5 Kinds of Nonfiction Book Lists

In *5 Kinds of Nonfiction: Enriching Reading and Writing Instruction with Children’s Books*, Marlene Correia and I provided six sample texts in each of the five categories—active, browseable, traditional, expository literature, and narrative.

We also include nine sample blended books that appeal to a broad range of readers because they have a roughly 50-50 mix of narrative and expository writing styles.

During presentations, educators have let us know that they’d like us to suggest additional sample texts for grades K-8. To honor these requests, we’ve provided more titles below.

![5 Kinds of Nonfiction](image)

While we’re excited to see a recent uptick in narrative nonfiction by and about Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC), there are currently very few children’s books in the other categories by authors and illustrators from traditionally underrepresented and marginalized groups. As more diverse books become available, we will be updating these lists to feature a more inclusive mix of titles.
Sample Traditional Nonfiction Titles


Sample Browseable Nonfiction Titles


Sample **Narrative Nonfiction** Titles


Cline-Ransome, Lesa. *Game Changers: The Story of Venus and Serena Williams*.


Sample Expository Literature Titles*


Duffield, Katy S. *Crossings: Extraordinary Structures for Extraordinary Animals*. San Diego: Beach Lane, 2020


*2022 was a banner year for this category, so I’m including 20 titles.*

**Sample Active Nonfiction Titles**


**Sample Blended Nonfiction Titles**


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