

**Read Aloud Nebraska  
Nonfiction Picture Books  
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Nonfiction Picture Books, or Informational Picture Books, are their own special category of wonderful. Depending on the amount of information, layout, and design, these books can be cataloged in the picture book or nonfiction section of the library. Like graphic novels, the illustrations expand upon and enrich the text. Books in this category probably wouldn't be created any other way. These unique books will help you see what I mean.

**Birds make nests**, Garland, Michael, 1952- author, illustrator, **ISBN: 9780823436620**, New York : Holiday House, [2017]

Describes the different kinds of nests that birds build to keep their eggs and chicks safe.

**How to read a book**, Alexander, Kwame author., **ISBN: 9780062307811**, New York, NY : Harper, an imprint of HarperCollinsPublishers, [2019]

Suggests a method of reading that begins with planting oneself beneath a tree and leads to a book party one hopes will never end.

**The Undefeated**, Alexander, Kwame author, **ISBN: 9781328780966**, Boston : Versify, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, [2019]

Originally performed for ESPN's The Undefeated, this poem is a love letter to black life in the United States. It highlights the unspeakable trauma of slavery, the faith and fire of the civil rights movement, and the grit, passion, and perseverance of some of the world's greatest heroes.

**A hundred billion trillion stars**, Fishman, Seth, author , **ISBN: 9780062455789**, New York, NY : Greenwillow Books, an imprint of HarperCollinsPublishers, [2017]

A look at the numbers that surround us, big and small, on earth and in outer space.

**The youngest marcher : the story of Audrey Faye Hendricks, a young civil rights activist**, Levinson, Cynthia, author , **ISBN: 9781481400701**, New York ; London ; Toronto : Atheneum Books for Young Readers, [2017]

Meet the youngest known child to be arrested for a civil rights protest in Birmingham, Alabama, 1963, in this picture book that proves you're never too little to make a difference.

**Her right foot**, author, **ISBN: 9781452162812**, San Francisco, California : Chronicle Books LLC, [2017]

In this honest look at the literal foundation of our country, Dave Eggers and Shawn Harris investigate a seemingly small trait of America's most emblematic statue. What they find is about more than history, more than art. What they find in the Statue of

Liberty's right foot is the message of acceptance that is essential to an entire country's creation.

**This is how we do it : one day in the lives of seven kids from around the world,** Lamothe, Matt, author , **ISBN: 9781452150185**, San Francisco, California : Chronicle Books, LLC, [2017]

Follows the daily lives of seven children from around the world, including such places as Japan, India, Uganda, and Italy, and discusses how schools, meals, and play can be different or similar in different places in the world.

**Winged wonders : solving the monarch migration mystery,** Pincus, Meeg, author , **ISBN: 9781534110403**, Ann Arbor, MI : Sleeping Bear Press, [2020]

Monarch butterflies swooped through and people wondered, "Where do they go?" In 1976 the world learned: after migrating, the monarchs roost by the millions in an oyamel grove in Mexico. This was a mystery that could only be solved when people worked as a team.

**Swirl by swirl : spirals in nature,** Sidman, Joyce. , **ISBN: 9780547315836**, Boston : Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2011.

Celebrates the shape of a spiral in nature, from rushing rivers to flower buds and even the shape of an ear.

**Trudy's big swim : how Gertrude Ederle swam the English Channel and took the world by storm,** Macy, Sue , **ISBN: 9780823436651**, New York : Holiday House, [2017]

Tells the story of Gertrude Ederle's 1926 swim across the English Channel, describing how she overcame difficult environmental, physical, and cultural challenges to become the first woman to establish her historic record.

**Grand Canyon,** Chin, Jason, 1978- author , **ISBN: 9781596439504**, New York : Roaring Brook Press, 2017.

An exploration of the Grand Canyon on a grand scale, as only Jason Chin can illustrate and explain.

**Jumbo : the making of the Boeing 747,** Gall, Chris, author, illustrator , **ISBN: 9781250155801**, New York : Roaring Brook Press, 2020.

For the 50th anniversary of the Boeing 747's first commercial flight, a picture book about the development of the iconic passenger plane and how it changed the history of air travel.

**The cat man of Aleppo**, Latham, Irene, author. , ISBN: 9781984813787, New York : G. P. Putnam's Sons, [2020]

Alaa loves Aleppo, but when war comes his neighbors flee to safety, leaving their many pets behind. Alaa decides to stay--he can make a difference by driving an ambulance, carrying the sick and wounded to safety. One day he hears hungry cats calling out to him on his way home. They are lonely and scared, just like him. He feeds and pets them to let them know they are loved. The next day more cats come, and then even more!

**Fry bread : a Native American family story**, Maillard, Kevin Noble author , ISBN: 9781626727465

New York : Roaring Brook Press, 2019.

Using illustrations that show the diversity in Native America and spare poetic text that emphasizes fry bread in terms of provenance, this volume tells the story of a post-colonial food that is a shared tradition for Native American families all across the North American continent.

**The next president : the unexpected beginnings and unwritten future of America's presidents**, Messner, Kate, author, ISBN: 9781452174884, San Francisco, California : Chronicle Kids, Chronicle Books, 2020.

A quick introduction to the U. S. Presidents using a unique reference of time.

**The street beneath my feet**, Guillain, Charlotte. author, ISBN: 9781682971369, Lake Forest, CA : Words & Pictures, part of the Quarto Group, 2017.

This book, constructed on one continuous folded page, explores the layers of the Earth from human-made structures like sewers, subways and archeological finds, down through various formations of rock, to the Earth's core and back up again.

**Round**, Sidman, Joyce. author. , ISBN: 9780544387614, Boston ; New York : Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, [2017]

"Newbery-Honor winning poet Joyce Sidman invites readers to search their worlds for round objects in nature.

**Adelita : a sea turtle's journey**, Goebel, Jenny, author , ISBN: 9780807581148, Chicago, Illinois : Albert Whitman & Company, 2020.

In 1996, a loggerhead turtle raised in a Baja California, Mexico, research center is tagged and released, then tracked by people all over the world as she crosses the Pacific Ocean. Includes a timeline and facts about the real Adelita and her rescuers.

**Rivers of sunlight : how the sun moves water around the earth**, Bang, Molly author, illustrator, **ISBN: 9780545805414**, New York : The Blue Sky Press, an imprint of Scholastic Inc., 2017.

The sun explains its role in the movement of water around the Earth, from the lifting of fresh water from the seas, to the movement of underwater currents that nourish the world's oceans

**How to find a bird**, Ward, Jennifer, author , **ISBN: 9781481467056**, New York, New York : Beach Lane Books, [2020]

A non-fiction guide to finding and observing birds for young bird-watchers.

**It began with a page : how Gyo Fujikawa drew the way**, Maclear, Kyo, 1970- author , **ISBN:**

9780062447623, New York, NY : Harper, an imprint of HarperCollinsPublishers, [2019]  
Gyo Fujikawa's iconic children's books are beloved all over the world. Now it's time for Gyo's story to be told--a story of artistic talent that refused to be constrained by rules or expectations

**Don't hug Doug**, Finison, Carrie, author , **ISBN: 9781984813022**, New York : G. P. Putnam's Sons, [2021]

Doug prefers not to be hugged, but there are a variety of other ways his loved ones can show him affection.

**Keeping the city going**, [Floca, Brian, author, illustrator](#) , **ISBN: 9781534493773**

New York, New York : Atheneum Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing Division, [2021]

An ode to the essential workers keeping the country operating during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**The girl who thought in pictures : the story of Dr. Temple Grandin**, [Mosca, Julia Finley, author](#)

**ISBN: 9781544435343**, 9781943147304, 9781943147618, Seattle, Washington : The Innovation Press, [2017]

Describes the life and accomplishments of the animal scientist and designer of cruelty-free livestock facilities, from her early life and autism diagnosis through her journey to become a livestock expert.

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