



## Recommended Nonfiction Books by Text Structure

### Description

*The Beetle Book* by Steve Jenkins

*A Black Hole Is Not a Hole* by Carolyn Cinami DeCristofano

*Creep and Flutter* by Jim Arnosky

*Dolphins!* by Melissa Stewart

*An Egg is Quiet* by Dianna Aston Hutts

*Look Up! Bird-Watching in Your Own Backyard* by Annette LeBlanc Cate

*Frogs* by Nic Bishop

*Lightship* by Brian Floca

*Tiny Creatures: The World of Microbes* by Nicola Davies

*What to Expect When You're Expecting Larvae: A Guide for Insect Parents (and Curious Kids)* by Bridget Heos

### Sequence

#### ***Chronological narrative***

*Balloons Over Broadway* by Melissa Sweet

*The Boy Who Loved Math* by Deborah Heiligman

*The Day-Glo Brothers* by Chris Barton (illus. Tony Persiani)

*The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins* by Barbara Kerley (illus. Brian Selznick)

*Marvelous Mattie* by Emily Arnold McCully

*Noah Webster & His Words* by Jeri Chase Ferris

*Planting the Trees of Kenya: The Story of Wangari Maathai* by Claire A. Nivola

*Pop: The Invention of Bubble Gum* by Megan McCarthy

*The Secret World of Walter Anderson* by Hester Bass (E.B. Lewis)

*Titanic: Voices from the Disaster* by Deborah Hopkinson

*What to Do About Alice?* by Barbara Kerley (illus. Edwin Fotheringham)

#### ***Episodic narrative***

*Ballet for Martha* by Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan

*Brave Girl* by Michelle Markel

*When Marian Sang* by Pam Munoz Ryan

#### ***Braided narrative***

*Amelia Lost* by Candace Fleming

*Bomb* by Steve Sheinkin

*The Family Romanov* by Candace Fleming

*Titanic: Voices from the Disaster* by Deborah Hopkinson

*We've Got a Job* by Cynthia Levinson

#### ***Circle/cycle narrative***

*A Drop of Water* by Gordon Morrison

*Frog in a Bog* by John Himmelman

*Red-Eyed Tree Frog* by Joy Cowley

*Under the Snow* by Melissa Stewart

*When Rain Falls* by Melissa Stewart

Vulture View by April Pulley Sayre

### ***Journey narrative***

*If Stones Could Speak* by Marc Aronson  
*Lost Treasure of the Inca* by Peter Lourie  
*Quest for the Tree Kangaroo* by Sy Montgomery  
*Saving the Ghost of the Mountain* by Sy Montgomery

### ***Chronological expository***

*Bugged: How Insects Changed History* by Sarah Albee  
*Poop Happened!: A History of the World from the Bottom Up* by Sarah Albee  
*Why'd They Wear That?: Fashion as the Mirror of History* by Sarah Albee

### ***Cumulative expository***

*Here Is the Tropical Rain Forest* by Madeleine Dunphy  
*No Monkeys, No Chocolate* by Melissa Stewart  
*Older Than the Stars* by Karen C. Fox

### ***How-to expository***

*Dessert Designers: Creations You Can Make and Eat* by Dana Meachen Rau  
*How to Swallow a Pig* by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page  
*The Klutz Book of Paper Airplanes* by Doug Stillinger  
*Roald Dahl's Revolting Recipes* by Josie Fison and Felicity Dahl  
*Try This! 50 Fun Experiments for the Mad Scientist in You* by Karen Romano Young

## **Compare & Contrast**

### ***List book***

*Born to Be Giants: How Baby Dinosaurs Grew to Rule the World* by Lita Judge  
*Eye to Eye* by Steve Jenkins  
*Feathers: Not Just for Flying* by Melissa Stewart  
*Move* by Steve Jenkins & Robin Page  
*My First Day* by Steve Jenkins & Robin Page  
*Just One Bite* by Lola Schaefer

### ***Dueling spreads***

*Alligator or Crocodile? How Do You Know?* by Melissa Stewart  
*Butterfly or Moth? How Do You Know?* by Melissa Stewart  
*Frog or Toad? How Do You Know?* by Melissa Stewart  
*Insect or Spider? How Do You Know?* by Melissa Stewart  
*Neo Leo* by Gene Barretta  
*Now & Ben* by Gene Barretta  
*Those Rebels, Tom & John* by Barbara Kerley  
*Timeless Thomas* by Gene Barretta  
*Mosquito Bite* by Alexandra Siy  
*Salamander or Lizard? How Do You Know?* by Melissa Stewart  
*Shark or Fish? How Do You Know?* by Melissa Stewart

## **Cause & Effect**

*Earth: Feeling the Heat* by Brenda Z. Guiberson  
*Frog in a Bog* by John Himmelman  
*A Place for Butterflies* by Melissa Stewart (illus Higgins Bond)

*A Place for Fish* by Melissa Stewart (illus Higgins Bond)  
*A Place for Frogs* by Melissa Stewart (illus Higgins Bond)  
*A Place for Birds* by Melissa Stewart (illus Higgins Bond)  
*A Place for Bats* by Melissa Stewart (illus Higgins Bond)  
*A Place for Turtles* by Melissa Stewart (illus Higgins Bond)

### **Q & A**

*Bone by Bone: Comparing Animal Skeletons* by Sarah Levine  
*Creature Features* by Steve Jenkins & Robin Page  
*Hatch!* by Roxie Munro  
*Hello Bumblebee Bat* by Darrin Lunde  
*How Many Ways Can You Catch a Fly?* by Steve Jenkins & Robin Page  
*What Do You Do with a Tail Like This?* by Steve Jenkins & Robin Page