Tim Rasinski’s Favorite Books


Brown, Margaret Wise. *The Important Book*. (Perfect book for teaching how to write a descriptive paragraph or summary.)


Ehrlich, Ida. *Instant Vocabulary*. (Great vocabulary book that features Latin and Greek derivations.)


Fleischman, Paul. *Seed Folks*. (A chapter book that is meant to be read as readers theater.)

Fleischman, Paul. *Bull Run*. (A chapter book about the first battle of the Civil War that is meant to be read as readers theater.)

Fleischman, Paul. *Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices*. (Won the Newberry Award.)

Fleischman, Paul. *I am Phoenix: Poems for Two Voices*. (All the poems in this collection are about birds.)


Freedman, Russell. *The Wright Brothers*. (One of many books by one of the great historical writers for children.)

Hall, Donald. *I am the Dog; I am the Cat*. (The perfect Readers Theater book.)

Hearne, Betsy. *Seven Brave Women*. (A young girl’s female lineage is described in this book. Model of a good project for students in the elementary grades.)

Hepworth, Cathi *Antics!* (ABC book that features the word family – ANT)

Henkes, Kevin. *Julius, The Baby of the World*. (Check out the vocabulary Henkes uses in this book for young readers.)
Hoberman, Mary Ann.  *You Read to Me; I’ll Read to You.* (What a lovely collection of poems meant to read in readers theater style.)

Johnson, Angela. *Tell Me a Story Mama.* (Another great readers theater book.)

Katz, Alan. *Take Me Out of the Bathtub.* (Song parodies.)

Katz, Alan. *I’m Still Here in the Bathtub.* (More song parodies.)

Lansky, Bruce. *Poetry Party.* (Funny poems that contain lots of parodies.)

Lederer, Richard. *Puns and Games.* (One of many books about words by a self described “verbivore” [his website].)

Leedy, Loreen. *There’s a Frog in my Throat.* (Superb collection of animal idioms and expressions.)

Levitt, Paul, Burger, Douglas, & Guralnick, Elissa. *The Weighty Word Book.* (Stories about words and word meanings – very clever.)

Lord, Bette Bao. *In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson.* (A young girl tries to become an American in the same year Jackie Robinson breaks the color barrier in baseball.)

Marzollo, Jean. *I Love You: A Rebus Poem.* (A book meant for rewriting.)

Moss, Steven. *The World’s Shortest Stories: Murder love horror suspense.* (55 word stories. Have students try writing their own 55 word stories.)


Numeroff, Laura. *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie.* (Great example of copy-change or parody writing)

Park, Barbara. *Don’t Make Me Smile.* (Park has a great sense of humor.)

Raschka, Chris. *Yo! Yes?* (Some books just beg for oral interpretation - this one cannot be read silently.)

Rylant, Cynthia. *Children of Christmas: Stories for the Season.* (Several delightful and heartwarming stories.)

Rylant, Cynthia. *Every Living Thing.* (Another wonderful collection of short stories for adolescent readers.)

Steig, William. *Caleb and Kate*. (One of my all time favorite authors.)

Terban, Marvin. *Guppies in Tuxedos: Funny Eponyms* (words that are names of the people who originated the item).

Viorst, Judith. *If I were in Charge of the World*. (A classic.)

Williams, Sue. *I Went Walking*. (A great predictable book.)

Almond, Jordan. *Dictionary of word origins: A history of the words, expressions, and clichés we use.*

Ayto, John. *Dictionary of word origins: The histories of 8,000 English-language words.*

Funk, Charles. *Thereby hangs a tale: Stories of curious word origins.*

Funk, Charles. *Heavens to Betsy! And other curious sayings. How more than 400 colorful and familiar expressions originated and developed.*


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