

NEH Nonfiction Booklist

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We recently took another look at the list and realized that very few of the books qualified as informational texts. In order to fulfill the need for high-quality, humanities-oriented children's nonfiction, we scoured nonfiction awards lists and crowdsourced recommendations. After extensive internal review and consultation with a panel of respected education and library science experts, we put together a list of books for five different age groups, including works written in a variety of styles that address the wide range of projects NEH has funded over the last half century.



For Young Readers

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