

Books for Text Talk (Grades K-1)

The following is a list of books that offer young children the opportunity to engage in good discussion. You can read the book to them and then they can talk as pairs or threes, and can react to the story, or compare two stories they have heard. It is also helpful for them to retell folktales or stories to each other to develop their language and storytelling ability.

Aruego	<i>A Crocodile's Tale</i>	Henkes	<i>Julius, Baby of the World</i>
Bang	<i>When Sophie Gets Angry—Really, Really Angry</i>	Hessell	<i>Staying at Sam's</i>
Barton	<i>The Little Red Hen</i>	Hest	<i>Nana's Birthday Party</i>
Bennett	<i>Not Norman</i>	Hooks	<i>The Three Little Pigs and the Fox</i>
Bishop	<i>Chicken Licken</i>	Horse	<i>Little Rabbit Runaway</i>
Bishop	<i>The Three Little Pigs</i>	Hutchins	<i>You'll Grow Into Them Titch</i>
Brennan-Nelson	<i>Someday is Not a Day of the Week</i>	Jones	<i>Great Aunt Martha</i>
Brett	<i>Goldilocks and the Three Bears</i>	Joose	<i>Papa, Do You Love Me?</i>
Brett	<i>The Mitten</i>	Justin	<i>The Hello, Goodbye Window</i>
Brett	<i>The Gingerbread Baby</i>	Kasza	<i>My Lucky Day</i>
Brimmer	<i>The Littlest Wolf</i>	Kellogg	<i>Jack and the Beanstalk</i>
Brown	<i>Stone Soup</i>	Kellogg	<i>Chicken Little</i>
Bryant	<i>Good-Bye, Hello</i>	Kraus	<i>Leo the Late Bloomer</i>
Bynum	<i>Pig Enough</i>	Laguna	<i>Too Loud Lily</i>
Cain	<i>The Way I Feel</i>	Laminack	<i>Trevor's Wiggly-Wobbly Tooth</i>
Calmenson	<i>The Principal's New Clothes</i>	Lasky	<i>Before I Was Your Mother</i>
Carlson	<i>Sit Still!</i>	Lester	<i>Hooway for Wodney Wat</i>
Cauley	<i>The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse</i>	Lester	<i>Me First</i>
Cauley	<i>The Ugly Duckling</i>	Lovell	<i>Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon</i>
Daly	<i>Old Bob's Brown Bear</i>	Lowell	<i>The Three Little Javelinas</i>
dePaola	<i>Strega Nona Meets Her Match</i>	Marshall	<i>Little Red Riding Hood</i>
Edwards and Root	<i>What's That Noise</i>	Marshall	<i>Three Little Pigs</i>
Ehlert	<i>Mole's Hill</i>	Marshall	<i>Red Riding Hood</i>
Ehlert	<i>Moon Rope</i>	Marshall	<i>Hansel and Gretel</i>
Emmett	<i>No Place Like Home</i>	Maynard	<i>Quiet Wyatt</i>
Fierstein	<i>The Sissy Duckling</i>	McGhee	<i>Mr. Watson Wants Your Teeth</i>
Fox	<i>Possum Magic</i>	McKissack	<i>Mirandy and Brother Wind</i>
Fox	<i>Koala Lou</i>	McKissack	<i>Nettie Jo's Friends</i>
Fox	<i>Whoever You Are</i>	McPhail	<i>The Teddy Bear</i>
Fox	<i>The Magic Hat</i>	Nicholls	<i>Billywise</i>
Galdone	<i>Henny Penny</i>	Norac	<i>My Daddy is a Giant</i>
Galdone	<i>The Teeny-Tiny Woman</i>	Palatini	<i>Piggie Pie</i>
Galdone	<i>Little Red Riding Hood</i>	Palatini	<i>Stinky Smelly Feet</i>
Ginsburg	<i>The Fox and the Hare</i>	Pearson	<i>Bob</i>
Gorbachev	<i>Chicken Chickens</i>	Petach	<i>Goldilocks and the Three Hares</i>
Greenfield	<i>Grandpa's Face</i>	Pow	<i>Tell Me One Thing, Dad</i>
Gregory	<i>Amber Waiting</i>	Reynolds	<i>The Dot</i>
Harper	<i>Me Too</i>	Root	<i>Oliver Finds His Way</i>
Harvey	<i>Dog-Eared</i>	Ross	<i>Goldilocks and the Three Bears</i>
Heide and Clief	<i>That's What Friends Are For</i>	Ross	<i>Lazy Jack</i>
Henkes	<i>Chrysanthemum</i>	Ryan	<i>Mice and Beans</i>
		Rylant	<i>The Relatives Came</i>

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Salley	<i>Eppossumondas</i>	Van Laan	<i>Rainbow Crow</i>
Schlein	<i>Little Raccoon's Big Question</i>	Waring	<i>Hungry Hen</i>
Sedgwick	<i>The Emperor's New Clothes</i>	Wells	<i>Noisy Nora</i>
Sendak	<i>Where the Wild Things Are</i>	Wells	<i>Felix and the Worrier</i>
Seskin & Shamblin	<i>Don't Laugh at Me</i>	Williams	<i>Something Special For Me</i>
Shannon	<i>Alice the Fairy</i>	Winthrop	<i>Dumpy LaRue</i>
Stevens & Crummel	<i>Plaidypus Lost</i>	Zemach	<i>The Fisherman and His Wife</i>
Stevens	<i>The Three Billy Goats Gruff</i>	Ziefert	<i>My Friend Grandpa</i>
Stevenson	<i>Could be Worse</i>		

Books for Text Talk (Grades 2-3)

The following is a list of books that offer children the opportunity to engage in a good discussion of issues and writers' craft:

Ackerman	<i>Song and Dance Man</i>	Lowry	<i>Gooney-Bird Greene</i>
Aliki	<i>Marianthe's Story</i>	MacLachlan	<i>Through Grandpa's Eyes</i>
Blume	<i>The Pain and the Great One</i>	McCormick	<i>Daniel and His Walking Stick</i>
Boyden	<i>The Blue Roses</i>	Miles	<i>Annie and the Old One</i>
Bregoli	<i>The Goat Lady</i>	Miller	<i>Treasures of the Heart</i>
Brutschy	<i>Just One More Story</i>	Munson	<i>Enemy Pie</i>
Bulla	<i>Chalk Box Kid</i>	Muth	<i>The Three Questions</i>
Bulla	<i>The Shoeshine Girl</i>	Noon	<i>Something Special</i>
Bunting	<i>The Memory String</i>	Nye	<i>Sitti's Secrets</i>
Bunting	<i>The Wednesday Surprise</i>	O'Neil	<i>The Recess Queen</i>
Burrowes	<i>Grandma's Purple Flowers</i>	Pak	<i>Dear Juno</i>
Cameron	<i>Stories Julian Tells</i>	Plourde	<i>Thank You, Grandpa</i>
Cameron	<i>More Stories Julian Tells</i>	Polacco	<i>The Keeping Quilt</i>
Cannon	<i>Stellaluna</i>	Polacco	<i>Chicken Sunday</i>
Chamberlin	<i>Mama Panya's Pancakes</i>	Polacco	<i>Thundercake</i>
Choi	<i>The Name Jar</i>	Polacco	<i>Rechenka's Eggs</i>
Cohen	<i>Molly's Pilgrim</i>	Polacco	<i>Mr. Lincoln's Way</i>
Cooney	<i>Miss Rumphius</i>	Pomerantz	<i>You're Not My Best Friend Anymore</i>
Demars	<i>Saying Goodbye to Lulu</i>	Recorvits	<i>My Name is Yoon</i>
dePaola	<i>Nana Upstairs, Nana Downstairs</i>	Reynolds	<i>Ish</i>
dePaola	<i>Adelita: A Mexican Cinderella Story</i>	Ringgold	<i>Tar Beach</i>
DiSalvo-Ryan	<i>Uncle Willie and the Soup Kitchen</i>	Robinson	<i>The Best School Year Ever</i>
Durant	<i>Always and Forever</i>	Rosenberg	<i>We Wanted You</i>
Erikson	<i>Toad for Tuesday</i>	Ryan	<i>A Box of Friends</i>
Flournoy	<i>The Patchwork Quilt</i>	Ryan	<i>Grandpa's Corner Store</i>
Fox	<i>Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge</i>	Rylant	<i>Night in the Country</i>
Fraustino	<i>Hickory Chair</i>	Rylant	<i>Scarecrow</i>
Giff	<i>Next Year I'll Be Special</i>	Smothers	<i>The Hard-Times Jar</i>
Gilmore	<i>A Screaming Kind of Day</i>	Spinelli	<i>While You Are Away</i>
Gray	<i>My Mama Had a Dancing Heart</i>	Steig	<i>Doctor DeSoto</i>
Heide & Gilliland	<i>The Day of Ahmed's Secret</i>	Steig	<i>Caleb and Kate</i>
Henkes	<i>Sheila Rae, the Brave</i>	Steig	<i>Brave Irene</i>
Henkes	<i>Chester's Way</i>	Steig	<i>Amos and Boris</i>
Hesse	<i>Come On, Rain</i>	Steig	<i>Sylvester and the Magic Pebble</i>
Hoberman	<i>And To Think That We Thought That We'd Never Be Friends</i>	Steptoe	<i>Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters</i>
Hoffman	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Stuve-Bodeen	<i>The Best-Worst Brother</i>
Hoffman	<i>Boundless Grace</i>	Testa	<i>Someplace To Go</i>
Hoffman	<i>The Color of Home</i>	Van Allsburg	<i>Wretched Stone</i>
Howe	<i>Horris and Morris But Mostly Dolores</i>	Van Allsburg	<i>Wreck of the Zephyr</i>
Kellogg	<i>Best Friends</i>	Waboose	<i>Morning on the Lake</i>
Laminack	<i>Saturdays and Teacakes</i>	Wallace	<i>A Dog Called Kitty</i>
Levy	<i>Alley Oops</i>	Weigelt	<i>What Lies on the Other Side</i>
Lobel	<i>Fables</i>	Williams	<i>Cherries and Cherry Pits</i>
		Williams	<i>Working Cotton</i>

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Wittbold	<i>Mending Peter's Heart</i>	Yashima	<i>Crow Boy</i>
Wood	<i>Grandad's Prayers of the Earth</i>	Yolen	<i>Sleeping Ugly</i>
Woodson	<i>The Other Side</i>	Yolen	<i>The Emperor and the Kite</i>
Woodson	<i>Sweet, Sweet Memory</i>	Yolen	<i>Miz Berlin Walks</i>
Woodson	<i>We Had a Picnic This Sunday Past</i>	Yolen	<i>Owl Moon</i>
Woodson	<i>Visiting Day</i>	Zweibel	<i>Our Tree Named Steve</i>
Wyeth	<i>Something Beautiful</i>		

Books for Text Talk (Grades 4-5)

The following is a list of books that offer students the opportunity to engage in lively discussion of issues and writers' craft:

Adler	<i>The Babe and I</i>	Holt	<i>My Louisiana Sky</i>
Adler	<i>One Yellow Daffodil</i>	Hopkinson	<i>Under the Quilt of Night</i>
Avi	<i>Poppy</i>	Howard	<i>Virgie Goes to School With Us Boys</i>
Batezat	<i>The Day Gogo Went to Vote</i>	Innocenti	<i>Rose Blanche</i>
Battle-Lavert	<i>Papa's Mark</i>	Johnson	<i>A Sweet Smell of Roses</i>
Bauer	<i>On My Honor</i>	Kiuchi	<i>The Lotus Seed</i>
Bloom	<i>Tangerine</i>	Koller	<i>A Place to Call Home</i>
Boyd	<i>The Circle of Gold</i>	Konigsburg	<i>From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler</i>
Bridges	<i>Through My Eyes</i>	Lester	<i>From Slave Ship to Freedom Road</i>
Buchanan-Smith	<i>A Taste of Blackberries</i>	Lorbiecki	<i>Sister Anne's Hands</i>
Bunting	<i>Train to Somewhere</i>	Lord	<i>In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson</i>
Byars	<i>Pinballs</i>	Lowry	<i>The Giver</i>
Byars	<i>The Summer of the Swans</i>	Lowry	<i>Autumn Street</i>
Christensen	<i>In My Grandmother's House</i>	MacLachlan	<i>Sarah, Plain and Tall</i>
Clements	<i>Frindle</i>	MacLachlan	<i>The Journey</i>
Coleman	<i>White Socks Only</i>	MacLachlan	<i>Baby</i>
Coles	<i>The Story of Ruby Bridges</i>	Mathis	<i>The Hundred Penny Box</i>
Collier	<i>My Brother Sam is Dead</i>	Mitchell	<i>Uncle Jed's Barbershop</i>
Collier	<i>War Comes to Willie Freeman</i>	Mochizuki	<i>Baseball Saved Us</i>
Collier	<i>Jump Ship to Freedom</i>	Munoz	<i>Esperanza Rising</i>
Coman	<i>What Jamie Saw</i>	Naidou	<i>Journey to Jo'Burg</i>
Creech	<i>Bloomability</i>	Naylor	<i>Shiloh</i>
Curtis	<i>Bud Not Buddy</i>	Nelson	<i>Almost to Freedom</i>
Curtis	<i>The Watsons Go To Birmingham</i>	Oppenheim	<i>The Lily Cupboard</i>
Dahl	<i>Boy: Tales of Childhood</i>	Osborne	<i>Adaline Falling Star</i>
DiCamillo	<i>Because of Winn Dixie</i>	Park	<i>When My Name Was Keoko</i>
Dorris	<i>Morning Girl</i>	Paterson	<i>Bridge to Terabithia</i>
Estes	<i>The Hundred Dresses</i>	Paterson	<i>The Great Gilly Hopkins</i>
Fleischmann	<i>Seedfolks</i>	Paterson	<i>Jacob, Have I Loved</i>
Fletcher	<i>Fig Pudding</i>	Paterson	<i>Lyddie</i>
Fox	<i>Village By the Sea</i>	Paulsen	<i>Hatchet</i>
Fox	<i>The Stone Faced Boy</i>	Paulsen	<i>Dogsong</i>
Frederick	<i>Luba: The Angel of Bergen-Belsen</i>	Paulsen	<i>Alida's Song</i>
Fritz	<i>The Cabin Faced West</i>	Paulsen	<i>The Haymeadow</i>
Gardiner	<i>Stone Fox</i>	Polacco	<i>The Butterfly</i>
George	<i>Frightful's Mountain</i>	Polacco	<i>Pink and Say</i>
Giff	<i>Pictures of Hollis Woods</i>	Raskin	<i>The Westing Game</i>
Golenbock	<i>Teammates</i>	Raven	<i>Circle Unbroken: The Story of a Basket and Its People</i>
Grimes	<i>Talkin' About Bessie</i>	Reeder	<i>Shades of Gray</i>
Harrington	<i>Going North</i>	Ryan	<i>Riding Freedom</i>
Henke	<i>Words of Stone</i>	Rylant	<i>Angel for Solomon Singer</i>
Henke	<i>Olive's Ocean</i>	Rylant	<i>Missing May</i>
Hesse	<i>Music of the Dolphins</i>		
Holman	<i>Slake's Limbo</i>		

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Say	<i>Grandfather's Journey</i>	Taylor	<i>Song of the Trees</i>
Say	<i>Kamishibai Man</i>	Turner	<i>Nettie's Trip South</i>
Shea	<i>The Whispering Cloth</i>	Uchida	<i>The Bracelet</i>
Smith	<i>A Taste of Blackberries</i>	Vivas	<i>Let the Celebrations Begin</i>
Stroud	<i>Sweet Clara and The Freedom Quilt</i>	Williams	<i>Behind the Bedroom Wall</i>
Stroud	<i>Under the Quilt of Night</i>	Woodson	<i>Miracle's Boys</i>
Stroud	<i>The Patchwork Path: A Quilt Map to Freedom</i>		

Books for Text Talk (Grades 6-8)

The following is a list of books that offer students the opportunity to engage in lively discussion of issues and writers' craft:

Angelou	<i>I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings</i>	Ji-li	<i>Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution</i>
Avi	<i>The Barn</i>	Johnston	<i>The Harmonica</i>
Babbitt	<i>Tuck Everlasting</i>	Kennedy	<i>Ironweed</i>
Baker	<i>Growing Up</i>	Kidd	<i>Onion Tears</i>
Baldwin	<i>Go Tell It On The Mountain</i>	Kingsolver	<i>The Bean Trees</i>
Baldwin	<i>No-Name in the Street</i>	Kodama	<i>Shin's Tricycle</i>
Bauer	<i>Hope Was Here</i>	Konigsburg	<i>Throwing Shadows</i>
Bitton-Jackson	<i>I Have Lived a Thousand Years</i>	Lee	<i>A Friend Called Anne</i>
Blume	<i>Tiger Eyes</i>	Lee	<i>To Kill A Mockingbird</i>
Bunting	<i>Smoky Night</i>	Littlesugar	<i>Freedom School, Yes!</i>
Burns	<i>Cold Sassy Tree</i>	Lowry	<i>Number the Stars</i>
Choldenko	<i>Al Capone Does My Shirts</i>	Lowry	<i>The Giver</i>
Cole	<i>The Goats</i>	Lowry	<i>Gathering Blue</i>
Collier	<i>My Brother Sam is Dead</i>	Lowry	<i>A Summer to Die</i>
Collier	<i>Summer of My German Soldier</i>	Lunn	<i>The Root Cellar</i>
Conroy	<i>Stop-Time</i>	Maruki	<i>Hiroshima No Pika</i>
Creech	<i>Love That Dog</i>	Mochizuki	<i>Passage to Freedom</i>
Creech	<i>Walk Two Moons</i>	Munoz-Ryan	<i>Esperanza Rising</i>
Cisneros	<i>Woman Hollering Creek</i>	Myers	<i>Patrol: An American Soldier in Vietnam</i>
Crisp	<i>Private Captain</i>	Myers	<i>Scorpions</i>
Curtis	<i>The Watsons Go To Birmingham - 1963</i>	Napoli	<i>Stones in Water</i>
Cushman	<i>Catherine, Called Birdy</i>	O'Dell	<i>Sing Down the Moon</i>
Davis	<i>Just Like Martin</i>	Orlev	<i>Island on Bird Street</i>
DiCamillo	<i>The Tiger Rising</i>	Park	<i>My Freedom Trip</i>
DiCamillo	<i>The Tale of Despereaux</i>	Park	<i>A Single Shard</i>
Farmer	<i>The Ear, The Eye and The Arm</i>	Paterson	<i>Jip: His Story</i>
Farris	<i>My Brother Martin</i>	Paterson	<i>Park's Quest</i>
Flake	<i>The Skin I'm In</i>	Patz	<i>Who Was the Woman Who Wore the Hat?</i>
Fogelin	<i>Ann Casey's Place in the World</i>	Paulsen	<i>Cuts</i>
Fogelin	<i>Crossing Jordan</i>	Paulsen	<i>Nightjohn</i>
Fox	<i>One-Eyed Cat</i>	Peck	<i>A Year Down Yonder</i>
Fox	<i>When She Was Good</i>	Peck	<i>The Last Safe Place for Earth</i>
Frank	<i>The Diary of Anne Frank</i>	Ransom	<i>Liberty Street</i>
Gordon	<i>Waiting for the Rain</i>	Rappaport	<i>Freedom River</i>
Grimes	<i>Jazmin's Notebook</i>	Raskin	<i>The Westing Game</i>
Haddix	<i>Among the Hidden</i>	Rawls	<i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i>
Haddix	<i>Just Ella</i>	Sachar	<i>Holes</i>
Hesse	<i>Music of the Dolphins</i>	Sanders	<i>A Place Called Freedom</i>
Hesse	<i>Out of the Dust</i>	Sender	<i>The Cage</i>
Hesse	<i>Witness</i>	Speare	<i>The Witch of Blackbird Pond</i>
Hesse	<i>Phoenix Rising</i>	Spinelli	<i>Crash</i>
Hinton	<i>The Outsiders</i>	Spinelli	<i>Maniac Magee</i>
Homan & Reilly	<i>The Tuskegee Airman Story</i>		

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Spinelli	<i>Winger</i>	Tsuchiya	<i>Faithful Elephants</i>
Spinelli	<i>Knots in My Yo-Yo String</i>	Voigt	<i>Dacey's Song</i>
Spinelli	<i>Stargirl</i>	Voigt	<i>Homecoming</i>
Tan	<i>Joy Luck Club</i>	Vos	<i>Hide and Seek</i>
Taylor	<i>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</i>	Watson	<i>The Cats in Krasinski Square</i>
Taylor	<i>Road to Memphis</i>	Weatherford	<i>Freedom on the Menu</i>
Taylor	<i>The Gold Cadillac</i>	Woodson	<i>From the Notebooks of Melanin Sun</i>
Taylor	<i>Mississippi Bridge</i>	Yolen	<i>The Devil's Arithmetic</i>
Taylor	<i>The Cay</i>	Zee	<i>Mississippi Morning</i>