

# 3-5 Books

Title	Annotation	Author	Language	Sourcees	Format	Genre	Guided Reading	DRA	Lexile
Título	Anotación	Autor	Language	Fuentes	Formato	Género	Lectura Guiada	DRA	Lexile
¡Germs! Germs! Germs!	This humorous look at germs is told in simple verse with colorful illustrations. Written from the point of view of the germs, students are provided with information on how germs enter their bodies and what actions the students can take to prevent infection.	Bobbi Katz	ENG	Open Library	PDF	Non-Fiction	L	20	N/A
Miss Nelson Is Missing!	When Miss Nelson's class misbehaves, she disappears. She is replaced by the dreaded substitute, Miss Viola Swamp, the meanest teacher in the world. This and other Miss Nelson books are great to be read aloud, especially by substitute teachers.	Harry Allard	ENG	Open Library	PDF	Fiction	L	20	N/A
By the Great Horn Spoon	Jack and his very proper manservant, Praiseworthy, sail from Boston to California during the Gold Rush to strike it rich and save his aunt's mansion from creditors. While Jack grows into manhood, Praiseworthy finds love and breaks free of the social restrictions of being a butler. Their adventure is based on historically accurate situations of ship travel, gold fever, and life in the gold fields. The book is also available in English.	Sid Fleischman	ENG	Open Library	PDF	Fiction	V	50	N/A
Too Many Tamales	The importance of honesty is shown as four Latino children spend an unforgettable Christmas Eve searching for Maria's mother's diamond wedding ring, lost in the tamale masa (dough). The illustrations feature expressive oil paintings in warm tones that match the festive holiday mood. California author. Translated by Alma Flor Ada and F. Isabel Campoy.	Gary Soto	ENG	Open Library	PDF	Fiction	M	24	N/A
Birthday Swap	Each year Lori looks forward to celebrating her sister's birthday in August at her aunt's house in Mexico. However, this year's gathering brings an unexpected surprise. Striking colored-pencil drawings illustrate the spirit of Mexican birthday celebrations.	Loretta Lopez	ENG	Open Library	PDF	Fiction	P	38	N/A
What's Smaller than a Pygmy Shrew?	Each year Lori looks forward to celebrating her sister's birthday in August at her aunt's house in Mexico. However, this year's gathering brings an unexpected surprise. Striking colored-pencil drawings illustrate the spirit of Mexican birthday celebrations.	Robert E. Wells	ENG	Open Library	PDF	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Who Wants a Cheap Rhinoceros?	What could you do with a cheap rhinoceros? Find out lots of ideas in this story about the advantages of having a rhino. Black-and-white drawings accompany the humorous and imaginative text.	Shel Silverstein	ENG	Open Library	PDF	Fiction	K	18	N/A

13 Words	A dog attempts to cheer up his friend, a despondent bird, in a tale that introduces a series of random words—from "baby" to "haberdashery." The writer crafts a plausible story using these random words as a focus. Bright, colorful artwork contains surprises lurking about. This book may be used as a model text for older students using a list of nouns and adjectives to incorporate into narrative writing.	Lemony Snicket	ENG	Open Library	PDF	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
14 Cows for America	An illustrated tale in which the Maasai people of Kenya present a gift of 14 cows to the United States as a gesture of comfort and friendship in the wake of the attacks of September 11, 2001. The paintings glow with oranges and reds, highlighting Kenya's environment. Use as a mentor text with older children to write about 9/11, world peace, or multicultural relations.	Carmen Agra Deedy	ENG	Open Library	PDF	Non-Fiction	N/A	N/A	AD540L
1607: A New Look at Jamestown	Describes the new research and archaeological discoveries at Jamestown and demonstrates how existing knowledge and historians' views can change. Clearly written and well illustrated, the book shows how previous beliefs about the Jamestown settlement are erroneous. Provides an excellent account of the Native American tribes' history, relationships before and after the arrival of the colonists, and the process of colonization, including the challenges. Color photographs show interpreters in period costume photographed at Jamestown.	Karen Lange	ENG	Open Library	PDF	Non-Fiction	N/A	N/A	N/A
1621: A New Look at Thanksgiving	A well-researched book about Thanksgiving Day looks at the 1621 harvest feast from the perspectives of both the English colonists and the Wampanoag people. Photographs of Plimoth Plantation, a living history museum in Massachusetts, help the reader to visualize what life was like in 1621.	Catherine O'Neill Grace Margaret M. Bruchac	ENG	Open Library	PDF	Non-Fiction	N/A	N/A	N/A
17 Kings and 42 Elephants	This alliterative nonsense rhyme can be used to introduce division with remainders. A parade of 17 kings and 42 elephants makes its way through the jungle, so, how many elephants does each king have? Readers can experiment by changing the number of kings and elephants.	Margaret Mahy	ENG	Open Library	PDF	N/A	N/A	N/A	910L
19 Varieties of Gazelle: Poems of the Middle East	Features 60 new poems about the Middle East in response to the tragic events of September 11, 2001. The author draws on her Palestinian and American heritage to look at both the Middle East through the eyes of an American and the United States through the eyes of a Palestinian. The poems explore universal issues of hope, conflict, war, peace, people, and relations.	Naomi Shihab Nye	ENG	Open Library	PDF	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1918 Influenza Pandemic, The	The author describes the 1918 influenza pandemic, from how World War I soldiers spread the disease to recent scientific efforts to understand the virus that took between twenty and forty million lives worldwide. Archival material, clearly reproduced paintings, photos, and micrographs bring a strong sense of reality to the events. Pair this title with LISTENING FOR LIONS, a fictionalized version of these events by Gloria Whelan.	Stephanie True Peters	ENG	Open Library	PDF	Fiction	N	30	640L

26 Fairmount Avenue	An autobiographical account of author Tomie dePaola's childhood, this Newbery Honor Book (2000) centers on the building of his family's new house at 26 Fairmount Avenue in 1938. Tomie has many adventures, including quitting kindergarten on the first day and spending time with his Nana. Readers will recognize many of the characters of dePaola's fictional works throughout this story. Highlighted with detailed black-and-white drawings.	Tomie dePaola	ENG	Open Library	PDF	Fiction	O	34	590 L
7 x 9 = Trouble!	Wilson is a third-grader with some big problems. He just can't remember his multiplication facts and must pass all of the timed tests. To make matters worse, even his little brother in kindergarten knows some of the multiples better than he does. Then the class hamster goes missing—and Wilson was the last one to hold the rodent. The story introduces the concept of counting by multiples, the finger pattern for the multiples of nine, and the commutative property.	Claudia Mills	ENG	Open Library	PDF	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
90 Miles to Havana	After the Communist revolution in Cuba, nine-year-old Julian's parents make the heartbreaking decision to send him and his older brothers to a camp for Cuban-exile children in Miami as part of Operation Pedro Pan. At the camp, where bullies run rampant, Julian struggles to escape the shadow of his older brothers and to stand on his own. Based on the author's own experiences as a child refugee from Cuba.	Enrique Flores-Galbis	ENG	Open Library	PDF	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hunting for Words	A young boy has lost some words. Piedra, cama, naranja, luna, and pan are nowhere to be found! In the meantime, the words wreak havoc during their escape and frustrate the boy to no end. The boy discovers the missing culprits during breakfast the next morning. Double-page illustrations highlight this reading adventure.	Pepe Caccamo	ENG	Open Library	PDF	Non-Fiction	N	30	970L
Abe Lincoln Crosses a Creek: A Tall, Thin Tale (Introducing His Fo	In 1816, young Abe and his friend Austin decide to use a log to cross Knob Creek. When Abe falls into the water, Austin saves his life and Abe promises that he will never forget it. Even when he is the president of a war-torn country, Abe fondly remembers his old friend. Author Deborah Hopkinson tells the story in a folksy tone and addresses the unknowns in history when she recounts how Austin saves young Abe. The book features watercolor and pen-and-ink illustrations.	Deborah Hopkinson	ENG	Open Library	PDF	Non-Fiction	U	50	AD820L
Abe Lincoln Remembers	Vivid, full-page paintings illustrate this fictional narrative that highlights Abraham Lincoln's accomplishments and his life. The imagined conversation is as told by the mature President in the White House. Ironically, it is set on the evening of April 14, 1865, just before Lincoln and his wife, Mary, are about to leave for Ford's Theatre. As he reflects on his childhood, he notes that much has come to pass and wonders "How much there is still to be done."	Ann Warren Turner	ENG	Open Library	PDF	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Abe's Honest Words: The Life of Abraham Lincoln	Lincoln's life story is told in accessible and engaging prose. A powerful image of a great American president is presented, depicting the passion for humanity that defined Lincoln's life. Quotations from Lincoln are interspersed in the text. Illustrated with striking full-color paintings by Kadir Nelson.	Doreen Rappaport	ENG	Open Library	PDF	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Abernathy Boys, The	A fictionalized account of the adventurous journey of nine-year-old Bud Abernathy and his five-year-old brother, Temp, who traveled mostly on horseback in 1904. They journeyed alone from their home in Oklahoma to Santa Fe, New Mexico, and back again, crossing the vast, desertlike no-man's-land in the Texas Panhandle known as the caprock. This read-aloud is filled with humor and wonderful dialogue.	L. J. Hunt	ENG	Open Library	PDF	Fiction	M	34	AD960L
About Time: A First Look at Time and Clocks	This is an entertaining and brief history of the concept of time, calendars, and clocks. An explanation of daytime, nighttime, and the seasons is provided; timekeeping methods, from sundials to atomic clocks, are introduced; and the Gregorian calendar is explained. Detailed watercolor illustrations on every page enhance the text.	Bruce Koscielniak	ENG	Open Library	PDF	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Abuela's Weave	A young Guatemalan girl and her grandmother grow closer as they create some special traditional woven articles and then make a trip to the market in hopes of selling them. The warm relationship between the girl and her grandmother and many details are vividly described. The author portrays the beauty of his homeland's cultural traditions. The illustrations, acrylic-on-canvas paintings, bring dimension to the characters and adds authenticity to the setting.	Omar S. Castañeda	ENG	Open Library	PDF	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Accidental Adventures of India McAllister, The	India McAllister is a fourth-grader who was born in China and adopted by American parents. Her greatest hope is to have amazing adventures, and her daily life provides some. Her best friend, Colby, may be interested in her enemy, Amanda. At the same time, India is sorting out her feelings about her parents' divorce and her father's male partner, Richard. Told in the first person, this gentle story has occasional black-line drawings accompanied by India's commentary.	Charlotte Agell	ENG	Open Library	PDF	Fiction	S	40	AD840L
Ackamarackus: Julius Lester's Sumptuously Silly Fantastically Fun	This is a collection of six original animal fables, laced with humor, absurdities, wordplay, and alliteration. Each fable includes both a silly and a serious moral. Acrylic and collage illustrations are bright and exhilarating. Useful for reading aloud and discussing individuality, acceptance, and expression of negative feelings.	Julius Lester	ENG	Open Library	PDF	Non-Fiction	P	38	650L
Across the Blue Pacific: A World War II Story	During World War II, Molly and her fourth-grade classmates wrote to people serving in the military. Molly chose to write to her neighbor, Ted, who was serving aboard a submarine in the Pacific. Told through free verse, the book presents details of life at that time and the loss of a loved one in the war. Illustrated with loose-lined ink and watercolor artwork that captures the time and place.	Louise Borden	ENG	Open Library	PDF	Fiction	L	20	IG1080L
Action Jackson	In May and June of 1950, Jackson Pollock painted one of his most famous works, LAVENDER MIST. Through the illustrations and text, the reader learns about Pollock's unique painting method. Includes a short biography with archival photos. Notes, sources, and a bibliography are included.	Jan Greenberg Sandra Jordan	ENG	Open Library	PDF	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Actual Size	Jenkins fills this book with colorful cut-and-torn paper collage illustrations. The book's large format serves to provide amazing facts about animals - the actual size of the head of a bear, the length of an anteater's tongue, and the tooth of a great white shark, for example.	Steve Jenkins	ENG	Open Library	PDF	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ada Byron Lovelace and the Thinking Machine	The daughter of famous romantic poet Lord Byron develops her creativity through science and math and writes the world's first computer program to demonstrate the capabilities of inventor Charles Babbage's thinking machine.	Laurie Ann Wallmark	ENG	Open Library	PDF	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Adventures of Connie and Diego, The	Tired of being laughed at because they were born with different colors on their bodies, a pair of twins run away to ask the animals where they belong. Turned away by the bear and the whale, they are accepted by the eagle. Alas, they cannot fly. Finally the tiger explains that they belong with humans. This tale of overcoming prejudice is told in English and Spanish. Bright artwork shows the twins drawn with many vivid colors.	Maria Garcia	ENG	Open Library	PDF	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Adventures of Daniel Boom, a.k.a. Loud Boy: Sound Off, The	Daniel Boom is just like most kids, but with one exception: he has no "indoor voice." As it turns out, Daniel was subjected to an experiment gone wrong as an infant and now learns of his "super powers." Joining him are three pals who were also part of the experiment, and together they fight the evil, noise-hating mad scientist who is bent on making all kids behave. The first book in the "Adventures of Daniel Boom" series, this is a fun and colorful ride.	D. J. Steinberg	ENG	Open Library	PDF	Fiction	R	40	GN460L
Adventures of Mark Twain by Huckleberry Finn, The	Huck Finn has his turn to tell the story of his creator, Mark Twain. In Huck's folksy twang, the book covers the life of Samuel Clemens: from his boyhood along the Mississippi River, to steamboat captain, to newspaper reporter, to a "for-real writer." Reading the text aloud will bring Huck's language to life. Illustrated with pen-and-ink and watercolor artwork. A time line of important dates in the life of Samuel Clemens is included.	Robert Burleigh	ENG	Open Library	PDF	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Adventures of Nanny Piggins, The	Nanny Piggins, a common farm pig, answers Mr. Green's ad for a nanny and takes on his three children, filling their days with fun, adventure, sweets, and love. The text is complemented by black-and-white illustrations. A humorous story suitable for reading aloud.	R. A. Spratt	ENG	Open Library	PDF	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Adventurous Life of Myles Standish and the Amazing-But-True Sur	A very readable biography of Myles Standish, military soldier and leader of the Plymouth Colony, who sailed aboard the Mayflower to help protect the Pilgrims and their settlement in North America. Religious movements, key figures, and a balanced account of Pilgrim-Indian relations are explained. Includes bibliographical references and an index.	Cheryl Harness	ENG	Open Library	PDF	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Advice for a Frog	This selection depicts 14 exotic and/or endangered animals through poetry and larger-than-life paintings. Finely crafted verse features word play matched by the imaginative illustrations on double-page layouts. Included are pleas for environmental awareness and comments about each animal's status as of 1995. California author and illustrator.	Alice Schertle	ENG	Open Library	PDF	N/A	N/A	N/A	NP

Aesop's Fables	This collection presents 53 fables, each illustrated by a different artist from past editions, starting in the fifteenth century. Not only are the fables useful, but the book is fascinating in discussing illustration through the ages.	Bernard Higton Russell Ash	ENG	Open Library	PDF	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Aesop's Fables	Sixteen of Aesop's fables are set in the grasslands of Africa and portray the characters using African animals such as zebras, kudus, and mongrel dogs. Illustrations are framed in stylized borders, created with watercolor and pencil, and reflect the African flavor of the author's adaptations. Use for reading aloud in literature or character education studies or in art units.	Beverley Naidoo	ENG	Open Library	PDF	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
The Water	The water cycle, uses and importance of water to humans and animals are explored in simple text. The overlays presented in the text clarify the concepts of water usage for the readers.	Gallimard Jeunesse Pierre-Marie Valat	ENG	Open Library	PDF	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Aida	Retells the story of Giuseppe Verdi's opera in which the love of the enslaved Aida, an Ethiopian princess, for an Egyptian general brings tragedy to all involved. Illustrated with stunning paintings that provide details.	Leontyne Price	ENG	Open Library	PDF	Fiction	P	38	730L
Ain't Nothing But a Man: My Quest to Find the Real John Henry	This photobiography reveals the author's search for the story of the real John Henry, who was made famous through many versions of a folk song. Author Scott Reynolds Nelson explains the research process and primary and secondary sources. The reader discovers how to be a credible historian and learns about railroad history and the folk hero John Henry. Archival photos are abundant, and sepia-toned illustrations enhance the sense of history. Includes appendixes.	Marc Aronson Scott Reynolds Nelson	ENG	Open Library	PDF	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Air	Short vignettes illustrated with hand-colored photographs introduce the scientific and beneficial qualities of the air around us. The photographs will engage younger children and the text will explain more advanced concepts for older readers. See other books in the Elements series.	Ken Robbins	ENG	Open Library	PDF	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Airmail to the Moon	Finding nothing from the Tooth Fairy, an angry Ora Mae accuses her family of stealing her tooth. Colorful scratchboard illustrations match the funny colloquial language and setting.	Tom Birdseye	ENG	Open Library	PDF	Fiction	L	30	AD540L
Al Capone Does My Shirts	A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 (when guards' families were housed there). He has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister. California author and California setting.	Gennifer Choldenko	ENG	Open Library	PDF	Fiction	X	60	600L
The Legend of Rice	Since rice is the staple food of Filipinos, many stories exist about the rice plant, or palay. This book shows how the origin of palay is related to the livelihood of their ancestors before they became farmers. It shows how they change from nomads to settlers when they first learn how to plant palay.	Victoria Anonuevo	ENG	Open Library	PDF	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Albert Einstein: Genius of the Twentieth Century	This is an early chapter-book introduction to the life and achievements of this famous scientist. His early life, later successes, and three major discoveries all are addressed. The well-written text and pleasing watercolors contribute to an informative and satisfying reading experience. A timeline is included.	Patricia Lakin	ENG	Open Library	PDF	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Alchemy and Meggy Swann	Meggy arrives to work for her father, who is deeply involved in the world of alchemy and who has no time for his twelve-year-old daughter in this tale set in sixteenth-century London. Told with humor and accuracy, this story depicts a feisty young girl with a disability who is determined to make something of her life despite not being able to move around, except with walking sticks. Includes notes with bibliographical references and descriptions of Elizabethan culture.	Karen Cushman	ENG	Open Library	PDF	Fiction	N/A	N/A	810L
Aldo Applesauce	Aldo Sossi, Aldo Applesauce, has a tough time adjusting to teasing and the nicknames popular in his new school. His only friend is a girl who wears a false moustache. Readers will want to explore other books by this popular author.	Johanna Hurwitz	ENG	Open Library	PDF	N/A	N/A	N/A	750L
Aldo Leopold: American Ecologist	This is a biography about Aldo Leopold who wrote about the environment and the importance of protecting natural communities that included soils, water, plants, and animals as well as humans. This book contains many vintage photographs and traces Leopold's life as a forester, wildlife manager, and ecologist.	Peter Anderson	ENG	Open Library	PDF	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Alexander, Who Used to Be Rich Last Sunday	Alexander's grandparents give him a dollar and he is rich. Although he and his money are quickly parted, he comes to realize all the things that can be done with a dollar. The book is illustrated with pen-and-ink drawings that make the most of his humorous situation.	Judith Viorst	ENG	Open Library	PDF	Fiction	M	24	AD570L



































