



Suggested Reading for Children Grades 3-6

A Wish in the Dark by Christina Soontornvat

Set in a Thai-inspired fantasy world, Christina Soontornvat's twist on Victor Hugo's *Les Misérables* is a dazzling, fast-paced adventure that explores the difference between law and justice — and asks whether one child can shine a light in the dark.

Because by Mo Willems

Writing simply but powerfully about inspiration, its links from one generation to another, and the seemingly random elements that culminate in a transformative moment, Willems crates a narrative that will resonate with both children and adults.

Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths by Ingri d'Aulaire

In print for over fifty years, D'Aulaires Book of Greek Myths has introduced generations to Greek mythology-and continues to enthrall young readers. An NPR 100 Must-Reads for Kids 9-14 selection.

Moon River, Based on song by Johnny Mercer @H. Mancini; Tim Hopgood, illus.

A reimagining of Moon River for young readers; depicts young girl who wakes from sleep with her teddy and follows a shining, rippling path - a Moon River - and embarks on a journey to dreamland, together with other children. Across a sparkling lake, past a snowy mountaintop and through the end fo the rainbow. This remarkable journey is the crux of the story, full of tranquillity as she and her friends travel deeper into the night, sourrounded by pale white clouds and floating musical notes that recall the lyrical origin of the story.

Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: an African Tale by John Steptoe

Mufaro's two beautiful daughters, one bad-tempered, one kind and sweet, go before the king, who is choosing a wife.

Norse Myths by Matt Ralphs

Collects more than thirty ancient Norse myths for children featuring such gods and goddesses as Odin, Thor, Sif, Freya, and Loki, with additional pages that delve deeper into the mythical world, providing profiles of these Norse characters and giving the context behind the myths.

Percy Jackson and the Olympians Series by Rick Riordan

Percy Jackson is about to be kicked out of boarding school . . . again. And that's the least of his troubles. Lately, mythological monsters and the gods of Mount Olympus seem to be walking straight out of the pages of Percy's Greek mythology textbook and into his life. And worse, he's angered a few of them. Zeus's master lightning bolt has been stolen, and Percy is the prime suspect.

Princess Sophie and the six swans : a tale from the Brothers Grimm by Kim Jacobs

A king's daughter undertakes a difficult task to rescue her six brothers from the enchantment imposed on them by their wicked stepmother.

Scary Stories for Young Foxes Christian McKay Heidicker

Featuring eight interconnected stories and sixteen hauntingly beautiful illustrations, Scary Stories for Young Foxes contains the kinds of adventures and thrills you love to listen to beside a campfire in the dark of night.

Snow @ Rose by Emily Winfield Martin

Snow and Rose search the forest for their missing father and discover there is a sinister magic at work in the woods. A reimagining of the classic fairy tale Snow White and Rose Red.

***Splendors and Glooms* Laura Amy Schlitz**

Laura Amy Schlitz's Newbery Honor-winning Victorian gothic is a rich banquet of dark comedy, scorching magic, and brilliant and bewitching storytelling.

***The Dog Who Saved the World* by Ross Welford**

A girl and her dog set out to save the world from a deadly plague by time traveling into the future

***The Frog Prince* by Kathy-Jo Wargin**

As payment for retrieving the princess's ball, the frog exacts a promise which the princess is reluctant to fulfill.

***The Girl Who Drank The Moon* by Kelly Barnhill**

An epic fantasy about a young girl raised by a witch, a swamp monster, and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon, who must unlock the powerful magic buried deep inside her.

***The Last Cuentista* by Donna Barba Higuera**

A girl named Petra Pena travels away from a destroyed Earth. During the journey, a Collective has taken over the ship, bent on erasing the sins of humanity's past. They have systematically purged the memories of all aboard - or purged them altogether. Petra alone now carries the stories of our past, and with them, any hope for our future.

***The Tale of the Mandarin Duck : a Modern Fable* by Bette Midler**

How do you get people to appreciate what is right in front of them? In *The Tale of the Mandarin Duck*, it takes a mysterious, beautiful duck and a clear-eyed kid to point out the obvious! This book will have readers of all ages coming back to visit the fantastical interpretation of New York City and its odd ducks--both feathered and human.

***Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* Companion titles: *When the Sea Turned to Silver* and *Starry River of the Sky* by Grace Lin**

Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish, and then joins a dragon who cannot fly on a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon in hopes of bringing life to Fruitless Mountain and freshness to Jade River.

***Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky* by Kwame Mbalia**

Tristan Strong accidentally creates a hole into the Midpass, a world where ancient African gods clash with gods of African-American legend. Can Tristan save this world before he loses more of the things he loves?

***City of the Plague God* by Sarwat Chadda**

Thirteen-year-old Sikander Aziz has to team up with the hero Gilgamesh in order to stop Nergal, the ancient god of plagues, from wiping out the population of Manhattan in this adventure based on Mesopotamian mythology.

***Aru Shah and the End of Time* by Roshani Chokshi**

Twelve-year-old Aru stretches the truth to fit in at her private school, but when she is dared to prove an ancient lamp is cursed, she inadvertently frees an ancient demon.

***Race to the Sun* by Rebecca Roanhorse**

Guided by her Navajo ancestors, seventh-grader Nizhoni Begay discovers she is descended from a holy woman and destined to become a monsterslayer, starting with the evil businessman who kidnapped her father. Includes glossary of Navajo terms.

