PERFECT PAIRS

Football (Sports)
Green, Tim.
  UNSTOPPABLE
McClafferty, Carla Killough.
  FOURTH DOWN AND INCHES

Prohibition (History)
Lisle, Janet Taylor.
  BLACK DUCK
Blumenthal, Karen.
  BOOTLEG

The Holocaust (History)
Lowry, Lois. NUMBER THE STARS
Rappaport, Doreen. BEYOND COURAGE: THE UNTOLD STORY OF JEWISH RESISTANCE DURING THE HOLOCAUST

Survival (History)
Hobbs, Will.
  FAR NORTH
Sandler, Martin W.
  THE IMPOSSIBLE RESCUE

Immigrants (History)
Napoli, Donna Jo.
  THE KING OF MULBERRY STREET
Swain, Gwenyth. HOPE AND TEARS: ELLIS ISLAND VOICES

World War II (History)
Bruchac, Joseph.
  CODE TALKER
Aaseng, Nathan.
  NAVAJO CODE TALKERS

Negro League Baseball (Sports)
Tooke, Wes. KING OF THE MOUND: MY SUMMER WITH SATCHEL PAIGE
Nelson, Kadir. WE ARE THE SHIP: THE STORY OF NEGRO LEAGUE BASEBALL

World War II (History)
Fitzmaurice, Kathryn.
  A DIAMOND IN THE DESERT
Sandler, Martin W. IMPRISONED: THE BETRAYAL OF JAPANESE AMERICANS DURING WWII

Polio Epidemic (Science)
Lasky, Kathryn.
  CHASING ORION
Kehret, Peg.
  SMALL STEPS: THE YEAR I GOT POLIO

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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!

American Civil War (History)
Hale, Nathan. BIG BAD IRONCLAD: A CIVIL WAR STEAMSHIP SHOWDOWN
Walker, Sally M. SECRETS OF A CIVIL WAR SUBMARINE

American Revolution (History)
Anderson, Laurie Halse. FORGE
Freedman, Russell. WASHINGTON AT VALLEY FORGE

Artists (Art)
Konigsburg, E.L. FROM THE MIXED-UP FILES OF MRS. BASIL E. FRANKWEILER
Close, Chuck. CHUCK CLOSE: FACE BOOK

Autism (Health)
Lord, Cynthia. RULES
Montgomery, Sy. TEMPLE GRANDIN: HOW THE GIRL WHO LOVED COWS EMBRACED AUTISM AND CHANGED THE WORLD

Birds (Environmental Science)
Schmidt, Gary D. OKAY FOR NOW
Montgomery, Sy. KAKAPO RESCUE

Ecology (Environmental Science)
Hiaasen, Carl. FLUSH
Burns, Loree Griffin. TRACKING TRASH

Evolution (Science)
Kelly, Jacqueline. THE EVOLUTION OF CALPURNIA TATE
Pringle, Laurence. BILLIONS OF YEARS, AMAZING CHANGES

Disasters (Science & Nature)
Philbrick, W.R. ZANE AND THE HURRICANE
Guiberson, Brenda Z. DISASTERS

The Civil Rights Movement (History)
Curtis, Christopher Paul. THE WATSONS GO TO BIRMINGHAM
Levinson, Cynthia Y. WE’VE GOT A JOB

Child Labor (History)
Winthrop, Elizabeth. COUNTING ON GRACE
Bartoletti, Susan Campbell. KIDS ON STRIKE