

2017 Texas Topaz Reading List: Nonfiction Gems for All Ages

Author	Title	Publisher	Interest Level
Anderson, M. T.	Symphony for the City of the Dead: Dmitri Shostakovich and the Siege of Leningrad	Candlewick Press	gr. 9-12
Andraka, Jack	Breakthrough: How One Teen Innovator Is Changing the World	Harper/HarperCollins	gr. 9-12
Bartoletti, Susan Campbell	Terrible Typhoid Mary: A True Story of the Deadliest Cook in America	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	gr. 5-8
Barton, Bethany	I'm Trying to Love Spiders: (It Isn't Easy)	Viking Penguin	gr. K-3
Beck, W. H.	Glow: Animals with Their Own Night-Lights	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	gr. K-3
Brown, Don	Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina & New Orleans	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	gr. 9-12
Bryant, Jennifer	Six Dots: A Story of Young Louis Braille	Alfred A. Knopf	gr. K-3
Burgess, Matthew	Enormous Smallness	Enchanted Lion Books	gr. K-3
Cain, Susan	Quiet Power: The Secret Strengths of Introverts	Dial Books for Young Readers	gr. 5-8
Churnin, Nancy	The William Hoy Story: How a Deaf Baseball Player Changed the Game	Albert Whitman & Company	gr. K-3
Collier, Peter	Choosing Courage: Inspiring Stories of What It Means to Be a Hero	Artisan	gr. 5-8
Cooper, Alex	Saving Alex: When I Was Fifteen I Told My Mormon Parents I Was Gay, and That's When My Nightmare Began	HarperOne/HarperCollins	gr. 9-12; Adult
Corey, Shana	The Secret Subway	Schwartz & Wade Books	gr. K-3
DiPiazza, Francesca	Remaking the John: The Invention and Reinvention of the Toilet	Twenty-First Century Books	gr. 6-12
Feinstein, John	The Legends Club: Dean Smith, Mike Krzyzewski, Jim Valvano and an Epic College Basketball Rivalry	Doubleday	Adult
Freedman, Russell	We Will Not Be Silent: The White Rose Student Resistance Movement That Defied Adolf Hitler	Clarion Books/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	gr. 5-8
Goldblatt, David	The Games: A Global History of the Olympics	W. W. Norton & Company	Adult
Guerrero, Diane	In the Country We Love: My Family Divided	Henry Holt and Company	gr. 9-12; Adult
Hall, Shyima	Hidden Girl: The True Story of a Modern-Day Child Slave	Simon & Schuster BFYR	gr. 9-12
Heos, Bridget	I, Fly: The Buzz About Flies and How Awesome They Are	Henry Holt and Company	gr. K-3
Heos, Bridget	Blood, Bullets and Bones: The Story of Forensic Science from Sherlock Holmes to DNA	Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins	gr. 9-12
Hollandsworth, Skip	The Midnight Assassin: Panic, Scandal, and the Hunt for America's First Serial Killer	Henry Holt and Company	Adult
Inman, Mason	The Oracle of Oil: A Maverick Geologist's Quest for a Sustainable Future	W. W. Norton & Company	Adult
Jenkins, Steve	Animals By the Numbers: A Book of Infographics	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	gr. 3-6
Jenkins, Steve	Eye to Eye: How Animals See the World	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	gr. 3-6
Johnson, Steven	How We Got to Now: Six Innovations That Made the Modern World	Riverhead Books/Penguin	Adult
Keating, Jess	Pink Is for Blobfish: Discovering the World's Perfectly Pink Animals	Alfred A. Knopf	gr. K-3
Konnikova, Maria	The Confidence Game: Why We Fall for It ... Every Time	Viking	Adult
Larson, Erik	Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania	Crown Publishers	Adult
Levy, Debbie	I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark	Simon & Schuster BFYR	gr. K-3
Lewis, John	March. Book Three	Top Shelf Productions	gr. 9-12



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London, Jonathan	Hippos Are Huge!	Candlewick	gr. K-3
Macy, Beth	Truevine	Little Brown and Company	Adult
McBride, James	Kill 'Em and Leave 'Em: Searching for James Brown and the American Soul	Spiegel & Grau	Adult
McCullough, David	The Wright Brothers	Simon & Schuster	Adult
Moalem, Sharon	Inheritance: How Our Genes Change Our Lives - and Our Lives Change Our Genes	Grand Central Publishing	Adult
Mone, Gregory	The Boys in the Boat: The True Story of an American Team's Epic Journey to Win Gold at the 1936 Olympics	Puffin Books	gr. 5-8
Murphy, Jim	Breakthrough!: How Three People Saved "Blue Babies" and Changed Medicine Forever	Clarion Books	gr. 5-8
Noah, Trevor	Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood	Speigel & Grau	gr. 9-12; Adult
Philbrick, Nathaniel	Valiant Ambition: George Washington, Benedict Arnold and the Fate of the American Revolution	Viking	Adult
Seiple, Samantha	Lincoln's Spymaster: Allan Pinkerton, America's First Private Eye	Scholastic Press	gr. 5-8
Sheinkin, Steve	Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War	Roaring Brook Press	gr. 9-12
Silvey, Anita	Untamed: The Wild Life of Jane Goodall	National Geographic	gr. 3-6
Stelson, Caren Barzelay	Sachiko: a Nagasaki Bomb Survivor's Story	Carolrhoda Books	gr. 5-8
Step toe, Javaka	Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat	Little Brown and Company	gr. K-3
Swartz, Clay	Who Wins?: 100 Historical Figures Go Head-to-Head and You Decide the Winner	Workman Publishing	gr. 3-12
Traister, Rebecca	All the Single Ladies: Unmarried Women and the Rise of an Independent Nation	Simon & Schuster BFYR	Adult
Turner, Pamela S.	Samurai Rising: The Epic Life of Minamoto Yoshitsune	Charlesbridge	gr. 9-12
Van Wagenen, Maya	Popular, a Memoir: Vintage Wisdom for a Modern Geek	Dutton/Penguin	gr. 6-12
Walker, Sally M.	Winnie: The True Story of the Bear Who Inspired Winnie-the-Pooh	Henry Holt and Company	gr. K-3
Webb, Brandon	The Making of a Navy SEAL: My Story of Surviving the Toughest Challenge and Training the Best	St. Martin's Press	gr. 9-12
Woodson, Jacqueline	Brown Girl Dreaming	Puffin Books	gr. 5-8
Zuckerman, Gregory	Rising Above: How 11 Athletes Overcame Challenges in Their Youth to Become Stars	Philomel Books	gr. 3-6