

Winchester Reading Rocks!
2022-2023 List of Titles
 Grades 2 - 5



	Title	Author	Genre	Theme
Picture Books	Chez Bob	Bob Shea	Fantasy	Humor
	It Fell From The Sky	Terry Fan	Fantasy	Perspective
	Eyes That Kiss In The Corners	Joanna Ho	Fantasy	Identity
	Out of a Jar	Deborah Marcero	Fantasy	Self Awareness
	Stacey's Extraordinary Words	Stacey Abrams	Realistic	Perseverance
Shorter Chapter Books	Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol	Andres Miedoso	Mystery	Ghosts
	Ella & Owen: The Cave of Aaaaah! Doom!	Iryna Bodnaruk	Fantasy	Humor
	Great Escapes: Survival in the Wilderness	Steven Ofinoski	Historical Fiction	Survival
	MVP: The Gold Medal Mess	David A. Kelly	Realistic	Sports
	The Secret Explorers and The Lost Whales	S.J.King	Sci-Fi	Rescue
Mid-Length Chapter Books	A Pup Called Trouble	Bobbie Pyron	Fantasy	Animal Friendship
	Me and Mister P	Maria Farrer	Fantasy	Challenges
	Once Upon A Tim	Stuart Gibbs	Realistic	Humor
	Sam the Man and the Secret Detective Club Plan	Frances O'Roak Dowell	Realistic	Friendship
	Tidesong	Wendy XU	Fantasy	Magic
Longer Chapter Books	Bouncing Back	Scott Ostler	Realistic	Challenges
	City Spies	James Ponti	Adventure	Relationships
	Jaclyn Hyde	Annabeth Bondor-Stone	Sci-Fi	Self Acceptance
	Mystery of Black Hollow Lane	Julia Nobel	Mystery	Identity
	Paper Wishes	Lois Sepahban	Historical Fiction	Family
	A Wish in the Dark	Christina Soontornvat	Fantasy	Fairness



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Book Summaries

Picture Books

Chez Bob by Bob Shea

A lazy alligator comes up with a plan to lure his prey by opening up a restaurant for birds--until he realizes that birds are even better as friends.

It Fell From the Sky by Terry Fan

All the insects agree that the object that fell from the sky is a Wonder, but when Spider decides it is his, he risks losing all of his friends.

Eyes That Kiss in the Corners by Joanna Ho

"A young Asian girl notices that her eyes look different from her peers'. They have big, round eyes and long lashes. She realizes that her eyes are like her mother's, her grandmother's, and her little sister's. They have eyes that kiss in the corners and glow like warm tea, crinkle into crescent moons, and are filled with stories of the past and hope for the future. Drawing from the strength of these powerful women in her life, she recognizes her own beauty and discovers a path to self love and empowerment"

Out Of A Jar by Deborah Marcero

Llewellyn, a little rabbit overwhelmed by his emotions, hides away his feelings in glass jars, until he discovers life is more colorful when he sets his emotions free.

Stacey's Extraordinary Words by Stacey Abrams

When she is chosen to compete in the local spelling bee, Stacey learns that, win or lose, her words are powerful, and sometimes perseverance is the most important word of all.

Shorter Chapter Books

Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol by Andres Miedoso

When supernatural things start happening in the house, timid Andres and his parents just moved into, next-door-neighbor Desmond Cole comes to the rescue.

Ella and Owen: The Cave of Aaaaah! Doom! by Iryna Bodnaruk

A young dragon named Ella convinces her twin brother Owen to join her on a bold quest to find a wizard that will help cure Owen of his flaming cold.

Great Escapes: Survival in the Wilderness by Steven Otfinoski

In December 1920, three US Navy officials boarded a hot air balloon for a routine training flight, but end up stranded in the Canadian wilderness.

MVP: The Gold Medal Mess by David A. Kelly

Five friends are ready for their school's Olympics field day. But not everyone wants to play fair--someone is trying to ruin the events! Can the kids in the Most Valuable Player club solve the mystery, save the Olympics, and take home the gold? Includes sports facts.

The Secret Explorers and the Lost Whales by S.J.King

The Secret Explorers jump into action to save a pod of humpback whales, but when Connor and Roshini's submarine malfunctions, the explorers could be the ones in trouble.

Mid-Length Chapter Books

A Pup Called Trouble by Bobbie Pyron

Brimming with curiosity, Trouble can't wait to explore the world beyond Singing Creek. So one morning the coyote pup stows away in the back of a truck and ends up lost in the heart of New York City. While Trouble misses his siblings, he quickly makes friends in Central Park's Ramble: with a prankster crow, a timid opossum, and a poetic poodle.

Me and Mister P by Maria Farrer

An autistic younger brother, a frustrated older brother, and a friendly, fun polar bear who helps both of them!

Once Upon a Tim by Stuart Gibbs

With no knightly experience but plenty of pluck and an impressive vocabulary, a twelve-year-old peasant, hoping to improve his station in life, volunteers to help a cowardly prince and his not very powerful wizard rescue a princess from an evil, foul-smelling monster.

Sam the Man and the Secret Detective Club Plan by Frances O'Roak Dowell

Second-grader Sam starts a detective club at school and, because there are no mysteries to solve, gets permission to seek the owners of three items from the lost and found closet.

Tidesong by Wendy Wu (Graphic Novel)

Sophie, a young witch, is sent to live with her relatives to improve her magic, but when a spell she tries goes wrong, she meets a water dragon trapped on land who can't remember where he came from and Sophie must decide if she is going to help him, at the risk of failing her magic exams.

Longer Chapter Books

Bouncing Back by Scott Ostler

Orphaned thirteen year-old Carlos learns what it truly means to be a teammate when he must help save his new wheelchair basketball team's gym from destruction.

City Spies by James Ponti

Sara Martinez is facing years in the juvenile detention system for hacking into the foster care computer system to prove that her foster parents are crooks. But then she gets a second chance when a mysterious man offers her a chance to join a group of MI6 affiliated spies.

Jaclyn Hyde by Annabeth Bondor-Stone

In this modern retelling of The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, a girl's quest to be perfect unleashes chaos at her middle school.

Mystery of Black Hollow Lane by Julia Nobel

Twelve-year-old Emmy investigates the connection between her father's disappearance and a secret society at her prestigious English boarding school.

Paper Wishes by Lois Sepahban

Near the start of World War II, young Manami, her parents, and Grandfather are evacuated from their home and sent to Manzanar, an ugly, dreary internment camp in the desert for Japanese-American citizens.

A Wish in the Dark by Christina Soontorvat

All light in Chattana is created by one man--the Governor, who appeared after the Great Fire to bring peace and order to the city. For Pong, who was born in Namwon Prison, the magical lights represent freedom, and he dreams of the day he will be able to walk among them. But when Pong escapes from prison, he realizes that the world outside is no fairer than the one behind bars. The wealthy dine and dance under bright orb light, while the poor toil away in darkness. Worst of all, Pong's prison tattoo marks him as a fugitive who can never be truly free. Nok, the prison warden's perfect daughter, is bent on tracking Pong down and restoring her family's good name. But as Nok hunts Pong through the alleys and canals of Chattana, she uncovers secrets that make her question the truths she has always held dear