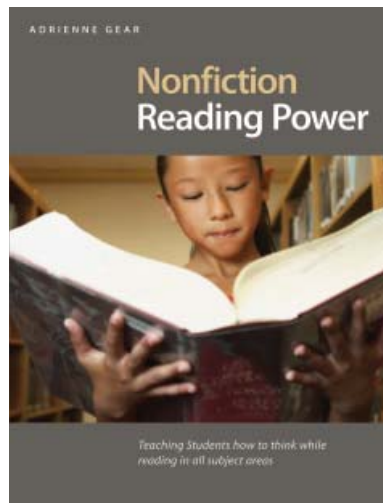


Adrienne Gear's **TOP PICKS** to Help Students Think While They Read

A list of the *best children's books* to teach reading in the classroom!



Adrienne Gear, author of *Reading Power* and *Nonfiction Reading Power*, recognizes that teachers need authentic children's literature to support teaching curricula and increase reading comprehension in the classroom. This list is designed to increase the reading power of young readers everywhere!



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Adrienne's TOP NEW PICKS and OLD FAVOURITES for Teaching Reading Power in the Classroom

Reading Power, by Adrienne Gear was Pembroke Publisher's bestselling book last year. Adrienne has updated last year's booklist to include her top new picks as well as old favourites. The following booklist is organized around 5 reading strategies, as found in *Reading Power* — **Connect, Question, Infer, Visualize and Transform.**

CONNECT

Early Primary

Grades K-1

Just Like Bossy Bear – David Horvath
My First Airplane Ride – Patricia Hubbell
Lucy and the Bully – Claire Alexander
When I was King – Linda Ashman
Boo Hoo Bird – Jeremy Tankard
Big Words for Little People – Jamie Lee Curtis

Late Primary

Grades 2-3

The Lime Green Secret – Georgia Graham
Put It On The List – Kristen Darbyshire
Nit-Picikin' - Nancy Van Laan
Sourpuss and Sweetie Pie – Norton Juster
Red Shoes – Eleri Glass
Little Hoot – Amy Krouse Rosenthal
Rosie and Buttercup – Chieri Uegaki
Celestine – Drama Queen – Penny Ives
The One & Only Marigold – Florence Parry Heide
Little Rabbit and the Night Mare – Kate Klise

Intermediate

Grades 4-7

My Mom is Trying to Ruin my Life – Kate Feiffer
The Little Bit Scary People – Emily Jenkins
Just Kidding – Trudy Ludwig

QUESTION

Primary

Grades K-3

The Adventures of Max and Pinky: The Mystery
– Maxwell Eaton III, (K-1)
Urso Brunov and the White Emperor – Brian Jacques
Q is for Question: An ABC of Philosophy – Tiffany Poirier
The Way Back Home – Oliver Jeffers
Little Ant, Big Thinker, Or Where Does the Ocean End?
– Andre Usatschow
Penguin and the Cupcake – Ashley Spires
Otto Grows Down – Michael Sussman

Intermediate

Grades 4-7

Sparrow Girl – Sara Pennypacker
Twenty Heartbeats – Dennis Haseley
The Dump Man's Treasures – Lynn Plourde
A Bear in War – Stephanie Innes and Harry Endrulat
The First Beaver – Caroll Simpson (Aboriginal)
Shin-Chi's Canoe – Nicola I. Campbell (Aboriginal)

INFER

Primary

Grades K-3

Funny Farm – Mark Teague
OK Go – Carin Berger
Not All Animals Are Blue: A Big Book of Little Differences
– Beatrice Boutignon

Intermediate

Grades 4-7

No! – David McPhail
Tales from Outer Suburbia – Shaun Tan
Welcome to the Zoo – Alison Jay
South – Patrick McDonnell
Redwoods – Jason Chin

VISUALIZE

Primary

Grades K-3

What Am I? – Linda Granfield

Birds – Kevin Henkes

Clinton Gregory's Secret – Bruce Whatley

Just How Long Can A String Be? – Keith Baker

In the Night Garden – Barbara Joosse

Crocodiles Play! – Robert Heidbreder

Quiet in the Garden – Alik

Red Rubber Boot Day – Mary Lyn Ray

Intermediate

Grades 4-7

Red Sings from Treetops: A Year in Colors – Joyce Sidman

Visions in Poetry Series – (Classic poems with contemporary illustrations)

- The Highwayman – Alfred Noyes
- Jabberwocky – Lewis Carroll
- The Raven – Edgar Allan Poe
- The Owl and the Pussycat – Edward Lear

TRANSFORM

Primary

Grades K-3

I Have a Little Problem, Said the Bear – Heinz Janisch

Big and Small, Room for All – Jo Ellen Bogart

Sneaky Weasel – Hannah Shaw

Hello My Name is Bob – Linas Alsenas

My Great Big Mama – Olivier Ka

Sam is Never Scared – Thierry Robberecht

Yoon and the Jade Bracelet – Helen Recorvits

Willoughby and the Lion – Greg Foley

Grump Groan Growl – Bell Hooks (Moods)

One – Kathryn Otoshi

How Full is Your Bucket? For Kids – Tom Rath

Alex and Lulu: Two of a Kind – Lorena Siminovick

Listen to the Wind: The Story of Dr. Greg G and *Three Cups of Tea* – Greg Mortenson

Intermediate

Grades 4-5

The Enemy: A Book About Peace – Davide Cali

Hope is an Open Heart – Lauren Thompson

Her Mother's Face – Roddy Doyle

The Courage of Blue Boy – Robert Neubecker

The Curious Garden – Peter Brown

Tulip and Lupin Forever – Mireille Levert (Grief)

Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed – Mo Willems

The following titles can be used to demonstrate two of the 5 reading strategies:

Primary Grades K-3

There – Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick (Infer, Question)

Intermediate Grades 4-7

Too Perfect – Trudy Ludwig (Connect, Transform)

Wabi Sabi – Mark Reibstein (Question, Transform)

King of Rome – Dave Sudbury (Question, Infer)

Stay Away from Rat Boy! – Laurie Lears (Transform, Connect)

Adrienne's TOP NEW PICKS and OLD FAVOURITES for Teaching **Nonfiction Reading Power** in the Classroom

Nonfiction Reading Power helps student's find meaning in informational texts and become strategic readers and thinkers. The following booklist is organized around 5 reading strategies - **zoom-in, question/infer, find the main idea, make connections, and transform what's on the printed page.**

Recommended Books For Nonfiction READ-ALOUDS

Primary

Our Seasons – Grace Lin & Ranida McKneally
If You Decide to Go to the Moon – Faith McNulty
How To Dig a Hole to the Other Side of the Earth – Faith McNulty
Astronaut Handbook – Meghan McCarthy
The Five Senses – Adele Ciboul
Arabella Miller's Tiny Caterpillar – Clare Jarrett
Growing Frogs – Vivian French
My Story of Life in a Pond – Steve Parker
Anothy D. Fredericks (Author)
Titles Available: In One Tidepool
Near One Cattail
On One Flower
Follow That Map! - Scot Ritchie
Oh, Canada! - Per-Henrik Gurth

Intermediate

I Wonder Why (Series) – Kingfisher
Should There Be Zoos? – Tony Stead
Owen and Mzee (Series) – Isabella Hatkoff
(Companion book to Mama: A True Story – Jeanette Winter)
The Scoop on Poop – Wayne Lynch
Extreme Animals – Nicola Davies
It's Disgusting and We Ate It! Food Facts from Around the World and Throughout History – James Solheim
The Island That Moved: The Forces Shaped Our Earth – Meredith Hooper & Lucia deLeiris
All About My Brother – Sarah Peralta
Hurricanes Have Eyes But Can't See – Melvin & Gilda Berger
This Is Your Life Cycle – Heather Lynn Miller
Tribal Alphabet – Nan Richardson

Intermediate and Primary

WHY? The Best Ever Question and Answer Book About Nature, Science and The World Around You – Catherine Ripley
How Big Is It? – Ben Hillman
How Strong Is It? – Ben Hillman
The Backyard Books Series - Judy Allen
Titles Include: Are You a Spider?; Are You a Grasshopper?; Are You an Ant?; Are You a Bee?; Are You a Dragonfly?; Are You a Snail?
An Egg Is Quiet – Dianna Aston
A Seed Is Sleepy – Dianna Aston
I Wanna Iguana - Karen Orloff
The West Is Calling: Imagining British Columbia - Sarah N. Harvey & Leslie Buffam

Recommended Books For ZOOM IN (to Nonfiction features)

Primary

A Closer Look - Mary McCarthy
Looking Closely (Series) – Frank Serafini
Titles Include: Looking Closely Along the Shore,
Looking Closely Inside a Garden, Looking Closely
Across the Desert, Looking Closely through the
Forest
Imagine You're a (Series) - Lucy & Meg Clibbon
Titles Include: Pirate, Fairy, Knight, Mermaid,
Princess, Ballerina
See More (Series) – Seymour Simon
EYE Know (Series) - DK Publishing

Intermediate

Zoom - Istvan Banyai
Re-Zoom - Istvan Banyai
The Top of the World: Climbing Mount Everest –
Steve Jenkins
Smart About Art (Series) - Grosset & Dunlap
Titles Include: Frieda Kahlo, Vincent Van Gogh,
Edgar Degas, Claude Monet
Creepy Crawlies – Edited by Kingfisher

Intermediate and Primary

Looking Down – Steve Jenkins
My Map Book – Sara Fanelli
Take-Twos (Series) – Published by the Wright Group

Recommended Books For Promoting DEEP THINKING Questions

Primary

Stella (Series) – Marie-Louise Gay
Titles Include: Stella, Fairy of the Forest; Stella Star
of the Sea; Stella, Queen of the Snow
Ask Me – Antje Damm
Where Does Pepper Come From? And Other Fun
Facts - Brigitte Raab
I Wonder Why: A Poem for Children – Connie Amarel
I Wonder Why? – Lois Rock
I Wonder – Tana Hoban
I Wonder... – Harriet Fishel
Why? - Lila Prap
Have You Ever Seen a Duck in a Raincoat? – Etta Kaner

Intermediate

The Philosopher's Club – Christopher Phillips
The Kids' Book of Questions – Gregory Stock
Philosophy for Kids: 40 Fun Questions That Help You
Wonder... About Everything! - David A. White
What? Where? Why? Questions and Answers About
Nature – Jim Bruce
If... – Sara Perry
Biggest Ever Book of Questions and Answers – Ian James
How Come? Planet Earth – Kathy Wollard

Intermediate and Primary

WHY? The Best Ever Question and Answer Book About Nature, Science and The World Around You – Catherine Ripley
Thinking Stories 1, 2 & 3 (Philosophical Inquiry for Children series) - Philip Cam (editor)

Recommended Books For Teaching MAIN IDEA (Determining Importance)

Primary

Diane Swanson (Author)

Titles Include: Up Close: Tails That Talk and Fly
Up Close: Noses That Blow and Poke
Animals Eat the Weirdest Things
Animals Can Be So Speedy
Animals Can Be So Sleepy

Extreme Readers (Series) - School Specialty Publishing

World of Plants (Series) - Louise & Richard Spilsbury

Titles Include: Why Do Plants Have Flowers?
Where Do Plants Grow

Intermediate

Poo - Nicola Davies

Extreme Animals - Nicola Davies

Animals Nobody Loves - Seymour Simon

How Big Is It? – Ben Hillman

How Strong Is It? - Ben Hillman

The Daily Disaster: Real Life Stories of 30 Amazing Disasters - Cormac O'Brien

Text on Two Levels (Series) - Stargazer Books

Titles include: Energy, Geography, Solar Power, Resources

Intermediate and Primary

Nonfiction Reading Practice (Series available in various grade levels) - Evan-Moore Publishing
Reproducible units with articles at three different reading levels

Read and Understand Science (Series available in various grade levels) - Evan-Moore Publishing
Reproducible articles for content area reading practice

The Comprehension Toolkit: Primary and Intermediate - Stephanie Harvey & Anne Goudvis

Recommended Books For Teaching CONNECT

Primary

In My Neighbourhood (Series) – Paulette Bourgeois

Titles Include: Police Officer, Firefighter

The Bare Naked Book – Kathy Stinson

What Is a Community? – Bobbie Kalman

You and Me Together, Moms and Dads and Kids

Around the World – Barbara Kerley

Me and My Family Tree – Joan Sweeney

My Five Senses – Alike

I Am a Living Thing – Bobbie Kalman

Me and My Amazing Body – Joan Sweeny

Our Seasons – Grace Lin

Four Seasons Make a Year – Anne Rockwell

Intermediate

Usborne Book of Peoples of the World – Ann Claybourne & Gilliam Dorerty

Wake Up World! A Day in the Life of Children Around the World – Beatrice Hollyer

Canada from A to Z – Bobbie Kalman

Mysterious You (Series) – Titles by Diane Swanson & Trudee Romanek

Looking at Weather – David Suzuki

Snowflake: A Water Cycle Story – Neil Waldman

Weather – Valerie Wyatt (Frequently Asked Questions Series)

Intermediate and Primary

I Wonder Why I Blink and Other Questions About My Body – Brigid Avison

Recommended Books For Teaching TRANSFORM

Primary

10 Things I Can Do to Help My World – Melanie Walsh

A Cool Drink of Water - Barbara Kerley

Polar Bear, Why is Your World Melting? - Robert

E.Wells

Where the Forest Meets the Sea - Jeannie Baker

Where Once There Was a Wood – Denise Fleming

First the Egg – Laura Vaccaro Seeger

Katharine Kenah (Author)

Titles Include: *The Bizarre Body*

Weird and Wacky Plants

Space Mysteries

I Wonder Why There's a Hole in the Sky and Other Questions About the Environment – Sean Callery

I Wonder Why Spiders Spin Webs and Other Questions About Creepy Crawlies – Amanda O'Neill

Wonder Why the Dodo Is Dead and Other Questions About Extinct and Endangered Animals – Andrew Charman

Our Big Home: An Earth Poem – Linda Glaser

Intermediate

One Well: The Story of Water on Earth – Rochelle Strauss

Tree of Life: The Incredible Biodiversity of Life on Earth - Rochelle Strauss

Most Loved in All the World – Tonya Cherie Hegamin

If the World Were a Village - David J. Smith

We - Alice Schertle

The Storm: Students of Biloxi, Mississippi Remember Hurricane Katrina - Barbara Barbieri McGrath

Earth Then and Now: Amazing Images of Our Changing World - Fred Pearce

Paths to Peace: People Who Changed the World - Jane Breskin Zalben

Material World: A Global Family Portrait – Peter Menzel

Can We Save Them? Endangered Species of North America - David Dobson

Dear Children of the Earth – Schim Schimmel

Intermediate and Primary

A Little Peace - Barbara Kerley

The Great Kapok Tree - Lynne Cherry

A Cool Drink of Water – Barbara Kerley

What the Sea Saw - Stephanie St. Pierre

Ice Bear: In the Steps of the Polar Bear – Nicola Davies

Steve Jenkins (Author)

Titles Include: *Hottest, Coldest, Highest, Deepest*

Actual Size

Biggest, Strongest, Fastest

Almost Gone: The World's Rarest Animals

The Top of the World: Climbing Mount Everest

I See a Kookaburra! Discovering Animal Habitats Around the World

What Do You Do When Something Wants to Eat You?

Slap, Squeak and Scatter: How Animals Communicate