

BOOKS FOR BOYS RESOURCE LIST



Research shows that choice of material is critical in stimulating reading success in boys. In *According to Smith and Wilhelm in Reading Don't Fix No Chevys: Literacy in the Lives of Young Men*, Smith and Wilhelm point out that boys make very different choices in reading materials than girls.¹

- ❖ Boys are more inclined to read informational texts, magazines, and newspaper articles.
- ❖ Boys are more inclined to read graphic novels and comic books.
- ❖ Boys tend to resist reading stories about girls, whereas girls do not tend to resist reading stories about boys.
- ❖ Boys like to read about hobbies, sports, and things they might do or be interested in doing.
- ❖ Boys like to collect things and tend to like to collect series of books.
- ❖ Boys read less fiction than girls.
- ❖ Boys tend to enjoy escapism and humor, and some boys are passionate about science fiction or fantasy."

Jon Scieszka supports this research, saying that adults need to "let boys know that nonfiction reading is reading. Magazines, newspapers, websites, biographies, science books, comic books, graphic novels are all reading material."³

Here are some great suggestions for books for boys!

Young Readers (Or To Be Read To):

Frog by Susan Cooper (ERC PZ7.C7878 Fr 2002)

Mike Mulligan and More: A Virginia Lee Burton Treasury (ERC PZ7.B954 B87 2002)

No, David! By David Shannon (ERC PZ7.S52865 No 1998) – look for more books by Shannon

Squids Will Be Squids: Fresh Morals, Beastly Fables by Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith (ERC PZ7.S41267 Sq 1998)

The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales by Jon Scieszka (ERC PZ8.S3134 St 1992)

The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs by A. Wolf as told to Jon Scieszka (ERC PZ7.S41267 Tr 1999)

The Wheels on the Bus by Maryann Kovalski (ERC PS8571.096.W48 1987)

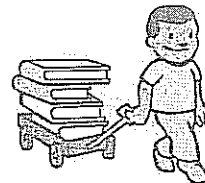
The Wolf Who Cried Boy by Bob Hartman (ERC PZ7.H26725 Wo 2002)

Middle Readers:

- Bud, Not Buddy** by Christopher Paul Curtis (ERC PZ7.C94137 Bu 1999b)
- Call it Courage** by Armstrong Sperry (ERC PZ8.1.S75 Cal 1991)
- The Cay** by Theodore Taylor (ERC PS3570.A9549 C39 2002)
- Holes** by Louis Sachar (ERC PZ7.S1185 Ho 2000)
- Knights of the Kitchen Table** by Jon Scieszka (ERC PZ7.S41267 Kn 1993)
- Loser** by Jerry Spinelli (ERC PZ7.S75663 Lo 2002)
- Owls in the Family** by Farley Mowat (ERC PS8526.O97 O92 1989)
- Sideways Stories from Wayside School** by Lois Sachar (ERC PZ7.S1185 Si 1985)
- Sunder** (with Teacher's Guide) by William Howard Armstrong (ERC PZ7.A73394 So 1999)

Older Readers:

- All Quiet on the Western Front** by Erich Maria Remarque (ERC PT2635.E68 I6 1982)
- The Giver** by Lois Lowry (ERC PZ7.L9673 Gi 2002)
- The Outsiders** by S.E. Hinton (ERC PS3558.I548 O98 1967)
- Tales of Mystery and Suspense** (ERC PZ5.T26 1977)
- The Wars** by Timothy Findley (ERC PS8511.I38 W3 1996)



Non Fiction:

Early Bird Physics (Series)

Some of the titles in this series include:

- **Levers** by Sally M. Walker and Roseann Feldman (ERC TJ147.W36 2002)
- **Pulleys** by Sally M. Walker and Roseann Feldman (ERC TJ1103.W35 2002)
- **Wheels** by Sally M. Walker and Roseann Feldman (ERC TJ181.5.W36 2002)

Hearts of Gold: Stories of Courage, Dedication and Triumph from Canadian Olympians by Lorne Zeiler (ERC GV697.A1 Z44 2004)

High Interest Books (Series)

Some of the titles in this series include:

- **Cloning and Genetic Engineering** by Holly Cefrey (ERC QH442.2.C445 2002)
- **Crisis in Space: Apollo 13** by Mark Beyer (ERC TL789.8.U6 A5215 2002)
- **Jon Krakauer's Adventure on Mt. Everest** by Scott P. Werther (ERC GV199.44.E85 W47 2002)
- **The Shackleton Expedition** by Jill Fine (ERC G850 1914.S53 F56 2002)
- **Virtual Reality** by Holly Cefrey (ERC QA76.9.V5 C44 2002)

The New Way Things Work by David Macaulay (ERC T47.M18 1998)

Seven Inventors by Harry McNicol (ERC T212.M26 1944)

Sold! The Origins of Money and Trade (ERC CJ233.S65 1994)



Stones and Bones! : How Archaeologists Trace Human Origins (ERC CC75.S767 1994)

Unlocking the Secrets of Science (Series)

Some of the titles in this series include:

- **Albert Einstein and the Theory of Relativity** by John Bankston (ERC QC16.E5 B34 2003)
- **Jacques-Yves Cousteau: His Story Under the Sea** by John Bankston (ERC GC30.C68 B36 2003)
- **Tim Berners-Lee and the Development of the World Wide Web** by Ann G. Gaines (ERC TK5102.56.B47 G35 2002)

Wild Science: Amazing Encounters between Animals and the People Who Study Them by Victoria Miles (ERC QL83.M54 2004)

Why Seals Blow Their Noses: Canadian Wildlife in Fiction & Fact by Diane Swanson (ERC QL49.S93 1992)

You Wouldn't Want to Be (Series)

Some of the titles in this series include:

- **You Wouldn't Want to be a Pirate's Prisoner! : Horrible Things You'd Rather Not Know** by John Malam (ERC F2161.5.M35 2002)
- **You Wouldn't Want to be an Aztec Sacrifice! : Gruesome Things You'd Rather Not Know** by Fiona Macdonald (ERC F1219.7.M337 2001)
- **You Wouldn't Want to be an Egyptian Mummy! : Disgusting Things You'd Rather Not Know** by David Stewart (ERC DT62.M7 S83 2000)
- **You Wouldn't Want to be on Apollo 13! : A Mission You'd Rather Not Go On** by Ian Graham (ERC TL789.8.U6 A53544 2003)

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