

Title I Book List

We hope your family enjoys the Memoirs and Autobiographies on our reading list that were recommended by the Cambridge Public Library.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Grades Pre-K - 2</u>	<u>Author</u>
<i>Through My Eyes</i> by Ruby Bridges; articles and interviews compiled and edited by Margo Lundell Ruby Bridges recounts the story of her involvement, as a six-year-old, in the integration of her school in New Orleans in 1960.		
<i>Flora and Tiger: 19 Very Short Stories From My Life</i> The author recalls experiences from his childhood in Germany and his later life in the United States, all in some way connected with various animals.		Eric Carle
<i>Bigmama's</i> Visiting Bigmama's house in the country, young Donald Crews finds his relatives full of news and the old place and its surroundings just the same as the year before.		Donald Crews
<i>26 Fairmount Avenue</i> Children's author-illustrator Tomie De Paola describes his experiences at home and in school when he was a boy.		Tomie dePaola
<i>The Year I Didn't Go to School</i> Relates the experiences of children's author Giselle Potter when, at the age of seven, she toured Italy with her family's tiny theater company, The Mystic Paper Beasts.		Giselle Potter
<i>Gus & Me: The Story of My Granddad and My First Guitar</i> Tells the story of the young Keith Richards, who was introduced to the joy of music through his beloved granddad, affectionately known as "Gus."		Keith Richards
<i>Author: A True Story</i> Children's author Helen Lester describes her life from age three to adulthood and discusses how she writes.		Helen Lester
<u>Title</u>	<u>Grades 3-5</u>	<u>Author</u>
<i>Island Treasures: Growing up in Cuba</i> Told through the eyes of a child, this anthology of true autobiographical tales from Hispanic author and educator Alma Flor Ada presents inspiring reflections on a unique childhood spent on the island of Cuba.		Alma Flor Ada
<i>Words to My Life's Song</i> An introduction to the life and career of the writer and artist Ashley Bryan, a three-time winner of the Coretta Scott King Award.		Ashley Bryan
<i>My Life with the Chimpanzees</i> The well-known English zoologist describes her early interest in animals and how this led to her study of chimpanzees at the Gombe Stream Reserve in Tanzania.		Jane Goodall
<i>Bill Peet: an Autobiography</i> The well-known author and illustrator relates the story of his life and work.		Bill Peet

Reviews from: Cambridge Public Library and CPL Minuteman online web site and Parent's Guide to the Best Books for Children

Important Note: Parents, please be sure to closely monitor your child's use of computer websites. Never assume that where they begin is where they will end up!

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Grades 3-5

Author

Smile

Raina Telgemeier

From sixth grade through tenth, Raina copes with a variety of dental problems that affect her appearance and how she feels about herself.

El Deafo

Cece Bell

The author recounts in graphic novel format her experiences with hearing loss at a young age, including using a bulky hearing aid, learning how to lip read, and determining her "superpower."

Title

Grades 6-8

Author

Life in Motion: An Unlikely Ballerina

Misty Copeland

Misty Copeland makes history, telling the story of her journey to become the first African-American principal ballerina at the prestigious American Ballet Theatre. But when she first placed her hands on the barre at an after-school community center, no one expected the undersized, underprivileged, and anxious thirteen-year-old to become one of America's most groundbreaking dancers. A true prodigy, she was attempting in months roles that take most dancers years to master. But when Misty became caught between the control and comfort she found in the world of ballet and the harsh realities of her own life, she had to choose to embrace both her identity and her dreams and find the courage to be one of a kind.

Looking Back: A Book of Memories

Lois Lowry

In this fascinating, moving autobiography, Lois Lowry explores her rich history through personal photographs, memories, and recollections of her childhood. Lowry's writing often transports readers into other worlds. Now, we have the rare opportunity to travel into a real world that is her own--her life.

Brown Girl Dreaming

Jacqueline Woodson

Jacqueline Woodson, one of today's finest writers, tells the moving story of her childhood in mesmerizing verse. Raised in South Carolina and New York, Woodson always felt halfway home in each place. In vivid poems, she shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement.

I am Malala: How one Girl Stood up for Education and Changed the World

**Malala Yousafzai with
Patricia McCormick**

When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley, one girl spoke out. Malala Yousafzai refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education. On Tuesday October 9, 2012, she almost paid the ultimate price.

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind

**William Kamkwamba and
Bryan Mealer**

When 14-year-old William Kamkwamba's Malawi village was hit by a drought in 2001, everyone's crops began to fail. His family didn't have enough money for food, let alone school, so William spent his days in the library. He came across a book on windmills and figured out how to build a windmill that could bring electricity to his village. Everyone thought he was crazy but William persevered and managed to create a functioning windmill out of junkyard scraps. Several years later he figured out how to use the windmill for irrigation purposes.