



**100 Titles  
for  
Elementary School Students**

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**This is a suggested reading list for elementary school students; however, several of the titles will be appealing to readers of all ages.** The recommended titles reflect the quality and complexity of the types of material elementary school students should be reading both at school and outside of class. This list contains contemporary titles to create a more comprehensive list for expanding options for classroom teachers, librarians, students, and parents.

The purpose of this list is to provide suggestions for literature with a wide appeal to elementary school students. While this list is not intended to replace existing reading lists, classroom teachers, reading teachers, library information specialists, parents, and others should use this list to encourage their young people to read a wider variety of current literature.

Criteria used in the selection of books for this suggested reading list were:

- Copyright date must be within ten years from the current calendar date;
- Each title must have at least two favorable reviews from recognized review sources;
- Each title must be currently available in print; and
- South Carolina Children's Book Award Nominees for the current year must be included.

This list will be updated annually to meet the selection criteria as outlined above. For more information about this elementary school suggested reading list, please contact Martha Alewine ([malewine@sde.state.sc.us](mailto:malewine@sde.state.sc.us)).

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**Alphabetical by Author**

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Appelt, Kathi	Best Kind of Gift, The	2003
Auch, Mary Jane and Herm Auch	Souperchicken	2003
Banks, Kate	Dillon, Dillon	2002
Barry, Dave	Peter and the Starcatchers	2004
Bauer, Marion Dane	Runt	2002
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Bluthenthal, Diana Cain	I'm not invited?	2003
Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker	Halfway to the Sky	2003
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Bruchac, Joseph	Hidden Roots	2004
Byng, Georgia	Molly Moon's Incredible Book of Hypnotism	2002
Cameron, Ann	Gloria Rising	2002
Chandra, Deborah	George Washington's Teeth	2003
Chodos-Irvine, Margaret	Ella Sarah Gets Dressed	2003
Collins, Mary	Airborne: A Photobiography of Wilbur and Orville Wright	2003
Corey, Shauna	Players in Pigtals	2003
Creech, Sharon	Granny Torrelli Makes Soup	2003
Cronin, Doreen	Diary of a Worm	2003
Darling, Kathy	Elephant Hospital, The	2002
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English, Karen	Hot Day on Abbott Avenue	2004
Falwell, Cathryn	Butterflies for Kiri	2003
Farris, Christine	My Brother Martin: A Sister Remembers Growing Up with the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.	2003
Fleischman, Sid	Disappearing Act	2003
Fletcher, Ralph J.	Uncle Daddy	2001
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Funke, Cornelia	Dragon Rider	2004
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Gerstein, Mordicai	Name Who Walked Between the Towers, The	2003
Gleitzman, Morris	Toad Rage	2004
Graves, Bonnie	Taking Care of Trouble	2002
Greene, Stephanie	Falling Into Place	2002
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Hartman, Bob	Wolf Who Cried Boy, The	2002

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Janeczko, Paul B.	Poke in the I, A: A Collection of Concrete Poems	2001
Jenkins, Steve and Robin Page	What do you do with a tail like this?	2003
Kalman, Maira	Smartypants (Pete in School)	2003
Kelley, True	Blabber Mouse	2001
Kerr, P. B.	Children of the Lamp: The Akhenaten Adventure	2004
Kimmel, Eric A.	Three Samurai Cats	2003
Kinsey-Warnock, Natalie	Lumber Camp Library	2002
Krull, Kathleen	Woman for President, A: The Story of Victoria Woodhull	2004
Lasky, Kathryn	Capture, The	2003
Lawrence, Ian	Lightkeeper's daughter, The	2003
Lester, Helen	Something Might Happen	2003
Lester, Julius	Blues Singers, The: Ten Who Rocked the World	2001
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