

2024 Texas Topaz

Youth Nonfiction Reading List

Texas Library Association has created a list that highlights outstanding nonfiction published during the past three years that stimulate reading for pleasure and personal learning. This list is the Texas Topaz Reading List. Here are the items from the 2024 list that are in the TBP collection.

For More Information: https://txla.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2024-Texas-Topaz-List_Youth-Annotated_final.pdf

GRADES K-2

BEAK BOOK by Robin Page (115526)

CAVES by Nell Cross Beckerman (DB 111301)

CHAMPION CHOMPERS, SUPER STINKERS AND OTHER POEMS BY EXTRAORDINARY ANIMALS by Linda Ashman (DB 117893)

HOW DO YOU SPELL UNFAIR?: MACNOLIA COX AND THE NATIONAL SPELLING BEE by Carole Boston Weatherford (DB 115677)

POLAR BEAR by Candace Fleming (DB 112429)

GRADES 3-5

ADVENTURES OF DR. SLOTH: REBECCA CLIFFE AND HER QUEST TO PROTECT SLOTHS by Suzi Eszterhas (DB 110554)

HOLDING HER OWN: THE EXCEPTIONAL LIFE OF JACKIE ORMES by Traci N. Todd (DB 112392)

JUST JERRY: HOW DRAWING SHAPED MY LIFE by Jerry Pinkney (DB 115908)

GRADES 6-8

AGENT MOST WANTED: THE NEVER-BEFORE STORY OF THE MOST DANGEROUS SPY OF WORLD WAR II by Sonia Purnell (DB 110047)

BUZZKILL: A WILD WANDER THROUGH THE WEIRD AND THREATENED WORLD OF BUGS by Brenna Maloney (DB 111662)

HOPE WINS: A COLLECTION OF INSPIRING STORIES FOR YOUNG READERS (DB 108650, LB 14334)

INAUGURAL BALLERS: THE TRUE STORY OF THE FIRST US WOMEN'S OLYMPIC BASKETBALL TEAM by Andrew Maraniss (DB 110512, LB 14383)

LONG TIME COMING: A LYRICAL BIOGRAPHY OF RACE IN AMERICA FROM ONA JUDGE TO BARACK OBAMA by Ray Anthony Shepard (DB 115751)

MONA LISA VANISHES: A LEGENDARY PAINTER, A SHOCKING HEIST, AND THE BIRTH OF A GLOBAL CELEBRITY by Nick Day (DB 116805)

MONKEY TRIAL: JOHN SCOPES AND THE BATTLE OVER TEACHING EVOLUTION by Anita Sanchez (DB 114312)

GRADES 9-12

ACCOUNTABLE: THE TRUE STORY OF A RACIAL SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNT AND THE TEENAGERS WHOSE LIVES IT CHANGED by Dashka Slater (DB 116594)

AMERICAN MURDERER: THE PARASITE THAT HAUNTED THE SOUTH by Gail Jarrow (DB 110750, BR 24570)

FACE FOR PICASSO: COMING OF AGE WITH CROUZON SYNDROME by Ariel Henley (DB 106407, BR 24036)

FROM A WHISPER TO A RALLYING CRY: THE KILLING OF VINCENT CHIN AND THE TRIAL THAT GALVANIZED THE ASIAN AMERICAN MOVEMENT by Paula Yoo (DB 103862)

MONEY OUT LOUD: ALL THE FINANCIAL STUFF NO ONE TAUGHT US by Berna Anat (DB 117606)

WORK WITH WHAT YOU GOT: A MEMOIR by Zion Clark (DB 117752)