



NAME _____ Grade in 2017-18 _____

Texas Bluebonnet Nominee Award 2017-18, Grades 3rd-6th The Texas Library Association sponsors this reading list solely to encourage free voluntary reading. This list is compiled by TLA and not our school. The titles may be read in 3 ways: independently, with someone, or to someone. Please write the DATE the book was read in the blank and turn into the school library on the due dates. Happy Reading!

_____ **Allen, Crystal.** *The Magnificent Mya Tibbs: Spirit Week Showdown*. Friendship comes in many forms. Nine-year-old Mya is excited about participating in School Spirit Week, even making a pinky promise with her best friend Naomi to be her partner, but when she accidentally gets paired with the biggest bully in school, Mean Connie, Naomi is mad at Maya for breaking her promise, so she must learn to work with Mean Connie and try and get her friend back.

_____ **Appelt, Kathi and Allison McGhee.** *Maybe a Fox*. Jules and Sylvie. Sylvie and Jules. The two sisters were close as close can be. So when Sylvie disappears into thin air into the Vermont forest near their house and is presumed dead, Jules is left behind in grief and shock. Just then, a forest away, a shadow fox, Senna, is born and feels a special connection with the sad girl who lives at the end of the forest. Filled with magic, friends, and wishes, Jules and her friends go out on a journey to find answers that will touch the hearts of all.

_____ **Barnhill, Kelly.** *The Girl Who Drank the Moon*. An epic fantasy about a young girl raised by a witch, a swamp monster, and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon, who must unlock the powerful magic buried deep inside her. As her thirteenth birthday approaches, Luna, must protect all that she loves while wrestling with her own unpredictable magic.

_____ **Barton, Chris.** *Whoosh! Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions*. In this picture book biography, discover Lonnie Johnson's undefeated determination, his many inventions, and be inspired to make a splash and follow your own dreams! Lonnie Johnson, an engineer at NASA is best known for inventing the Super Soaker water gun.

_____ **Bauer, Joan.** *Soar*. Jeremiah lives and breathes baseball, but a heart operation keeps him from playing. When his new community is devastated by a player's death and the ensuing scandal, Jeremiah is determined to save everything he has come to care about. No one really expected a twelve year old to turn to coaching, but that may be exactly what the team needs. Full of heart, Soar will take readers on a flight through the extraordinary.

_____ **Bauer, Marion Dane.** *Little Cat's Luck*. After chasing a falling leaf, Patches the cat wanders into the big world. This free verse story moves with Patches, jumping and rolling and twitching across the page. Follow in her paw prints as she discovers a whole wide world and, perhaps, some friends as well.

_____ **Brallier, Max.** *The Last Kids on Earth*. Mission: survive the monster apocalypse and, somehow, find and rescue the damsel in distress. This is Jack Sullivan's new world; it involves a seriously awesome and wickedly armed tree house, his best friend, a reformed bully, and June, who may turn out not to be in distress after all. Oh, and a monster who wants to eat Jack. He'll need all his wits, strength, and bravery to survive this new world, but luckily, he has a few tricks up his sleeve.

_____ **Brown, Monica.** *Lola Levine Drama Queen*. High-spirited wordsmith Lola Levine is excited about the school play. No one would expect the dramatic Lola to suddenly develop a bad case of stage fright! This breezy, upbeat chapter book will make you want to be friends with the bright and energetic half-Jewish, half-Peruvian girl who, with help from family and friends, finds that sí, se puede!

_____ **Cousteau, Philippe and Deborah Hopkinson.** *Follow the Moon Home: A Tale of One Idea, Twenty Kids, and a Hundred Sea Turtles*. Never think you are too small or too young to do something important. After discovering baby sea turtles, a group of children became eco-activists to save what others see only as doomed. Phillipe Cousteau, grandson of famed oceanographer Jacques Cousteau, along with Deborah Hopkinson, show how anyone can do something, should they only try.

_____ **Eulberg, Elizabeth. The Great Shelby Holmes.** With his mother in the military, John Watson is used to moving and making new friends. However, he has never met anyone like Shelby Holmes, whom at age nine is already known around town for solving crimes. He also never expected to become involved in the disappearance of a prize-winning dog just days before the annual dog competition! Will John and Shelby be able to solve the case in time?

_____ **Gemeinhart, Dan. Some Kind of Courage.** Saddle up for a life-defining, death-defying adventure. In 1890 the only family Joseph Johnson has left is his half-wild Indian pony, Sarah, so when she is sold by a man who has no right to do so, he sets out to get her back--and he plans to let nothing stop him in his quest. Joseph will show the reader integrity, strength, determination, and how a young man stays true to his word.

_____ **Hood, Susan. Ada's Violin** Imagine growing up on a landfill, with a fierce desire to play a musical instrument but unable to purchase one. This is Ada Rios's life, who grew up in the poorest town in South America – Cateura, Paraguay. This is the true tale of an orchestra made up of children playing instruments built from recycled trash called the 'Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay.'

_____ **Jamieson, Victoria. The Great Pet Escape (Pets on the Loose).** Have you ever wondered what your class pets are thinking? GW, a hamster in second grade, wants to escape; but he finds more obstacles than expected in the form of some seriously crazy mice. This graphic novel is sure to please fans of small rodents, food fights, and general after school mayhem.

_____ **Jung, Mike. Unidentified Suburban Object.** Chloe is a Korean American seventh-grader who would like to like to know about her heritage, but her parents are unwilling to talk about it--then when a class assignment forces Chloe to confront them, they finally tell her the truth about her family, which may be too much to handle. What she finds is more than surprising: it is absolutely out of this world!

_____ **Lloyd, Natalie. Key to Extraordinary.** Twelve-year old orphan Emma Casey lives by a haunted graveyard in her Tennessee town, giving tours, and helping her brother and Granny Blue with the family Boneyard Café. She is waiting for the destiny dream of her ancestors--but when it comes, she finds that she must solve a ghostly mystery that has haunted her town for generations.

_____ **Peck, Richard. The Best Man.** What do four men, two weddings, split pants, and zany school adventures have in common? Archer Magill, that's what. Archer isn't too sure about the changes happening in his life, but he thinks that he can survive (maybe) with the role models surrounding him, two of which may just be at the center of one of those weddings. With humor and heart, The Best Man shows the importance of family, friends, and breaking through prejudices.

_____ **Rhodes, Jewell Parker. Towers Falling.** It is a secret that's not a secret, something that happened but Deja can't yet figure out. She's tired of being kept in the dark, of not knowing why her father looks so tired when he stares at a blank sky. Journey along with Deja and her friends as they learn about the many faces of America, the history of the World Trade Center Tower, and grow in their understanding of family, home and community.

_____ **Tonatiuh, Duncan. The Princess & the Warrior.** After rejecting suitor after suitor, Princess Itza has fallen in love with the brave warrior Popoca. Author, Tonatiuh, reimagines the iconic Mexican legend of the two volcanoes Iztaccihuatl and Popocatepetl with stunning illustrations inspired by Mixtec codices.

_____ **Turk, Evan. The Storyteller.** In a time of drought in the Kingdom of Morocco, a storyteller and a boy weave a tale to thwart a Djinn and his sandstorm from destroying their city. In this folktale, a boy learns the importance of storytelling and water conservation amid beautiful illustrations. A feast for the eyes as well as the heart!

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