

Be a Reading Star I

What will your youngster read next—fiction, nonfiction, or poetry? He can discover his next great title with the exciting list below. Then, encourage him to use the star-studded log on the back to keep track of the books he reads. As he fills the page, he will become a reading superstar!

The Neptune Project (Polly Holyoke)



Nere senses that she's different from other kids. When she finds out she's part of a secret mission to create people who can breathe underwater, she wonders why. Will she let a group of leaders like herself to help her escape the government capture?

Who Was Walt Disney? (Mitzi Spilhaus)

Most people know Walt Disney through the movies and theme parks that bear his name, but who was he? This biography describes the life of a poor farm boy with a dream: to entertain others. Part of the Who Was...? series. (Also available in Spanish.)

Champion (Mae Lupica)

Football fans will enjoy this action-packed novel. Although Ben is small for his age, he can really throw a football. So he's chosen to be the coach's bigger, stronger son is picked as the starting quarterback. Then suddenly, an injury changes the game for both boys.

The Templeton Twins Have an Idea: Book 1 (Ellis Weiner)

Twelve-year-old twins John and Abigail Templeton have been kidnapped by another pair of twins who want to steal their father's invention. It will take a creative idea and the help of their "curious dog" for them to escape. (Also available in Spanish.)

Unusual Creatures: A Mostly Accurate Account of Some of the Earth's Strangest Animals (Michael Hearst)

A barking spider, a softshell turtle, and a flying snake are a few of the animals introduced in this book. Readers can explore drawings, maps, and diagrams while reading humorous text filled with fun facts, pop quizzes, and more.



Whisper and Shout: Poems to Memorize

(Patricia Polacco, Editor)

More than 50 poems by Robert Frost, Emily Dickinson, Langston Hughes, Gwendolyn Brooks, and other poets provide a glimpse at ways that poets explore and express ideas. Includes short biographies of the poet and tips on how to memorize poems.

The Mighty Mars Rover: The Incredible Adventures of Spirit and Opportunity (Elizabeth Rusch)

Could there have been life on Mars? In 2003, NASA sent high-tech rovers named Spirit and Opportunity to the planet to find out. This real-life space story is packed with details of the mission. Part of the Scientists in the Field series.

Math for Wizards

(Melvin Van Peebles)

More than numbers! Math for Wizards includes illustrations, comics, and other interesting activities will keep readers turning pages as they use math to perform magic, make art, solve puzzles, and more. Part of the Brown Paper School series.



Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures (Kate DiCamillo)

Ulysses is a squirrel who developed superpowers after being sucked into a vacuum cleaner. Flora is the lonely 10-year-old girl who rescued him. Now, Ulysses can fly, and he's typing poetry on Flora's mother's typewriter!