PERFECT PAIRS

Poetry
Lewis, J. Patrick and Douglas Florian.
POEM-MOBILES: CRAZY CAR POEMS
Minden, Cecilia and Kate Roth.
HOW TO WRITE A POEM

Space (Science)
Kelly, Mark. MOUSETRONAUT: BASED ON A (PARTIALLY) TRUE STORY
Silverman, Buffy.
HOW DO SPACE VEHICLES WORK?

Space/Moon (Science)
Gerstein, Mordicai. HOW TO BICYCLE TO THE MOON TO PLANT SUNFLOWERS
Wilkinson, Philip. SPACEBUSTERS: THE RACE TO THE MOON

Sports/Soccer
Hicks, Betty.
GOOF-OFF GOALIE
Falk, Laine.
LET'S TALK SOCCER

Technology
Fleming, Candace.
PAPA'S MECHANICAL FISH
St. George, Judith.
SO YOU WANT TO BE AN INVENTOR?

Trees (Life Science)
Florian, Douglas.
POETREES
Preus, Margi. CELEBRITREES: HISTORIC AND FAMOUS TREES OF THE WORLD

Volcanoes (Earth Science)
Osborne, Mary Pope.
VACATION UNDER THE VOLCANO
Ganeri, Anita. ERUPTION!
THE STORY OF VOLCANOES

The White House (History)
Freeman, Martha.
THE CASE OF THE ROCK ‘N’ ROLL DOG
Kenney, Karen Latchana.
THE WHITE HOUSE

Books on Similar Topics for Students
Grades 2 & 3

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How to Use This Book List

We know that children enjoy different types of books and learn in different ways. By pairing fiction and nonfiction titles on the same topic, you can introduce or reinforce different concepts and ideas in the best way your child learns.

The new Common Core Standards ask students to read more nonfiction and learn more about science, social studies and other topics through reading.

They also require students to learn about a topic from various points of view. Reading a fiction and nonfiction book on a similar topic does just that – it allows the reader to think about it from many different angles. The book list included here is sorted alphabetically by topic with it’s broad category in parentheses and lists the fiction book first.

Talk to your child about what they are reading. You might ask your child what makes one book fiction and the other nonfiction. Ask them what the books have in common and how they are different.

While these may not be “perfect pairs” (like milk & cookies or peanut butter & jelly), we hope you enjoy them!

Fiction/Non-Fiction Pairs

Ancient Civilizations (History)
Preller, James. 
THE CASE OF THE MUMMY MYSTERY
Edwards, Roberta. 
WHO WAS KING TUT?

Animals/Frogs (Science & Nature)
McDonald, Megan. STINK AND 
THE FREAKY FROG FREAKOUT
Guiberson, Brenda Z. 
FROG SONG

Animals/Owls (Science & Nature)
Jennings, Patrick. 
ODD, WEIRD AND LITTLE 
Gibbons, Gail. 
OWLS

Animals/Penguins (Science & Nature)
Myracle, Lauren. 
THE LIFE OF TY: PENGUIN PROBLEMS 
Landau, Elaine. EMPEROR PENGUINS: ANIMALS 
OF THE SNOW AND ICE

Communication/ Sign Language
Browne, Anthony. 
LITTLE BEAUTY 
Rappaport, Doreen. HELEN’S BIG WORLD: THE 
LIFE OF HELEN KELLER

Fire Stations (Community Helpers)
Klein, Abby. 
FIREHOUSE FUN! 
Nolan, Janet. 
THE FIREHOUSE LIGHT

Friendship (Community Helpers)
Keller, Holly. 
HELP: A STORY OF FRIENDSHIP 
Hatkoff, Isabella. 
OWEN AND MZEE: THE TRUE STORY OF AN 
REMARKABLE FRIENDSHIP

Gardening (Science)
Moulton, Mark Kimball. 
THE VERY BEST PUMPKIN 
Pfeffer, Wendy. 
FROM SEED TO PUMPKIN

Hawaii (Geography)
Salisbury, Graham. 
HERO OF HAWAII 
Novesky, Amy. 
GEORGIA IN HAWAII

Human Body (Science)
Krulik, Nancy. 
HELP! I’M STUCK IN A GIANT NOSTRIL! 
Rake, Jody Sullivan. WHY FEET SMELL AND 
OTHER GROSS FACTS ABOUT YOUR 
BODY