

Summer Olympics

Reading Challenge

A book about achieving a goal	A book that inspired someone else	A book that teaches or shows respect for other people	A book about running or swimming	A book about integrity and/or ethics
A book that highlights another culture	A book set in France	A book about a sport you've never played	A book about competition	A book someone considers a gold medal in writing
A nonfiction book	A book about someone with a disability		A book with a theme of people caring for the environment	A book with people from multiple countries or backgrounds
A book about pop culture, music, a concert, etc.	A book about basketball, baseball or soccer	A book about refugees or a person who is displaced	A book released in 2024	A book originally written in another language
A book set in summer	A book where characters work together	A book about mental health	A book showing endurance, dedication or courage	A book where someone overcame challenges

Picture Book Ideas

A book about achieving a goal

- **Jabari Jumps by Gaia Cornwall**
- **The Big Race by David Barrow**

A book that inspired someone else

- **Ask a family member, friend, or teacher to recommend a book that inspired them in some way**

A book that teaches or shows respect for other people

- **Do Unto Otters by Laurie Keller**
- **My Mouth is a Volcano by Julia Cook**

A book about running or swimming

- **Girl Running: Bobbi Gibb and the Boston Marathon by Annette Bay Pimentel**
- **Saturday is Swimming Day by Hyewon Yum**

A book about integrity and/or ethics

- **Ruthie and the Not so Teeny Tiny Lie by Laura Rankin**
- **This is Not My Hat by Jon Klassen**

A book that highlights another culture

- **Punky Aloha by Shar Tuiaso**
- **Alma and How She Got Her Name by Juana Martinez-Neal**

A book set in France

- **Madeline by Ludwig Bemelmans**
- **Van Gogh and the Sunflowers by Laurence Anholt**

A book about a sport you've never played

- **Callie Cat, Ice Skater by Eileen Spinelli**
- **Dino-Wrestling by Lisa Wheeler**

A book about competition

- **Who Would Win (animal competition books)**
- **The Way Champs Play by Naomi Osaka**

A book someone considers a gold medal in writing

- **Ask a family member, friend, or teacher to recommend one of their very favorite books**

A nonfiction book

- **Let's Eat: Mealtime Around the World by Lynne Marie**
- **Color Green: Amazing, Remarkable Trees by Lulu Delacre**

A book about someone with a disability- the paralympics are just as exciting, inspiring and amazing to watch and hear stories about.

- **Just Ask by Sonia Sotomayor**
- **We Move Together by Kelly Fritch**

A book with a theme of people caring for the environment - if you go to Beyond the Games one of the things you will discover on the Olympics website is how important sustainability is. The IOC wants to leave a "sustainable and positive legacy for the host city."

- **Footprints Across the Planet by Jennifer Swanson**
- **We Planted a Tree by Diane Muldrow**

A book with people from multiple countries or backgrounds

- **All Are Welcome Here by Alexandra Penfold and Suzanne Kaufman**
- **I Believe I Can by Grace Beyers**

A book about pop culture, music, a concert, etc

- **Because by Mo Willems**
- **Wild Symphony by Dan Brown**

A book about basketball, baseball, or soccer

- **The Boy Who Became King by Anthony Curcio**
- **Froggy Plays Soccer by Jonathan London**

A book about refugees or a person who is displaced. Starting in 2016 there was an IOC Refugee Olympic team. Watch for the 2024 refugee team that will compete in Paris.

- **Marwan's Journey by Patricia de Arias**
- **My Name is Not Refugee by Kate Milner**

A book released in 2024

- **Gravity is Bringing me Down by Wendelin Van Draanen**
- **The Teeny Weeny Unicorn by Shawn Harris**

A book originally written in another language

- **Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister**
- **Nobody Likes Me by Raoul Krischanitz**

A book set in summer

- **Rani's Remarkable Day by Saadia Faruqi**
- **Summer is Here by Renee Watson**

A book where characters work together

- **Can I Join Your Club by John Kelly**
- **Click Clack Moo by Doreen Cronin**

A book about mental health

- **I'm Happy-Sad Today by Lory Britain**
- **It's Ok by Wendy O'Leary**

A book showing endurance, dedication, or courage

- **She Persisted (3 different versions. 1 about women in sports, 1 about women around the world, and 1 about women who changed the world) by Chelsea Clinton**
- **Ada Twist, Scientist by Andrea Beaty**
- **Maybe by Kobi Yamada**
- **The Magical Yet by Angela DiTerlizzi**

A book where someone overcame challenges

- **Knitting for Dogs by Laurel Molk**
- **Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae**

Middle Grade Book Ideas

A book about achieving a goal

- **Solimar by Pam Munoz Ryan**
- **The Mystwick School For Musicraft by Jessica Khoury**
- **Percy Jackson or other book by Rick Riordan**

A book that inspired someone else

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A book that teaches or shows respect for other people

- **Unwants by Lisa McMann**
- **Firegirl by Tony Abbott**
- **Can You See Me by Libby Scott and Rebecca Westcott**

A book about running or swimming

- **One of the books from the Ghost series by Jason Reynolds**
- **Swim Team Small Waves, Big Changes by Johnnie Christmas**
- **Keeping Pace by Laurie Morrison**

A book about integrity and/or ethics

- **Faker by Gordon Korman**
- **Wonder by RJ Palacio**
- **Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt**

A book that highlights another culture

- **The Enchanted Life of Valentina Mejia**
- **Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga**
- **A Ceiling Made of Eggshells by Gail Carson Levine**

A book set in France

- **Safiyah's War by Hiba Noor Khan**
- **The Hunchback of Notre Dame by Victor Hugo children's version**
- **The Inquisitor's Tale by Adam Gidwitz**

A book about a sport you've never played - this is all up to the reader, depending on what sports they haven't played, but here are a few ideas

- **Duel by Jessixa Bagley - fencing**
- **Twisting Backward Flipping Forward by Alma Fullerton -gymnastics**
- **The Liars Society by Alyson Gerber - sailing**

A book about competition

- **The Winterton Deception by Janet Sumner Johnson**
- **Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library by Chris Grabenstein**
- **The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies**

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A nonfiction book

- **The Mona Lisa Vanishes by Nicholas Day (also in set in France)**
- **When Stars are Scattered by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed**
- **Make Your Mark, Make a Difference by Joan Marie Galat**

A book about someone with a disability- the paralympics are just as exciting, inspiring and amazing to watch and hear stories about.

- **Out of My Mind by Sharon M. Draper**
- **The Chance to Fly by Ali Stroker and Stacy Davidowitz**
- **Hummingbird by Natalie Lloyd**

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- **The Strange Wonders of Roots by Evan Griffith**
- **Hoot by Carl Hiaasen**
- **Thirst by Varsha Bajaj**

A book with people from multiple countries or backgrounds

- **City Spies by James Ponti**
- **Music for Tigers by Michelle Kadarusman**
- **Pie in the Sky by Remy Lai**

A book about pop culture, music, a concert, etc

- **The Color of Sound by Emily Barth Isler**
- **The First Rule of Punk by Celia C. Perez**
- **Duet by Elise Broach**

A book about basketball, baseball, or soccer

- **The Tenth Mistake of Hank Hooperman by Gennifer Choldenko**
- **Bea is for Blended by Lindsey Stoddard**
- **The Baseball Card Adventure Series by Dan Gutman**

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- **Refugee by Alan Gratz**
- **Nowhere Boy by Katherine Marsh**
- **Beyonders by Brandon Mull**

A book released in 2024

- **The Labyrinth of Lost and Found by Jordan Lees**
- **True Colors by Abby Cooper**
- **The Cats of Silver Crescent by Kaela Noel**

A book originally written in another language

- **The Night Raven by Johan Rundberg**
- **The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry and Joann Sfar**
- **Dragon Rider by Cornelia Funke**

A book set in summer

- **The Secret Language of Birds by Lynne Kelly**
- **The Cookie Crumbles by Tracy Badua; Alechia Dow**
- **Trouble at the Tangerine by Gillian McDunn**

A book where characters work together

- **The Wizards of Once by Cressida Cowell**
- **The Very Nearly Honorable League of Pirates by Caroline Carlson**
- **Book Scavenger by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman**

A book about mental health

- **Counting by 7's by Holly Goldberg Sloan**
- **Running on Empty by S.E. Durrant**
- **Unstuck by Barbara Dee**

A book showing endurance, dedication, or courage

- **The Underdogs of Upson Downs by Craig Silvey**
- **Operation Final Notice by Matthew Landis**
- **The Unbeatable Lily Hong by Diana Ma**

A book where someone overcame challenges

- **Operation Happy by Jenni Walsh**
- **The Mystery of Locked Rooms by Lindsay Currie**
- **Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt**