holiday House, 1992	10-13	
The Printer's Apprentice	Stephen Krensky	Hardcover: Delacorte. Paperback: Dell, 1995	9-12	
The Riddle of Penncroft Farm	Dorothea Jensen	Hardcover: Harcourt. Paperback: Harcourt, 1989	10-12	
The Watsons Go to Birmingham-1963	Christopher Paul Curtis	Hardcover: Delacorte. Paperback: Dell, 1963	10-13	
Waiting for Anya	Michael Morpurgo	Hardcover: Viking. Paperback: Puffin, 1991	10-14	
Contemporary Life				
Arthur, for the Very First Time	Patricia MacLachlan	Hardcover: Harper. Paperback: Scholastic, 1980	9-12	
Bridge To Terabithia	Katherine Paterson	Hardcover: Harper. Paperback: Harpers, 1977	10-13	

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Come Sing, Jimmy Jo	Katherine Paterson	Hardcover: Dutton. Paperback: Avon, Puffin, 1985	10-13	
Dear Mr. Henshaw	Beverly Cleary	Hardcover: Morrow. Paperback: Dell, 1983	8-12	
Every Living Thing	Cynthia Rylant	Hardcover: Bradbury. Paperback: Aladdin, 1985	9-12	
Everywhere	Bruce Brooks	Hardcover: Harper. Paperback: Harper, 1990	9-12	
Harriet the Spy	Louise Fitzhugh	Hardcover: Harper. Paperback: Harper, 1964	10-13	
Journey	Patricia MacLachlan	Hardcover: Delacorte. Paperback: Dell, 1991	8-12	
Nekomah Creek	Linda Crew	Hardcover: Delacorte. Paperback: Dell, 1991	8-11	
Step by Wicked Step	Anne Fine	Hardcover: Little, Brown. Paperback: Dell, 1996	9-12	
There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom	Louis Sachar	Hardcover: Knopf. Paperback: Knopf, 1987	9-12	
What Jamie Saw	Carolyn Coman	Hardcover: Front Street. Paperback: Puffin, 1995	10-13	
Yolonda's Genius	Carol Fenner	Hardcover: McElderry. Paperback: Aladdin, 1995	10-13	
Humorous Stories				
All About Sam	Lois Lowry	Hardcover: Houghton. Paperback: Dell, 1988	9-12	
By the Great Horn Spoon!	Sid Fleischman	Hardcover: Little, Brown. Paperback: Little, Brown, 1963	10-13	
Frindle	Andrew Clements	Hardcover: Simon & Schuster, 1996	8-12	
How to Eat Fried Worms	Thomas Rockwell	Hardcover: Watts. Paperback: Dell, 1973	8-11	
Switcharound	Lois Lowry	Hardcover: Houghton. Paperback: Dell, 1988	9-12	
The Burning Questions of Bingo Brown	Betsy Byars	Hardcover: Viking. Paperback: Puffin, 1988	9-12	
The Phantom Tollbooth	Norton Juster	Hardcover: Knopf. Paperback: Knopf, 1961	10-13	
The Poot Party	Gary Soto	Hardcover: Delacorte, 1993	8-12	
Sports Fiction				
S.O.R. Losers	AVI	Paperback: Avon, 1984	8-12	
Bobby Baseball	Robert Kimmel Smith	Hardcover: Delacorte, 1989	9-12	
Fighting Tackle	Matt Christopher	Hardcover: Little, Brown. Paperback: Little, Brown, 1995	8-11	
Game Plan	Thomas J. Dygard	Hardcover: Morrow. Paperback: Puffin, 1993	9-13	
Make-Believe Ball Player	Alfred Slote	Hardcover: Lippincott, 1989	8-11	
Me, Mope, and the Moodance Kid	Walter Dean Myers	Paperback: Dell, 1988	9-12	
Stone Fox	John Reynolds Gardiner	Hardcover: Harper. Paperback: Harper, 1980	8-12	
The Trophy	Dean Hughes	Hardcover: Knopf, 1994	9-12	
The Zucchini Warriors	Gordon Korman	Paperback: Scholastic, 1988	9-12	

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Yang the Youngest and His Terrible Ear	Lensey Namioka	Hardcover: Little, Brown. Paperback: Dell, 1992	8-11	
Mysteries and Ghost Stories				
Basil of Baker Street	Eve Titus	Paperback: Pocket, 1958	8-12	
Bunnica: A Rabbit-Tale of Mystery	Deborah and James Howe	Hardcover: Atheneum. Paperback: Avon, 1979	8-11	
Detectives in Togas	Henry Winterfeld	Paperback: Harcourt, 1956	10-13	
Devil's Donkey	Bill Brittain	Hardcover: Harper. Paperback: Harper, 1981	9-12	
Encyclopedia Brown: Boy Detective	Donald Sobol	Hardcover: Dutton. Paperback: Bantam	9-12	
Jim Ugly	Sid Fleischman	Hardcover: Greenwillow. Paperback: Dell, 1992	9-12	
My Teacher Is An Alien	Bruce Coville	Paperback: Pocket, 1989	9-12	
Something Upstairs	Avi	Hardcover: Orchard. Paperback: Avon	9-12	
The Absolutely True Story...How I Visited Yellowstone Park with the Terrible Rupes	Willo Davis Roberts	Hardcover: Atheneum. Paperback: Aladdin, 1994	9-12	
The Case of the Baker Street Irregular	Robert Newman	Hardcover: Peter Smith. Paperback: Macmillan, 1978	9-12	
The Ghost of Thomas Kempe	Penelope Lively	Hardcover: Dutton. Paperback: Puffin, 1973	10-13	
Fantasy and Science Fiction				
A Wrinkle in Time	Madeleine L'Engle	Hardcover: FSG. Paperback: Dell, Scholastic, 1962	10-13	
Alien Secrets	Annette Curtis Klause	Hardcover: Delacorte. Paperback: Dell, 1993	10-12	
Dealing with Dragons	Patricia Wrede	Hardcover: Harcourt. Paperback: Scholastic, 1990	10-13	
Martin's Mice	Dick King-Smith	Hardcover: Crown. Paperback: Knopf, 1989	8-12	
Stuart Little	E. B. White	Hardcover: Harper. Paperback: Harper, 1945	8-11	
The Book of Three	Lloyd Alexander	Hardcover: Holt. Paperback: Dell, 1964	9-13	
Winnie-the-Pooh	A. A. Milne	Hardcover: Dutton. Paperback: Puffin, 1926	9-12	
Witch Week	Diana Wynne Jones	Hardcover: Greenwillow. Paperback: Morrow, 1982	9-13	
Biographies				
Leaders and Activists				
Chico Mendes: Fight for the Forest	Susan DeStefano	Hardcover: Twenty-First Century Books, 1992	9-12	
Bully for You, Teddy Roosevelt!	Jean Fritz	Hardcover: Putnam, 1991	10-13	

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George Washington: Leader of a New Nation	Mary Pope Osborne	Hardcover: Dial, 1991	9-13	
I Have a Dream: The Life and Words of Martin Luther King, Jr.	Jim Haskins	Hardcover: Millbrook. Paperback: Millbrook, 1992	10-13	
Ida B. Wells-Barnett and the Anti-Lynching Crusade	Suzanne Freedman	Hardcover: Millbrook. Paperback: Millbrook, 1994	8-10	
The Great Little Madison	Jean Fritz	Hardcover: Putnam, 1989	10-13	
You Want Women to Vote, Lizzie Stanton?	Jean Fritz	Hardcover: Putnam, 1995	9-12	
Artists, Musicians, and Writers				
A Weekend with Winslow Homer	Ann Keay Beneduce	Hardcover: Rizzoli, 1993	10-13	
The Abracadabra Kid: A Writer's Life	Sid Fleischman	Hardcover: Greenwillow, 1996	10-13	
E.B. White: Some Writer!	Beverly Gherman	Hardcover: Atheneum. Paperback: Morrow, 1992	10-13	
Lives of the Musicians: Good Time, Bad Time (And What the Neighbors Thought)	Kathleen Krull	Hardcover: Harcourt, 1993	9-14	
Bill Peet: An Autobiography	Bill Peet	Hardcover: Houghton. Paperback: Houghton, 1989	8-12	
Leonardo da Vinci	Diane Stanley	Hardcover: Morrow, 1996	9-12	
Bard of Avon	Peter Vennema and Diane S	Hardcover: Morrow, 1992	9-12	
Scientists and Inventors				
Gutenberg	Leonard Everett Fisher	Hardcover: Macmillan, 1993	8-10	
Jackal Woman: Exploring the World of Jackals	Laurence Pringle	Paperback: Simon & Schuster, 1993	8-11	
My Life with the Chimpanzees	Jane Goodall	Paperback: Pocket, 1996 revised edition	9-11	
Rocket Man: The Story of Robert Goddard	Tom Steissguth	Hardcover: Carolrhoda Books, 1995	9-13	
Thomas Edison and Electricity	Steve Parker	Hardcover: Chelsea House, 1995	9-12	
Men and Women in History				
Escape from Slavery: The Boyhood of Frederick Douglass in His Own Words	Frederick Douglass	Hardcover: Knopf,. Paperback; Knopf, 1994	9-13	
Out of Darkness: The Story of Louis Brialle	Russell Freedman	Hardcover: Clarion, 1997	9-12	

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The Double Life of Pocahontas	Jean Fritz	Hardcover: Putnam. Paperback: Puffin, 1983	9-12	
The Kidnapped Prince: The Life of Olaudah Equiano	Olaudah Equiano	Hardcover: Knopf, 1995	9-13	
The Land I Lost	Quang Nhuong Huynh	Hardcover: Peter Smith. Paperback: harper, 1982	9-13	
Adventurers and Explorers				
Jacques Cousteau: Champion of the Sea	Catherine Reef	Hardcover: Twenty-First Century Books, 1992	10-13	
John Muir: Wilderness Protector	Ginger Wadsworth	Hardcover: Lerner, 1992	10-13	
Sky Pioneer: A Photobiography of Amelia Earhart	Corinne Szabo	Hardcover: National Geographic Society, 1997	9-13	
Taking Flight: My Story	Dan Gutman & Vicki Van Meter	Hardcover: Viking. Paperback: Penguin, 1995	10-13	
The Secret Is Out: True Spy Stories	Teri Martini	Paperback: Avon, 1990	10-12	
Sports Stars				
Arthur Ashe: Breaking the Color Barrier in Tennis	David K. Wright	Hardcover: Enslow, 1996	9-13	
Home-Run Hitters: Heroes of the Four Home-Run Game	John Torres	Hardcover: Macmillan, 1995	9-13	
Michael Jordan: Basketball Great	Sean Dolan	Hardcover: Chelsea House. Paperback: Chelsea House, 1994	9-13	
Sports Great Wayne Gretzky	Ken Rappoport	Hardcover: Enslow, 1995	10-13	
Susan Butcher: Sled Dog Racer	Ginger Wadsworth	Hardcover: Lerner, 1994	8-10	
Troy Aikman: Super Quarterback	Bill Gutman	Hardcover: Millbrook, 1996	9-13	
Nonfiction				
Boys Will Be	Bruce Brooks	Paperback: Hyperion, 1993	9-14	
History				
A Boy Becomes a Man at Wounded Knee	Wanbli Numpa Afraid of Hawk & Ted Wood	Hardcover: Walker. Paperback: Walker, 1992	8-10	
Arms and Armor	Michele Byam	Hardcover: Knopf, 1988	8-13	

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Children of the Dust Bowl: The True Story of the School at Weedpatch Camp	Jerry Stanley	Paperback: Crown, 1992	10-12	
Pompeii: Exploring a Roman Ghost Town	Nancy Goor and Ron Goor	Hardcover: Crowell, 1986	10-13	
The American Revolution: How We Fought the War of Independence	Edward F. Dolan	Hardcover: Millbrook, 1995	10-13	
Nature and Science				
Flood: Wrestling with the Mississippi	Patricia Lauber	Hardcover: National Geographic Society, 1996	9-13	
Sharks: Challengers of the Deep	Mary M. Cerullo	Hardcover: Cobblehill, 1993	9-12	
Surtsey: The Newest Place on Earth	Kathryn Lasky	Hardcover: Hyperion. Paperback: Hyperion, 1992	9-12	
To the Top of the World: Adventures with Arctic Wolves	Jim Brandenburg	Hardcover: Walker. Paperback: Walker, 1993	9-13	
Wings Along the Waterway	Mary Barrett Brown	Hardcover: Orchard, 1992	9-12	
Technology				
Exploring the Titanic	Robert D. Ballard	Hardcover: Scholastic, 1988	9-14	
Mistakes That Worked	Charlotte Foltz Jones	Paperback: Doubleday, 1991	9-12	
Fly the Hot Ones	Steven Lindblom	Paperback: Houghton, 1991	10-13	
Stephen Biesty's Incredible Cross-Sections	Richard Platt	Hardcover: Knopf, 1992	8-14	
Wheels at Work: Building and Experimenting with Models of Machines	Bernie Zubrowski	Hardcover: Knopf, 1992	8-14	
Hobbies and Sports				
American Heart Association Kids' Cookbook	Mary Winston	Hardcover: Random House, 1993	10-13	
Draw 50 Monsters, Creeps, Superheroes, Demons, Dragons, Nerds, Dirts, Ghouls, Giants, Vampires, Zombies and Other Curiosa	Lee J. Ames	Paperback: Doubleday, 1983	6-11	

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Build It with Boxes	Joan Irvine	Hardcover: Morrow. Paperback: Morrow	8-12	
Baseball Tips	Tom Hughes & Dean Hughes	Hardcover: Random House, 1993	8-13	
The Magic Show: A Guide for Young Magicians	Bob Friedhoffer	Hardcover: Millbrook, 1994	9-13	
In-Line Skating: A Complete Guide for Beginners	Geroge Sullivan	Hardcover: Cobblehill. Paperback: Puffin, 1993	9-13	
The Young Basketball Player	Brian Coleman & Chris Mullin	Hardcover: Dorling Kindersley, 1995	9-14	
Poetry				
All the Small Poems and Fourteen More	Valerie Worth	Hardcover: FSG. Paperback: FSG, 1994	8-14	
Opening Days: Sports Poems	Lee Bennett Hopkins	Hardcover: Harcourt, 1996	8-12	
Piping Down the Valleys Wild	Nancy Larrick	Paperback: Dell, 1968	9-13	
Something Big Has Been Here	Jack Prelutsky	Hardcover: Greenwillow, 1990	8-12	
You Come Too: Favorite Poems for Young Readers	Robert Frost	Hardcover: Henry Holt. Paperback: Henry Holt, 1959	9-14	
Fact or Fiction? Probably Fiction				
The Dark-Thirty: Southern Tales of the Supernatural	Patricia McKissack	Hardcover; Knopf. Paperback: Knopf, 1992	9-13	
Unidentified Flying Objects and Extraterrestrial Life	Carole Marsh	Hardcover: Twenty-First Century Books, 1996	9-13	