#### The 2018-2019

# BUILDING READERS®



### **Recommended Books for Elementary School Children**

**Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut** by Derrick Barnes (Agate Bolden). Winner of multiple awards, this is an uplifting story about a boy and the power of a simple haircut. The book's rhythmic text and beautiful illustrations are perfect for read alouds. (fiction, lower elementary)

## **Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets** by

Kwame Alexander and others (Candlewick Press).

Introduce your child to the beauty of poetry with this unique collection of original poems—each matched with a bold and intricate illustration. (poetry, upper elementary)

Stay: A Girl, a Dog, a Bucket

List by Kate Klise (Feiwel and Friends). Astrid's dog Eli is getting older, so she makes a list of activities for them to do together before he gets too old. This is a touching story of the love between a girl and her dog. (fiction, lower elementary)

Hello, Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly (Greenwillow Books). What happens when a group

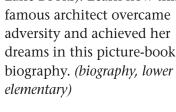
of sixth graders are brought together because of a bully's cruel act? Find out in this award-winning book about bravery and friendship. (fiction, upper elementary)

**Charlie and Mouse** by Laurel Snyder (Chronicle Books). Voted one of the most distinguished books for beginning readers (Theodor Seuss Geisel Award), this story follows the hilarious adventures of two brothers. (fiction, lower elementary)

**Bronze and Sunflower** by Cao Wenxuan (Walker Books Ltd.). Set in a rural Chinese village during the Cultural Revolution, this is the heart-warming story of two lonely children who become friends. Readers will learn about beauty, familial love and sacrifice. (fiction, upper elementary)

## The World Is Not a Rectangle: A Portrait of **Architect Zaha Hadid** by Jeanette Winter (Beach

Lane Books). Learn how this dreams in this picture-book



Older Than Dirt: A Wild but **True History of Earth** by Don Brown and Michael Perfit (HMH Books for Young Readers). Learning about science is fun with this playful account of the Earth's history. (nonfiction, upper elementary)

**The Boy and the Whale** by Mordicai Gerstein (Roaring Brook Press). A fisherman's son discovers a whale tangled

in his father's only fishing net. Will he find the courage to set the whale free? This beautifullyillustrated tale teaches readers about compassion and empathy. (fiction, lower elementary)

Lucky Broken Girl by Ruth Behar (Nancy Paulsen Books). Ruthie is a young immigrant learning to adjust to her new life in New York when tragedy strikes. Follow her on a journey of heartbreak and hope. (fiction, upper elementary)



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**Windows** by Julia Denos (Candlewick Press). Join a boy and his dog as they go on a neighborhood walk at dusk. The simple text and interesting illustrations will encourage readers to pay attention to all the little details around them. (fiction, lower elementary)

**Impact! Asteroids and the Science of Saving the World** by Elizabeth Rusch (HMH Books for

Young Readers). Some asteroids are harmless,

while others cause massive destruction. Follow scientists as they investigate all things to do with asteroids. The

accompanying photos will make science come to life! (nonfiction, upper elementary)

Princess Cora and the Crocodile by Laura Amy Schlitz (Candlewick Press). Princess Cora is overscheduled and desperately wants a day off. When she trades places with a naughty crocodile, complete chaos ensues! (fiction, lower elementary)

**Wishtree** by Katherine Applegate (Feiwel & Friends).

Red is a wise old oak tree who watches over the neighborhood. When a new family moves in, he discovers his true purpose. This best-selling book confronts prejudice and celebrates kindness. (fiction, upper elementary)

**Not So Different: What You Really Want to Ask About Having a Disability** by Shane Burcaw (Roaring Brook Press). Author Shane Burcaw suffers from a rare disability. In this refreshingly candid book, he answers 10 frequently-asked questions about his life. Readers will learn that people with disabilities aren't so different after all. (nonfiction, lower elementary)

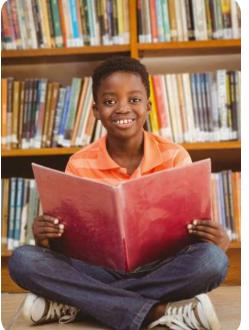
**The Girl Who Drank the Moon** by Kelly Barnhill (Algonquin Young Readers). A loving witch raises an enchanted girl in this nontraditional fairy tale about love, sacrifice and magic. Winner of the Newbery Medal, this best-selling book takes readers on a whimsical fantasy journey. (fairy tale, upper elementary)

**Noodleheads See the Future** by Tedd Arnold and others (Holiday House). Join the wacky

Noodlehead brothers as they head off on their latest adventure. Young readers will enjoy the simple text and comics-inspired illustrations in this hilarious graphic novel. (fiction, lower elementary)



by Michael James Mahin (Atheneum Books for Young Readers). This award-winning picture book tells the story of blues musician Muddy Waters' rise to fame. His struggle, determination and hope will inspire readers. (biography, upper elementary)



**All Around Us** by Xelena Gonzalez (Cinco Puntos Press). A young girl and her grandfather take a walk and explore the circles all around them. But circles are more than just shapes. They are also symbols of how we are all connected. (fiction, lower elementary)

How to Be an Elephant by Katherine Roy (David Macaulay Studio). Learn about the family dynamics in a typical African elephant herd. Filled with scientific research, interesting facts and gorgeous watercolor illustrations, this educational book will delight animal lovers of all ages. (nonfiction, upper elementary)