

High Interest/Low Reading Level Booklist

High Interest/ Low Reading Level Books (Hi-Lo Books) encourage reading for the reluctant reader. Books are written at lower reading levels, but appeal to the reader's interest level even though that might not match their grade level.

Star Jumper: Journal of a Cardboard

Genius by Frank Asch
Reading Level: Grades 3-6
Interest Level: Grades 5-9
J ASC

The Barn by Avi

Reading Level: Grade 3
Interest Level: Grade 5-12
J AVI

Heck: Where The Bad Kids Go by Dale E.

Basye
Reading Level: Grades 3-6
Interest Level: Grades 5-9
J BAS

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy
Blume

Reading Level: Grade 3
Interest Level: Grades 3-5
J BLU

Survive by Chris Buckton

Reading Level: Grades 2-3
Interest Level: Grades 5-9
J BUC

Chat Room by Kristin Butcher

Reading Level: Grade 4
Interest Level: Grades 5-9
J BUT

The Pinballs by Betsy Byars

Reading Level: Grade 3
Interest Level: Grades 5-6
J BYA

Socks by Beverly Cleary

Reading Level: Grade 2
Interest Level: Grades 3-5
J CLE

Lost and Found by Andrew Clements

Reading Level: Grades 3-6
Interest Level: Grades 5-9
J CLE

How to Train Your Dragon

by Cressida Cowell
Reading Level: Grades 3-6
Interest Level: Grades 5-9
J COW

Killer Sharks by Stan Cullimore

Reading Level: Grades 2-3
Interest Level: Grades 5-9
J CUL

The Whipping Boy by Sid Fleischman

Reading Level: Grade 3
Interest Level: Grades 3-5
J FLE

***Ghosthunters and the Incredibly Revolting
Ghost***

by Cornelia Caroline Funke
Reading Level: Grades 3-6
Interest Level: Grades 5-9
J FUN

Spoiled Rotten by Dayle Campbell Gaetz

Reading Level: Grade 3
Interest Level: Grades 5-9
J GAE

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The Million Dollar Putt by Dan Gutman
Reading Level: Grades 3-6
Interest Level: Grades 5-9
J GUT

Mr. Potter's Pet by Dick King-Smith
Reading Level: Grade 2
Interest Level: Grades 3-5
J KIN

Terror World by Tony Norman
Reading Level: Grades 2-3
Interest Level: Grades 5-9
J NOR

Space Games by David Orme
Reading Level: Grades 2-3
Interest Level: Grades 5-9
J ORM

Pink and Say by Patricia Polacco
Reading Level: Grade 2
Interest Level: Grades 4-6
J POL

Code Breakers by Jillian Powell
Reading Level: Grades 2-3
Interest Level: Grades 5-9
J POW

Sleepwalker by Jillian Powell
Reading Level: Grades 2-3
Interest Level: Grades 5-9
J POW

Webcam Scam by Jillian Powell
Reading Level: Grades 2-3
Interest Level: Grades 5-9
J POW

My Haunted House by Angie Sage
Reading Level: Grades 3-6
Interest Level: Grades 5-9
J SAG

The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick
Reading Level: Grades 3-6
Interest Level: Grades 5-9
J SEL

Crash by Jerry Spinelli
Reading Level: Grade 3
Interest Level: Grades 5-12
J SPI

Power Chord by Ted Staunton
Reading Level: Grades 2-4
Interest Level: Grades 5-9
J STA

The Curse of the Bologna Sandwich by Greg Trine
Reading Level: Grades 3-6
Interest Level: Grades 5-9
J TRI

Horse Power by Ann Walsh
Reading Level: Grades 2-4
Interest Level: Grades 5-9
J WAL

The Bombed House by Jonny Zucker
Reading Level: Grade 3
Interest Level: Grades 5-9
J ZUC

A Deck of Monsters by Jonny Zucker
Reading Level: Grades 2-3
Interest Level: Grades 5-9
J ZUC

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High Interest / Low Reading Level Nonfiction

Aliens Are Coming!: The True Account of the 1938 War of the Worlds Radio Broadcast

by Meghan McCarthy

Reading Level: Grades 3-6

Interest Level: Grades 5-9

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Beowulf: A Hero's Tale Retold by James Rumford

Reading Level: Grades 3-6

Interest Level: Grades 5-9

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Knucklehead: Tall Tales & Mostly True Stories about Growing Up Scieszka by Jon Scieszka

Reading Level: Grades 3-6

Interest Level: Grades 5-9

JB SCI

High Interest / Low Reading Level Series

Choose Your Own Adventure Books:

Reading Level: Grades 4-5

Interest Level: Grades 4-8

J CHO

Jake Maddox Series

Reading Level: Grades 2-3

Interest Level: Grades 4-8

J MAD

Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series

Reading Level: Grades 3-6

Interest Level: Grades 3-8

J DAH

We Are Heroes Series

Reading Level: Grades 2-3

Interest Level: Grades 5-9

J MIK

Dragonblood Series

Reading Level: Grades 1-3

Interest Level: Grades 4-6

J DAH

The 39 Clues Series

Reading Level: Grades 3-6

Interest Level: Grades 3-8

J THI

Library of Doom Series

Reading Level: Grades 1-3

Interest Level: Grades 3-8

J DAH

Time Warp Trio Series

Reading Level: Grades 3-6

Interest Level: Grades 5-9

J TIM

Claudia Cristina Cortez Series

Reading Level: Grades 2-3

Interest Level: Grades 4-8

J GAL (a few nonfiction books available)

Oggie Cooder Series

Reading Level: Grades 3-6

Interest Level: Grades 3-8

J WEE

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