



# Building A Home Library

Ages 12-14

The ALA-Children's Book Council (CBC) Joint Committee, with cooperation from the ALSC's Quicklists Consulting Committee, has created this bibliography to provide guidance to parents, grandparents, and others interested in assembling a high-quality library for their children at home.

We suggest the following sites for more book titles:

[www.cbcbooks.org/reading-lists](http://www.cbcbooks.org/reading-lists)

[www.ala.org/alsc](http://www.ala.org/alsc)

## Questions?

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## Welcome to the world of books for your home!

Here are suggested classic and contemporary book titles either for a great start to or enhancement of your home library, an ever-present resource for children and adults. The American Library Association - Children's Book Council Joint Committee and the ALSC Quicklists Consulting Committee recommend these titles for children ages 12-14.

Three other pamphlets recommend books for children ages 0-3, 4-7, and 8-11. Ask your librarian or bookseller about multiple formats for these books and for more suggestions to add to your growing collection.

\*Carter, Ally.

**I'd Tell You I Love You, But Then I'd Have to Kill You.** Disney Publishing Worldwide, 2006.

A student at a super-secret spy school discovers that knowing about poisons and rapping doesn't help much in the game of love.

\*Collins, Suzanne.

**The Hunger Games.** Scholastic Inc., 2008.

Katniss must play the game of her life, and she may not survive.

Erskine, Katherine.

**Mockingbird.** Philomel / Penguin, 2010.

Caitlyn has Asperger's and finds school difficult. After her brother is killed in a school shooting, how will she adjust to life without him?

\*Federle, Tim.

**Better Nate than Ever.** Simon & Schuster, 2013.

When Nate hears about auditions for E.T.: The Musical!, he realizes this might be his one and only chance to fulfill his Broadway dreams.

Ferraiolo, Jack D.

**Sidekicks.** Amulet Books / Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2010.

By day, he's Scott Hutchinson. By night, he's Bright Boy, superhero sidekick.

\*Flanagan, John.

**The Outcasts.** Philomel / Penguin, 2011.

A group of young boys must brave the ocean, pirates, and treachery to regain a stolen gem and their place in Skandian life.

Gaiman, Neil. Illustrated by Dave McKean.

**The Graveyard Book.** HarperCollins, 2008.

After toddler Nobody Owens' family is murdered, he wanders into the nearby graveyard and is raised by the spirits who live there.

\*Gantos, Jack.

**Dead End in Norvelt.** Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2011.

Jack thinks his summer is over until his mother volunteers him to help a neighbor. He discovers a mystery behind his unusual assignment.

\*Hale, Nathan.

**Donner Dinner Party.** Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2013.

The true story of the doomed journey receives a graphic novel treatment and a jolt of much needed humor along the way.

Hinton, S.E.

**The Outsiders.** Viking Children's Books / Penguin, 1967.

Ponyboy has to rely on the help of his friends and brothers once things begin to heat up between the local rival gangs.

Hopkinson, Deborah.

**Titanic: Voices from the Disaster.**

Scholastic Inc., 2012.

Using accounts from survivors, Hopkinson paints a gripping picture of the Titanic disaster.

Kennedy, Caroline.

**Poems to Learn by Heart.** Disney Publishing Worldwide, 2013.

A collection of more than a hundred poems that speak to all of us.

Koertge, Ron.

**Coaltown Jesus.** Candlewick Press, 2013.

Written in verse, this novel tells the humorous story of when Jesus shows up in Walker's life, healing triumphs over heartbreak.

Lai, Thanhha.

**Inside Out and Back Again.** HarperCollins, 2011.

Hà flees with her family from war-torn Vietnam and comes to the United States to make a new home in a strange country.

Myers, Walter Dean.

**Darius & Twig.** Amistad / HarperCollins, 2013.

A writer and an athlete connect in a Harlem high school.

Ness, Patrick. Illustrated by Jim Kay.

**A Monster Calls.** Candlewick, 2011.

There are many different kinds of monsters and nightmares, but sometimes what frightens you most also makes you strong.

Resau, Laura and Maria Virginia Farinango.

**The Queen of Water.** Delacorte / Random House, 2011.

A young girl in Ecuador is taken from her family to be a servant to the ruling class. Based on a true story.

\*Rowling, J.K.

**Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone.** Scholastic Inc., 1998.

Harry Potter is a wizard, and he is beginning to find out just how dangerous that is once he is invited to attend Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

Sax, Aline.

**The War Within These Walls.** Eerdmans, 2013.

Misha's family, like the rest of the Jews living in Warsaw, has been moved by the Nazis into a single crowded ghetto. When conditions worsen, Misha joins a handful of other Jews who decide to make a final, desperate stand against the Nazis.

Schmidt, Gary D.

**Okay for Now.** Clarion / Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2011.

Doug Swietek must overcome a deadbeat father, an older brother who steals from him, a brother returning from the Vietnam War, and being the new kid in boring Marysville, New York.

Sheinkin, Steve.

**Bomb: The Race to Build—and Steal—the World's Most Dangerous Weapon.** Flash Point / Macmillan, 2013.

As WWII raged, the United States entered the race to build the first atomic bomb.

\*Stewart, Trenton Lee. Illustrated by Carson Ellis.

**The Mysterious Benedict Society.** Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2007.

Four children are selected, through a series of unusual tests, to go on a secret mission that will quite possibly save the world.

\*Stroud, Jonathan.

**Lockwood & Co.: The Screaming Staircase.** Disney Publishing Worldwide, 2013.

Three amateur ghost-hunting sleuths take on an impossible (and blood soaked) case in the hopes of saving their fledgling business.

Telgemeier, Raina.

**Drama.** Graphix / Scholastic Inc., 2012.

Callie works on the stage crew, where she meets new friends and navigates middle school, in this engaging graphic novel.

\*Turner, Pamela.

**The Dolphins of Shark Bay (Scientists in the Field series).** Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2013.

Meet the dolphins who live in Shark Bay and learn how they use tools to survive.

\* Book is part of a series (including sequels and trilogies)