

Year 3 – Supplementary Young Reader Booklist

Focus: Illustrated Books – Level 2 Readers

{ The Short List! }

Levels Decoded

IL – illustrated books (intended for read-aloud to younger readers / may be at 2-3 reading level)

1 – beginning readers (I Can Read books)

2 – intermediate readers (big print, more pictures, shorter length than level 3)

3 – advanced readers (suitable for upper grammar & dialectical)

4 – mature readers (suitable for rhetorical, due to length or content)

Here are my favorite picks! While the longer list is ideal if you want to cover every subject in read-alouds or need variety to match your library system, this booklist focuses on the titles I most highly recommend, to maximize your time if you have lots of little ones or want to simply purchase a few titles for the year. You'll notice a greater emphasis on history and the fine arts here. I would also supplement these with Brian Cleary's Words are CATegorical series.

Quarter 1

Week 1

Leonardo and the Flying Boy by Laurence Anholt (IL) *from one of my fav. Art series!*

How Many Feet in the Bed? by Diane Johnston Hamm (IL) *my typical morning ☺*

Week 2

Michaelangelo by Diane Stanley (IL) *beautiful, as all her books are!*

Leonardo the Dreamer by Robert Byrd (IL)

Week 3

Katie and the Mona Lisa by James Mayhew (IL) *lovely series my daughter adores!*

Hallelujah Handel by Douglas Cowling (IL) *also a recording by Classical Kids*

Magellan's World by Stuart Waldman (IL) *beautiful illustrations*

Week 4

Albrecht Durer by Ernest Raboff (IL – 3) *out of print but from an amazing art series!*

D is for Down Under: An Australia Alphabet by Devin Scillian (IL) *geography*

Week 5

Sir Cumference and all the Kings' Tens by Cindy Neuschwander (IL)

Nicholas Copernicus: The Earth is a Planet by Dennis Fradin (IL)

Week 6

Will's Words by Jane Sutcliffe (IL)

See Inside the World of Shakespeare by Usborne (IL) *contains summaries & historical details (see Illustrated Stories from Shakespeare for a more in-depth study!)*

This is Australia by Miroslav Sasek (IL) *geography*

Quarter 2

Week 7

Martin de Porres: Rose in the Desert by Gary Schmidt (IL)

Under Water, Under Earth by Aleksandra Mizielinski (IL) *incredible – occupies busy boys!*

The Misadventures of Don Quixote retold by Tom Lothrop (IL) *wonderful adaptation!*

Week 8

The Greedy Triangle by Marilyn Burns (IL)

Volcano (Leap Through Time) by Nicholas Harris (IL)

Starry Messenger by Peter Sis (IL) *preview/explain more regarding Galileo controversy*

Week 9

Rembrandt and the Boy Who Drew Dogs by Molly Blaisdell (IL)

The Boy Who Fell Off the Mayflower by P. J. Lynch (IL) *engaging - about the passage*

Week 10

Play, Mozart, Play! by Peter Sis (IL)

Amma, Take Me to the Taj Mahal by Bhatki Mathur (IL)

The Rainforest Grew All Around by Susan Mitchell (IL) *a story of South America*

Week 11

A Rock is Lively by Dianna Aston (IL)

Newton's Rainbow by Kathryn Lasky (IL)

Peter the Great by Diane Stanley (IL)

Week 12

Mozart Finds a Melody by Stephen Constanza (IL)

Becoming Bach by Tom Leonard (IL) *incredible illustrations*

Quarter 3

Week 13

Therese: The Little Flower of Liseux by Sioux Berger (IL)

Sailing the Unknown by Michael Rosen (IL) *journeying with Captain Cook*

Week 14

My Napoleon by Catherine Brighton (IL) *from the neighbor girl during his exile*

Africa is Not a Country by Margy Burns Knight (IL) *story of Africa*

Week 15

Samuel Morse That's Who! by Tracy Maurer (IL)

Charles Dickens: The Man Who Had Great Expectations by Diane Stanley (IL)

The St. Patrick's Day Shillelagh by Janet Nolan (IL) *Irish potato famine*

Week 16

Bernadette: The Girl from Lourdes by Sophie Maravel-Hutin (IL)

John Marie Vianney: The Holy Cure of Ars by Sophie De Mullenheim (IL)

Week 17

Degas and the Little Dancer by Laurence Anholt (IL)

Heart on Fire: Clara Barton Votes for President by Ann Malaspina (IL)

Week 18

Katie and the Impressionists by James Mayhew (IL)

Gustav Eiffel's Spectacular Idea: The Eiffel Tower by Sharon Cooper (IL)

Quarter 4

Week 19

Katie and the Sunflowers by James Mayhew (IL)

How the Elephant Got His Hump by Rudyard Kipling & Tim Raglin (IL)

Week 20

Vincent Can't Sleep by Barb Rosenstock (IL)

If You Were a Kid on the Titanic by Josh Gregory (IL)

Shooting at the Stars by John Hendrix (IL) *the Christmas truce*

Week 21

Camille and the Sunflowers by Laurence Anholt (IL) *also titled "Van Gogh and..."*

Mary and the Little Shepherds of Fatima by Marlyn Monge (IL)

On a Beam of Light: A Story of Albert Einstein by Jennifer Berne (IL)

Week 22

Ghandi by Demi (IL)

The Little Ships by Louise Borden (IL) *Dunkirk*

War Boy by Michael Foreman (IL)

Week 23

Mother Teresa of Calcutta by Francine Bay (IL)

Picasso and the Girl with a Ponytail by Laurence Anholt (IL)

Moonshot by Brian Floca (IL)

Week 24

Mother Teresa by Demi (IL)

The Soccer Fence by Phil Bildner (IL) *end of Apartheid*

A Boy Who Became Pope by Fabiola Garza (IL)