

# Indiana Reading List



Level 3

## Grades 6 – 8

Designed as a companion piece to Indiana's Academic Standards in English/Language Arts, the following selections of the Indiana Reading List illustrate the quality and complexity of the suggested reading materials for students in Grades 6 – 8. The Indiana Reading List is not required reading nor is it meant to be all-inclusive. Teachers and parents are encouraged to review the selections to ensure suitability for the individual student.

### Fiction: Classic and Contemporary

*The Acorn People* – Jones, Ron  
*The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* – Twain, Mark  
*Anne of Green Gables* – Montgomery, Lucy Maud  
*The Cat Ate My Gymsuit* – Danziger, Paula  
*The Cay* – Taylor, Theodore  
*Child of the Owl* – Yep, Laurence  
*A Christmas Carol* – Dickens, Charles  
*Durango Street* – Bonham, Frank  
*Eyes of Darkness* – Highwater, Jamake  
*Firefly Summer* – Bulpre, Pura  
*Flowers for Algernon* – Keyes, Daniel  
*Friendly Persuasion* – West, Jessamyn  
*The Friends* – Guy, Rosa  
*Ganesh* – Bosse, Malcolm  
*The Glory Field* – Myers, Walter Dean  
*Holes* – Sachar, Louis  
*Homecoming* – Voigt, Cynthia  
*Island of the Blue Dolphins* – O'Dell, Scott  
*The Islander* – Rylant, Cynthia  
*The Journey Home* – Uchida, Yoshiko

*Lisa, Bright and Dark* – Neufeld, John  
*The Little Prince* – De Saint-Exupery, Antoine  
*Little Women* – Alcott, Louisa May  
*M.C. Higgins, the Great* – Hamilton, Virginia  
*The Moves Make the Man* – Brooks, Bruce  
*My Side of the Mountain* – George, Jean Craighead  
*Park's Quest* – Paterson, Katherine  
*The Pearl* – Steinbeck, John  
*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* – Taylor, Mildred D.  
*Summer of My German Soldier* – Greene, Bette  
*Summer of the Swans* – Byars, Betsy  
*The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* – Avi  
*Words by Heart* – Sebestyen, Ouida  
*Year of Impossible Goodbyes* – Choi, Sook Nyui  
*The Yearling* – Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan  
**Historical Fiction**  
*Across Five Aprils* – Hunt, Irene  
*After the Dancing Days* – Rostkowski, Margaret  
*Bull Run* – Fleischman, Paul

*Catherine, Called Birdy* – Cushman, Karen  
*Johnny Tremain* – Forbes, Esther  
*Lyddie* – Paterson, Katherine  
*The Night Journey* – Lasky, Kathryn  
*Out of the Dust* – Hesse, Karen  
*The Slave Dancer* – Fox, Paula  
*The Watsons Go to Birmingham – 1963* – Curtis, Christopher Paul  
*The Witch of Blackbird Pond* – Speare, Elizabeth George

### Science Fiction/Fantasy

*Abel's Island* – Steig, William  
*The Book of Three* – Alexander, Lloyd  
*The Hobbit* – Tolkien, J.R.R.  
*I, Robot* – Asimov, Isaac  
*The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* – Lewis, C.S.  
*Peter Pan* – Barrie, James  
*Phantom Tollbooth* – Juster, Norton  
*The Shepherd Moon* – Hoover, H.M.  
*Swiftly Tilting Planet* – L'Engle, Madeleine  
*The Time Machine* – Wells, H.G.  
*Tuck Everlasting* – Babbitt, Natalie  
*A Wizard of Earthsea* – Le Guin, Ursula  
*Z for Zachariah* – O'Brien, Robert C.



## Mystery/Adventure

- The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* – Doyle, Arthur Conan
- And Then There Were None* – Christie, Agatha
- Call of the Wild* – London, Jack
- Hatchet* – Paulsen, Gary
- Motel of the Mysteries* – Macauley, David
- Stranded* – Mikaelson, Ben
- Treasure Island* – Stevenson, Robert Louis
- The Westing Game* – Raskin, Ellen

## Folklore/Fairy Tales/Mythology

- Aesop's Fables* – Aesop
- American Tall Tales* – Osborne, Mary Pope
- The Crest and the Hide (and other African stories)* – Courlander, Harold
- D'Aulaire's Norse Gods and Giants* – D'Aulaire, Ingri and Edgar
- Favorite Folktales from Around the World* – Yolen, Jane
- Grimm Fairy Tales* – Grimm, Jacob and Wilhelm (original authors)
- Jason and the Argonauts* – Osborne, Mary Pope (ed.)
- The People Could Fly: American Black Folktales* – Hamilton, Virginia
- Three Strong Women* – Stamm, Claus and Kazue Mizumura

## Poetry

- Selections from *Been to Yesterdays* – Hopkins, Lee Bennet
- Selections from *The Collected Poems of John Ciardi* – Ciardi, John
- Selections from *Custard and Company* – Nash, Ogden

Selections from *The Dream Keeper and Other Poems* – Hughes, Langston

Selections from *Ego Tripping and Other Poems for Young People* – Giovanni, Nikki

Selections from *Four Ancestors: Stories, Songs, and Poems from Native North America* – Bruehac, Joseph

"The Highwayman" – Noyes, Alfred

Selections from *Inner Chimes* – Goldstein, Bobbye

"The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere" – Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth

"Odes to Common Things" – Neruda, Pablo

"Song of Myself" – Whitman, Walt

Selections from *You Come Too* – Frost, Robert

## Short Stories

Selections from *Baseball in April and Other Stories* – Soto, Gary

"The Bear" – Faulkner, William

"Boys and Girls" – Munro, Alice

"The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County" – Twain, Mark

"Charles" – Jackson, Shirley

"A Day's Wait" – Hemingway, Ernest

Selections from *Eight Plus One* – Cormier, Robert

"The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" – Irving, Washington

"A Mother in Mannville" – Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan

"The Night the Bed Fell" – Thurber, James

"Raymond's Run" – Bambara, Toni Cade

"Riki Tiki Tavi" – Kipling, Rudyard

Selections from *Somehow Tenderness Survives: Stories of Southern Africa* – Rochman, Hazel (ed.)

"The Storyteller" – Saki

"The Tell-Tale Heart" – Poe, Edgar Allan

"Thank You Ma'am" – Hughes, Langston

"Zlateh the Goat" – Singer, Isaac Bashevis

## Drama

*Brian's Song* – Blinn, William

*Inherit the Wind* – Lawrence, Jerome and Robert Lee

*A Midsummer Night's Dream* – Shakespeare, William

*The Miracle Worker* – Gibson, William

*The Mousetrap and Other Plays* – Christie, Agatha

*Our Town* – Wilder, Thornton

## Nonfiction: Science, Social Studies, and Mathematics

*Across America on an Emigrant Train* – Murphy, Jim

*The American Revolutionaries* – Meltzer, Milton

*Bound for America: Forced Migration of Africans* – Haskins, James

*The Brooklyn Bridge: They Said It Couldn't be Built* – St. George, Judith

*Cathedral: The Story of its Construction* – Macaulay, David

*Digger: The Tragic Fate of the California Indians* – Stanley, Jerry

*Farewell to Manzanar* – Houston, Jeanne Wakazuki



*Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inventions by Women* – Thimmesh, Catherine

*The Great Fire* – Murphy, Jim

*Hiroshima* – Hersey, John

*History of Women in Science for Young People* – Epstein, Vivian

*How the Future Began: Communications* – Wilson, Anthony

*The I Hate Mathematics! Book* – Burns, Marilyn

*Kennedy Assassinated! The World Mourns* – Hampton, William

*Living Up the Street* – Soto, Gary

*A Night to Remember* – Lord, Walter

*No Pretty Pictures: A Child of War* – Lobel, Anita

*Orphan Train Rider* – Warren, Andrea

*Rosie the Riveter: Women Working on the Homefront in World War II* – Colman, Penny

*Safari Beneath the Sea: The Wonder of the Pacific Northwest* – Swanson, Diane

*Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World* – Armstrong, Jennifer

*Space Station Science: Life in Free Fall* – Dyson, Marianne

*The Way Things Work* – Macaulay, David

*When Justice Failed: The Fred Korematsu Story* – Chin, Steven A.

*Wildlife Rescue: The Work of Dr. Kathleen Ramsay* – Dewey, Jennifer Owings

### Biography/Autobiography

*King of the World: Muhammed Ali and the Rise of an American Hero* – Remnick, David

*The Life and Death of Crazy Horse* – Freedman, Russell

*Shadow Catcher: Life & Work of Edward S. Curtis* – Lawlor, Laurie

*Amelia Earhart: Courage in the Sky* – Kerby, Mona

*The Story of Thomas Alva Edison* – Cousins, Margaret

*Zlata's Diary: A Child's Life in Sarajevo* – Filipovic, Zlata

*The Diary of a Young Girl* – Frank, Anne

*Benjamin Franklin: The New American* – Meltzer, Milton

*Homesick: My Own Story* – Fritz, Jean

*The Children of Willesden Lane: Beyond the Kindertransport* – Golabek, Mona and Lee Cohen

*My Life with the Chimpanzees* – Goodall, Jane

*All Creatures Great and Small* – Herriot, James

*Thomas Jefferson: The Revolutionary Aristocrat* – Meltzer, Milton

*On the Court with Michael Jordan* – Christopher, Matt

*Lives of the Writers* – Krull, Kathleen

*The Great Little Madison* – Fritz, Jean

*Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery* – Freedman, Russell

*Bully for You, Teddy Roosevelt* – Fritz, Jean

*Sojourner Truth: Ain't I a Woman?* – McKissack, Patricia

*Leonardo da Vinci: Artist, Inventor, and Scientist of the Renaissance* – Romel, Francesca

*Ryan White: My Own Story* – White, Ryan

### Magazines/Newspapers

*Consumer Reports*

*Cricket*

*Faces: The Magazine About People*

*Muse*

*National Geographic*

*Newsweek*

*Science World*

*Scope*

*Time*

*USA Today*

### Reference Tools (in printed and electronic format)

Atlas/Almanac, such as:

Printed: *New View Almanac; World Almanac and Book of Facts*

CD-ROM: *Microsoft Encarta Deluxe 2005*

Online: The Worldfact Book ([www.odci.gov/cia/publications/factbook](http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/factbook))

Dictionary, such as:

Printed: *American Heritage Student Dictionary; Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary*

Online: Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary ([www.m-w.com](http://www.m-w.com))

Encyclopedia, such as:

Printed: *Compton's Encyclopedia and Fact-Index; World Book Encyclopedia*

CD-ROM: *Microsoft Encarta Encyclopedia Deluxe 2005; 2005 World Book CD-ROM Multimedia Encyclopedia*

Online: Encarta ([www.encycarta.msn.com](http://www.encycarta.msn.com)); Fact Monster ([www.factmonster.com](http://www.factmonster.com))

Other Resources, such as:

Printed: *Authors of Books for Young People; Encyclopedia of American History; World Explorers and Discoverers; Larousse Dictionary of Scientists; Living World, Lands and Peoples; Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature; World Book Encyclopedia of People and Places; World Leaders: People Who Shaped the World*



CD-ROM: *Junior Discovering Authors*

Online: Homework Center  
([www.multnomah.lib.or.us/lib/homework](http://www.multnomah.lib.or.us/lib/homework)); Word Central  
([www.wordcentral.com](http://www.wordcentral.com))

Thesaurus, such as:

Printed: *The American Heritage Student Thesaurus; Facts on File Student's Thesaurus*

Online: Merriam-Webster Online Thesaurus ([www.m-w.com](http://www.m-w.com))

**Informational, Technical, and Practical Documents:**

Agendas

Applications: sports, club membership, contest

Class Schedules

Letters: personal, business

Manuals: computer, electronic equipment, appliance

Recipes

Travel Schedules and Itineraries

**Web Disclaimer:** Due to the ever-changing nature of Internet materials, parents and educators are strongly advised to monitor the suggested Web sites to ensure that content remains appropriate for students.

**Questions?**

*The Indiana Reading List is a suggested reading resource for students and teachers. Check with your local school to see if there is a required reading list. For additional information or questions, call the office of Program Development at 1.800.527.4930 or visit the Web site for the standards at: [www.doe.state.in.us/standards](http://www.doe.state.in.us/standards).*

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