

Selected Books for Gift-Giving

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This list features a small selection of titles for children and teens that will be included in the CCBC's annual best-of-the-year list highlighting books published in 2024. The full list, *CCBC Choices 2025*, will include more than 200 titles recommended by the CCBC staff and will be available in late February on our [website](#).

Books for Young Listeners and Readers (through Age 8)

Bell, Cece. *Animal Albums from A to Z*. Walker, 2024. 64 pages. Ages 4-10 (humorous poems)

Hevron, Amy. *Log Life*. Beach Lane / Simon & Schuster, 2024. 48 pages. Ages 4-7 (informational picture book)

Hevron, Amy. *Sunken Ship*. Beach Lane / Simon & Schuster, 2024. 40 pages. Ages 4-7 (informational picture book)

Detlefsen, Lisl H. *At the End of the Day*. Illustrated by Lynnor Bontigao. Alfred A. Knopf / Random House / Penguin Random House, 2024. 36 pages. Ages 4-8 (picture book story)

Griffin, Molly Beth. *Just Us*. Illustrated by Anait Semirdzhyan. Charlesbridge, 2024. 32 pages. Ages 4-8 (picture book story)

Rogers, Andrea L. *Chooch Helped*. Illustrated by Rebecca Lee Kunz. Levine Querido, 2024. 40 pages. Ages 3-7 (picture book story)

Atinuke. *Beti and the Little Round House*. Illustrated by Emily Hughes. Candlewick Press, 2024. 119 pages. Ages 7-9; younger for reading aloud (episodic chapter book)

Wang, Jin, with Tony Johnston. *Born Naughty: My Childhood in China*. Illustrated by Anisi Baigude. Anne Schwartz Books / Random House, 2024. 98 pages. Ages 7-9; younger for reading aloud (autobiographical stories)

Books for Middle-Grade Readers (Ages 8-12)

Neri, G. *My Antarctica: True Adventures in the Land of Mummified Seals, Space Robots, and So Much More*. Illustrated by Corban Wilkin. Candlewick Press, 2024. 92 pages. Ages 8-12. (informational book)

Snider, Grant. *Poetry Comics*. Chronicle, 2024. 88 pages. Ages 7-10 (poetry in comics format)

Dåsnes, Nora. *Save Our Forest!* Translated from the Norwegian by Lise Lærdal Bryn. U.S. edition: Hippo Park / Astra Books, 2024. 229 pages. Ages 8-12 (fictional graphic novel, contemporary story)

Hardinge, Frances. *Island of Whispers*. Illustrated by Emily Gravett. U.S. edition: Amulet / Abrams, 2024. 107 pages. Ages 9-12 (illustrated ghost story))

Jenkins, Emily. *All the Best Dogs*. Delacorte Press / Random House / Penguin Random House, 2024. 208 pages. Ages 8-12 (novel)

Khan, Hena. *We Are Big Time*. Illustrated by Safiya Zerrougui. Alfred A. Knopf / Random House / Penguin Random House, 2024. 229 pages. Ages 9-13 (fictional graphic novel. contemporary story)

Rundell, Katherine. *Impossible Creatures*. U.S. edition: Knopf / Random House / Penguin Random House, 2024. 358 pages. Ages 8-12 (fantasy)

Books for Older Children and Teen Readers (Age 12 and Older)

Fleming, Candace. *The Enigma Girls: How Ten Teenagers Broke Ciphers, Kept Secrets, and Helped Win World War II*. Scholastic Focus / Scholastic, 2024. 325 pages. Age 12 and older (informational book)

Hendrix, John. *The Mythmakers: The Remarkable Fellowship of C. S. Lewis and J. R. R. Tolkien*. Abrams Fanfare / Abrams, 2024. 217 pages. Age 14 and older (informational graphic novel)

Rusch, Elizabeth. *A Greater Goal: The Epic Battle for Equal Pay in Women's Soccer—and Beyond*. Greenwillow / HarperCollins, 2024. Age 12 and older (informational book)

Ifueko, Jordan. *The Maid and Crocodile*. Amulet / Abrams, 2024. 280 pages. Age 12 and older (fantasy novel)

Follmuth, Alexene Farol. *Twelfth Knight*. Tor Teen / Macmillan, 2024. 320 pages. Age 12 and older (contemporary fiction: humor and romance)

Meyer, Marissa. *With A Little Luck*. Feiwel & Friends / Macmillan, 2024. 360 pages. Age 12 and older (contemporary fiction with a little magic and romance)