

GEMM RECOMMENDED
BOOK LIST BY GRADE

Title	Author First	Author Last	Level	Animal	Fantasy	Action	Sports	Boys	Girls
One Two Three	Sandra	Boynton	K	y					
Clifford Makes a Friend	Norman	Bridwell	K	y					
The Berenstain Bears are a Family	Jan and Stan	Berenstain	K	y					
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom	Bill	Martin, Jr.	K						
Leo the Late Bloomer	Robert	Kraus	1.2	y					
Clifford the Big Red Dog	Norman	Bridwell	1.2	y					
The Very Busy Spider	Eric	Carle	1.3	y					
The Little Mouse, the Ripe Red Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear	Don	Wood	1.5	y					
Green Eggs and Ham	Dr.	Seuss	1.5	y					
Are You My Mother?	P.D.	Eastman	1.6	y					
Curious George Finds a Friend	Stephen	Krensky	1.6	y					
One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish	Dr.	Seuss	1.7	y					
Goodnight Moon	Margaret Wise	Brown	1.8	y					
Five Little Ducks		Raffi	1.8	y					
Inch by Inch	Leo	Lionni	1.8	y					
Peter's Chair	Jack	Keats	1.8						
Kitten's First Full Moon	Kevin	Henkes	1.9	y					
Olivia Saves the Circus	Ian	Falconer	1.9	y					
Nate the Great	Marjorie Weinr	Sharmat	2			y			
Olivia	Ian	Falconer	2			y			
The Meanest Thing to Say	Bill	Cosby	2.2						
The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash	Trinka Hakes	Noble	2.2	y					
Danny and the Dinosaur	Syd	Hoff	2.3	y	y				
Nate the Great Goes Undercover	Marjorie Weinr	Sharmat	2.4			y			
Owen	Kevin	Henkes	2.4						
The Best Way to Play	Bill	Cosby	2.5			y			
Amelia Bedelia	Peggy	Parish	2.5						y
The Giving Tree	Shel	Silverstein	2.6			y			
A Chair for my Mother	Vera B.	Williams	2.6						y
Magic Tree House: Dinosaurs before Dark		Osborne/Murdocca	2.6	y	y	y			
Over in the Meadow	John	Langstaff	2.6						
Frog & Toad are Friends	Arnold	Lobel	2.6	y					
Miss Nelson is Missing	Harry	Allard	2.7						
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie	Laura	Numeroff	2.7	y					
If you Give a Moose a Muffin	Laura	Numeroff	2.7	y					
Bedtime for Francis	Russell	Hoban	2.7	y					

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George and Martha	James	Marshall	2.7						
It's Mine	Leo	Lionni	2.7						
Guess How Much I Love You	Sam	McBratney	2.8	y					
The Grouchy Lady Bug	Eric	Carle	2.8	y					
Snake Alley Band	Elizabeth	Nygaard	2.8						
Eloise	Kay	Thompson	2.9						y
Junie B. Jones and a Little Monkey Business	Barbara	Park	2.9			y			
Junie B. Jones and Some Sneaky Peeky Spying	Barbara	Park	2.9			y			
Harold and the Purple Crayon	Crockett	Johnson	2.9		y				
Julius, the Baby of the World	Kevin	Henkes	3						
Animals Born Alive and Well	Ruth	Heller	3	y					
Swan in Love	Eve	Bunting	3						
The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs	Jon	Scieszka	3						
Madeline	Ludwig	Bemelmans	3.1						y
Harry the Dirty Dog	Gene	Zion	3.1	y				y	
Horton Hatches an Egg	Dr.	Seuss	3.1						
The Mitten	Jan	Brett	3.1	y					
The Lorax	Dr.	Seuss	3.1	y	y				
The Lucky Baseball Bat	Matt	Christopher	3.2				y	y	
Whoever You Are	Mem	Fox	3.2						
Chrysanthemum	Kevin	Henkes	3.3						
Tales of Fourth Grade Nothing	Judy	Blume	3.3						
Patrick's Dinosaurs	Carol	Carrick	3.3	y					
Skippyjon Jones	Judy	Schachner	3.3						
Where the Wild Things Are	Maurice	Sendak	3.4	y	y				
Sarah Plain and Tall	Patricia	MacLachlan	3.4						y
There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom	Louis	Sachar	3.4						
Superfudge	Judy	Blume	3.4				y	y	
The Dog That Stole Football Plays	Matt	Christopher	3.4				y	y	
Edwina the Emu	Sheena	Knowles	3.4						
Nana Upstairs & Nana Downstairs	Tomie	De Paola	3.4						
If Dinosaurs Came Back	Bernard	Most	3.5						
How to Eat Fried Worms	Thomas	Rockwell	3.5					y	
Cam Jansen and the Barking Treasure Mystery	David A.	Adler	3.5			y			

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Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain	Verna	Aardema	3.5						
Corduroy	Don	Freeman	3.5						
If the Dinosaurs Came Back	Bernard	Most	3.5						
Cam Jansen and the Birthday Mystery	David A.	Adler	3.6			y			
Chickens Aren't the Only Ones	Ruth	Heller	3.6						
Edward the Emu	Sheena	Knowles	3.6						
The Mysterious Tadpole	Steven	Kellogg	3.6						
Strega Nona: Her Story	DePaola	Tomie	3.7			y			
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day	Judith	Viorst	3.7						
A Pocket for Corduroy	Don	Freeman	3.7						
Because of Winn Dixie	Kate	DiCamillo	3.9						
The Boxcar Children	Gertrude Chan	Warner	3.9			y			
Jumanji	Chris	Van Allsburg	3.9		y	y			
Make Way For Ducklings	Robert	McCloskey	3.9	y					
The Butterfly Alphabet	Cassie	Brian	4						
The Enormous Crocodile	Roald	Dahl	4						
Blueberries for Sal	Robert	McClusky	4.1						
How Big Were The Dinosaurs	Bernard	Most	4.1						
Hat Trick	Matt	Christopher	4.1				y	y	
If You Had a Million	David M.	Schwartz	4.1						
Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes	Eleanor	Coerr	4.1						
Tiger Eyes	Judy	Blume	4.1						
Thank You, Mr. Falker	Patricia	Polacco	4.1						
Mary Poppins from A to Z	P. L.	Travers	4.2		y				
Half Moon Investigations	Eoin	Colfer	4.2			y			
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs	Barrett	Judi	4.3						
Chocolate Fever	Robert	Kimmel Smith	4.2						
Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator	Roald	Dahl	4.4			y			
Charlotte's Web	E. B.	White	4.4	y					
Esio Trot	Roald	Dahl	4.4						
Cinder Edna	Ellen	Jackson	4.5						y
Love That Dog	Sharon	Creech	4.5						
The Mary Celeste: An Unsolved Mystery from History		Yolen/Stemple	4.5						
Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig	Eugene	Trivisas	4.6	y	y				
A Bear Called Paddington	Michael	Bond	4.7	y					

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From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler	E.L.	Konigsburg	4.7						
Two Bad Ants	Chris	Van Allsburg	4.7	y					
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	Roald	Dahl	4.8			y			
The Supernaturalist	Eoin	Colfer	4.8		y	y			
James and the Giant Peach	Roald	Dahl	4.8		y				
Trumpet of the Swan	E. B.	White	4.8	y					
Where the Red Fern Grows	Wilson	Rawls	4.9			y			
The Velveteen Rabbit	Margery	Williams	4.9	y					
Lemony Snicket	Jill	Wheeler	5		y	y			
Tuck Everlasting	Natalie	Babbit	5						
Artemis Fowl	Eoin	Colfer	5		y	y			
Artemis Fowl The Arctic Incident	Eoin	Colfer	5		y	y			
Old Yeller	Fred	Gipson	5						
Tuck Everlasting	Natalie	Babbit	5						
The Best Christmas Pageant Ever	Barbara	Robinson	5.1						
Frindle	A.	Clements	5.1						
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh	Robert C.	O'Brien	5.1						
Ramona the Pest	Beverly	Cleary	5.1						y
Johnny Tremain	Esther	Forbes	5.3			y			
The Borrowers	Mary	Norton	5.3						
The Westing Game	Ellen	Raskin	5.3						
The Best School Year Ever	Barbara	Robinson	5.4						
Island of the Blue Dolphins	Scott	O'Dell	5.4			y			
The Indian in the Cupboard	L.	Banks	5.5		y	y			
Harry Potter and the Sorceror's Stone	J. K.	Rowling	5.5		y	y			
The Bus Ride that Changed History: The Story of Rosa Parks	Pamela Duncan	Edwards	5.5						
Eragon	Christopher	Paolini	5.6	y	y	y			
The Princess Diaries	Meg	Cabot	5.7						y
The Hatchet	Gary	Paulsen	5.7						
Holes	L.	Sachar	5.7			y		y	
Jacob Have I Loved	Katherine	Paterson	5.7						
Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry	Mildred	Taylor	5.7						
The Secret Garden	F.	Burnett	5.8		y				
Julie of the Wolves	Jean Craighead	George	5.8	y		y			
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe	C.S.	Lewis	5.9	y	y	y			

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Stuart Little	E. B.	White	6	y		y			
The Diary of a Young Girl	A.	Frink	6.2						
The Subtle Knife	Philip	Pullman	6.2						
Anne of Green Gables	L.M.	Montgomery	6.5						y
Anne of Avonlea	L.M.	Montgomery	6.5						y
Freaky Friday	Mary	Rodgers	6.5						
The Phantom Tollbooth	Norton	Juster	6.7	y	y				
The Amber Spyglass	Philip	Pullman	6.7						
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets	J. K.	Rowling	6.7		y	y			
Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban	J. K.	Rowling	6.7		y	y			
The Many Rides of Paul Revers	James Cross	Giblin	6.8			y			
Little House on the Prairie	Laura	Ingles Wilder	6.8						y
Ben and Me	Robert	Lawson	6.9	y					
The Down-to-Earth Guide to Global Warming	Laurie	David	6.9						
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	Lewis	Carroll	7	y	y	y			
The Golden Compass	Philip	Pullman	7		y	y			