

Upper Elementary Recommended Reading: Biographies and Autobiographies

| Subject | Title | Author | Info (Pb=Picture book) | Pages |
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| Anderson, Marian | <i>The Voice That Challenged a Nation: Marian Anderson and the Struggle for Equal Rights</i> | Freedman | a triumphant story | 128 |
| Archimedes | <i>Archimedes and the Door of Science</i> | Bendick | | 160 |
| Armstrong, Neil | <i>Neil Armstrong: One Giant Leap for Mankind</i> | Dixon-Engel | (first man on the moon) | 128 |
| Audobon, John J. | <i>The Boy Who Drew Birds: A Story of John James Audubon</i> | Davies | Pb, “a beguiling intro to the painter” | 32 |
| Bly, Nellie | <i>Bylines: A Photobiography of Nellie Bly</i> | Macy | daring, globetrotting journalist | 64 |
| Bly, Nellie | <i>The Daring Nellie Bly: America’s Star Reporter</i> | Christiansen | Pb | 32 |
| Bridges, Ruby | <i>Through My Eyes (Autobiography)</i> | Bridges | her experience with integration | 64 |
| Byrd, Richard | <i>Black Whiteness: Admiral Byrd Alone in the Antarctic</i> | Burleigh | Pb, with diary entries | 36 |
| Carson, Rachel | <i>Rachel Carson: Pioneer of Ecology</i> | Kudlinski | | 64 |
| Carver, George W. | <i>George Washington Carver</i> | Bolden | “wizard of the goober and the yam” | 40 |
| Coleman, E. | <i>Talkin’ About Bessie (The Story of Aviator Elizabeth Coleman)</i> | Grimes | 21 poetic vignettes of Coleman | 144 |
| Cousteau, Jacques | <i>Manfish – A Story of Jacques Cousteau</i> | Berne | Pb, simple poetic language | 40 |
| Cousteau, Jacques | <i>The Fantastic Undersea Life of Jacques Cousteau</i> | Yaccarino | Pb | 40 |
| Curie, Marie | <i>Something Out of Nothing: Marie Curie and Radium</i> | McClafferty | ground-breaking scientist) | 144 |
| Darwin, Charles | <i>Young Charles Darwin and the Voyage of the Beagle</i> | Ashby | | 128 |
| Darwin, Charles | <i>The Tree of Life: Charles Darwin</i> | Sis | Pb | 44 |
| da Vinci, Leonardo | <i>Leonardo da Vinci</i> | Stanley | Pb | 48 |
| Earhart, Amelia | <i>Sky Pioneer – A Photobiography of Amelia Earhart</i> | Szabo | Pb, “celebrates her drive and skill” | 64 |
| Edison, Thomas | <i>Thomas Edison: The Great American Inventor</i> | Egan | | 176 |
| Einstein, Albert | <i>Albert Einstein (Giants of Science Series)</i> | Krull | “witty and astute” | 128 |
| Einstein, Albert | <i>Genius: A Photobiography of Albert Einstein</i> | Delano | | 64 |
| Einstein, Albert | <i>Ordinary Genius: The Story of Albert Einstein</i> | McPherson | | 112 |
| Fibonacci | <i>Blockhead: The Life of Fibonacci</i> | D’Agnese | Pb (medieval mathematician) | 40 |
| Franklin, Ben | <i>The Story of Benjamin Franklin: Amazing American</i> | Davidson | | 96 |
| Franklin, Ben | <i>Ben Franklin of Old Philadelphia</i> | Cousins | | 160 |
| Galen | <i>Galen and the Gateway to Medicine</i> | Bendick | doctor to gladiators and emperors! | 152 |
| Gandhi, Indira | <i>Indira Gandhi: Daughter of India</i> | Dommermuth-Costa | | 128 |
| Gehrig, Lou | <i>Lou Gehrig: The Luckiest Man</i> | Adler | Pb, spare, eloquent text | 32 |
| Glenn, John | <i>Liftoff – A Photobiography of John Glenn</i> | Mitchell | Pb, “engaging and intimate” | 64 |
| Handel | <i>Handel Who Knew What He Liked</i> | Anderson | Pb, witty with drama/depth | 48 |
| Hensen, Matthew | <i>Keep On! The Story of Matthew Hensen, Co-Discoverer of the North Pole</i> | Hopkinson | “clearly written narrative” | 36 |
| Hughes, Langston | <i>Langston Hughes: American Poet</i> | Walker | by Pulitzer-prize-winning author | 48 |

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| King Jr., M. L. | <i>MLK: Journey of a King</i> | Bolden | the man and his vision | 128 |
| Lincoln, Abraham | <i>Abe Lincoln: Log Cabin to White House</i> | North | | 160 |
| Lincoln, Abraham | <i>Abraham Lincoln</i> | d'Aulaire | Pb, a Caldecott Medal Book | 64 |
| Marquette | <i>Father Marquette and the Great Rivers</i> | Derleth | 17th century priest and explorer) | 139 |
| Mendel, Gregor | <i>Gregor Mendel: The Friar Who Grew Peas</i> | Bardoe | Pb with extensive notes | 40 |
| Muir, John | <i>John Muir: My Life With Nature</i> | Muir/Cornell | full of hope, adventure, sensitivity | 79 |
| Oakley, Annie | <i>Bull's Eye – A Photobiography of Annie Oakley</i> | Macy | Pb | 64 |
| Polo, Marco | <i>Marco Polo</i> | Demi | Pb, lavish art, enticing text | 56 |
| Robinson, Jackie | <i>The Story of Jackie Robinson: Bravest Man in Baseball</i> | Davidson | | 96 |
| Roosevelt, Eleanor | <i>Eleanor: Quiet No More</i> | Rappaport | dramatic Pb with quotes | 48 |
| Roosevelt, Theodore | <i>Theodore</i> | Keating | | 32 |
| Salk, Jonas | <i>Jonas Salk: Conquering Polio</i> | McPherson | | 128 |
| Sotomayor, Sonia | <i>Sonia Sotomayor: Supreme Court Justice</i> | Bernier-Grand | Pb, intriguing text | 48 |
| Sullivan, Annie | <i>Helen's Eyes: A Photobiography of Annie Sullivan, Helen Keller's Teacher</i> | Delano | | 64 |
| Vivaldi | <i>I, Vivaldi</i> | Shelfelman | Pb, beautifully ornate artwork | 32 |
| Wheatley, Phillis | <i>A Voice of Her Own: A Story of Phillis Wheatley, Slave Poet</i> | Lasky | | 40 |
| Whitman, Walt | <i>Walt Whitman: Words For America</i> | Kerley | (famous poet) | 56 |
| Williams, W. C. | <i>A River of Words: The Story of William Carlos Williams</i> | Bryant | doctor and poet | 34 |
| Woodhull, Victoria | <i>A Woman for President: The Story of Victoria Woodhull</i> | Krull | Pb, when women couldn't vote! | 32 |
| Wright Brothers | <i>The Wright Brothers, Pioneers of American Aviation</i> | Reynolds | | 160 |
| York | <i>York's Adventures with Lewis and Clark: An African American's Part in the Expedition</i> | Blumberg | with maps, sketches, portraits... | 96 |

“Childhood of Famous Americans” series: Each book in this extensive series has an easy-to-read story about a child who grows up to be famous as an inventor, statesman, nurse, doctor, explorer, etc. Subjects include: Thomas Edison, Abraham Lincoln, Helen Keller, Gandhi, Elizabeth Blackwell, Babe Ruth and many others

Biography Collections:

Paths to Peace: People Who Changed the World by Jane Zalben (48 pages): Mahatma Gandhi, Eleanor Roosevelt, Cesar Chavez, Aung San Suu Kyi, and Dr. Wangari Maathai, are some of the people featured.

The Earth Heroes books feature the youth, careers and lasting contributions of some of the greatest naturalists and environmentalists in the world

Earth Heroes: Champions of the Ocean by F. Hodgkins (144 pages)

Earth Heroes: Champions of the Wilderness by Carol Malnor (144 pages)

Earth Heroes: Champions of Wild Animals by Carol Malnor (144 pages)