

Learning from Fiction



Some books offer a great escape, taking children on fantastic, imaginary voyages. Some are a hilarious break from the real world. But some stories do more than entertain—they teach.

This collection of stories will bring history to life, open the door to new lands and cultures, and make math and science real for your youngster. They just may inspire your child to read even more books on the subject!



Nature

Bug Boy by Carol Sonnet

A young boy gets an amazing Bug-a-View in the mail, and, before he knows it, he's been transformed! He can turn into a bug that goes his way. Your child is sure to enjoy exploring the world from a bug's-eye view.

Charlie's Raven by Jean Craighead George

Charlie brings home a baby raven, hoping to help his grandfather get well. The baby bird charms Grandpa, and soon grandfather and grandson are working together to care for the wild creature.

Lolo & Red-Legs by Kirk Reeve

Lolo has an unusual pet—a Mexican red-legged tarantula. Lolo's teacher wants to include it in the science fair, and a local pet store owner wants to take the spider to the county fair. (Also available in Spanish.)

Silverwing by Kenneth Oppel

Shade is the runt of the bat family. When he is separated from his colony, he relies on his friend Brightwing for help. During Shade's adventure, the reader learns about bat behavior, migration, and communication of these flying ro-



History

On a Birch Bark House by Louise Erdrich

Omaayas, or Little Frog, lives with her Ojibwa family on an island in Lake Superior. Her Native American tribe experiences life through the different seasons, and an invisible enemy brings in an invisible enemy that changes her lives forever.

Hannah's Journal: The Story of an Immigrant Girl

by Marissa Moss

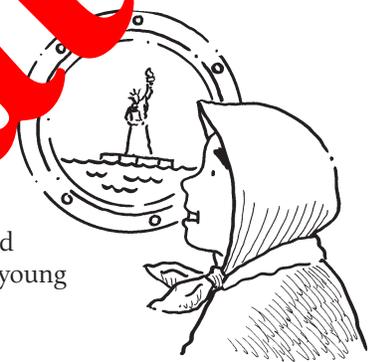
To escape persecution, Hannah and her cousin travel from Lithuania to America. Hannah's record of the trip—in words and drawings—tells the story of one young immigrant in the 1900s.

Will's Tales of Gray by Carolyn Reeder

Young Will Page goes to live with relatives after he loses his entire family in the Civil War. Will's new life in the Virginia hills helps him come to terms with the meaning of war.

White Lilacs by Carolyn Meyer

Rosa Lee works as a serving girl for a white family in Texas. When she overhears them discussing a plan to take land from African Americans to use for a park, she wonders what she can do to help.



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