Inventors (Science)
Watson, Geoff. EDISON'S GOLD
Rusch, Elizabeth. ELECTRICAL WIZARD: HOW NIKOLA TESLA LIT UP THE WORLD

Joe Louis, Boxing (Biography)
Pinkney, Andrea Davis. BIRD IN A BOX
Peña, Matt De La. A NATION'S HOPE: THE STORY OF BOXING LEGEND JOE LOUIS

Nature/Animals (Science)
Appelt, Kathi. THE TRUE BLUE SCOUTS OF SUGAR MAN SWAMP
Downer, Ann. WILD ANIMAL NEIGHBORS

Neil Armstrong/Space (Science)
Marino, Nan. NEIL ARMSTRONG IS MY UNCLE AND OTHER LIES MUSCLE MAN MCINTYRE TOLD ME
Floca, Brian. MOONSHOT: THE FLIGHT OF APOLLO 11

Photography (Art)
Lord, Cynthia. HALF A CHANCE
Sullivan, George. CLICK CLICK CLICK!: PHOTOGRAPHY FOR CHILDREN

Poetry
Herrera, Robin. HOPE IS A FERRIS WHEEL
Hoberman, Mary Ann. FORGET-ME-NOTS: POEMS TO LEARN BY HEART

Real-life Zombies (Science)
Lubar, David. MY ROTTEN LIFE
Johnson, Rebecca L. ZOMBIE MAKERS: TRUE STORIES OF NATURE'S UNDEAD

Seashells (Science)
Henkes, Kevin. JUNONIA
Arthur, Alex. SHELL

World War II, Spies (History)
Stone, Phoebe. THE ROMEO AND JULIET CODE
Mitchell, Susan K. SPY CODES AND CIPHERS

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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 its 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 non-fiction. 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

Autism/Asperger’s Syndrome
Erskine, Kathryn.

MOCKINGBIRD
Stefanski, Daniel.

HOW TO TALK TO AN AUTISTIC KID

Benjamin Franklin ( Biography)
McElligott, Matthew.

BENJAMIN FRANKLINSTEIN LIVES!
Freedman, Russell.

BECOMING BEN FRANKLIN

Birds (Environmental Science)
O’Dell, Kathleen.

THE AVIARY
Judge, Lita. BIRD TALK: WHAT BIRDS ARE SAYING AND WHY

Charles Dickens (English Literature)
Deedy, Carmen Agra. THE CHESHIRE CHEESE CAT: A DICKENS OF A TALE
Hopkinson, Deborah.

A BOY CALLED DICKENS

Dogs in the Military (History)
Hart, Alison. DARLING, MERCY DOG OF WORLD WAR I
Bausum, Ann.

STUBBY THE WAR DOG

Dust Bowl (History)
Hesse, Karen.

OUT OF THE DUST
Marrin, Albert. YEARS OF DUST: THE STORY OF THE DUST BOWL

Ecology (Environmental Science)
Haasen, Carl.

CHOMP
Burns, Loree Griffin.

CITIZEN SCIENTISTS

Explorers (History/Science)
Blakemore, Megan Frazer.

THE WATER CASTLE
Weatherford, Carole Boston.

I, MATTHEW HENSON

Gorillas (Science)
Applegate, Katherine.

THE ONE AND ONLY IVAN
Eszzterhas, Suzi.

GORILLA

Harry Houdini (Biography)
Johnson, Peter. THE AMAZING ADVENTURES OF JOHN SMITH, JR., AKA HOUDINI
Weaver, Janice. HARRY HOUDINI: THE LEGEND OF THE WORLD’S GREATEST ESCAPE ARTIST