

Heroes Ancient, Modern and Mythic: A Bibliography

Nonfiction and Fiction Books
to Promote Heroism in
Children of All Ages



This bibliography of books about heroes and heroism has been compiled with the help of many librarians and teachers across the country. It is presented in two sections—one for younger children and another for older children and young adults. It provides nearly two hundred nonfiction titles – as well as some fiction ones – to support teachers as they implement the ELA Common Core State Standards.

Books to Promote Heroism in Young Children

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Nonfiction for Young Children

- Barron, T. A. *The Hero's Trail: A Guide for a Heroic Life*. New York: Puffin Books, 2002.
Excerpts of real and fictionalized heroes are interspersed among this unique guidebook. Children enjoy hearing and discussing these suspenseful heroic stories. Teachers will find this guide a valuable resource for instilling heroism within their students.
- Berne, J. *Manfish: A Story of Jacques Cousteau*. San Francisco, CA: Chronicle Books, 2008.
Society learned about the undersea world from the photos/movies done by Jacques. He raised society's awareness of the need to care for our oceans.
- Bolden, T. *George Washington Carver*. New York: Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2008.
After overcoming personal challenges, Carver selflessly gives of himself to teach others to respect nature.
- Bouler, O. *Olivia's Birds Saving the Gulf*. New York: Sterling Children's Books, 2011.
This eleven-year-old author tells of her mission to help save the birds of the Gulf Oil Spill. Her actions will inspire all readers to make a difference.
- Brown, D. *Henry and the Cannons*. New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2013.
Henry Knox demonstrates perseverance and bravery hauling cannons almost 300 miles through mountains, snow, and over lakes to Boston for Washington to use during the Revolutionary War.
- Bryant, J. *A Splash of Red: The Life and Art of Horace Pippin*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2013.
Horace Pippin is a self-taught artist. When he returns home wounded after fighting in WWI, he perseveres to find a way to continue to create his paintings.
- _____. *The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, 2014.
Peter Mark Roget collects words and organizes them to have the just right word at the right time. He realizes that others might appreciate a source to quickly select the best word. The book reminds us that we all have treasures to share.
- Burleigh, R., & MacKenzie, R. *Fly, Cher Ami, Fly!: The Pigeon Who Saved the Lost Battalion*. New York: Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2008.
A carrier pigeon helps a lost battalion of soldiers to be rescued during WWI.
- Burleigh, R. *One Giant Leap*. New York: Philomel Books, 2009.
Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin demonstrate their bravery as they sacrifice their lives to land on the moon and even set foot upon it.

- Capaldi, G., & Pearce, Q.L. *Red Bird Sings: The Story of Zitkala-Sa, Native American Author, Musician, and Activist*. Minneapolis, MN: Carolrhoda Books, 2011.
After Red Bird is sent away to boarding school, she feels caught between two cultures. She uses her developing talents to be a voice for her people.
- Cline-Ransome, L. *Helen Keller: The World in Her Heart*. New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 2008.
Helen's teacher, Annie Sullivan, perseveres in finding a way to teach Helen to communicate.
- Clinton, C. *Phillis's Big Test*. New York: Houghton Mifflin Company, 2008.
Phillis Wheatley, a seventeen-year-old slave, demonstrates perseverance and courage while being questioned about the authorship of her own poems.
- Coles, R. *The Story of Ruby Bridges*. New York: Scholastic, 1995.
This story shows courage displayed by young Ruby Bridges, the first African American child to be sent to an all-white school.
- Corey, S. *Here Come the Girl Scouts!* New York: Scholastic, 2012.
This is the story of Juliette Gordon Low and her work to establish the Girl Scout organization in the United States.
- Cowcher, H. *Desert Elephants*. New York: Farrar Straus Giroux, 2011.
The people of Mali work together to continue the peaceful coexistence between the desert elephants and themselves.
- Davis, K. Gibbs. *Mr. Ferris and His Wheel*. New York: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2014.
George Ferris perseveres and makes what many view as an unlikely invention, a magical ride for all people to enjoy.
- Deedy, C. A. *14 Cows For America*. Atlanta, GA: Peachtree Publishers, 2009.
A young Maasai man returns to his village after 9-11. He asks the elders to bless his offering of a cow as a gift to the Americans. The elders, touched by his story, offer some of their cows as a gift. They are presented to the American Ambassador.
- Dennis, B., Larson, K., & Nethery, M. *Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine, & a Miracle*. New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2009.
A marine keeps encountering a dog, he names Nubs, while on duty in Iraq. The marine helps the malnourished dog and raises money to send Nubs to live in the U.S.
- Drummond, A. *Energy Island*. New York: Frances Foster Books, 2011.
The people of Samsø, an island in Denmark, work together and learn to use the energy of the wind and drastically reduce their carbon emissions.
- Farris, C. K. *March On! : The Day My Brother Martin Changed the World*. New York: Scholastic Press, 2008.
Martin Luther King Jr. uses wisdom and courage to determine the right words to inspire the nation.
- Goldish, M. *Ground Zero Dogs*. New York: Bearport Publishing, 2013.
Dogs served as heroes after the deadly 9-11 attack. The many roles of the dogs in the rescue efforts are highlighted.

- Goldish, M. *Smart Animals: Dogs*. New York: Bearport Publishing, 2007.
This book contains real examples of dogs as heroes. Readers learn of the dogs that call 911, help police officers, guide the disabled, and more.
- Harvey, T., & Harvey, A. *Tiger Pups*. New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 2009.
Tom, Allie, and their golden retriever, Isabella, save three tiger pups after their mother abandons them.
- Hatkoff, I., Hatkoff, C., & Kahumbu, P. *Owen and Mzee: The Language of Friendship*. New York: Scholastic, 2007.
An old turtle, Mzee, befriends a hippo that is orphaned after a tsunami. The two animals become close friends and develop a way to communicate with one another.
- Hatkoff, J., Hatkoff, I., & Hatkoff, C. *Winter's Tail: How One Little Dolphin Learned to Swim Again*. New York: Scholastic, 2009.
A young dolphin is rescued from a trap and taken to an aquarium. Although the dolphin learns to swim like a fish after her tail falls off, it is harmful to her spine. Engineers and scientists then create a special prosthetic tail for her.
- Heiligman, D. *The Boy Who Loved Math: The Improbable Life of Paul Erdos*. New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2013.
As a young child Paul's talent and love to complete math problems is apparent. His frequent collaborations with others helped to advance the field of mathematics.
- Herzog, B. *S is for Save the Planet: A How-to-Be Green Alphabet*. Chelsea, MI: Sleeping Bear Press, 2009.
Children are presented with many practical ways they can be heroes and help to care for our earth.
- Hopkins, H. J. *The Tree Lady: The True Story of How One Tree-Loving Woman Changed a City Forever*. New York: Beach Lane Books, 2013.
Kate Olivia Sessions loved trees. She studies and discovers just the right trees to transform the desert town of San Diego into a lush leafy city with shade for all to enjoy.
- Johnson, J. *Seeds of Change: Planting a Path to Peace*. New York: Lee & Low Books, 2010.
Wangari Maathai uses her wisdom, faith, and compassion to promote the rights of the women of Kenya while planting trees to save the land of the country.
- Kalman, M. *Fireboat: The Heroic Adventures of the John J. Harvey*. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2002.
An old fireboat is waiting to be sold for scrap when it is purchased by a group of friends for fun. The old fireboat is called back into action to help battle the fires of 9-11.
- _____. *Looking at Lincoln*. New York: Nancy Paulsen Books, 2012.
This book shows a young girl's quest to learn more about our sixteenth president. Interesting facts are discovered along with the reasons why he was a hero.
- Katz, J. *Meet the Dogs of Bedlam Farm*. New York: Henry Holt and Company, 2011.
Three of the dogs living on the farm work daily as heroes at their jobs. The fourth dog is an everyday hero by doing her job of caring for all of the other dogs.

Krull, K. *A Boy Named FDR*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2011.

Although FDR grew up in one of the wealthiest families in America, his heart was full of compassion for others. His battle with polio doesn't stop him from leading our country and helping to make a difference in the lives of others.

_____. *Wilma Unlimited*. New York: Harcourt Brace & Company, 1996.

This is the story of Wilma's perseverance and drive to overcome polio and discrimination in her life.

Larson, K., & Nethery M. *Two Bobbies: A True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship, and Survival*. New York: Walker & Company, 2008.

A dog leads a blind cat away from the dangers of Hurricane Katrina.

Lawlor, L. *Rachel Carson and Her Book That Changed the World*. New York: Holiday House, 2012.

Rachel's love of nature and her keen observation skills lead to her writing the book, *Silent Spring*, which has a profound impact upon preserving the environment.

Markel, M. *Brave Girl: Clara and the Shirtwaist Makers' Strike of 1909*. New York: Balzer & Bray, 2013.

Clara Lemlich arrived in America as an immigrant and found herself working in a factory instead of attending school. She bravely stands up for her beliefs and fights for changed working conditions in the factories.

Markle, S. *Animal Heroes: True Rescue Stories*. Minneapolis, MN: Millbrook Press, 2009.

This book contains many short stories of animals helping people in danger. Children are especially intrigued by the story of the mother gorilla saving the toddler and the story of Frisky the dog saving George during Hurricane Katrina.

_____. *How Many Baby Pandas?* New York: Walker & Company, 2009.

Baby pandas are raised at the Wolong Nature Center until they are strong enough to be released into the wild. These efforts will help this endangered species.

McCully, E. A. *My Heart Glow*. New York: Hyperion Books for Children, 2008.

Thomas Gallaudet changes the world for Alice Cogswell and many other deaf people with the creation of a new language, American Sign Language. He also establishes a school for deaf students.

Michelson, R. *Twice as Good*. North Mankato, MN: Sleeping Bear Press, 2012.

Willie works hard and perseveres, in spite of the discrimination he experiences, to become a professional golfer and build a golf course for people of all color to use.

Mortenson, G., & Roth, S. L. *Listen to the Wind*. New York: Penguin Group, 2009.

This story, written from a child's point of view, tells how Dr. Greg helped the people of Korphe, Pakistan build a school.

Moss, M. *Barbed Wire Baseball*. New York: Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2013.

Zeni dreamed of becoming a baseball player but after the attack on Pearl Harbor, he and his family are placed in an internment camp. Here he helps build a baseball field which provides those imprisoned with a sense of hope.

- Moss, M. *The Bravest Woman in America*. Berkeley, CA: Tricycle Press, 2011.
Ida Lewis loved helping her father, the lighthouse keeper. When her father becomes sick, she must come to the rescue of four boys who are in danger out in the harbor.
- Muntean, M. *Stay: The True Story of Ten Dogs*. New York: Scholastic, 2012.
After Luciano Anastasini's devastating fall as a circus performer on the high wire, he perseveres to find a way to continue to stay on with the circus. He successfully trains ten dogs in need of a home to become part of his circus act.
- Nelson, K. *Nelson Mandela*. New York: Katherine Tegen Books, 2013.
This is the story of Nelson Mandela's determination to bring about change in South Africa and transform it into a country that believes in equality for all of its people.
- Nivola, C. *Planting the Trees of Kenya: The Story of Wangari Maathai*. New York: Frances Foster Books, 2008.
Courage, perseverance, and determination are used by Wangari to lead a tree planting movement in Kenya to restore the land.
- Peterson, B. *Leopard & Silkie*. New York: Henry Holt and Company, 2012.
A young boy named Miles volunteers as a Seal Sitter. He finds a way to help to keep a baby seal safe from harm.
- Pinborough, J. *Miss Moore Thought Otherwise*. New York: Houghton Mifflin Books for Children, 2013.
Long ago in America, libraries were not for children. Anne Carroll Moore wasn't afraid to act upon her beliefs to help to create libraries for children and encourage reading.
- Rabinowitz, A. *A Boy and a Jaguar*. Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing, 2014.
Alan stutters uncontrollably but he promises the animals if he can overcome this, he will save them. He makes a speech that leads to the first jaguar preserve in Belize.
- Rappaport, D. *Abe's Honest Words*. New York: Hyperion Books for Children, 2008.
Abraham Lincoln's compassion and honesty allow him to lead the nation through a bitter Civil War. His wisdom is apparent in actual quotes that supplement the text.
- _____. *Eleanor, Quiet No More: The Life of Eleanor Roosevelt*. New York: Hyperion Books, 2009.
Eleanor is tolerant and quiet. When the time comes for her to make a difference in the lives of others, she perseveres and speaks the words from her heart.
- _____. *Helen's Big World: The Life of Helen Keller*. New York: Hyperion Books, 2012.
Despite being blind and deaf, Helen finds a way to learn and experience her world to the fullest with the help of her devoted teacher Annie Sullivan. Helen then used her strength and knowledge to impact the world.
- _____. *To Dare Mighty Things*. New York: Hyperion Books, 2013.
Sickly Teddy Roosevelt grows up to be a president who uses his leadership skills to help Americans and create national parks.
- Robinson, S. *Jackie Robinson: American Hero*. New York: Scholastic, 2013.
Jackie was a true American hero demonstrating perseverance and patience that led to the desegregation of Major League Baseball.

- Rosenstock, B. *Ben Franklin's Big Splash: The Mostly True Story of His First Invention*. Honesdale, PA: Calkins Creek, 2014.
As a child Ben loved swimming and his first invention was gear to help him swim like a fish. Ben believed in perseverance and sharing of inventions to benefit others.
- Schwartz, H. *Girls Rebel! Amazing Tales of Women Who Broke the Mold*. North Mankato, MN: Capstone, 2013.
This is a collection of profiles of women who have bravely fought for what they believed in. These rebellious women made powerful and lasting changes for our world.
- Skead, R. *Something to Prove: The Great Satchel Paige vs. Rookie Joe DiMaggio*. Minneapolis, MN: Carolrhoda Books, 2013.
Joe DiMaggio must prove he is skilled enough to become a major league player by playing against Satchel Paige and a team of African American players. While Joe earns his place on the Yankees, the talented Satchel continues to face discrimination.
- Standiford, N. *The Bravest Dog Ever: The True Story of Balto*. New York: Random House, 1988.
Balto courageously leads the dog sled to deliver needed medicine to a remote town in Alaska. When his relief is not present to continue the sled run, exhausted Balto continues with the journey.
- Stauffacher, S. *Nothing but Trouble: The Story of Althea Gibson*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2007.
Buddy Walker recognizes the talent in Althea, even though all the people of Harlem see a girl in trouble. Buddy invests in a tennis racquet for Althea as well as time and encouragement to help her on her way to become the first African American woman to play in and win the Wimbledon Cup.
- Stone, T. *Elizabeth Leads the Way*. New York: Henry Holt and Company, 2008.
Elizabeth Cady Stanton recognizes the inequalities between men and women. She realizes that if women had the right to vote, life could be much better for them. She uses perseverance to make her idea come true.
- _____. *Who Says Women Can't be Doctors? The Story of Elizabeth Blackwell*. New York: Henry Holt and Company, 2013.
This book shows the power of one individual to inspire another to do great things. Elizabeth Blackwell faced challenges to become a doctor and she paved the way for women to make a difference in the world.
- Tonatiuh, D. *Separate is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez and her Family's Fight for Desegregation*. New York: Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2014.
After Sylvia is denied entrance to a "whites only" school because she is Hispanic, her family takes action to end school segregation in California.
- Trumbore, C. *Parrots Over Puerto Rico*. New York: Lee & Low Books, 2013.
Parrots lived in Puerto Rico for millions of years but then they almost vanish. Scientists work together to help save this species.
- Walters, E. *My Name is Blessing*. Plattsburgh, NY: Tundra Books, 2013.
Baraka, a young Kenyan boy with a disability, lives with his grandmother and eight cousins. When food becomes scarce, his grandmother must make a difficult choice.

- Wargin, K. *Man Behind the Peace Prize: Alfred Nobel*. Chelsea, MI: Sleeping Bear Press, 2009.
Alfred Nobel is saddened when his invention of dynamite is used in harmful ways against other people. Upon his death, he leaves his fortune to establish a special award for those making great contributions to mankind. One special prize to be awarded is the peace prize.
- Winter, J. *JFK*. New York: Harper Collins Children's Books, 2013.
This biography tells of John F. Kennedy growing up from a sickly child to become the 35th president who handles the Cuban Missile Crisis and works for civil rights.
- _____. *Nasreen's Secret School*. New York: Beach Lane Books, 2009.
Nasreen's grandmother must save her granddaughter from her sadness. She takes a risk and finds a secret school to enroll Nasreen. The experience changes Nasreen.
- _____. *The Tale of Pale Male: A True Story*. New York: Harcourt, 2007.
Bird lovers speak out to save the home of the red-tailed hawks nesting in New York City.
- _____. *The Watcher: Jane Goodall's Life with the Chimps*. New York: Schwartz & Wade Books, 2011.
Jane loved to watch nature as a child. When she grows up, she studies chimpanzees in Africa and eventually must speak out to save them from becoming extinct.
- Winter, J. & Widener, T. *You Never Heard of Willie Mays?!* New York: Schwartz & Wade Books, 2013.
Willie's determination to win the game changed the quality of the sport as well as how players were treated because of the color of their skin.
- Wise, B. *Silent Star: The Story of Deaf Major Leaguer William Hoy*. New York: Lee & Low Books, Inc., 2012.
William Hoy dreamed of playing in the major leagues but he is deaf. He proved himself using determination and hard work to become a star—both on and off the baseball field.

Fiction for Young Children

This list is necessarily incomplete, given the enormous number and variety of truly wonderful and timeless books featuring heroic characters. The books listed below are recently-published titles that we have found to be especially effective in introducing young children to the concept of heroes.

- Fosberry, J. *My Name is Not Alexander*. Naperville, IL: Sourcebooks, 2011.
Throughout the day young Isabella imagines that she is some of the amazing women who have changed history. She dreams about how she may use her qualities to become a hero herself.
- _____. *My Name is Not Isabella*. Naperville, IL: Sourcebooks, 2010.
Young Alexander imagines that he is some of the world's remarkable heroes and he dreams of the hero he might become.
- Frazee, M. *The Farmer and the Clown*. New York: Beach Lane Books, 2014.
In this wordless picture book, a farmer comes to the aid of a young clown who falls off the circus train. He cares for the clown until the train returns.
- Graber, J. *Muktar and the Camels*. New York: Henry Holt and Company, 2009.
An orphan boy makes sacrifices to care for an injured camel.

Hopkinson, D., & Hendrix, J. *Abe Lincoln Crosses A Creek: A Tall, Thin Tale*. New York: Schwartz & Wade Books, 2008.

Abe's childhood friend, Austin Gollaher, saves him from drowning in a rushing creek.

Long, L. *Otis and the Scarecrow*. New York: Philomel Books, 2014.

Otis and his friends leave the frowning scarecrow alone when he makes no attempt to respond to their friendly smiles. One cold, rainy day Otis takes the first step to be a friend and include the lonely scarecrow in the friends' game.

McDonnell, P. *Me...Jane*. New York: Little, Brown, and Company, 2011.

Jane imagines a career of helping animals in Africa and one day her dreams come true. The book contains a message from Jane that each of us has the potential to make a difference in the world.

Murphy, C. R. *Marching With Aunt Susan*. Atlanta, GA: Peachtree Publishers, 2011.

A young girl learns the meaning of perseverance and fighting for a cause as she marches with "Aunt Susan" to promote women's right to vote.

Nelson, S.D. *Digging a Hole to Heaven: Coal Miner Boys*. New York: Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2014.

Young Conall spends his days working in the coal mine with his mule, Angel. When an underground tunnel suddenly collapses, Conall must find a way to rescue his brother and other trapped miners.

Osborne, M. P. *New York's Bravest*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2002.

This story is based upon real life firefighter Mose Humphreys who became a fictionalized character with incredible heroic acts. Mose continues to represent the courage and strength of firefighters throughout history.

Peet, M. & Graham, E. *Night Sky Dragons*. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2014.

Yazul loves creating kites with his grandfather but his father disapproves. When their han along the Silk Road is attacked by bandits, Yazul's creative idea saves them all.

Rocco, J. *Blizzard*. New York: Disney Hyperion, 2014.

When the New England blizzard of 1978 strikes, families begin to run low on food while waiting for the plow to dig them out. Young John discovers a creative way to make snowshoes and bring groceries to those in need.

Spires, A. *The Most Magnificent Thing*. Tonawanda, NY: Kids Can Press, 2014.

A young girl has a vision of exactly what she wants to create. Through perseverance, hard work, and some encouragement from her assistant, her dog, she succeeds.

Books to Promote Heroism in Older Children and Young Adults

This bibliography was compiled by Barbara Ann Richman, Executive Director of the Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes, with help from librarians and teachers across the country.

Nonfiction for Older Children and Young Adults

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- Alvarado, Ph.D., R. V. *Critical Lives: The Life and Work of Thomas Edison*. Indianapolis, IN: Alpha Books, 2002.
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- Bartoletti, S. C. *Black Potatoes*. New York: Houghton Mifflin, 2001.
- Beals, M. P. *Warriors Don't Cry: A Searing Memoir of the Battle to Integrate Little Rock's Central High*. New York: Pocket Books, 1995.
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- Bridges, R. *Through My Eyes*. New York: Scholastic Press, 1999.
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