

HAISLN RECOMMENDED READING LIST 2017

Grade 3 and Grade 4

Any available unabridged edition of a title is acceptable.

- Aston, Dianna Hutts. ***A Beetle Is Shy***. Chronicle Books, 2016. From flea beetles to bombardier beetles, an incredible variety of these beloved bugs are showcased in this carefully researched, visually striking book that is poetic in voice and elegant in design, perfect for sparking children's imaginations.
- Barton, Chris. ***Whoosh! : Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions***. Charlesbridge, 2016. A biography of Lonnie Johnson, an engineer at NASA who is best known for inventing the Super Soaker water gun.
- Bauer, Marion Dane. ***Little Dog, Lost***. Atheneum, 2012. A dog without a boy, a boy without a dog, and an elderly gentleman without a sense of belonging follow their star-crossed paths and find that love, compassion, and charity can cure loneliness and restore balance to their lives.
- Borden, Louise. ***The Journey That Saved Curious George: The True Wartime Escape of Margaret and H. A. Rey***. Houghton Mifflin, 2005. Tells how the creators of "Curious George" narrowly escaped capture by the Nazis while fleeing Paris on their bicycles during World War II.
- Brown, Jeffrey. ***Lucy and Andy Neanderthal***. Crown, 2016. Lucy and her brother Andy, two Neanderthal siblings living 40,000 years ago, take on a wandering baby sibling, bossy teens, cave paintings and a mammoth hunt, but the real adventure begins when they encounter a group of humans.
- Cleary, Beverly. ***Beezus and Ramona***. HarperTrophy, 2006. Four-year old Ramona has an imagination that makes her a menace to everyone around her, particularly her older sister, Beezus. *Series*
- Clements, Andrew. ***No Talking***. Simon & Schuster, 2007. The noisy fifth grade boys of Laketon Elementary School challenge the equally loud fifth grade girls to a "no talking" contest.
- Colfer, Chris. ***The Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell***. Little, Brown, 2012. Through the mysterious power of a cherished book of stories, twins Alex and Conner leave their world behind and find themselves in a foreign land full of wonder and magic where they come face-to-face with the fairytale characters they grew up reading about. *Series*
- Cousteau, Philippe. ***Follow the Moon Home: A Tale of One Idea, Twenty Kids, and A Hundred Sea Turtles***. Chronicle Books, 2016. A book about loggerhead sea turtles and a girl's attempts to help save their babies from man-made light.
- Cronin, Doreen. ***Chicken Squad: The First Misadventure***. Atheneum, 2014. Dirt, Sweetie, Poppy and Sugar, the chicks of the Chicken Squad, must figure out what is making Tail the squirrel so afraid. *Series*
- Dahl, Roald. ***The BFG***. Farrar, Straus, Giroux, First published in 1982. Sophie is kidsnatched from her orphanage by a BFG--Big Friendly Giant--and the two set out to save the world.

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- Davies, Jacqueline. ***The Magic Trap***. Houghton Mifflin, 2014. Evan Treski is trying his hand at magic with his little sister's help while the unexpected appearance of a hurricane and their long-lost father make for some interesting twists. *Series*
- Divakaruni, Chitra Banerjee. ***Grandma and the Great Gourd: A Bengali Folk Tale***. Roaring Brook, 2013. On her way to visit her daughter on the other side of the jungle, Grandma encounters a hungry fox, bear, and tiger, and although she convinces them to wait for her return trip, she still must find a way to outwit them all.
- Edgers, Geoff. ***Who Was Stan Lee?*** Grosset and Dunlap, 2014. A biography of comic book author and creator Stan Lee. *Series*
- Elliott, David. ***On the Wing***. Candlewick, 2014. Clever verse and lovely artwork celebrate all things bird from the hummingbird to the majestic bald eagle.
- Gibbs, Stuart. ***Spaced Out***. Simon & Schuster, 2016. In 2041 twelve-year-old Dashiell Gibson is a resident of Moon Base Alpha, and at the moment he is faced with a number of problems: coping with the nasty Sjoberg twins, finding out how the commander of the base has managed to disappear from a facility no bigger than a soccer field, and dealing with the alien Zan who communicates with him telepathically from afar--and who is hiding a secret which may threaten the whole Earth. *Series*
- Grabenstein, Chris. ***Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library***. Random House, 2013. Nine children enter into a competition to "Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library," a game which the creator describes as "like *The Hunger Games* but with lots of food and no bows or arrows."
- Graff, Lisa. ***The Thing About Georgie: A Novel***. HarperTrophy, 2008. Georgie's dwarfism causes problems, but he could always rely on his parents, his best friend, and classmate Jeanie the Meanie's teasing, until a surprising announcement, a new boy in school, and a class project shake things up.
- Griffiths, Andy. ***The 13-Story Treehouse***. Feiwel and Friends, 2013. Under pressure by their publisher to finish their next book, two young authors graphically describe all the extraordinary distractions they face living in their 13-story treehouse. *Series*
- Gutman, Dan. ***Mission Unstoppable***. Harper, 2011. On a cross-country vacation with their parents, twins Coke and Pepsi, soon to be thirteen, fend off strange assassins as they try to come to terms with their being part of a top-secret government organization known as The Genius Files. *Series*
- Hale, Nathan. ***Alamo All-Stars***. Amulet Books, 2016. Hale recounts in graphic novel format, the story of the Alamo, featuring the exploits of historical legends Jim Bowie and Davy Crockett. *Series*

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- Halls, Kelly Milner. ***Saving the Baghdad Zoo: A True Story of Hope and Heroes.*** Greenwillow, 2010. This photo-illustrated book tells the poignant stories of abandoned lions who roamed an empty palace with no food or drink; the camel, Lumpy, who survived transport through sniper fire; the tigers, Riley and Hope, who traveled 7,000 miles from home; and shares first-hand accounts of how the United States soldiers and volunteers saved the animals of the Baghdad Zoo.
- Harley, Bill. ***Charlie Bumpers vs. the Really Nice Gnome.*** Peachtree, 2014. Charlie has looked forward to being in the fourth-grade play, but he is not at all happy when Mrs. Burke assigns him the role of the Nice Gnome. *Series*
- Henry, Marguerite. ***Misty of Chincoteague.*** Aladdin, 1947. Paul and his sister Maureen's determination to own a pony from the herd on Chincoteague Island, Virginia, is greatly increased when the Phantom and her colt are among the ponies rounded up for the yearly auction.
- Hodgkins, Fran. ***The Secret Galaxy.*** Tilbury House, 2014. A lyrical narrative voice (the voice of the Milky Way galaxy itself) is augmented by sidebars filled with amazing facts and insights about our galaxy, and by extension, our universe.
- Holm, Jennifer L. ***The Fourteenth Goldfish.*** Random House, 2014. Ellie's scientist grandfather has discovered a way to reverse aging and consequently has turned into a teenager, which makes for complicated relationships when he moves in with Ellie and her mother, his daughter.
- Holub, Joan. ***Zeus and the Thunderbolt of Doom.*** Aladdin, 2012. When ten-year-old Zeus is kidnapped, he discovers he can defend himself with a magic thunderbolt. *Series*
- Huey, Lois Miner. ***Ick! Yuck! Eew!: Our Gross American History.*** Millbrook, 2014. Discover many unusual and gross facts from America in the 1700s including many sights, smells and habits of the past.
- Jenkins, Steve. ***Eye to Eye: How Animals See the World.*** Houghton Mifflin, 2014. Profiles a series of animals with unusual eyes and explains how the animals use their uniquely evolved eyes to gain essential information about the biological world.
- Kalman, Maira. ***Thomas Jefferson Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Everything.*** Nancy Paulsen, 2014. Thomas Jefferson, interested in science, nature, architecture, math and botany, and best known for writing the Declaration of Independence, was also a slave owner who called slavery an "abomination."
- Keller, Laurie. ***Bowling Alley Bandit.*** Holt/Christy Ottaviano, 2013. Arnie the talking doughnut is delighted to be Mr. Bing's new pet "doughnut-dog, so when Mr. Bing starts rolling gutter balls during a big bowling tournament, Arnie suspects foul play and sets out to solve the mystery. *Series*
- Kimmel, Elizabeth Cody. ***A Taste of Freedom: Gandhi and the Great Salt March.*** Walker, 2014. An old man in India recalls how, when he was a young boy, he got his first taste of freedom as he and his brother joined the great Mahatma Gandhi on a march to the sea to make salt in defiance of British law.

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- Klise, Kate. ***The Show Must Go On!*** Algonquin, 2013. Two mice and a crow, who travel with a circus come to the rescue when a greedy con artist takes over the management of the circus. *Series*
- Lee, Jenny. ***Elvis and the Underdogs.*** Balzer + Bray, 2013. Benji, a young boy who suffers from seizures, has his life turned around when a talking therapy dog comes to live with him. *Series*
- Lewis, J. Patrick, ed. ***National Geographic Book of Animal Poetry: With Favorites From Robert Frost, Jack Prelutsky, Emily Dickinson, and More: 200 Poems With Photographs That Squeak, Soar, and Roar!*** National Geographic, 2012. Full-color photographs accompany two hundred poems about animals.
- MacLachlan, Patricia ***The Truth of Me: About a Boy, His Grandmother, and a Very Good Dog.*** Katherine Tegen, 2013. Robbie and his dog, Ellie, spend the summer at his grandmother Maddy's house, where Robbie learns many things about his emotionally distant parents and himself.
- Malam, John. ***You Wouldn't Want to Be a Ninja Warrior!: A Secret Job That's Your Destiny.*** Franklin Watts, 2012. Examines the skills needed to become a ninja, including practicing with weapons everyday, listening and not asking questions, and keeping your identity secret. *Series*
- McCarthy, Meghan ***Pop!: the Invention of Bubble Gum.*** Simon & Schuster, 2010. A collection of amusing historical facts on the invention of bubble gum.
- McCarthy, Meghan. ***The Wildest Race Ever: The Story of the 1904 Olympic Marathon.*** Simon & Schuster, 2016. The exciting and bizarre true story of the 1904 Olympic marathon, which took place at the St. Louis World's Fair.
- McMullan, Kate. ***Have a Hot Time, Hades!*** Stone Arch Books, 2012. In this story with a modern twist, Hades tells his own version of how he became King of the Underworld and Zeus became King of the Gods. *Series*
- Messner, Kate. ***Rescue on the Oregon Trail.*** Scholastic, 2015. Ranger, a golden retriever, could have been a great search-and-rescue dog except for the squirrels, but one day he unearths a mysterious box and finds himself transported back to the year 1850, where his faithful service is really needed by a family traveling west along the Oregon Trail. *Series*
- Michelson, Richard. ***Twice As Good: The Story of William Powell and Clearview, the Only Golf course Designed, Built and Owned by an African-American.*** Sleeping Bear Press, 2012. The true story of William Powell, who overcame great odds and obstacles to open Clearview Golf Course in Ohio; the first golf course that was designed, build, and owned by an African American.
- Mlynowski, Sarah. ***Upside-Down Magic.*** Scholastic, 2015. Nory, Elliott, Andres, and Bax find their lives forever changed when they attend the Dunwiddle Magic School's Upside-Down Magic class. *Series*
- Muntean, Michaela. ***Stay: The True Story of Ten Dogs.*** Scholastic, 2012. Luciano Anastasini, an injured circus performer, creates a fun, new act with his ten rescue dogs.

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- Nolan, Janet. ***Seven and a Half Tons of Steel***. Peachtree, 2016. This powerful story reveals how seven and a half tons of steel that had once been a beam in the World Trade Center became a navy ship's bow showing how something remarkable can emerge from a devastating event.
- Osborne, Mary Pope and Natalie Pope Boyce. ***Heroes For All Times: A Nonfiction Companion to Magic Tree House #51: High Time for Heroes***. Random House, 2014. Jack and Annie track the facts behind six people who have changed history, including Florence Nightingale, Martin Luther King, Jr., Mahatma Gandhi, Harriet Tubman, Susan B. Anthony, and John Muir. *Series*
- Patent, Dorothy Hinshaw. ***Dogs on Duty: Soldiers' Best Friends on the Battlefield and Beyond***. Walker, 2012. Explains the many ways that dogs are used in the military and how they are trained and cared for.
- Patterson, James. ***Jacky Ha-Ha***. Little Brown, 2016. Twelve-year-old Jacky "Ha-Ha" Hart is a class clown with a penchant for pranking--and when she's required to act in the school play to appease her frustrated teachers, she must conquer her stutter.
- Pearce, Jackson. ***Pip Bartlett's Guide to Magical Creatures***. Scholastic, 2015. Pip is spending the summer with her aunt. At first it's all fun, games, and chatting until Fuzzles appear and start bursting into flames. *Series*
- Pipe, Jim. ***You Wouldn't Want to Live Without Cell Phones!*** Franklin Watts, 2015. Uses humor in both text and illustrations to describe what it would be like to live without the cell phone and describes how people managed to communicate in the past. *Series*
- Polacco, Patricia. ***Tucky Jo and Little Heart***. Simon & Schuster, 2015. A heartwarming story of friendship, loyalty, and kindness based on a true account of a World War II Veteran who gave as much as he could and never expected his kindness would come back to him when he needed it most.
- Probst, Jeff and Chris Tebbetts. ***Stranded***. Puffin, 2013. Jane, Buzz, Carter, and Vanessa, aged nine to thirteen, are on a sailing trip in the South Pacific intended to help them bond in their newly-blended family when a massive storm strands them on a deserted island. *Series*
- Pyron, Bobbie. ***Lucky Strike***. Arthur A. Levine, 2015. Nathaniel Harlow lives with his grandfather in a trailer park in Franklin County, Florida, and he has always been unlucky--but when he is struck by lightning on his eleventh birthday and survives, it seems like his luck starts to change.
- Raczka, Bob. ***Wet Cement: A Mix of Concrete Poems***. Roaring Brook, 2016. A collection of concrete poetry written and shaped in surprising ways.
- Ripkin, Cal, Jr. ***Super-Sized Slugger***. Disney-Hyperion, 2012. Thirteen-year-old Cody Parker moves to Baltimore, Maryland, where as a fat eighth-grader, he has to deal with brutal teasing from a baseball teammate, and his school is beset by a rash of mysterious thefts that threaten to sideline Cody and ruin a golden season for his team. *Series*

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- Rissi, Anica Mrose. ***Anna, Banana and the Friendship Split***. Simon & Schuster, 2015. Anna and Sadie have always been best friends so when Sadie suddenly starts being mean, Anna is very sad and seeks support from her dog Banana and classmate Isabel, as well as advice from her brother Chuck and her parents. *Series*
- Roberts, Cokie. ***Founding Mothers: Remembering the Ladies***. Harper, 2014. A brief, behind the scene look at the women from the period of the Revolution and early United States.
- Rockliff, Mara. ***Anything But Ordinary Addie: The True Story of Adelaide Herrman, Queen of Magic***. Candlewick, 2016. Be astonished and dazzled by the true story of Adelaide Herrmann, the Queen of Magic!
- Rosenstock, Barb. ***The Noisy Paint Box: The Colors and Sounds of Kandinsky's Abstract Art***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2014. Describes how Wassily Kandinsky's creative life was profoundly shaped by a neurological condition called synesthesia which caused him to experienced colors as sounds and sounds as colors.
- Sachar, Louis. ***Sideways Stories from Wayside School***. HarperTrophy. Originally published in 1978. Humorous episodes from the classroom on the thirtieth floor of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story. *Series*
- Scroggs, Kirk. ***It Came From Beneath the Playground***. Little, Brown, 2014. Fifth-grade private eyes Logan and Gustavo use their doodling and detective skills to solve the mystery of a group of moles that have stolen the amusement park merry-go-round. *Series*
- Shurtliff, Liesl. ***Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2013. Relates the tale of Rumpelstiltskin's childhood and youth, explaining why his name is so important, how he is able to spin straw into gold, and why a first-born child is his reward for helping the miller's daughter-turned-queen.
- Silverstein, Shel. ***A Light in the Attic***. HarperCollins, 1981. A collection of poems and drawings by American poet and humorist, Shel Silverstein including "Backward Bill," "Day After Halloween," "Gumey Ball," "Nailbiter," "Sour Face Ann," and many others.
- Singer, Marilyn. ***Mirror Mirror: A Book of Reversible Verse***. Dutton, 2010. A collection of short poems which, when reversed, provide new perspectives on the fairy tale characters they feature.
- Sternberg, Julie. ***Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie***. Amulet Books, 2011. When nine-year-old Eleanor's beloved babysitter Bibi moves away to care for her ailing father, Eleanor must spend the summer adjusting to a new babysitter while mourning the loss of her old one. *Series*
- Tarshis, Lauren. ***The Battle of Gettysburg, 1863***. Scholastic, 2013. Eleven-year-old slave, Thomas, has been on the sidelines of the American Civil War, when in 1863 the events of a hot week in July in Pennsylvania are about to change his life forever. *Series*

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- Tavares, Matt. ***Crossing Niagara: The Death-Defying Tightrope Adventures of the Great Blondin.*** Candlewick, 2016. An illustrated account of the daredevil of Niagara Falls, the Great Blondin, who walked from America to Canada across the Niagara River on a rope.
- Temple, Bob. ***The Golden Age of Pirates: An Interactive History Adventure.*** Capstone, 2016. Describes the people and events of the Golden Age of Piracy. The reader's choices reveal the historical details from the perspective of a pirate, a navy sailor, and a merchant ship crewmember. *Series*
- Turnage, Sheila. ***Three Times Lucky.*** Dial Books, 2012. Washed ashore as a baby in tiny Tupelo Landing, North Carolina, Mo LoBeau, now eleven, and her best friend Dale turn detective when the amnesiac Colonel, owner of a café and co-parent of Mo with his cook, Miss Lana, seems implicated in a murder. *Series*
- Van Allsburg, Chris. ***Jumanji.*** Houghton Mifflin, 1981. Left on their own for an afternoon, two bored and restless children find more excitement than they bargained for in a mysterious and mystical jungle adventure board game. *Randolph Caldecott Award 1982*
- Van Haeringen, Annemarie. ***Coco and the Little Black Dress.*** North-South, 2015. A picture book biography of the famous French fashion designer, Coco Chanel.
- Vande Velde, Vivian. ***Three Good Deeds.*** Magic Carpet, 2005. Caught stealing some goose eggs from a witch, Howard is cursed for his heartlessness and turned into a goose himself, and he can only become human again by performing three good deeds.
- Vernick, Audrey. ***The Kid from Diamond Street: The Extraordinary Story of Baseball Legend Edith Houghton.*** Clarion, 2016. A historical picture book about Edith Houghton, a female baseball phenomenon who joined the professional women's team the Bobbies at the age of 10.
- Walker, Sally M. ***Winnie: The True Story of the Bear who Inspired Winnie-the-Pooh.*** Holt, 2015. This is the true story of a bear named Winnie who was left behind at the London Zoo while her keeper went away fighting in World War I and becomes the inspiration for the fictional character Winnie-the-Pooh.
- Weiner, Ellis. ***The Templeton Twins Have an Idea.*** Chronicle Books, 2012. Abigail and John, the Templeton twins, and their dog Cassie, foil two inept kidnappers intent on stealing one of their father's newest inventions. *Series*
- Winick, Judd. ***Hilo: The Boy Who Crashed to Earth.*** Random House, 2016. When a mysterious boy falls from the sky, friends D.J. and Gina must discover the secrets of his identity and help him save the world. *Series*
- Winter, Jonah. ***Joltin' Joe DiMaggio.*** Atheneum, 2014. In the golden age of baseball, sports announcers ruled the radio, winning and losing was front-page news, and just about every young boy wanted to grow up to wear Yankee pinstripes, including Giuseppe Paolo DiMaggio, Jr., a first generation Italian from San Francisco.

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- Winter, Jonah. ***Lillian's Right To Vote : A Celebration of the Voting Rights Act of 1965***. Schwartz & Wade, 2015. As an elderly woman, Lillian recalls that her great-great grandparents were sold as slaves in front of a courthouse where only rich white men were allowed to vote, then the long fight that led to her right and determination to cast her ballot when the Voting Right Act gave every American the right to vote.
- Yep, Laurence. ***A Dragon's Guide to the Care and Feeding of Humans***. Crown, 2015. Feisty dragon Miss Drake's new pet human, precocious ten-year-old Winnie, not only thinks Miss Drake is her pet, she accidentally brings to life her "sketchlings" of mysterious and fantastic creatures hidden in San Francisco, causing mayhem among its residents. *Series*
- Yolen, Jane. ***Animal Stories: Heartwarming True Tales from the Animal Kingdom***. National Geographic, 2014. Presents a collection of true animal stories from different historical periods, including the tales of Balto the Alaskan sled dog, Smoky the Bear, and Internet sensation Christian the lion.
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