

HAISLN RECOMMENDED READING LIST 2017

Grade 1 and Grade 2

Any available unabridged edition of a title is acceptable.

- Adderson, Caroline. ***Not in Love***. Kids Can Press, 2014. Jasper John Dooley is not happy to be paired with Isabel, who really likes him, for a reading partner, but when he goes to her house and plays on the trampoline, he begins to change his mind. *Series*
- Adler, David A. ***A Picture Book of Sam Houston***. Holiday House, 2012. A brief overview of the life and accomplishments of Texas politician Sam Houston.
- Adler, David A. ***Don't Throw it to Mo***. Penguin Press, 2015. Although Mo, the youngest kid on the Robins football team is being teased, his coach has a plan to turn things around.
- Antle, Bhagavan. ***Suryia Swims: The True Story of How an Orangutan Learned to Swim***. Holt, 2012. Although orangutans are not supposed to like water, an orangutan living at a wildlife preserve in South Carolina plays with her dog friend in the bathtub and learns to swim and dive in the pool.
- Appelt, Kathi. ***Mogie the Heart of the House***. Atheneum, 2014. A rambunctious puppy finds a home at the Ronald McDonald House, a place that houses sick children and their families while they undergo treatment.
- Applegate, Katherine. ***Ivan: The Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla***. Clarion, 2014. This picture book is an introduction to the true story of Ivan, the Shopping Mall Gorilla that inspired the Newbery-winning novel ***The One and Only Ivan***.
- Arnold, Tedd. ***Fly Guy Presents: Bats***. Scholastic, 2015. Learn all about bats with Fly Guy!
- Archer, Micha. ***Daniel Finds a Poem***. Nancy Paulsen, 2016. When Daniel sees a sign for poetry in the park on Sunday, he spends the week asking animals he encounters in the park, "what is poetry" and has his poem to share on Sunday.
- Asim, Jabari. ***Fifty Cents and a Dream: Young Booker T. Washington***. Little, Brown, 2012. This illustrated picture book follows young Booker T. Washington in his desire and perseverance to go to college and earn a degree.
- Banks, Kate. ***Max's Math***. Frances Foster Books, 2015. Max is back and looking for problems to solve on this fun adventure in math that culminates in a rocket launch.
- Barrows, Annie. ***Ivy + Bean***. Chronicle Books, 2006. When seven-year-old Bean plays a mean trick on her sister, she finds unexpected support for her antics from Ivy, the new neighbor, who is less boring than Bean first suspected. *Series*
- Beaty, Andrea. ***Rosie Revere, Engineer***. Abrams Books, 2013. A young, aspiring engineer must first conquer her fear of failure.
- Bell, Cece. ***Rabbit & Robot and Ribbit***. Candlewick, 2016. Rabbit is excited to surprise Robot with a visit, but Robot already has his friend Ribbit over to play, and Rabbit is not so sure about Ribbit. *Series*

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- Best, Cari. ***Beatrice Spells Some Lulus and Learns to Write a Letter.*** Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2013. Beatrice enjoys learning to spell, and gets really excited about it after some encouragement from her grandmother, but she has trouble convincing her classmates that spelling is not boring.
- Bottner, Barbara. ***Miss Brooks Loves Books! (And I Don't).*** Alfred A. Knopf, 2010. A first-grade girl--who does not like to read--stubbornly resists her school librarian's efforts to convince her to love books until she finds one that might change her mind.
- Broach, Elise. ***The Miniature World of Marvin & James.*** Henry Holt, 2015. When his best friend, a human boy named James, goes away on vacation, Marvin the beetle worries that their friendship may end. *Series*
- Brown, Don. ***A Wizard from the Start: The Incredible Boyhood and Amazing Inventions of Thomas Edison.*** Houghton Mifflin, 2010. Introduces young children to the life and inventions of Thomas Edison.
- Burks, James. ***Bird & Squirrel On the Edge!*** Graphix, 2015. Laughter ensues in Burks' third graphic novel adventure of Bird & Squirrel. Amnesia, crossing a mountain & rescuing a baby bear keep this Bird & Squirrel adventure laugh filled. *Series.*
- Burleigh, Robert. ***One Giant Leap.*** Philomel, 2009. An illustrated retelling of Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin's lunar landing in 1969.
- Butler, Dori Hillestad. ***The Haunted Library.*** Grosset & Dunlap, 2014. Ghost boy, Kaz, is separated from his family when a wind carries him to a library, where he meets a real girl named Claire, and they team up to investigate strange noises in the library.
- Chabon, Michael. ***The Astonishing Secret of Awesome Man.*** Balzer + Bray, 2011. A young superhero describes his awesome powers, which he then demonstrates as various foes arrive on the scene.
- Chaconas, Dori. ***Cork & Fuzz: The Swimming Lesson.*** Viking, 2011. Cork the muskrat wants his best friend Fuzz, a possum, to visit his home, but first he must teach Fuzz to swim and not be afraid of the water. *Series*
- Chin, Jason. ***Gravity.*** Roaring Brook, 2014. Minimal text and enthralling illustrations provide an introduction to the concept of gravity and what would happen without gravity. Additional specific, easy to understand information is included in the afterward.
- Clanton, Ben. ***Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea.*** Tundra Books, 2016. Narwhal is a happy-go-lucky narwhal; Jell is a no-nonsense jellyfish. The two might not have a lot of common, but they do...love waffles, parties, and adventures.
- Cox, Lynne. ***Elizabeth, Queen of the Seas.*** Schwartz & Wade, 2014. Elizabeth, an elephant seal in New Zealand, causes havoc on the roadway when she persists on living in town versus her natural habitat, the ocean.

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- Coy, John. ***Hoop Genius: How a Desperate Teacher and Rowdy Gym Class Invented Basketball.*** Carolrhoda Books, 2013. In 1891 James Naismith invented basketball as a game of skill to keep the unruly students in his gym class engaged.
- Cummings, Troy. ***Rise of the Balloon Goons: Notebook of Doom.*** Scholastic, 2013. Alexander has just moved into Stermont, but because the elementary school is being torn down, his new classroom is located in the hospital morgue where he finds a notebook full of information about monsters--and everywhere he turns there are spooky balloon men determined to attack him. *Series*
- Daywalt, Drew. ***The Day the Crayons Came Home.*** Philomel, 2015. One day, Duncan is happily coloring with his crayons when a stack of postcards arrives in the mail from his former crayons, each of which has run away or been left behind, and all of which want to come home.
- Davies, Nicola. ***Tiny Creatures: The World of Microbes.*** Candlewick, 2014. This engaging introduction to microbes explains how some of the smallest things on Earth have really big jobs.
- Davis, Jill. ***Orangutans Are Ticklish: Fun Facts From an Animal Photographer.*** Schwartz & Wade, 2010. Provides interesting facts about animals and explores what it takes to photograph them, with animal photographer Steve Grubman sharing some of his favorite, and scariest, encounters.
- Dempsey, Kristy. ***A Dance Like Starlight: One Ballerina's Dream.*** Philomel, 2014. A young girl growing up in Harlem in the 1950s dreams of becoming a prima ballerina one day and is thrilled to see a performance of Janet Collins, the first "colored" prima ballerina.
- DePaola, Tomie. ***When Andy Met Sandy.*** Simon & Schuster, 2016. Andy has the playground to himself until a new girl, Sandy, arrives. *Series*
- Diggs, Taye. ***Mixed Me!*** Feiwel and Friends, 2015. Mike, a mixed-race boy, answers all the questions about being mixed with lots of energy and joy.
- Dutcher, Jim and Jamie. ***A Friend for Lakota.*** National Geographic, 2015. Lakota, the shy wolf pup, is picked on by the other wolves until Matsi blocks the others' nips and Lakota learns to be more courageous.
- Egan, Tim. ***Dodsworth in Tokyo.*** Houghton Mifflin, 2013. Dodsworth and his misbehaving duck continue their journeys with a trip to Tokyo. Again Dodsworth must come to the rescue of the duck as he causes a series of mishaps. *Series.*
- Elya, Susan Middleton. ***Little Roja Riding Hood.*** Putnam's, 2014. A rhyming twist on the classic fairy tale in which a little girl saves her grandmother from a wolf. Includes a glossary of Spanish words.
- Feder, Sandra V. ***Daisy's Big Night.*** Kids Can Press, 2014. Daisy loves poetry and she must find a way to use that as her special talent in her school's talent show.
- Florian, Douglas. ***UnBEElievables: Honeybee Poems and Paintings.*** Beach Lane, 2012. Fourteen funny, fact-filled poems inform the reader about the wonderful life of bees and their role in our ecosystem.

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- Fucile, Tony. ***Let's Do Nothing!*** Candlewick, 2009. Young friends Frankie and Sal, believing they have “done it all,” decide to do nothing for a while; but Frankie has a little trouble with the concept and it is not long before the boys realize there is no way to do nothing.
- Gibson, Amy. ***Around the World on Eighty Legs.*** Scholastic, 2011. An illustrated collection of poems that provides information about animals around the world.
- Green, Poppy. ***A New Friend.*** Little Simon, 2015. Eight-year-old Sophie Mouse is excited to return to school after the long winter break, but there is a new student—a snake—and Sophie and the other animals are afraid to sit near him, much less ask him to play with them, because they have heard that snakes are awful. *Series*
- Hale, Shannon. ***The Princess in Black Takes a Vacation.*** Candlewick, 2016. Even monster-battling princesses get tired sometimes, but a peaceful time away is hard to find! *Series.*
- Hanlon, Abby. ***Dory, Dory Black Sheep: Dory Fantasmagory.*** Dial Books, 2016. When Dory’s best friend learns to read before she does, Dory retreats into her wild imagination and finds herself in the middle of one of the babyish books she is struggling to read where she encounters imaginary friends and enemies. *Series.*
- Hayes, Geoffrey. ***Benny and Penny in Just Pretend.*** Candlewick, 2008. Benny Mouse insists that his little sister, Penny, leave him alone while playing, until he thinks she is in danger. Suddenly he realizes his affection for her and joins her in a game of pretend. *Series*
- Henkes, Kevin. ***The Year of Billy Miller.*** Greenwillow Books, 2013. Seven-year-old Billy Miller starts second grade with a bump on his head and a lot of worries, but by the end of the year he has developed good relationships with his teacher, his little sister, and his parents and learned many important lessons.
- Heos, Bridget. ***I, Fly: The Buzz About Flies and How Awesome They Are.*** Holt, 2015. In this fact-filled narrative, Fly explains why his species are cooler than butterflies, who seem to get all the attention.
- Hoberman, Mary Ann, ed. ***Forget-Me-Nots: Poems to Learn by Heart.*** Little, Brown, 2012. A collection of more than 120 poems for children to learn, including selections from classic and contemporary poets, with tips and tricks from former Children's Poet Laureate Mary Ann Hoberman on memorization and recitation.
- Holm, Jennifer. ***Squish, #1: Super Amoeba.*** Random House, 2011. The young amoeba Squish, inspired by his favorite comic book hero, Super Amoeba, tries to navigate his way through school and save his friends and the world from the evils that lurk in the halls. *Series*
- Hopkins, Joseph H. ***The Tree Lady: The True Story of How One Tree Loving Woman Changed a City Forever.*** Beach Lane Books, 2013. An illustrated look at the life of Kate Sessions, who planted a nursery in San Diego, California, after making a deal with the city.

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- Howe, James. ***Houndsley and Catina: Plink and Plunk***. Candlewick, 2009. Houndsley likes canoeing and his friend Catina likes bicycling, but each has to help the other learn to enjoy these activities in order to do them together. *Series*
- Jamieson, Victoria. ***The Great Pet Escape***. Holt, 2016. A young graphic novel chapter book about the escape escapades of class pets at Daisy P. Flugelhorn Elementary School.
- Janeczko, Paul B., ed. ***Firefly July: A Year of Very Short Poems***. Candlewick 2014. Thirty-six short poems from spring to winter with mixed media illustrations sure to keep the reader engaged again and again.
- Jeffers, Oliver. ***The Incredible Book Eating Boy***. Philomel, 2006. Henry loves to eat books until he begins to feel quite ill and decides that maybe he could do something else with the books he has been devouring.
- Jenkins, Steve. ***Flying Frogs and Walking Fish: Leaping Lemurs, Tumbling Toads, Jet-propelled Jellyfish and More Ways That Animals Move***. Houghton Mifflin, 2016. Some animals waddle on the sea floor, others fly or glide, with tentacles, some with legs, some even with wings, in this non-fiction adventure of surprising ways creatures move.
- Kaplan, Michael. ***Betty Bunny Wants a Goal***. Dial Books, 2014. When a young rabbit quits soccer after a disappointing first game, her family encourages her to keep trying. *Series*
- Keating, Frank. ***Theodore***. Simon & Schuster, 2006. A biography of Theodore Roosevelt that imagines the president looking back on his life, describing his childhood, his youthful journeys throughout the world, his experiences as a leader, and the value he placed on knowledge, adventure, originality, and integrity.
- Keller, Laurie. ***We Are Growing!*** Hyperion, 2016. Walt and his friends are growing up fast! Everyone is the something-est. But... what about Walt? *Series*
- Kimmel, Eric A. ***Anansi's Party Time***. Holiday House, 2008. When Anansi the spider invites Turtle to a party just to play a trick on him, Turtle gets revenge at a party of his own.
- Kirby, Stan. ***Captain Awesome and the New Kid***. Little Simon, 2012. Looking for super-silly superhero adventures? It's Captain Awesome and Nacho Cheese Man to the rescue! In title number three Eugene and Charlie continue their hijinks and discover the "new kid" is Super Dude. *Series*.
- Larson, Kirby and Mary Nethery. ***Two Bobbies: A True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship, and Survival***. Walker, 2008. Bobbi the dog and Bob Cat show us how friendship and perseverance kept them together through the rough times of Hurricane Katrina.
- Lasky, Kathryn. ***Poodle and Hound***. Charlesbridge, 2009. This book contains three stories which follow the adventures of Hound and Poodle as they discover how much they enjoy each other's company in spite of--or possibly because of--their differences. *Series*

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- Lin, Grace. **Ling & Ting: Twice as Silly.** Little, Brown, 2014. Identical twins Ling & Ting like to be silly, tell jokes and laugh together. *Series*
- Liniers. **The Big Wet Balloon.** Toon Books, 2013. Sisters enjoy a rainy Saturday, even after Matilda lets go of Clemmie's red balloon
- Lobel, Arnold. **Frog and Toad Are Friends.** First published 1970. Be entertained by the classic, short, delightful tales about best friends Frog and Toad. *Series*
- Marko, Cyndi. **Let's Get Cracking!** Scholastic, 2014. Gordon Blue and his brother, Benny, unlikely superheroes, must save Fowladelphia from Granny Goosebumps, who has filled the city with cookies that cause innocent chickens' feathers to fall off. *Series*
- Marshall, James. **Fox On the Job.** Puffin, 1988. Fox tries several different jobs to earn money. *Series*
- Mattick, Lindsay. **Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear.** Little, Brown, 2015. A fictionalized account of Captain Harry Coleburn's relationship with a bear cub in 1914, which he rescued while on his way to care for soldiers' horses during World War I, and became the inspiration for A.A. Milne's Winnie-the-Pooh.
- McDonald, Megan. **Stink and the Ultimate Thumb-Wrestling Smackdown.** Candlewick, 2011. When Stink Moody gets a "U" (for "Unsatisfactory") in gym, he turns first to thumb-wrestling, then to karate, to give him a sporting edge. *Series*
- McKay, Hilary. **Lulu and the Duck in the Park.** Albert Whitman, 2012. Lulu loves animals. When Lulu finds a duck egg that has rolled out of its nest, she takes it to class to keep it safe. Lulu isn't allowed to bring pets to school, but she's not really breaking the rules because it's just an egg. Surely nothing bad will happen... *Series*
- McMullan, Kate. **Pearl and Wagner: Five Days Till Summer.** Penguin Press, 2012. Pearl and her friend Wagner, on the verge of moving up to Ms. Bean's first grade class, worry about their new teacher being "mean" until something surprising changes their mind... *Series*
- Numeroff, Laura. **The Jellybeans and the Big Art Adventure.** Abrams Books, 2012. Four friends who like to do different things such as paint, play soccer, read and dance --- paint a mural on an outside wall of Mrs. Petunia Dinkley-Sneezer's candy shop that depicts them each doing what they love best. *Series*
- O'Ryan, Ray. **Hello, Nebulon!** Little Simon, 2013. Moving from Earth to the futuristic planet Nebulon in 2120, eight-year-old Galaxy Zack is nervous about starting school and meeting people. *Series.*
- Parish, Herman. **Amelia Bedelia Means Business.** Greenwillow Books, 2013. Amelia Bedelia wants a new bike, but her parents will only pay for half of the bike. Amelia Bedelia needs to find a job to earn enough money for the bike of her dreams. *Series*

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- Pinkney, Andrea Davis. ***Martin & Mahalia: His Words, Her Songs.*** Little Brown, 2013. A beautiful intertwining of the lives of Martin Luther King, Jr. and singer Mahalia Jackson, both civil right activists as their journeys brought them together in 1963's March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.
- Potter, Alicia. ***Miss Hazeltine's Home for Shy and Fearful Cats.*** Albert A. Knopf, 2015. Miss Hazeltine opens her home to cats needing courage, and their new learned skills are put to use when she finds herself in trouble.
- Raczka, Bob. ***Guyku: A Year of Haiku for Boys.*** Houghton Mifflin, 2010. A collection of haiku poetry for boys that features poems about tree climbing, kite flying, and other related topics.
- Rex, Adam. ***XO, OX: A Love Story.*** Roaring Brook, 2017. This is the hilarious tale of an ox who is in love with a gazelle, told in series of letters.
- Reynolds, Peter. ***The Dot.*** Candlewick, 2003. "Just make a mark and see where it takes you." This sage advice, offered by her teacher, sets the young heroine on a journey of self-expression, artistic experimentation, and success.
- Rosensteihl, Agnes. ***Silly Lilly In What Will I Be Today?*** Toon Books, 2014. Each day of the week Silly Lilly tries out a new career through play in this fun graphic novel for beginning readers.
- 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. Caldecott Honors 2015
- Rylant, Cynthia. ***Annie and Snowball and the Book Bugs Club.*** Simon Spotlight, 2011. Annie and Henry join the summer reading club at the library, and they vow to be "Book Bugs" for life. *Series*
- Rylant, Cynthia. ***The High-Rise Private Eyes: The Case of the Desperate Duck.*** Greenwillow, 2005. In this case, animal detectives Bunny and Jack help Mabel the duck find out who stole the sugar cubes from her tea room. *Series*
- Santat, Dan. ***The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend.*** Little, Brown, 2014. Tired of waiting to be "imagined," Beekle courageously embarks on a journey to find his special friend in the "real" world. *Randolph Caldecott Medal Winner, 2015.*
- Schneider, Josh. ***Tales for Very Picky Eaters.*** Clarion, 2011. A father tells outlandish stories while trying to get his young son, who is a very picky eater, to eat foods he thinks he will not like.
- Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman and Mitchell Sharmat. ***Nate the Great and the Hungry Book Club.*** Delacorte, 2009. Rosamond, who starts a book club, claims there is a monster on the loose that is ruining pages of her cookbook, which leads Nate the Great and his dog Sludge to investigate as undercover detectives. *Series*

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- Sidman, Joyce. **Swirl by Swirl: Spirals in Nature.** Houghton Mifflin, 2011. An illustrated exploration of various examples of spirals appearing in nature, looking at snail shells, flower petals, elephant tusks, crashing waves, and more.
- Silverman, Erica. **Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa: Spring Babies.** Harcourt, 2010. Cowgirl Kate and her horse Cocoa watch over the new calves, a puppy, and some baby barn owls. *Series*
- Sklansky, Amy E. **Out of This World: Poems and Facts about Space.** Alfred A. Knopf, 2012. A collection of poems and facts about space, accompanied by color paintings.
- Steig, William. **Sylvester and the Magic Pebble.** First published 1969. In a moment of fright, Sylvester the donkey asks his magic pebble to turn him into a rock, but then he cannot hold the pebble to wish himself back to normal again! *Caldecott Medal 1970*
- Stewart, Melissa. **Feathers: Not Just for Flying.** Charlesbridge, 2014. This is a beautifully illustrated description of the many kinds of feathers and their uses.
- Stockdale, Susan. **Stripes of All Types.** Peachtree, 2013. Animals wearing all kinds of stripes parade across the page and additional information is included in an afterword along with a matching game.
- Stone, Tanya Lee. **Who Says Women Can't Be Doctors? : The Story of Elizabeth Blackwell.** Holt, 2013. This engaging and delightfully illustrated book brings to life Elizabeth Blackwell, the first woman doctor.
- Van Leeuwen, Jean. **Amanda Pig and the Wiggly Tooth.** Dial Books, 2008. When Amanda Pig has her first loose tooth, she is reluctant to pull it. *Series*
- Vernick, Audrey. **First Grade Dropout.** Clarion, 2015. Humor and empathy abound when an embarrassed first grader decides to quit school.
- Viorst, Judith. **Lulu's Mysterious Mission.** Atheneum, 2014. When her parents take a vacation, Lulu decides to misbehave to rid herself of Ms. Solinsky, the babysitter, until Ms. Solinsky reveals her secret. *Series*
- Watkins, Angela Farris. **My Uncle Martin's Words for America.** Abrams Books, 2011. Using words and phrases from Martin Luther King Jr.'s speeches, his niece explains the importance of his message and his contributions to the Civil Rights movement.
- Watkins, Rowboat **Rude Cakes.** Chronicle Books, 2015. A rude cake learns a valuable lesson from a Cyclops in a simple story of etiquette and kindness found in the most unlikely place.
- Willems, Mo. **The Story of Diva and Flea.** Hyperion, 2015. In the bustling city of Paris, a small but brave dog, Diva, and an adventurous cat named Flea become two unlikely friends.

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- Winter, Jeanette. ***Henri's Scissors***. Beach Lane Books, 2013. In a small weaving town in France, a young boy named Henri-Emile Matisse drew pictures everywhere, and when he grew up, he moved to Paris and became a famous artist who created paintings that were adored around the world. But late in life a serious illness confined him to a wheelchair, and amazingly, it was from there that he created among his most beloved works—enormous and breathtaking paper cutouts.
- Winter, Jonah. ***Roberto Clemente: Pride of the Pittsburgh Pirates***. Atheneum, 2005. This is the story of Roberto Clemente, a young Puerto Rican who followed his baseball dream to the big leagues and went on to help the poor in his homeland.
- Woodson, Jacqueline. ***Each Kindness***. Nancy Paulsen Books, 2012. It is only after Maya, the new girl, moves away that Chloe regretfully realizes that she and her friends have been unkind by excluding her from their games.
- Yee, Wong Herbert. ***Mouse and Mole: A Winter Wonderland***. Houghton Mifflin, 2010. Best friends Mouse and Mole enjoy playing in the snow with Sno-Mouse and Sno-Mole, two more best friends. *Series*
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