

Chicago Public Schools 2003 Eighth Grade Recommended Reading

Folk Tales, Fairy Tales

- *Cinder-Elly* by Frances Minters. 1997, Puffin.
- *Favorite Folktales from Around the World* edited by Jane Yolen. 1986, Pantheon Books.
- *Fiesta Femenina: Celebrating Women in Mexican Folktale* retold by Mary-Joan Gerson. 2001, Barefoot Books.
- *Fractured Fairy Tales* by A. J. Jacobs. 1997, Bantam Books.
- *Her Stories: African American Folktales, Fairy Tales, and True Tales* by Virginia Hamilton. 1995, Blue Sky Press.
- *Pecos Bill: A Tall Tale* by Steven Kellogg. 1986, Morrow.
- *The People Could Fly: American Black Folktales* by Virginia Hamilton. 1993, Knopf.
- *The Stinky Cheese Man & Other Fairly Stupid Tales* by Jon Scieszka. 1992, Viking.
- *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* by Jon Scieszka. 1989, Viking.
- *Womenfolk and Fairy Tales* by Rosemary Minard. 1975, Houghton Mifflin.

Nonfiction

- *Book of Flight* by Judith E. Rinard. 2001, Firefly Books.
- *Chess for Children* by Ted Nottingham. 1996, Sterling.
- *The Chronology of Flight: 1940 to the Present* by Michael John Haddrick Taylor. 1999, Chelsea House.
- *Colin Powell* by Warren Brown. 2001, Chelsea House.
- *The 50 Coolest Jobs in Sports: Who's Got Them, What They Do, and How You Get One!* by David Fischer. 1997, MacMillan.
- *From Slave Ship to Freedom Road* by Julius Lester. 1998, Dial Books.
- *Helen Keller: Rebellious Spirit* by Laurie Lawlor. 2001, Holiday House.
- *The History of Rockets* by Ron Miller. 1999, Franklin Watts.
- *In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex* by Nathaniel Philbrick. 2000, Penguin.
- *John Wesley Powell: Explorer of the Grand Canyon* by Roger Brunson. 1997, Enslow.
- *Jupiter: The Fifth Planet* by Michael D. Cole. 2001, Enslow.

- *Poem-Making: Ways to Begin Writing Poetry* by Myra Cohn Livingston. 1991, HarperCollins.
- *Red-Tail Angels: The Story of the Tuskegee Airmen of World War II* by Pat McKissack. 1995, Walker.
- *Slave Narratives: The Journey To Freedom* compiled by Elaine Landau. 2001, Franklin Watts.
- *Star Wars: Incredible Cross Sections* by David West Reynolds. 1998, DK Publishing.
- *The Story of Flight* by Judith E. Rinard. 2002, Firefly Books.
- *Stretch Your Wings: Famous Black Quotations for Teens* selected by Janet Cheatham Bell. 1999, Little Brown.
- *Talkin' About Bessie: The Story of Aviator Elizabeth Coleman* by Nikki Grimes. 2002, Orchard Books.
- *Tomboy of the Air: Daredevil Pilot Blanche Stuart Scott* by Julie Cummins. 2001, HarperCollins.
- *The Way Things Never Were: The Truth About the "Good Old Days"* by Norman H. Finkelstein. 1999, Atheneum.
- *The Wright Brothers: How They Invented the Airplane* by Russell Freedman. 1991, Holiday House.
- *The Wright Sister: Katharine Wright and Her Famous Brothers* by Richard Maurer. 2003, Roaring Brook Press.
- *Wynton Marsalis: Trumpet Genius* by Leslie Gourse. 1999, F. Watts.

Fiction

- *Achingly Alice* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor. 1998, Atheneum.
- *The Angel Factory* by Terence Blacker. 2002, Simon & Schuster Books.
- *Anne Frank and Me* by Cherie Bennett. 2001, Putnam.
- *Armageddon Summer* by Jane Yolen. 1998, Harcourt Brace.
- *The Art of Keeping Cool* by Janet Taylor Lisle. 2000, Atheneum.
- *Bad Girls in Love* by Cynthia Voight. 2002, Atheneum.
- *Babe & Me: A Baseball Card Adventure* by Dan Gutman. 2000, Avon.
- *Bat 6* by Virginia Euwer Wolff. 1998, Scholastic.
- *Being Dead: Stories* by Vivian Vande Velde. 2001, Harcourt.
- *Belle Teal* by Ann M. Martin. 2001, Scholastic.
- *Big Mouth & Ugly Girl* by Joyce Carol Oates. 2002, HarperTempest.

- *Boston Jane: Wilderness Days* by Jennifer L. Holm. 2002, HarperCollins.
- *Bradley and the Billboard* by Mame Farrell. 1998, Farrar, Straus & Giroux.
- *Chill Wind* by Janet McDonald. 2002, Farrar, Straus & Giroux.
- *Crispin: The Cross of Lead* by Avi. 2002, Hyperion.
- *Crossing the Panther's Path* by Elizabeth Alder. 2002, Farrar, Straus & Giroux.
- *Flipped* by Wendelin Van Draanen. 2001, Knopf.
- *Francie* by Karen English. 1999, Farrar, Straus & Giroux.
- *Frozen Summer* by Mary Jane Auch. 1998, Holt.
- *Ghost Canoe* by Will Hobbs. 1997, Morrow.
- *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* by J. K. Rowling. 2000, A. Levine.
- *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen. 2002, Knopf.
- *Jason's Gold* by Will Hobbs. 1999, Morrow Junior Books.
- *Joey Pigza Loses Control* by Jack Gantos. 2000, Farrar, Straus & Giroux.
- *Junebug and the Reverend* by Alice Mead. 1998, Farrar, Straus & Giroux.
- *The Legend of Lady Ilena* by Patricia Malone. 2002, Delacorte.
- *Miracle's Boys* by Jacqueline Woodson. 2000, Putnam.
- *Parvana's Journey* by Deborah Ellis. 2002, Douglas & McIntyre.
- *Patrol: An American Soldier in Vietnam* by Walter Dean Myers. 2002, HarperCollins.
- *Pictures of Hollis Woods* by Patricia Reilly Giff. 2002, Wendy Lamb Books.
- *Rat* by Jan Cheripko. 2002, Boyds Mills Press.
- *The Same Stuff as Stars* by Katherine Paterson. 2002, Clarion Books.
- *Shattered: Stories of Children and War* edited by Jennifer Armstrong. 2002, Knopf.
- *Son of the Mob* by Gordon Korman. 2002, Hyperion.
- *Surviving the Applewhites* by Stephanie S. Tolan. 2002, HarperCollins.

- *The Thirteenth Floor: A Ghost Story* by Sid Fleischman. 1995, Greenwillow.
- *Touching Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelson. 2001, HarperCollins.
- *Tulsa Burning* by Anna Myers. 2002, Walker.
- *Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech. 1994, HarperCollins.
- *The Waterstone* by Rebecca Rupp. 2002, Candlewick Press.
- *When My Name Was Keoko* by Linda Sue Park. 2002, Clarion Books.
- *When Zachary Beaver Came to Town* by Kimberly Willis Holt. 1999, Henry Holt.
- *Who Was That Masked Man Anyway?* by Avi. 1992, Orchard Books.
- *Wringer* by Jerry Spinelli. 1997, HarperCollins.
- *Year of Impossible Goodbyes* by Sook Nyul Choi. 1991, Houghton Mifflin.

Poetry

- *Arachne Speaks* by Kate Hovey. 2000, M. K. McElderry.
- *Carver: A Life in Poems* by Marilyn Nelson. 2001, Front Street.
- *The Gargoyle on the Roof: Poems* by Jack Prelutsky. 1999, Greenwillow Books.
- *19 Varieties of Gazelle: Poems of the Middle East* by Naomi Shihab Nye. 2002, Greenwillow Books.
- *Poetry After Lunch: Poems To Read Aloud* compiled by Joyce Armstrong Carroll. 1997, Absey & Co.
- *Poetry in Motion: 100 Poems from the Subways and the Buses* edited by Molly Peacock. 1996, Norton.
- *Remember the Bridge: Poems of a People* by Carole Boston Weatherford. 2002, Philomel Books.
- *Things I Have To Tell You: Poems and Writing by Teenage Girls* edited by Betsy Franco. 2001, Candlewick.
- *The Tree Is Older Than You Are: A Bilingual Gathering of Poems and Stories from Mexico with Paintings by Mexican Artists* edited by Naomi Shihab Nye. 1995, Simon & Schuster Books.

The goal is for each CPS student to read at least 25 books each year.

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