

# Book Recommendation Bonanza!

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Read anything good lately? Right now is a terrific time to explore new books, topics, and genres. If you try something and don't love it, try something else! And if it's comforting to read something you've already read, or something you loved in third grade or as a young child, go for it. You are the boss!

Is it OK to re-read a book? YES!

Is it OK to start a book and not finish it? YES!

It is OK to read comics, graphic novels, or the back of the cereal box? YES!

We're still stuck at home a lot, and books can take us so many places—we can be “armchair travelers” through space and time, right from the comfort of our very own couches, beds, hammocks, forts, etc.... We can experience other times and places and meet people, real and imagined, that we wouldn't otherwise have met. Isn't it interesting to discover how others' lives are similar to and different from our own?

Below are some of my favorite books and series. I hope you will add to the list and make recommendations to classmates, friends, and teachers. Happy reading!

*“A book is a dream you hold in your hands.”*

*– Neil Gaiman*

## Fiction:

**Efren Divided** by Ernesto Cisneros

**Front Desk** by Kelly Yang

**Moo** by Sharon Creech

**Louisiana's Way Home** by Kate DiCamillo

**Breakout** by Kate Messner

**Amal Unbound** by Aisha Saeed

**Finding Perfect** by Ellie Swartz

**The Night Diary** by Veera Hiranandani

**The Bridge Home** by Padma Venkatraman  
**The Art of the Swap** by Kristine Asselin and Jen Malone  
**Other Words for Home** by Jasmine Warga  
**Harbor Me** by Jacqueline Woodson  
**The Sky at Our Feet** by Nadia Hashimi  
**As Brave as You** by Jason Reynolds  
The Track series by Jason Reynolds  
**May B.** by Caroline Starr Rose  
**Rain Reign** by Ann M. Martin  
**Esperanza Rising** by Pam Munoz Ryan  
**Long Way from Chicago** by Richard Peck  
**Counting by 7s** by Holly Goldberg Sloan  
**Small as an Elephant** by Jennifer Richard Jacobson  
**Fish in a Tree** by Linda Mullay Hunt  
**The War That Saved My Life** by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Adventure:

**The Explorer** by Katherine Rundell  
**Hatchet, Brian's Winter, Brian's Return** by Gary Paulsen  
Swindle series by Gordon Korman  
Island trilogy by Gordon Korman  
Masterminds series by Gordon Korman  
**Pax** by Sara Pennypacker  
The Graystone Secrets series by Margaret Peterson Haddix  
I Survived series by Lauren Tarshis

Fantasy:

The Emerald Atlas trilogy by John Stephens  
The Bookwanders series by Anna James  
Nevermoor series by Jessica Townsend  
**Gregor the Overlander** by Suzanne Collins

Comics:

Help! I am not good at reading these but I know you all love them!

Nonfiction:

Who Was/Where Was/What Was series

From an Idea to... series by Lowey Bundy Sichol

**Frenemies in the Family** by Kathleen Krull

Lives of the... series by Kathleen Krull

**Accidental Archaeologists** by Sarah Albee

**Poison** by Sarah Albee

**Life on Surtsey, Iceland's Upstart Island** by Loree Griffin Burns

**Strange But True** by Kathryn Hulick

**Lost Cities** by Giles Laroche

Two Truths and a Lie series by Ammi-Joan Paquette and Laurie Ann Thompson

**Start Now! You Can Make a Difference** by Chelsea Clinton

**Atlas Obscura for Kids** by Dylan Thuras and Rosemary Mosco

**Girls Think of Everything** by Catherine Thimmesh

Klutz how-to and activity books

Also:

MAD LIBS are *great fun* to do with your family, in person or via FaceTime, Skype, or Zoom (or even just over the phone)!

*“So please, oh please, we beg, we pray,*

*Go throw your TV set away!*

*And in its place you can install*

*A lovely bookshelf on the wall.” 😊*

*- Roald Dahl, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*