



# Staff Picks 2020: Nonfiction

1. *Above the Rim: How Elgin Baylor Changed Basketball* by Jen Bryant
2. *All of a Sudden and Forever: Help and Healing After the Oklahoma City Bombing* by Chris Barton
3. *All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team* by Christina Soontornvat
4. *The Arabic Quilt: An Immigrant Story* by Aya Khalil
5. *Being Frog* by April Pulley Sayre
6. *Born Curious: 20 Girls Who Grew Up to Be Awesome Scientists* by Martha Freeman
7. *A Bowl Full of Peace: A True Story* by Caren Stelson
8. *Bringing Back the Wolves: How a Predator Restored an Ecosystem* by Jude Isabella
9. *Changing the Equation: 50+ US Black Women in STEM* by Tonya Bolden
10. *Clever Hans: The True Story of the Counting, Adding, and Time-Telling Horse* by Kerri Kokias
11. *Climate Change* by Tom Jackson
12. *Condor Comeback* by Sy Montgomery
13. *The Constitution Decoded: A Guide to the Document That Shapes Our Nation* by Katie Kennedy
14. *Dark Was the Night: Blind Willie Johnson's Journey to the Stars* by Gary Golio
15. *Desert Diary: Japanese American Kids Behind Barbed Wire* by Michael O. Tunnell
16. *Dictionary for a Better World: Poems, Quotes, and Anecdotes from A to Z* by Irene Latham & Charles Waters
17. *Digging for Words: José Alberto Gutiérrez and the Library He Built* by Angela Burke Kunkel
18. *Dragonfly* by Aimée M. Bissonnette
19. *Drawing on Walls: A Story of Keith Haring* by Matthew Burgess
20. *Exploring the Elements: A Complete Guide to the Periodic Table* by Isabel Thomas
21. *Exquisite: The Poetry and Life of Gwendolyn Brooks* by Suzanne Slade
22. *The Farm That Feeds Us: A Year in the Life of an Organic Farm* by Nancy Castaldo
23. *Fauja Singh Keeps Going: The True Story of the Oldest Person to Ever Run a Marathon* by Simran Jeet Singh
24. *Flash and Gleam: Light in Our World* by Sue Fliess
25. *For Which We Stand: How Our Government Works and Why It Matters* by Jeff Foster
26. *Generation Brave: The Gen Z Kids Who Are Changing the World* by Kate Alexander
27. *A Girl Named Rosita: The Story of Rita Moreno: Actor, Singer, Dancer, Trailblazer!* by Anika Aldamuy Denise
28. *Grow: Secrets of Our DNA* by Nicola Davies
29. *Honeybee: The Busy Life of Apis Mellifera* by Candace Fleming
30. *Hosea Plays On* by Kathleen M. Blasi
31. *How to Find a Bird* by Jennifer Ward
32. *How to Solve a Problem: The Rise (and Falls) of a Rock-Climbing Champion* by Ashima Shiraishi
33. *How We Got to the Moon: The People, Technology, and Daring Feats of Science Behind Humanity's Greatest Adventure* by John Rocco
34. *I Feel . . . Different* by DJ Corchin
35. *If You Take Away the Otter* by Susannah Buhrman-Deever
36. *Immigrant Architect: Rafael Guastavino and the American Dream* by Berta de Miguel, Kent Diebolt & Virginia Lorente
37. *In the Dark: The Science of What Happens at Night* by Lisa Deresti Betik
38. *In the Woods* by David Elliott
39. *Insects by the Numbers: A Book of Infographics* by Steve Jenkins
40. *Into the Clouds: The Race to Climb the World's Most Dangerous Mountain* by Tod Olson
41. *Itzhak: A Boy Who Loved the Violin* by Tracy Newman
42. *Jane Against the World: Roe v. Wade and the Fight for Reproductive Rights* by Karen Blumenthal
43. *Joni: The Lyrical Life of Joni Mitchell* by Selina Alko
44. *Jumbo: The Making of the Boeing 747* by Chris Gall
45. *Let's Save Our Planet: Forests* by Jess French
46. *The Lion Queens of India* by Jan Reynolds
47. *Literally: Amazing Words and Where They Come From* by Patrick Skipworth
48. *Machines in Motion: The Amazing History of Transportation* by Tom Jackson
49. *Mammoth Science: The Big Ideas That Explain Our World Tested by Mammoths* by David Macaulay
50. *The Next President: The Unexpected Beginnings and Unwritten Future of America's Presidents* by Kate Messner
51. *Ocean Speaks: Marie Tharp and the Map that Moved the Earth* by Jess Keating
52. *Oil* by Jonah Winter

53. *The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read* by Rita Lorraine Hubbard
54. *On the Horizon: World War II Reflections* by Lois Lowry
55. *One World, Many Colors* by Ben Lerwill
56. *The Only Woman in the Photo: Frances Perkins & Her New Deal for America* by Kathleen Krull
57. *Perkin's Perfect Purple: How a Boy Created Color with Chemistry* by Tami Lewis Brown & Debbie Loren Dunn
58. *The Power of Her Pen: The Story of Groundbreaking Journalist Ethel L. Payne* by Lesa Cline-Ransome
59. *Rescuing the Declaration of Independence: How We Almost Lost the Words that Built America* by Anna Crowley Redding
60. *A Ride to Remember: A Civil Rights Story* by Sharon Langley & Amy Nathan
61. *The Rise and Fall of Charles Lindbergh* by Candace Fleming
62. *Run, Sea Turtle, Run: A Hatchling's Journey* by Stephen R. Swinburne
63. *Saving Lady Liberty: Joseph Pulitzer's Fight for the Statue of Liberty* by Claudia Friddell
64. *Sharuko: El Arqueólogo Peruano Julio C. Tello = Peruvian Archaeologist Julio C. Tello* by Monica Brown
65. *A Sporting Chance: How Ludwig Guttman Created the Paralympic Games* by Lori Alexander
66. *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You* by Jason Reynolds & Ibram X. Kendi
67. *The Talk: Conversations About Race, Love & Truth* edited by Wade Hudson & Cheryl Willis Hudson
68. *The Teachers March!: How Selma Teachers Changed History* by Sandra Neil Wallace & Rich Wallace
69. *There's a Skeleton Inside You!* by Idan Ben-Barak & Julian Frost
70. *This Poem Is a Nest* by Irene Latham
71. *A Thousand Glass Flowers: Marietta Barovier and the Invention of the Rosetta Bead* by Evan Turk
72. *Thump Goes the Rabbit: How Animals Communicate* by Fran Hodgkins
73. *Tiny Bird: A Hummingbird's Amazing Journey* by Robert Burleigh
74. *Tree Frogs: Life in the Leaves* by Moira Roes Donohue
75. *Wanted!: Criminals of the Animal Kingdom* by Heather Tekavec
76. *Woke: A Young Poet's Call to Justice* by Mahogany L. Browne with Elizabeth Acevedo & Olivia Gatwood
77. *Yoga Animals: A Wild Introduction to Kid-Friendly Poses* by Paige Towler
78. *You Can Be a Primatologist!* by Jill Pruetz
79. *Your Place in the Universe* by Jason Chin
80. *Yusra Swims* by Julie Abery



**Favorite Titles of the Youth Staff**  
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