

McLaughlin, Timothy P., ed. *Walking on Earth and Touching the Sky: Poetry and Prose by Lakota Youth at Red Cloud Indian School* (Abrams, 2012).

Lakota artist S. D. Nelson brings to life this powerful collection of poems by middle-school students at a historic school in South Dakota.

FP: *In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse*, by Joseph Marshall III

Moss, Marissa. *Barbed Wire Baseball* (Abrams, 2013).

Imprisoned in a Japanese internment camp, Kenichi Zenimura shared his love of baseball—which led him to the big leagues, playing with Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig—with thousands of other Americans held in the camps.

FP: *A Diamond in the Desert*, by Kathryn Fitzmaurice

Murphy, Jim, and Alison Blank. *Invincible Microbe: Tuberculosis and the Never-Ending Search for a Cure* (Clarion, 2012).

The authors follow the science and history of a centuries-old medical menace that continues to elude a permanent cure, as ineffective and sometimes dangerous treatments have given way to drugs that have created antibiotic-resistant superbugs.

FP: *River Runs Deep*, by Jennifer Bradbury

Pohlen, Jerome. *Gay and Lesbian History for Kids: The Century-Long Struggle for LGBT Rights, with 21 Activities* (Chicago Review Press, 2015).

Employing individuals' stories of influential events, this primer introduces young readers to the course and progress of civil rights for the LGBT community from the beginning of the twentieth century to the present.

FP: *Lily and Dunkin*, by Donna Gephart

Sheinkin, Steve. *Lincoln's Grave Robbers* (Scholastic, 2013).

Follow a real-life adventure featuring counterfeiting, conspiracies, dead bodies, and the birth of the Secret Service!

FP: *One Came Home*, by Amy Timberlake

Skrypuch, Marsha Forchuk. *Last Airlift: A Vietnamese Orphan's Rescue from War* (Pajama Press, 2012).

This accessible, unflinching account of one young girl's journey transports readers from an orphanage in Vietnam, through the plane ride on the final airlift of children out of Saigon, and to a loving family in Canada.

FP: *Listen, Slowly*, by Thanhha Lai

Stone, Tanya Lee. *Courage Has No Color: The True Story of the Triple Nickels, America's First Black Paratroopers* (Candlewick, 2013).

Heroic soldiers fought for their country as equals in spite of the segregation back home.

FP: *Invasion*, by Walter Dean Myers

Tonatiuh, Duncan. *Funny Bones: Posada and His Day of the Dead Calaveras* (Abrams, 2015).

Mexican artist José Guadalupe Posada popularized images of skeletons and skulls—now associated with Día de los Muertos—to comment on politics and social movements of the day, including the Mexican Revolution.

FP: *The Tequila Worm*, by Viola Canales

Woodson, Jacqueline. *Brown Girl Dreaming* (Nancy Paulsen Books, 2014).

A memoir written in verse, Jacqueline Woodson tells the story of her early childhood in Ohio, South Carolina, and New York during the civil rights era.

FP: *Gone Crazy in Alabama*, by Rita Williams-Garcia

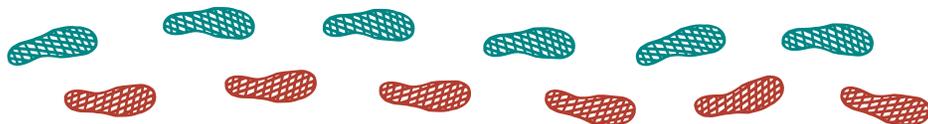


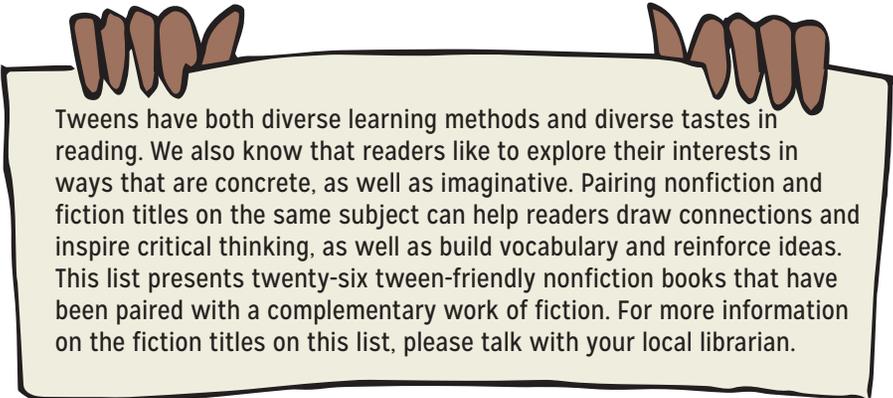
Mismatched Pairs

Paired Nonfiction and Fiction for Tweens

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Tweens have both diverse learning methods and diverse tastes in reading. We also know that readers like to explore their interests in ways that are concrete, as well as imaginative. Pairing nonfiction and fiction titles on the same subject can help readers draw connections and inspire critical thinking, as well as build vocabulary and reinforce ideas. This list presents twenty-six tween-friendly nonfiction books that have been paired with a complementary work of fiction. For more information on the fiction titles on this list, please talk with your local librarian.

Aldrin, Buzz, and Marianne J. Dyson. *Welcome to Mars: Making a Home on the Red Planet* (National Geographic, 2015).

With an engaging first-person narrative, Apollo 11 astronaut Aldrin and children's author Dyson challenge young readers' preconceived notions about Mars and invite them to think about what life would be like on the Red Planet.

Fiction Pairing: *Life on Mars*, by Jennifer Brown

Bausum, Ann. *Stubby the War Dog: The True Story of World War I's Bravest Dog* (National Geographic, 2014).

Using a dog of war as a lens through which to view and humanize the brutality of early-twentieth-century combat, Bausum chronicles the compelling story of Private Robert Conroy and Stubby the dog, from their army recruit days to the end of WWI.

FP: *Dogs of War*, by Sheila Keenan

Brown, Don. *Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans* (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2015).

This nonfiction graphic novel presents the story of the days before and during the landfall of Hurricane Katrina, plus the terrifying aftermath in New Orleans.

FP: *Ninth Ward*, by Jewell Parker Rhodes

Brown, Don. *The Great American Dust Bowl* (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2013).

Told in a comics format, this vivid depiction of the Dust Bowl offers insight into its causes, as well as the experiences of those who lived through it.

FP: *Out of the Dust*, by Karen Hesse

Casey, Susan. *Women Heroes of the American Revolution: 20 Stories of Espionage, Sabotage, Defiance, and Rescue* (Chicago Review Press, 2015).

Women served many roles during the American Revolution, including nurse, spy, water bearer, writer, fund-raiser, courier, rescuer, and even soldier; this book uncovers stories of real women and how they helped win the war.

FP: *Toliver's Secret*, by Esther Wood Brady

Close, Chuck. *Chuck Close: Face Book* (Abrams, 2012).

Chuck Close writes answers to kids' questions about his life, his work, and the many techniques he uses to create his art.

FP: *My Life as a Cartoonist*, by Janet Tashjian

Crump, Marty. *The Mystery of Darwin's Frog* (Boyd's Mills, 2013).

Frog scientist Marty Crump tells the story of a male frog full of surprises that was discovered by Charles Darwin in 1834.

FP: *The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate*, by Jacqueline Kelly

Flynn, Sarah Wassner, and Julie Beer. *National Parks Guide U.S.A.* (National Geographic, 2016).

Created for kids and celebrating the centennial of the National Park Service, this book provides information on many national parks, including maps and fun facts.

FP: *Small as an Elephant*, by Jennifer Richard Jacobson

Goodman, Susan E. *How Do You Burp in Space? And Other Tips Every Space Tourist Needs to Know* (Bloomsbury, 2013).

Everything (almost) you should know before taking a trip into space.

FP: *Cosmic*, by Frank Cottrell Boyce

Herrera, Juan Felipe. *Portraits of Hispanic American Heroes* (Dial, 2014).

Brief, lyrical biographies of twenty remarkable Latinx are paired with luminous portraits by artist Raúl Colón.

FP: *The Only Road*, by Alexandra Diaz

Hoose, Phillip. *The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2015).

Ashamed of Denmark's meek acceptance of German occupation, a group of teenage schoolmates joined together to sabotage the Nazi occupiers and helped spark the resistance in their homeland.

FP: *Shadow on the Mountain*, by Margi Preus

Hopkinson, Deborah. *Titanic: Voices from the Disaster* (Scholastic, 2012).

Get the story of the ill-fated Titanic voyage from the witnesses and survivors themselves.

FP: *I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic, 1912*, by Lauren Tarshis

Kelly, David A. *Miracle Mud: Lena Blackburne and the Secret Mud That Changed Baseball* (Millbrook Press, 2013).

Find out how mud from a swamp helped change the way the game of baseball was played.

FP: *Strike Three, You're Dead*, by Josh Berk

Lowery, Lynda Blackmon, Elspeth Leacock, and Susan Buckley. *Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom: My Story of the 1965 Selma Voting Rights March* (Dial, 2015).

Lynda Blackmon Lowery, civil rights activist and the youngest person to participate in the 1965 civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, shares her story.

FP: *Night on Fire*, by Ronald Kidd

Macy, Sue. *Roller Derby Rivals* (Holiday House, 2014).

Midge "Toughie" Brasuhn and Gerry Murray went head-to-head in a 1948 high-speed Roller Derby match, one of the first televised sports games in history.

FP: *Roller Girl*, by Victoria Jamieson

Markle, Sandra. *The Case of the Vanishing Little Brown Bats: A Scientific Mystery* (Millbrook Press, 2014).

Little brown bats, nature's insect eaters, have been mysteriously dying. Scientists have searched caves and mines to determine the cause and are now exploring ways to help these small mammals survive hibernation.

FP: *Silverwing*, by Kenneth Oppel

McClafferty, Carla Killough. *Fourth Down and Inches: Concussions and Football's Make-or-Break Moment* (Carolrhoda Books, 2013).

Football is a dangerous game, and new brain research reveals the hazards of America's favorite sport.

FP: *Fantasy League*, by Mike Lupica

