

# 2015 SRP

## Children's Reading List

### NLS Edition

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## Preschool to Grade 2

**The Astonishing Secret of Awesome Man** by Michael Chabon  
**BR 20019**

Superhero Awesome Man can fly straight as an arrow, shoot positronic rays from his eyes, and hug mutant Jell-O. But he has something exciting to tell you: his secret identity! Illustrated by Jake Parker. PRINT/BRAILLE. 2011.

**Chicka Chicka Boom Boom** by Bill Martin, Jr. and John Archambault  
**BR 7943, SMA00827**

Read by John Deming. Reading time: 5 minutes.  
Delightful alphabetical rhyming chant telling of the day when the letters of the alphabet decide to race up the coconut tree. "Chicka chicka boom boom! Will there be enough room?" 1989.

**Clifford's Good Deeds** by Norman Bridwell  
**DB 78608**

Read by Stephanie D'Abruzzo. Reading time: 12 minutes.  
Clifford has a good heart, but whenever he tries to do good deeds for others, they always seem to backfire. But finally the big red dog manages to save the day. Commercial audiobook. 1975.

**Dr. Seuss's ABC** by Dr. Seuss  
**BR 2365, BR 8953, BR 15320, BR 16723, RC 57740**

Read by Christopher Walker. Reading time: UNKNOWN.  
Dr. Seuss adds nonsensical rhymes to the alphabet to make it fun for children to learn letters and their sounds.

**A Sick Day for Amos McGee** by Philip C. Stead  
**BR 20037, SKS00265**

Read by Wendy Devilbiss. Reading time: 6 minutes.

Zookeeper Amos McGee always takes time to visit his good friends the elephant, tortoise, penguin, rhinoceros, and owl. But one day, Amos stays home because he is sick--and receives an unexpected visit.  
PRINT/BRAILLE. Caldecott Medal.

### **Kindergarten to Grade 3**

**Diary of a Fly** by Doreen Cronin

**DB 74657**

Read by Jill Fox. Reading time: 10 minutes.

A young fly talks about her day-to-day life. She eats regurgitated food, studies leaping backward in flight school, copes with her 327 brothers and sisters, and dreams of being a superhero. 2007.

**Doctor De Soto** by Judy Sierra

**BR 16526, RC 39061**

Read by Mitzi Friedlander. Reading time: UNKOWN.

A kind mouse dentist and his shrewd wife outfox a dangerous patient who wants to try out his new gold teeth on them! Newbery Honor Book.

**Don't Forget, God Bless our Troops** by Jill Biden

**DB 75883**

Read by Gabriella Cavallero. Reading time: 27 minutes.

Educator and wife of Vice President Joe Biden based this children's story on her own granddaughter's experience. Young Natalie misses her father, who is away fighting a war, and keeps him in her heart and prayers as she tries to be brave. Includes resources for support. 2012.

**The Incredible Life of Balto** by Meghan McCarthy

**DB 75592**

Read by Jill Fox. Reading time: 22 minutes.

Chronicles the saga of Balto, the sled dog who became a hero in 1925 after he helped deliver life-saving medicine from Nenana to Nome, Alaska. Recounts Balto's sale to a traveling show and the outpouring of support that led to his rescue. 2011.

**John Henry** by Julius Lester

**BR 9934**

John Henry was a beautiful, strong African American boy. As a man, John Henry met mean Ferret-Faced Freddy and beat him in a race. Then he tackled a huge boulder that was blocking a road, and a rainbow smiled on his work. Next he tried to beat a drill that was cutting into a mountain to let the train pass through. This was his last contest, but you might still hear him singing, "I got a rainbow." PRINT/BRAILLE. 1994.

**Librarian on the Roof!** by M. G. King

**DB 75685**

Read by Faith Potts. Reading time: 15 minutes.

Account of librarian RoseAleta Laurell, who climbed onto the roof of the Dr. Eugene Clark Library in Lockhart, Texas--and stayed there for a whole week! Details RoseAleta's determination to raise the twenty thousand dollars needed to give the library a fun and fully stocked children's section. 2010.

**Make Way for Ducklings** by Robert McCloskey

**BR 1739, BR 10039, BR 16447, DB 42913**

Read by John Horton. Reading time: 8 minutes.

Five helpful Boston policemen stop busy city traffic so that Mrs. Mallard can move her family of eight ducklings from their island in the Charles River to their new home in the Public Garden.

PRINT/BRAILLE. Caldecott Medal.

support that led to his rescue. 2011.

**Miss Nelson Is Missing!** by Harry G. Allard, Jr. and James Marshall

**BR 6127**

The kids in room 207 giggle, throw spitballs, and are rude to their good-natured teacher, Miss Nelson. When she disappears, the worst-behaved kids in school get a mean new teacher, Miss Viola Swamp, who wears ugly black dresses. Miss Nelson series, book 1. 1977.

**New York's Bravest** by Mary Pope Osborne

**BR 14050**

Tells of the heroic deeds of the New York City firefighter Mose Humphreys during the 1840s. The book explains how the real-life fireman became a legend. PRINT/BRAILLE. 2002.

**Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine & a Miracle** by Brian Dennis, Mary Nethery, and Larson Kirby

**BR 19028, SMO11086**

Read by Dan Deidrich. Reading time: 18 minutes.

Describes the bond that developed between a marine major stationed in Iraq and an injured dog that was named Nubs because his ears had been cut off. PRINT/BRAILLE. Missouri: Show Me Award Nominees, 2011-2012. 2009.

and sisters, and dreams of being a superhero. 2007.

**Owen and Mzee: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship** by Isabella Hatkoff, Craig Hatkoff, and P. Kahumbu

**DB 62663**

Read by Dan Deidrich. Reading time: 18 minutes.

Describes how a baby hippopotamus, Owen, was stranded alone on the Kenyan coast after the tsunami in 2004. Discusses the rescue effort to deliver Owen to Haller Park, an animal sanctuary, where he met Mzee, a solitary, 130-year-old tortoise, who became a substitute mother. 2006.

**Officer Buckle and Gloria** by Peggy Rathmann

**BR 10015**

Officer Buckle knows lots of safety tips, and he loves to share them with the students at Napville School. But nobody seems to listen to him. Then one day, the Napville police department gets a police dog--Gloria.

Officer Buckle takes her along the next time he goes to Napville School, and this time the children listen. But why? PRINT/BRAILLE. Caldecott Medal. 1995.

**Stone Soup** by Marcia Brown

**DB 50548**

Read by Chuck Young. Reading time: 8 minutes.

When three hungry soldiers in a strange land ask some villagers for food, they are told there is none. So the soldiers decide to show the townspeople how to make soup from water and three round stones. Caldecott Honor Book. 1947.

**The Story of Ruby Bridges** by Eve Bunting

**DB 41709**

Read by Laura Giannarelli. Reading time: 10 minutes.

In 1960, when Ruby Bridges was six, a judge ordered that she be allowed to attend an all-white school in New Orleans. Prayer helped her stay calm when angry crowds followed her to school and when all her classmates were kept home by their parents. 1995.

**Super Hair-O and the Barber of Doom** by John Rocco

**BR 20044**

A boy who believes he gets his strength from his hair fears he has lost his superpowers when a villain cuts his curls off. PRINT/BRAILLE. 2013.

**Swamp Angel** by Anne Isaacs

**BR 9936, RC 40499**

Read by Madelyn Buzzard. Reading time: UNKOWN.

When Angelica Longrider was born on August 1, 1815, she was "scarcely taller than her mother." By the age of two, she had built her own log cabin, and when she was twelve, she rescued a whole wagon train from Dejection Swamp and got the name Swamp Angel. But Angelica was best known for her fight with Thundering Tarnation, the biggest and meanest bear anyone had ever known. PRINT/BRAILLE. 1994.

**Toys Go Out series** by Emily Jenkins

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**DB 64692**

Read by Kristin Allison. Reading time: 1 hour, 23 minutes.

Six stories relate the adventures of three best friends--Lumphy, StingRay, and Plastic--who happen to be toys belonging to a little girl. In "The Serious Problem of Plastic-ness," Plastic discovers what toy she is with the help of TukTuk the towel. 2006.

**Toys Dance Party** by Emily Jenkins

**DB 67947**

Read by Kristin Allison. Reading time: 2 hours, 14 minutes.

Six stories about three best friends who happen to be toys. Plush sea creature StingRay, Lumphy the stuffed buffalo, and Plastic, a ball, encounter a fearsome shark, enjoy a dance party, and face rejection as the Girl grows up. 2008.

**Toys Come Home** by Emily Jenkins

**DB 75768**

Read by Kristin Allison. Reading time: 1 hour, 47 minutes.

Six tales trace the adventures that brought the toy friends to the Girl's house. Stuffed StingRay arrives as a birthday gift but feels unwelcome by the stuffed walrus, Bobby Dot. 2011.

**The True Story of Pocahontas** by Lucille Recht Penner

**BR 12810**

This is a short account of the brave young Native American who helped the English settlers of Jamestown, Virginia. Describes how her involvement with the colonists changed her life. 1994.

**Violet the Pilot** by Steve Breen

**SMO10055**

Read by Dan Deidrich. Reading time: 12 minutes.

Young Violet's only friend is her dog, Orville, until one of her homemade flying machines takes her to the rescue of a Boy Scout troop in trouble. Show Me Award nominee, 2010-2011. 2009.

**The Wall** by Eve Bunting

**BR 8959**

A young boy and his father come from far away to visit the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., and find the name of the boy's grandfather who was killed in the war. A group of girls in school uniforms comes by. "Is this wall for the dead soldiers...?" one of them asks. "The names are the names of the dead. But the wall is for all of us," the teacher answers. PRINT/BRAILLE. 1990.

**What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?** by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page

**BR 15017**

Explains how a lot of animals use their noses, ears, tails, eyes, mouths, and feet in very different ways. A glossary provides more information about these animals. PRINT/BRAILLE. 2003.

**Wild About Books** by Judy Sierra

**BR 16024**

When librarian Molly McGrew drives her bookmobile into the zoo by mistake, she first attracts the animals to reading with a book by Dr. Seuss. A story in rhyme. PRINT/BRAILLE. 2004.

### **Grades 2 to 4**

**The Bravest Dog Ever: The True Story of Balto** by Natalie Standiford  
**SMA00548**

Read by Bruce Blakeslee. Reading time: 10 minutes.

Recounts the life of Balto, the sled dog who saved Nome, Alaska, in 1925 from a diphtheria epidemic by delivering medicine through a raging snowstorm. 1989.

**Buttons for General Washington** by Petter Roop and Connie Roop

**BR 7398**

In the fall of 1777, the British army occupied Philadelphia, where the Darragh family lived. Charles, the oldest son, had joined General Washington's army, and the rest of the family became spies. This story recounts the daring adventures of fourteen-year-old John, the youngest son, who delivered secret messages to General Washington's camp by hiding them in the buttons of his coat. 1986.

**Captain Awesome to the Rescue!** by Stan Kirby

**DB 75084**

Read by Mark Delgado. Reading time: 37 minutes.

Second-grader Eugene and his family move to Sunnyview, where he goes to a new school. When the class hamster Turbo is kidnapped, Eugene reveals his superhero alter ego Captain Awesome to rescue Turbo. 2012.

**The Captain Underpants series** by Dav Pilkey

**The Adventures of Captain Underpants** by Dav Pilkey

**DB 49974**

Read by Rick Rohan. Reading time: 48 minutes.

Two mischievous fourth graders, George and Harold, enjoy writing their own comic books about superhero Captain Underpants, who flies around in his underwear. Then one day they hypnotize their principal into thinking that he is Captain Underpants, and they have some amazing adventures with him. 1997.

**Captain Underpants and the Attack of the Talking Toilets** by Dav Pilkey

**SCO08325**

Read by Nancy Leonard. Reading time 1 hour, 4 minutes.

Principal Krupp once again turns into the superhero Captain Underpants in order to save the world, and Jerome Horwitz Elementary School, from the evil talking toilets and the Turbo Toilet 2000. 1999.

**Captain Underpants and the Invasion of the Incredibly Naughty Cafeteria Ladies** by Dav Pilkey

**SCO08329**

Read by Nancy Leonard. Reading time 1 hour, 1 minute.

An alien spaceship has conveniently landed on the roof of Jerome Horwitz Elementary School. At the same time, George and Harold pulled off the prank of their careers by tricking the cafeteria ladies into flooding the school with slimy lime-green foam. Fed up, the cafeteria ladies quit, leaving room for three massive, tentacled space aliens in disguise to assume their positions and slowly change all the children into evil lunchroom zombie nerds. Only the amazing Captain Underpants can save the day now. 1999.

**Captain Underpants and the Perilous Plot of Professor Poopypants** by Dav Pilkey

**SCO08290**

Read by Nancy Leonard. Reading time 1 hour, 8 minutes.

George and Harold aren't bad kids. They just like to "liven things up" for everybody. Unfortunately, their thoughtful jokes sometimes get them into a LOT of trouble. And when Professor Pippy P. Poopypants becomes their new science teacher...well, George and Harold almost cause the entire planet to be taken over by a maniacal, mad-scientist guy in a giant robot suit! Who will stop the perilous plot of Poopypants?!?!? This looks like a job for Captain Underpants! 2000.

**Captain Underpants and the Wrath of the Wicked Wedgie Woman** by Dav Pilkey

**SCO08251**

Read by Maurice Devany. Reading time 1 hour, 20 minutes.

George and Harold have created a monster! She's faster, smarter, and more evil than anything the world has seen before--she's Wedgie Woman! With the help of her horrible robots and her horrendous hairdo, Wedgie Woman is on a mission to take over the world, and she'll give a whopping wedgie to anyone who stands in her way--including Captain Underpants. 2001.

**Captain Underpants and the Big, Bad Battle..., Part 1 : The Night of the Nasty Nostril Nuggets** by Dav Pilkey

**SCO08332**

Read by Nancy Leonard. Reading time 1 hour, 15 minutes.

George, Harold, and everyone's favorite superhero are in their stickiest situation yet. This time, the boys' latest prank has snotty school brainiac Melvin Sneedley in a stink. And when Melvin tries to transform himself into a bionic-powered superboy, things go from bad to boogers, literally, and the Bionic Booger Boy is born! 2003.

**Captain Underpants and the Big, Bad Battle..., Part 2 : The Revenge of the Ridiculous Robo-Boogers** by Dav Pilkey

**SCO08341**

Read by Nancy Leonard. Reading time 1 hour, 21 minutes.

Just when they thought they were out, it pulls them back in! Our heroes beat the Bionic Booger Boy, but they forgot about those rascally Robo-Boogers. Join George, Harold, Mr. Krupp, Melvin Sneedly, and Sulu the Bionic Hamster on an adventure that will take them into the deepest regions of outer space and back through time to the mysterious and uncharted world of the day before yesterday! It's a monster-mashin', robo-wranglin', time-travelin', brain-switchin', nose-pickin' good time! 2003.

**Captain Underpants and the Preposterous Plight of the Purple Potty People** by Dav Pilkey

**SCO08338**

Read by Nancy Leonard. Reading time 1 hour, 15 minutes.

George and Harold have entered an absurd alternate reality where teachers are nice, kids are allowed to read banned books, and the cafeteria food doesn't smell like dirty diapers. Even worse, they've discovered alternate versions of themselves--Evil George and Evil Harold--who plan to unleash some preposterous plans on Piqua, Ohio. Now it's up to George and Harold to defeat the evil twins and THEIR superhero, Captain Blunderpants! 2006.

**Dogs on Duty: Soldiers' Best Friends on the Battlefield and Beyond**

by Dorothy Hinshaw Patent

**BR 19626**

Discusses the training of puppies to prepare them to become military working dogs, or MWDs. Details the jobs of MWDs, including jumping out of aircraft, searching for bombs, and protecting their handlers.

Provides brief biographies of several canine heroes. 2012.

**Johnny Appleseed** by Steven Kellogg

**DB 33072**

Read by Jack Fox. Reading time: 10 minutes.

John Chapman, who later became known as Johnny Appleseed, was born in 1774 in Massachusetts. Near his home was an apple orchard, and John loved to watch the apples grow. The animals sensed his love of nature and grew to trust him. As soon as he was old enough, John left home to explore the West. He planted apple trees along the way, and the legends about him grew larger than life. 1988.

**Just Joking 3** by Ruth Musgrave and the National Geographic Society

**DB 76334**

Read by Gregory Gorton. Reading time: 1 hour, 6 minutes.

Collection of zany knock-knock jokes, tongue twisters, silly question-and-answer jokes, and much more. 2013.

**The Librarian of Basra** by Jeanette Winter

**BR 16016**

As war comes to Basra, Iraq, the city librarian worries that the books will be destroyed. When the governor refuses to help her, the librarian saves the books her own way. Relates events in the life of Alia Muhammad Baker. PRINT/BRAILLE. 2005.

**Nancy Clancy, Super Sleuth** by Jane O'Connor

**BR 19820**

As a fan of Nancy Drew, Nancy Clancy eagerly searches for a missing

prized possession. Sleuth Clancy's investigation leads her to the culprit--who happens to be someone close to her. Nancy Clancy series, book 1. 2012.

**Stink: Solar System Superhero** by Megan McDonald  
**DB 70802**

Read by Erik Sandvold. Reading time: 1 hour, 8 minutes.

When Stink discovers that Pluto has been downgraded from its status as a planet, he launches a campaign in his classroom to restore its rank as a full-fledged member of the solar system. Stink series, book 5. 2010.

**Stone Soup** by Ann McGovern  
**BR 7465**

A young, weary traveler gets a meal fit for a king from a little old lady who claims to have no food, when he teaches her to make stone soup. 1986.

### **Grades 3 to 6**

**Animal Heroes: True Rescue Stories** by Sandra Markle  
**BR 18380**

Nine accounts of animals--from trained guide dogs to a cow, a pet cat, dolphins, and a capuchin monkey--that helped humans during accidents and disasters. Discusses Roselle, the guide dog, who led Mike Hingson from the seventy-eighth floor to safety as his World Trade Center tower collapsed. 2009.

**Because of Winn-Dixie** by Kate DiCamillo  
**BR 12917, BR 16130, DB 50679**

Read by Ann Hodapp. Reading time: 2 hours, 5 minutes.

Ten-year-old India Opal and her preacher dad move to a new town in Florida during the summer. Opal is lonely until she adopts a big stray dog she names Winn-Dixie. The two soon make friends with the local librarian, the pet store manager, and a nearly-blind elderly neighbor.

**Ella Enchanted** by Gail Carson Levine

**BR 15992, DB 46186**

Read by Margaret Strom. Reading time: 6 hours, 23 minutes.

Ella was cursed at birth by a fairy--who thought she was bestowing a gift--to always be obedient. After her mother dies, Ella is at the mercy of two bossy girls and their mother. The enchantment even puts her love for Prince Charmont at risk, and Ella is determined to get rid of it.

**Enemy Spy** by Wendelin Van Draanen

**DB 62285**

Read by Michael Russotto. Reading time: 2 hours, 26 minutes.

As the search for Shredderman's identity intensifies, Nolan stumbles across a possible spy-ring operation. Nolan's involvement in the case puts his superhero secret in jeopardy. 2005.

**The Janitor's Boy** by Andrew Clements

**BR 19727, RC 50811**

Read by Erik Sandvold. Reading time: UNKNOWN.

In fifth grade Jack is embarrassed to attend the school where his father is a janitor. When a greeting prompts teasing from his classmates, Jack plans revenge. The prank backfires, but it gives him a chance to learn more about his dad.

**The One and Only Ivan** by Katherine Applegate

**BR 19679, DB 75687**

Read by Joe Peck. Reading time: 3 hours, 37 minutes.

Ivan the gorilla has lived comfortably for years in a down-and-out, circus-themed mall. But when baby elephant Ruby arrives, Ivan decides that he must find her a better life.

**Shredderman series** by Wendelin Van Draanen

**Secret Identity** by Wendelin Van Draanen

**DB 59278**

Read by Michael Russotto. Reading time: 1 hours, 47 minutes.

Fifth-grader Nolan Byrd aka Byrd-the-Nerd is tired of being picked on by the class bully, Bubba Bixby. A newspaper writing assignment allows Nolan to assume a secret identity--Shredderman--and seize the chance to anonymously expose Bubba's tormenting. 2004.

**Attack of the Tagger** by Wendelin Van Draanen

**DB 61105**

Read by Michael Russotto. Reading time: 2 hours, 9 minutes.

Someone is spray-painting graffiti all over Cedar Valley Elementary School. Fifth-grader Nolan Byrd, who maintains the Shredderman web site, is determined to expose the tagger without revealing his own secret identity. 2004.

**Meet the Gecko** by Wendelin Van Draanen

**DB 61239**

Read by Michael Russotto. Reading time: 2 hours, 14 minutes.

On Nolan Byrd's eleventh birthday, his father takes him to meet his favorite young television star Chase Morton, the Gecko. Nolan helps his new friend by using his Shredderman web site to expose a sleazy photographer who makes Chase's life miserable. 2005.

**The Tale of Despereaux** by Kate DiCamillo

**BR 15300, DB 57805**

Read by Jill Fox. Reading time: 3 hours, 57 minutes.

Despereaux, a small mouse, is condemned to the dungeon for falling in love with human Princess Pea. Despereaux meets the rat, Roscuro, while Mig, an upstairs serving girl, wishes to be a princess, too. All four meet with near disastrous results. Newbery Medal winner.

**Through My Eyes** by Ruby Bridges

**RC 52540**

Read by Margaret Strom. Reading time: UNKNOWN.

Ruby Bridges recounts her experiences as the six-year-old first African American to integrate an all-white school in New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1960. She also discusses her reactions to the chants and the jeers and how that year changed her. 1999.

**The Tree that Time Built: A Celebration of Nature, Science, and Imagination** by Mary Ann Hoberman and Linda Winston

**DB 71809**

Read by Jill Fox. Reading time: 3 hours, 27 minutes.

Anthology of poems for nature lovers with subjects ranging from dinosaurs to earthworms and fossils to butterflies. Poets include William Blake, Emily Dickinson, Carl Sandburg, and Valerie Worth. Features eighteen poets reading their own work. 2009.

**True Green Kids: 100 Things You Can Do to Save the Planet** by Kim McKay and Jenny Bronin

**DB 69573**

Read by Kristin Allison. Reading time: 2 hours, 16 minutes.

Suggests ways to encourage personal involvement in protecting Earth's resources while at home, at school, in the outdoors, shopping, or on vacation. Recommends practicing the four Rs--reduce, reuse, recycle, and rethink--from limiting time in showers and eating organic foods to making environmentally themed movies. 2008.

## Grades 4 to 7

**Dear Mr. Henshaw** by Beverly Cleary

**BR 5629, BR 15447, DB 21309**

Read by Miriam Wagner. Reading time: 1 hour, 56 minutes.

Leigh, a sixth grade boy, writes letters to Mr. Henshaw, who has been his favorite author since second grade. Leigh begins writing the letters because of a school assignment, then he discovers that he likes writing, especially when Mr. Henshaw writes back. And Mr. Henshaw's surprising answers to Leigh's questions change the boy's life.

**Spy School** by Stuart Gibbs

**DB 78630**

Read by UNKNOWN. Reading time: UNKNOWN.

When twelve-year-old Ben Ripley is suddenly recruited to attend the CIA's highly secretive Espionage Academy, he is excited but wonders why he was chosen. On his first day, Ben is exposed to flying bullets and a hostage situation. Some strong language. 2012.

### **Grades 5 to 8**

**Harriet the Spy** by Louis Fitzhugh

**DB 44768**

Read by Susan McInerney. Reading time: 7 hours, 2 minutes.

Harriet M. Welsch, eleven, is a spy. She has her own sleuthing outfit and her special secret notebook in which she records observations--sometimes good and sometimes bad--about all of her friends. When members of her sixth-grade class discover the book, Harriet must find a way to get out of trouble.

**The Kane Chronicles** by Rick Riordan

**The Red Pyramid** by Rick Riordan

**BR 20227, DB 71322**

Read by Kevin R. Free and Katherine Kellgren. Reading time: 14 hours, 39 minutes.

After his mother's death, Carter Kane follows his Egyptologist father, Julius, across the globe. When they visit the British Museum to reunite with Carter's sister, a mysterious figure banishes Julius, sending the siblings on a dangerous adventure to save their dad. Kane Chronicles series, book 1. Some violence. Commercial audiobook. 2010.

**The Throne of Fire** by Rick Riordan

**BR 20250, DB 73386**

Read by Kevin R. Free and Katherine Kellgren. Reading time: 12 hours, 51 minutes.

Carter and Sadie, offspring of the brilliant Egyptologist Dr. Julius Kane, embark on a worldwide search for the Book of Ra. But the House of Life and the gods of chaos are determined to stop them. Kane Chronicles series, Book 2. Commercial audiobook. 2011.

**The Serpent's Shadow** by Rick Riordan

**BR 20280, DB 74714**

Read by Kevin R. Free and Katherine Kellgren. Reading time: 11 hours, 24 minutes.

Magicians Sadie and Carter Kane are trying to stop the chaos snake Apophis from destroying the world. But their friends the magicians and the gods are divided, and the Kanes must face the forces of chaos alone. Kane Chronicles series, book 3. Commercial audiobook. 2012.

**The Percy Jackson and the Olympians series** by Rick Riordan

**The Lightning Thief** by Rick Riordan

**BR 20213, DB 63443**

Read by Erik Sandvold. Reading time: 10 hours, 53 minutes.

Upstate New York, 2005. Sixth-grader Percy Jackson, the son of Poseidon and a mortal mother, attends a summer camp for demigods. After Percy angers Zeus, his friends Grover, a satyr, and Annabeth, daughter of Athena, join him to resolve the problem. Percy Jackson & the Olympians series, book 1. 2005.

**The Sea of Monsters** by Rick Riordan

**BR 20243, DB 64659**

Read by Erik Sandvold. Reading time: 8 hours, 23 minutes.

Upstate New York, 2006. Seventh-grader Percy, son of Poseidon and a mortal, learns that Camp Half-Blood is in danger. He and his friends undertake a perilous journey into the Sea of Monsters to save their beloved camp. Percy Jackson & the Olympians series, book 2. 2006.

**The Titan's Curse** by Rick Riordan

**BR 20285, DB 65245**

Read by Erik Sandvold. Reading time: 9 hours, 24 minutes.

When the youthful goddess Artemis disappears while hunting a rare, ancient monster, modern-day demigod Percy and his friends attempt to rescue her before she is needed at the Olympian Council meeting on the war with the Titans. Percy Jackson & the Olympians series, book 3. 2007.

**The Battle of the Labyrinth** by Rick Riordan

**DB 67158**

Read by Erik Sandvold. Reading time: 11 hours, 27 minutes.

When demonic cheerleaders invade his high school and the war between the Olympians and the evil Titan lord Kronos draws near, Percy Jackson hurries to Camp Half Blood to initiate a quest through the Labyrinth with his demigod friends. Percy Jackson & the Olympians series, book 4. 2008.

**The Last Olympian** by Rick Riordan

**DB 69015**

Read by Erik Sandvold. Reading time: 11 hours, 27 minutes.

The long-awaited prophecy surrounding Percy Jackson's sixteenth birthday unfolds as he leads an army of young demigods to stop Kronos's advance on New York City. Percy Jackson & the Olympians series, book 5. 2009.

**Grades 6 to 9**

**Esperanza Rising** by Pam Muñoz Ryan

**DB 52960**

Read by Jacinda Bronaugh. Reading time: 5 hours, 6 minutes.

Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their wealthy and privileged life in Mexico to go work in the southern California agricultural labor camps. They must adapt to the harsh circumstances

facing migrant farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression. 2000.