The Endurance: Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition: (919.9)

By: Caroline Alexander

In 1914, Ernest Shackleton and his crew set out to be the first men to cross Antarctica on foot. However, they became trapped in the ice flows for 20 months. This book articulates all the challenges these men faced, including many pictures taken during the experience.

Accelerated Reader:

Book Level: 8.6 Quiz Points: 11.0

Scholastic Reading Counts:

Lexile Level: 1180 Quiz Points: 14

Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian:

By: Sherman Alexie (TEEN FICTION)

Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.

Accelerated Reader:

Book Level: 4.0 Quiz Points: 6.0

Scholastic Reading Counts:

Lexile Level: 600 Quiz Points: 13

Ship Breaker: (TEEN FICTION)

By: Paolo Bacigalupi

In a futuristic world, teenaged Nailer scavenges copper wiring from grounded oil tankers for a living, but when he finds a beached clipper ship with a girl in the wreckage, he has a decision to make. Accelerated Reader:

Book Level: 4.4 Quiz Points: 11.0

Scholastic Reading Counts:

Lexile Level: 690 Quiz Points: 19

Sign of the Qin:*

(J FICTION)

By: L.G. Bass

In ancient China a volcano erupted to release a variety of demons out into the Earth leaving the Starlord as the one to save them. The question is who will he be? Possibly the Emperor's young son? Accelerated Reader:

Book Level: 8.1 Quiz Points: 17.0

Scholastic Reading Counts:

Lexile Level: 1200 Quiz Points: 22

The Sword of Shannara: (TEEN FICTION)

By: Terry Brooks

In this renowned fantasy in the Tolkien manner, half-elfin Shea Ohlmsford, along with Allanon, recover the Sword of Shannara to battle the Warlock Lord. Accelerated Reader:

Book Level: 8.7 Quiz Points: 42.0

Scholastic Reading Counts:

Lexile Level: 1220 Quiz Points: 57

Ender's Game:* (FICTION)

By: Orson Scott Card

This sci-fi novel depicts Earth in the future and under attack by aliens. In order to save the planet Ender, the main character and other talented students are trained through a series of games to protect mankind.

Accelerated Reader:

Book Level: 5.5 Quiz Points: 16.0

Scholastic Reading Counts:

Lexile Level: 780 Quiz Points: 18

Exiled Queen:* (TEEN FICTION)

By: Cinda Williams Chima

Two teenagers, one fleeing from a forced marriage and the other from a dangerous family of wizards, cross paths and fall in love.

Accelerated Reader:

Book Level: 5.1 Quiz Points: 23.0

Scholastic Reading Counts:

Lexile Level: 740 Quiz Points: 34

The Red Badge of Courage: (FICTION)

By: Stephen Crane

Henry Fleming joins the Union Army during the American Civil War with glorified ideals of battle, however, as more is put at stake with every battle, Henry's confidence wavers, causing him to make serious decisions.

Accelerated Reader:

Book Level: 8.0 Quiz Points: 8.0

Scholastic Reading Counts:

Lexile Level: 900 Quiz Points: 10

*part of a series

Accelerated Reader & Scholastic Reading Counts

Books for Eighth Graders



Please note: Not all of these books may be on your child's school's Reading Counts or Accelerated Reader Program.

Atticus of Rome: 30 B.C.: (J FICTION)

By: Barry Denenberg

In ancient Rome, a young slave purchased by a wealthy lawyer, finds that he is completely invisible to the people from whom he must gather information in order to help foil a plot against the Emperor.

Accelerated Reader:

Book Level: 8.4 Quiz Points: 5.0

Scholastic Reading Counts:

Lexile Level: 1100 Quiz Points: 8

Good Brother, Bad Brother: (J 920)

By: James Cross Giblin

Account of the lives of Edwin and John Wilkes Booth, two brothers with similar talents, but very different beliefs- leaving one to be revered in history and the other to be a disgrace of the nation. Accelerated Reader:

Book Level: 8.3 Quiz Points: 12.0

Scholastic Reading Counts:

Lexile Level: 1130 Quiz Points: 16

The Cry of the Icemark:* (TEEN FICTION)

By: Stuart Hill

After the death of her beloved father, princess Thirrin Freer Strong-In-The-Arm becomes warrior queen of her homeland, Icemark, defending it from general Scipio Bellorum and his conquering army. Accelerated Reader:

Book Level: 8.0 Quiz Points: 24.0

Scholastic Reading Counts:

Lexile Level: 1140 Quiz Points: 28

The Last Thing I Remember:* (TEEN FICTION)

By: Andrew Klavan

High-school student Charlie West awakens bloody and bruised in a concrete bunker, only to discover that he has lost a year of his life and remembers nothing about escaping from prison after being convicted of murdering his former best friend. Accelerated Reader:

Book Level: 4.7 Quiz Points: 10.0

Scholastic Reading Counts:

Lexile Level: 690 Quiz Points: 17

The Call of the Wild:

(FICTION)

By: Jack London

Buck, a dog that has been forced into the harsh life of a sled dog, befriends a man seeking his fortune in the Klondike gold fields, and must ultimately decide whether to stay with his master or obey his instinct to join the wolves.

Accelerated Reader:

Book Level: 8.0 Quiz Points: 7.0

Scholastic Reading Counts:

Lexile Level: 1120 Quiz Points: 9

The Faerie Door: (J FICTION)

By: Bruce (B.E.) Maxwell

Victoria is transported from her England home in 1890 to 1964 Alton Bay, NH, where she meets Elliot, and they agree to help the Faerie Queen defeat the Shadow Knight, who is trying to close the portals that allow fairies to help humans.

Accelerated Reader:

Book Level: 8.1 Quiz Points: 22.0

Scholastic Reading Counts:

Lexile Level: 1120 Quiz Points: 27

Anne of Avonlea:* (J FICTION)

By: Lucy Maud (L.M.) Montgomery

Anne begins her first term teaching at the Avonlea village school while caring for her cousin's children and dealing with an unruly neighbor.

Accelerated Reader:

Book Level: 8.6 Quiz Points: 16.0

Scholastic Reading Counts:

Lexile Level: 1020 Quiz Points: 20

Wisdom's Kiss: A Thrilling and Romantic
Adventure Incorporating Magic, Villainy, and a
Cat: (TEEN FICTION)

By: Catherine Gilbert Murdock

Told through diary entries, a stage play format, and letters, Princess Wisdom's tale depicts her longing for life outside her land of Montagne. Accelerated Reader:

Book Level: 8.8 Quiz Points: 9.0

Scholastic Reading Counts:

Lexile Level: 1280 Quiz Points: 12

Anne Frank: A Hidden Life: (J BIOGRAPHY)

By: Mirjam Pressler

This book gives greater insight into the life of Anne Frank beyond what she provides in her diary through interviews with living family and friends. Accelerated Reader:

Book Level: 8.5 Quiz Points: 8.0 Scholastic Reading Counts:

Lexile Level: 1120 Quiz Points: 12

The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood:

By: Howard Pyle (J FICTION)

Full of bows, arrows, and good times, outlaw Robin Hood and his Merry Men constantly have to avoid King Lionheart of Sherwood Forest.

Accelerated Reader:

Book Level: 8.6 Quiz Points: 21.0

Scholastic Reading Counts:

Lexile Level: 850 Quiz Points: 30

Romeo and Juliet: (822.33)

By: William Shakespeare

Share the passion in this classic tale of forbidden love between the heirs of the long-feuding Capulet and Montague families of Verona.

Accelerated Reader:

Book Level: 8.6 Quiz Points: 5.0

Scholastic Reading Counts:

Lexile Level: NR Quiz Points: 14

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer: (FICTION)

By: Mark Twain

Tom Sawyer is a mischievous teenager in St. Petersburg, Missouri. He constantly pulls pranks with his friends and finds creative ways to get out of trouble, but when he sees a crime the stakes are raised much higher.

Accelerated Reader:

Book Level: 8.1 Quiz Points: 12.0

Scholastic Reading Counts:

Lexile Level: 950 Quiz Points: 15