

Chicago Public Schools 2003 Seventh Grade Recommended Reading

Folk Tales, Fairy Tales

- *Earth Care: World Folktales to Talk About* by Margaret Read MacDonald. 1999, Linnet Books.
- *Folklore & Fairy Tale Funnies* edited by Art Spiegelman. 2000, HarperCollins.
- *The Hunter: A Chinese Folktale* by Mary Casanova. 2000, Atheneum.
- *Just Ella* by Margaret Peterson Haddix. 1999, Simon & Schuster Books.
- *The Lion's Whiskers and Other Ethiopian Tales* by Brent Ashabranner and Russell Davis. 1997, Linnet Books.
- *The Magic Crocodile and Other Folktales from Indonesia* by Alice M. Terada. 1994, University of Hawaii Press.
- *The Rumpelstiltskin Problem* by Vivian Vande Velde. 2000, Houghton Mifflin.
- *Stockings of Buttermilk : American Folktales* by Neil Philip. 1999, Clarion Books.
- *Womenfolk and Fairy Tales* edited by Rosemary Minard. 1975, Houghton Mifflin.

Nonfiction

- *African-American Poets* by Michael Strickland. 1996, Enslow.
- *Alzheimer's Disease* by Susan Dudley Gold. 2000, Enslow.
- *Amistad: A Long Road to Freedom* by Walter Dean Myers. 1998, Dutton.
- *Any Number Can Play: The Numbers Athletes Wear* by George Sullivan. 2000, Millbrook Press.
- *America: A Patriotic Primer* by Lynne Cheney. 2002, Simon & Schuster Books.
- *Ancient Egypt Revealed* by Peter Chrisp. 2002, DK Publishing.
- *Animal Defenses: How Animals Protect Themselves* by Etta Kaner. 1999, Kids Can Press.
- *The Art Gallery: Stories* by Philip Wilkinson. 2000, P. Bedrick.
- *Babe Didrikson Zaharias: The Making of a Champion* by Russell Freedman. 1999, Clarion Books.
- *Black Hands, White Sails: The African-American Whalers* by Pat McKissack. 1999, Scholastic.

- *Cesar Chavez: Leader for Migrant Farm Workers* by Doreen Gonzales. 1996, Enslow.
- *Cloning* by Jeanne DuPrau. 2000, Lucent.
- *Days of Jubilee: The End of Slavery in the United States* by Pat McKissack. 2003, Scholastic.
- *First To Fly: How Wilbur & Orville Wright Invented the Airplane* by Peter Busby. 2002, Crown.
- *Fossil Fish Found Alive: Discovering the Coelacanth* by Sally M. Walker. 2002, Carolrhoda Books.
- *Flavor Foods: Spices and Herbs* by Meredith Sayles Hughes. 2000, Lerner.
- *Fountains of Life: The Story of Deep Sea Vents* by Elizabeth Tayntor Gowell. 1998, Franklin Watts.
- *Glass: From Cinderella's Slippers To Fiber* by Ruth Kassinger. 2002, 21st Century Books.
- *Gone A-Whaling: The Lure of the Sea and the Hunt* by Jim Murphy. 1998, Clarion.
- *The Head Bone's Connected to the Neck Bone: The Weird, Wacky, and Wonderful X-Ray* by Carla Killough McClafferty. 2001, Farrar, Straus & Giroux.
- *Home: A Journey Through America* by Thomas Locker. 1998, Harcourt Brace.
- *Hmm? The Most Interesting Book You'll Ever Read about Memory* by Diane Swanson. 2001, Kids Can Press.
- *I See the Rhythm* by Toyomi Igus. 1998, Children's Book Press.
- *Jesse Owens* by Thomas Streissguth. 1999, Lerner.
- *Liberty* by Lynn Curlee. 2000, Atheneum.
- *The Magnificent Book of Kites: Explorations in Design, Construction, Flight & Enjoyment* by Maxwell Eden. 1998, Black Dog & Leventhal Publishers.
- *Mammoths: Ice Age Giants* by Larry D. Agenbroad. 2002, Lerner.
- *The Man Behind the Magic: The Story of Walt Disney* by Katherine Greene. 1998, Viking.
- *Pharmacy in the Forest: How Medicines Are Found in the Natural World* by Fred Powledge. 1998, Atheneum.
- *Remember the Ladies: 100 Great American Women* by Cheryl Harness. 2001, HarperCollins.

- *Revolutionary John Adams* by Cheryl Harness. 2003, National Geographic.
- *Sandra Cisneros: Latina Writer and Activist* by Caryn Mirriam-Goldberg. 1998, Enslow.
- *The Stone Age* by Patricia D. Netzley. 1998, Lucent.
- *Talking to Tebe: Clementine Hunter, Memory Artist* edited by Mary E. Lyons. 1998, Houghton Mifflin.
- *Virtual Reality: Experiencing Illusion* by Christopher W. Baker. 2000, Millbrook Press.
- *Wings and Things: Origami That Flies* by Stephen Weiss. 1984, St. Martin's Press.
- *Zzz...: The Most Interesting Book You'll Ever Read About Sleep* by Trudee Romanek. 2002, Kids Can Press.

Fiction

- *Abarat* by Clive Barker. 2002, Joanna Cotler Books.
- *Backwater* by Joan Bauer. 1999, Putnam.
- *Blue Tights* by Rita Garcia-Williams. 1996, Puffin.
- *A Corner of the Universe* by Ann M. Martin. 2002, Scholastic.
- *Dancing in Cadillac Light* by Kimberly Willis Holt. 2001, Putnam.
- *The Dark-Thirty: Southern Tales of the Supernatural* by Pat McKissack. 1992, Dell Yearling.
- *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Muñoz Ryan. 2000, Scholastic.
- *Everything on a Waffle* by Polly Horvath. 2001, Farrar, Straus & Giroux.
- *Fair Weather* by Richard Peck. 2001, Dial Books.
- *Fighting Ruben Wolfe* by Markus Zusak. 2000, A. Levine.
- *Firewing* by Kenneth Oppel. 2003, Simon & Schuster Books.
- *Foster's War* by Carolyn Reeder. 2000, Scholastic.
- *Gathering Blue* by Lois Lowry. 2000, Houghton Mifflin.
- *The Ghost Sitter* by Peni R. Griffin. 2001, Dutton.
- *Ghost Soldier* by Elaine Marie Alphin. 2001, Holt.
- *Hang a Thousand Trees With Ribbons: The Story of Phillis Wheatley* by Ann Rinaldi. 1996, Harcourt Brace.

- *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* by J.K. Rowling. 2003, A. Levine.
- *Holes* by Louis Sachar. 1998, Farrar, Straus & Giroux.
- *Jason's Gold* by Will Hobbs. 1999, Morrow.
- *The Kite Rider* by Geraldine McCaughrean. 2002, HarperCollins.
- *A Long Way from Chicago: A Novel in Stories* by Richard Peck. 1998, Dial Books.
- *The Lost Flower Children* by Janet Taylor Lisle. 1999, Philomel Books.
- *Petty Crimes* by Gary Soto. 1998, Harcourt Brace.
- *The Spotted Owl* by Alvin Silverstein. 1994, Millbrook Press.
- *Storm Warriors* by Elisa Lynn Carbone. 2001, Knopf.
- *Things Not Seen* by Andrew Clements. 2002, Philomel Books.
- *The Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum. 2000, Holt.
- *Zach's Lie* by Roland Smith. 2001, Hyperion.

Poetry

- *Becoming Joe Di Maggio* by Maria Testa. 2002, Candlewick Press.
- *Fearless Fernie: Hanging Out with Fernie & Me: Poems* by Gary Soto. 2002, Putnam.
- *F E G: Ridiculous Poems for Intelligent Children* by Robin Hirsch. 2002, Little Brown.
- *The Gargoyle on the Roof: Poems* by Jack Prelutsky. 1999, Greenwillow.
- *Good Luck Gold and Other Poems* by Janet Wong. 1994, M. K. McElderry.
- *Grand Fathers: Reminiscences, Poems, Recipes and Photos of the Keepers of Our Traditions* edited by Nikki Giovanni. 1999, Holt.
- *Heart to Heart: New Poems Inspired by Twentieth Century Art* edited by Jan Greenberg. 2001, Abrams.
- *Locomotion* by Jacqueline Woodson. 2003, Putnam.
- *Love That Dog* by Sharon Creech. 2001, Joanna Cotler Books.
- *Remember the Bridge: Poems of a People* by Carole Boston Weatherford. 2002, Philomel.

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