

# 50 Best Books for 7- and 8-Year-Olds

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8. ☐ **Firefly July** selected by Paul B. Janeczko, illustrated by Melissa Sweet | 9780763648428
9. ☐ **Ordinary People Change the World Series** by Brad Meltzer, illustrated by Christopher Eliopoulos
10. ☐ **Grandfather Gandhi** by Arun Gandhi, illustrated by Bethany Hegedus | 9781442423657
11. ☐ **Dragonbreath** by Usurla Vernon | 9780142420959
12. ☐ **The Adventures of Nanny Piggins** by R.A. Spratt, illustrated by Dan Santat | 9780316230988
13. ☐ **Anna Hibiscus** by Atinuke, illustrated by Lauren Tobia | 9781935279730
14. ☐ **The World According to Humphrey** by Betty G. Birney | 9780142403525
15. ☐ **Make Way for Dyamonde Daniel** by Nikki Grimes, illustrated by R. Gregory Christie | 9780142415559
16. ☐ **The Year of the Dog** by Grace Lin | 9780316060028
17. ☐ **Bad Kitty** by Nick Bruel | 9781626722453
18. ☐ **A Horn for Louis** by Eric A. Kimmel | 9780375840050
19. ☐ **The Haunted Library #1** by Dori Hillestad Butler, illustrated by Aurore Damant | 9780448462431
20. ☐ **My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish** by Mo O'Hara, illustrated by Marek Jagucki | 9781250052155
21. ☐ **Rickshaw Girl** by Mitali Perkins, illustrated by Jamie Hogan | 9781580893084
22. ☐ **The Great Cake Mystery: Precious Ramotswe's Very First Case** by Alexander McCall Smith, illustrated by Iain McIntosh | 9780307949448
23. ☐ **Lola Levine Is Not Mean!** by Monica Brown, illustrated by Angela Dominguez | 9780316258333
24. ☐ **My Father's Dragon** by Ruth Stiles Gannett, illustrated by Ruth Chrisman Gannett | 9780394890487
25. ☐ **The Hundred Dresses** by Eleanor Estes, illustrated by Louis Slobodkin | 9780152052607
26. ☐ **Over My Dead Body** by Kate Klise, illustrated by M. Sarah Klise | 9780547577135
27. ☐ **Fantastic Mr. Fox** by Roald Dahl, illustrated by Quentin Blake | 9780142410349
28. ☐ **Weird But True Series** by National Geographic
29. ☐ **Fairest of All (Whatever After, Book #1)** by Sarah Mlynowski | 9780545485715
30. ☐ **Who Was...? Series** by various authors
31. ☐ **Tuesdays at the Castle** by Jessica Day George | 9781599906447
32. ☐ **Sideways Stories from Wayside School** by Louis Sachar, illustrated by Adam McCauley | 9780380698714
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