



The official book list of the Scripps National Spelling Bee

2023-2024 Book Selections

One Bee Reading Level

First Grade:

1. [*My Bindi* by Gita Varadarajan](#)
2. [*I Want to Be a Vase* by Julio Torres](#)
3. [*Thank You, Omu!* by Oge Mora](#)
4. [*The Fire Cat* by Esther Averill](#)

Second Grade:

1. [*Wings* by Christopher Myers](#)
2. [*Milo Imagines the World* by Matt de la Peña](#)
3. [*Frog and Toad Are Friends* by Arnold Lobel](#)
4. [*Meet Yasmin!* by Saadia Faruqi](#)

Third Grade:

1. [*Words of Wonder from Z to A* by Zaila Avant-garde](#)
2. [*You Should Meet Yayoi Kusama* by May Nakamura](#)
3. [*A Life Electric: The Story of Nikola Tesla* by Azadeh Westergaard](#)
4. [*Astrid the Astronaut: The Astronomically Grand Plan* by Rie Neal](#)

Two Bee Reading Level

Fourth Grade:

1. [*Twenty-One Steps: Guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier* by Jeff Gottesfeld](#)
2. [*Too Small Tola* by Atinuke](#)
3. [*The Bug Club* by Elise Gravel](#)
4. [*Ramona's World* by Beverly Cleary](#)

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Fifth Grade:

1. [*I'm Just No Good at Rhyming: And Other Nonsense for Mischievous Kids and Immature Grown-Ups*, by Chris Harris](#)
2. [*The Turtle of Oman* by Naomi Shihab Nye](#)
3. [*Maya and the Robot* by Eve L. Ewing](#)
4. [*Cress Watercress* by Gregory Maguire](#)

Sixth Grade:

1. [*Wonder* by R.J. Palacio](#)
2. [*The Wild Book* by Juan Villoro, trans. Lawrence Schimel](#)
3. [*Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson](#)
4. [*Hello, Universe* by Erin Entrada Kelly](#)

Three Bee Reading Level

Seventh Grade:

1. [*Worser* by Jennifer Ziegler](#)
2. [*The Last Mapmaker* by Christina Soontornvat](#)
3. [*The Stardust that Made Us: A Visual Exploration of Chemistry, Atoms, Elements, and the Universe* by Colin Stuart and Ximo Abadia](#)
4. [*Baseball in April and Other Stories* by Gary Soto](#)
5. [*Moongarden* by Michelle A. Barry](#)
6. [*Zachary Ying and the Dragon Emperor* by Xiran Jay Zhao](#)

Eighth Grade:

1. [*The Hanmoji Handbook: Your Guide to the Chinese Language through Emoji* by Jason Li, An Xiao Mina, and Jennifer 8. Lee](#)
2. [*Under the Egg* by Laura Marx Fitzgerald](#)
3. [*Kira-Kira* by Cynthia Kadohata](#)
4. [*The Thief* by Megan Whalen Turner](#)
5. [*The Last Cuentista* by Donna Barba Higuera](#)
6. [*Animal Farm* by George Orwell](#)