

Great Books for Gifted Kids

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This is a list of books that feature gifted characters. **Bold** authors indicate authors with multiple books on the list. Books with individual pages within this wiki are linked to the appropriate pages. Shaded are featured in the presentation.

Note: Chapter Books are typically for ages 7 - 10. Middle-grades are typical for ages 9-12. YA Novels are typically for ages 12-18. Keep in mind these ages are referring to the typical student.

Book Title	Author	Type	Lexile
A Lesson Before Dying	Gaines, Ernest J.	adult novel	750L
His Brother's Keeper	Weiner, Jonathan	adult novel	
Surely You're Joking, Mr. Feynman!	Feynman, Richard P.	adult novel	
The Boy Who Played with Fusion	Clynes, Tom	adult novel	
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time	Haddon, Mark	adult novel	1090L
The Last Samurai	DeWitt, Helen	adult novel	
The Radioactive Boy Scout	Silverstein, Ken	adult novel	1300L
Encyclopedia Brown Solves Them All	Sobol, Donald	chapter	620L
Saving Lilly	Kehret, Peg	chapter	740L
Who was Eleanor Roosevelt?	Thompson, Gare	chapter	620L
Who Was... Biography Series	Grosset & Dunlap	chapter	
A Wrinkle in Time	L'Engle, Madeleine	middle-grades	740L
Applewhites Coast to Coast	Tolan, Stephanie & Tolan, R.J.	middle-grades	
Carry On, Mr. Bowditch	Latham, Jean Lee	middle-grades	570L
Checked	Kadohata, Cynthia	middle-grades	760L
Dogs Don't Tell Jokes	Sachar, Louis	middle-grades	560L
Fish in a Tree	Hunt, Lynda Mullaly	middle-grades	550 L
From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler	Konigsburg, E.L.	middle-grades	700L
Holes	Sachar, Louis	middle-grades	660L
Ida B.	Hannigan, Katherine	middle-grades	900L
In Search of Molly Pitcher	De Pauw, Linda Grant	middle-grades	
In the Name of the Moon	Hart, Cherie	middle-grades	
Matilda	Dahl, Roald	middle-grades	840L
Millicent Min: Girl Genius	Yee, Lisa	middle-grades	800L
My Name is Brain Brian	Betancourt, Jeanne	middle-grades	700L
One-Handed Catch	Auch, Mary Jane	middle-grades	710L
Out of My Mind	Draper, Sharon	middle-grades	700L
Ranger's Apprentice: The Ruins of Gorlan	Flanagan, John	middle-grades	920L
Savvy	Law, Ingrid	middle-grades	1070L
Scumble	Law, Ingrid	middle-grades	900L
Someday Angeline	Sachar, Louis	middle-grades	610L
Surviving the Applewhites	Tolan, Stephanie	middle-grades	
Switch	Law, Ingrid	middle-grades	830L
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing	Blume, Judy	middle-grades	470L
The Dreamer	Munoz Ryan, Pam & Sis, Peter	middle-grades	650L
The Giver	Lowry, Lois	middle-grades	760L
The Lightning Thief	Riordan, Rick	middle-grades	680L
The London Eye Mystery	Dowd, Siobhan	middle-grades	640L

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The Mysterious Benedict Society	Stewart, Trenton Lee	middle-grades	890L
The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place	Konigsburg, E.L.	middle-grades	840L
The View from Saturday	Konigsburg, E.L.	middle-grades	870L
The Wednesday Wars	Schmidt, Gary	middle-grades	990L
A Bad Case of Stripes (Un Caso Grave de Rayas)	Shannon, David	picture	AD610L (AD520L)
Ada Twist, Scientist	Beaty, Andrea	picture	AD550L
An Inconvenient Alphabet: Ben Franklin & Noah Webster's Spelling Revolution	Anders, Beth & Baddeley, Elizabeth	picture	680L
Anno's Math Games	Anno, Mitsumasa	picture	
Anthony the Perfect Monster	DeCesare, Angelo	picture	510L
Archibald Frisby	Chesworth, Michael	picture	800L
Chester's Way	Henkes, Kevin	picture	570L
Chrysanthemum	Henkes, Kevin	picture	570L
Eggbert: The Slightly Cracked Egg	Ross, Tom	picture	
Frederick	Lionni, Leo	picture	590L
Green Pants	Kraegel, Kenneth	picture	AD550L
I am Sonia Sotomayor	Meltzer, Brad	picture	630L
I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark	Levy, Debbie	picture	710L
If I Ran the Family	Lee and Sue Kaiser Johnson	picture	
If You're So Smart, How Come You Can't Spell Mississippi?	Esham, Barbara	picture	
Jackson & Bud's Bumpy Ride	Koehler-Pentacoff, Elizabeth	picture	AD810L
Last to Finish	Esham, Barbara	picture	770L
Martin's Big Words	Rappaport, Doreen	picture	AD610L
Max's Words	Banks, Kate	picture	510L
Me ... Jane	McDonnel, Patrick	picture	AD740L
Mirette on the High Wire	McCully, Emily Arnold	picture	660L
Miss Rumphius	Cooney, Barbara	picture	680L
Mrs. Gorski, I Think I Have the Wiggle Fidgets	Esham, Barbara	picture	840L
Mustafa	Gay, Marie-Louise	picture	
Night Out	Miyares, Daniel	picture	
No Truth Without Ruth: The Life of Ruth Bader Ginsburg	Krull, Kathleen	picture	860L
Olivia	Falconer, Ian	picture	AD470L
On My Way to Buy Eggs	Chen, Chih-Yuan	picture	430L
Ruby's Wish	Bridges, Shirin Yim	picture	860L
Ruth Bader Ginsburg: The Case of R.B.G vs Inequality	Winter, Jonah	picture	900L
Sarabella's Thinking Cap	Schachner, Judy	picture	AD670L
Sonia Sotomayor	Winter, Jonah	picture	NC840L
Stacey Coolidge's Fancy-Smancy Cursive Handwriting	Esham, Barbara	picture	650L
Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon	Lovell, Patty	picture	AD560L
Starstruck: The Cosmic Journey of Neil deGrasse Tyson	Krull, Kathleen & Brewer, Paul	picture	870L
Stellaluna	Cannon, Janell	picture	AD550L
The Big Orange Splot	Pinkwater, Daniel Manus	picture	550L
The Boy Who Loved to Draw	Brenner, Barbara	picture	610L
The Carrot Seed	Krauss, Ruth	picture	AD400L
The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins	Kerley, Barbara	picture	AD760L

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The Dot	Reynolds, Peter	picture	AD500L
The Fortune Tellers	Alexander, Lloyd	picture	750L
The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes	Pett, Mark & Rubinstein, Gary	picture	AD520L
The Library	Stewart, Sarah	picture	NP
The Most Magnificent Thing	Spires, Ashley	picture	AD380L
The Right Word: Roget and his Thesaurus	Bryant, Jen & Sweet, Melissa	picture	590L
The Star Pupil	Hamburger, Carole	picture	
The Three Questions	Muth, Jon	picture	AD560L
There are Those	Levy, Nathan & Janet	picture	
Turning Pages: My Life Story	Sotomayor, Sonia	picture	AD1000L
Verdi	Cannon, Janell	picture	AD620L
Wemberly Worried	Henkes, Kevin	picture	AD480L
Weslandia	Fleischman, Paul	picture	AD820L
When We Were Alone	Robertson, David & Flett, Julie	picture	600L
Where the Wild Things Are	Sendak, Maurice	picture	AD740L
Willow	Brennan-Nelson, Denise & Brennan, Rosemarie	picture	AD620L
Call of the Wild	London, Jack	YA novel	640L
Deliver Us from Normal	Klise, Kate	YA novel	620L
Dragonsong	McCaffrey, Anne	YA novel	960L
Durable Goods	Berg, Elizabeth	YA novel	620L
The Geek's Guide to Unrequited Love	Tash, Sarvenaz	YA novel	830 L
Joy School	Berg, Elizabeth	YA novel	660L
No More Dead Dogs	Korman, Gordon	YA novel	610L
Silent to the Bone	Konigsburg, E.L.	YA novel	810L
Stargirl	Spinelli, Jerry	YA novel	590L
The Incredible Magic of Being	Erskine, Kathryn	YA novel	740L
The Loneliest Girl in the Universe	Lauren James	YA novel	
The Stowaway: The Stone of Tymora (Book I)	Salvatore, R.A.	YA novel	
The Year of the Hangman	Blackwood, Gary	YA novel	820L
True to Form	Berg, Elizabeth	YA novel	
Welcome to the Ark	Tolan, Stephanie	YA novel	850L
White Fang	London, Jack	YA novel	680L