

# Favorite Books by Category (revised for 2022 by

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## Art Books

Paintings: How to Look at Great Art by Ann Campbell

V.M. Hillyer and Huey-A Child's History of Art and Young People's Story of... Series

Famous Paintings: An Introduction to Art for Young People by Elizabeth Chase – best collection of bios in one volume

The Life and Work of... Series (Heinemann Library) for very young students

Mike Venezia "Getting to Know the World's Greatest Artists" Series (also did a series of composer bios)- a little silly, incorporates humorous cartoons.

Ernest Raboff "Art for Children" Series – favorite for early elementary

A Weekend With... Series published by Rizzoli – excellent, but just has a few artists, for slightly older

"First Impressions: Introductions to Art" Series (Published by Henry N. Abrams) - my favorite for older students

Elizabeth Ripley Biographies – various artists, but limited

Giotto Tended the Sheep and Millet Tilled the Soil by Opal Wheeler & Sybil Deucher (also composer bios)

Hana in the Time of the Tulips by Deborah Noyes – a perfect picture book

L. Juan de Pareja by Elizabeth Borten de Trevino - a perfect living chapter book biography

Stories of the Painters and The Knights of Art by Amy Steedman – lovely biographies emphasizing childhoods

Shirley Glubok (historical art from different cultures)- the books I wish I had written, history as seen through the art of the times, Ancient to American modern.

## Geography Books

Lucy Fitch Perkins' Twins Series

Richard Halliburton

Lois Lenski's Regional Novels & Round About America books – not all are good.

Madeleine Brandeis Children of the World Series

Sonia Bleeker Native Peoples Books

Holling C. Holling

Give Your Child the World by Jamie Martin (booklist by grade)

## Historical Fiction

Geoffrey Trease

Rosemary Sutcliff

Caroline Dale Snedeker

Clyde Robert Bulla (for young readers)

Hilda van Stockum (Winged Watchman, The Borrowed House)

Kate Seredy (Chestry Oak, Singing Tree, Good Master)

Wilma Pitchford Hays (lower elementary readers)

Charlotte Yonge

We Were There Books

Allen French

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## History

H. A. Guerber

H.E. Marshall

Eva March Tappan

Dorothy Mills

Gerald Johnson

Landmark Books

North Star Books

Frontier of America series (for early chapter book readers)

Olive Bupre Miller - Picturesque Tale of Progress

Ancient history by Colum and Lang

## Family Read-Alouds

Carry On, Mr. Bowditch by Jean Lee Latham

Elizabeth Enright

Louisa May Alcott

Kate Seredy

Hilda van Stockum

Johanna Spyri

Ralph Moody

Meindert DeJong

Frances Hodgson Burnett

Ruth Sawyer

E.B. White

Laura Ingalls Wilder

Arthur Ransome

Patricia St. John

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## Science/Natural History

Clara Dillingham Pierson

Edwin Way Teale

Arabella Buckley

Robert McClung

Glenn Blough

Alice Goudey

Margaret Waring Buck

(Science and Natural History cont.)

Jean Henri Fabre

Alice Gall & Fleming Gall Crew

John Himmelman

Wilfrid Bronson

Smithsonian's Backyard

Arabella Buckley

Franklyn Branley (LRAFO series)

Jim Arnosky

Milicent Selsam

Jean Craighead George

## Biography

Ingri & Edgar Parin d'Aulaire

Step-Up and I Can Read History Readers

Discovery Biography by Garrard

World Explorers by Garrard

Childhood of Famous Americans

Signature Biographies

Landmark Biographies

Messner Biographies

Immortals of Science or History, or Art

Anything by Frances Cavanah

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## Literature

Shakespeare resources : retellings by Nesbit, Lamb, Garfield, Chute. Look for Folger editions or

Fairytales – K. Y. Craft, Gennady Spirin, Paul Galdone, Susan Jeffers, Paul O. Zelinsky and the Lobels

Fantasy - Andrew Peterson, Jonathan Rogers, N.D Wilson, CS Lewis, George MacDonald, Lloyd Alexander, Patricia Wrede,, M.I. McAllister, Susan Cooper and Jennifer Trafton.

Other Tales – (King Arthur and Robin Hood) Look for editions by Howard Pyle, Sidney Lanier, Rodger Green, T.H. White

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