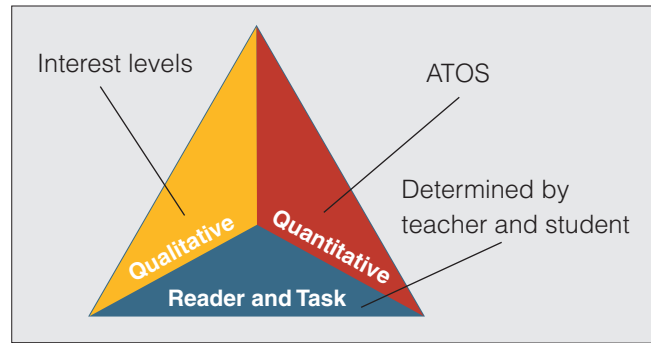


Top 100 Nonfiction Books Read by ATOS Book Level Range

With the creation and adoption of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS), the notion of text complexity—the level of challenge presented by a given text—has been brought to the forefront. According to Appendix A of the CCSS, “all students must be able to comprehend texts of steadily increasing complexity as they progress through school. By the time they complete the core, students must be able to read and comprehend independently and proficiently the kinds of complex texts commonly found in college and careers” (p. 2).¹

Suggestions for books at all levels of text complexity

Renaissance Learning estimates text complexity using both the ATOS Readability Formula² and Interest Level (IL).³ ATOS, which has been found to be a reliable and valid quantitative indicator of text complexity,⁴ gauges the difficulty level of the text in a book; however, qualitative factors (e.g., the maturity level of the book’s content and themes—i.e., IL) and reader and task considerations (e.g., a student’s motivation, background knowledge, and purpose for reading) must also be considered during book selection.



Text Complexity Model, Appendix A, CCSS for English Language Arts, © 2010, NGA/CCSSO

The Top 100 Nonfiction Books Read by ATOS Book Level Range ranks the most frequently read books within ranges that echo the CCSS grade bands:

- ATOS Book Levels 0.1–3.9 (CCSS grade bands K–1 and 2–3)
- ATOS Book Levels 4.0–5.9 (CCSS grade band 4–5)
- ATOS Book Levels 6.0–8.9 (CCSS grade band 6–8)
- ATOS Book Levels 9.0–12.9 (CCSS grade bands 9–10 and 11–CCR/College and Career Readiness)

¹ Common Core State Standards Initiative. (2010). *Common Core State Standards for English language arts & literacy in history/social studies, science, and technical subjects. Appendix A: Research supporting the key elements of the standards, Glossary of terms.* Washington, DC: National Governors Association Center for Best Practices, Council of Chief State School Officers. Retrieved from www.corestandards.org

² ATOS is provided by Renaissance Learning as a free text analysis tool that takes into account the most important quantitative predictors of text complexity—average sentence length, average word length, word difficulty level, and total number of words in a book or passage. For more information, see *The Development of ATOS: The Renaissance Readability Formula* (by Michael Milone, Ph.D.), available online from <http://doc.renlearn.com/KMNet/R004250827GJ11C4.pdf>

³ Interest levels are divided into four categories: LG for lower grades (K–3), MG for middle grades (4–8), MG+ for middle grades plus (6 and up, for more mature middle-grade readers), and UG for upper grades (9–12).

⁴ Nelson, J., Perfetti, C., Liben, D., & Liben, M. (2011). *Measures of text difficulty: Testing their predictive value for grade levels and student performance.* Technical Report to the Gates Foundation (also to be submitted for publication). Available online from http://www.ccsso.org/Documents/2012/Measures%20ofText%20Difficulty_final.2012.pdf

Top 100 Nonfiction Books Read by ATOS Book Level Range

ATOS Book Levels 0.1–3.9	
Top 100 Nonfiction Books Read	
Rank	Title, Author (ATOS Book Level, Interest Level)*
1	Penguin Chick , Betty Tatham (3.4, LG)
2	The Tiny Seed , Eric Carle (2.7, LG)
3	How Much Is a Million? , David M. Schwartz (3.4, LG)
4	Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. , Doreen Rappaport (3.4, LG)
5	Dinosaurs, Dinosaurs , Byron Barton (2.9, LG)
6	The Magic School Bus Inside the Earth , Joanna Cole (3.6, LG)
7	Hungry, Hungry Sharks , Joanna Cole (2.8, LG)
8	The Magic School Bus at the Waterworks , Joanna Cole (3.7, LG)
9	Abe Lincoln's Hat , Martha Brenner (2.6, LG)
10	From Head to Toe , Eric Carle (1.0, LG)
11	Amazing Snakes! , Sarah L. Thomson (3.2, LG)
12	Hairy, Scary, Ordinary: What Is an Adjective? , Brian P. Cleary (3.9, LG)
13	Red-Eyed Tree Frog , Joy Cowley (1.3, LG)
14	Me on the Map , Joan Sweeney (1.8, LG)
15	Dinosaur Babies , Lucille Recht Penner (2.1, LG)
16	The Bravest Dog Ever: The True Story of Balto , Natalie Standiford (2.5, LG)
17	Smile , Raina Telgemeier (2.6, MG)
18	The Man Who Walked Between the Towers , Mordicai Gerstein (3.7, LG)
19	A Mink, a Fink, a Skating Rink: What Is a Noun? , Brian P. Cleary (3.3, LG)
20	The Magic School Bus Lost in the Solar System , Joanna Cole (3.7, LG)
21	Lemonade for Sale , Stuart J. Murphy (2.8, LG)
22	A Picture Book of Martin Luther King, Jr. , David A. Adler (3.8, LG)
23	Dolphins! , Sharon Bokoske (2.8, LG)
24	The Titanic: Lost...and Found , Judy Donnelly (3.0, LG)
25	Super Storms , Seymour Simon (3.8, LG)
26	Tara and Tiree, Fearless Friends , Andrew Clements (2.0, LG)
27	Dinosaur Days , Joyce Milton (2.6, LG)
28	A Tree Is Nice , Janice May Udry (2.2, LG)
29	Chickens Aren't the Only Ones , Ruth Heller (3.6, LG)
30	Amazing Sharks! , Sarah L. Thomson (3.1, LG)
31	I'm a Caterpillar , Jean Marzollo (0.9, LG)
32	To Root, to Toot, to Parachute: What Is a Verb? , Brian P. Cleary (3.7, LG)
33	Author: A True Story , Helen Lester (3.8, LG)

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ATOS Book Levels 0.1–3.9 (continued)	
Top 100 Nonfiction Books Read	
Rank	Title, Author (ATOS Book Level, Interest Level)*
34	Dewey: There's a Cat in the Library! , Vicki Myron (2.8, LG)
35	The Statue of Liberty , Lucille Recht Penner (2.3, LG)
36	Fire Fighter! , Angela Royston (2.2, LG)
37	Helen Keller and the Big Storm , Patricia Lakin (2.7, LG)
38	Animal Babies , Bobbie Hamsa (1.0, LG)
39	Splish! Splash! Animal Baths , April Pulley Sayre (2.6, LG)
40	Chameleon, Chameleon , Joy Cowley (3.0, LG)
41	Johnny Appleseed , Patricia Demuth (1.8, LG)
42	Give Me Half! , Stuart J. Murphy (2.2, LG)
43	Wild, Wild Wolves , Joyce Milton (3.3, LG)
44	Dogs , Helen Frost (0.5, LG)
45	What Do You Do With a Tail Like This? , Steve Jenkins (3.0, LG)
46	My Five Senses , Ailiki (2.0, LG)
47	A Harbor Seal Pup Grows Up , Joan Hewett (2.0, LG)
48	A Buzz Is Part of a Bee , Carolyn Lunn (1.4, LG)
49	Johnny Appleseed , Jane Kurtz (1.1, LG)
50	George Washington and the General's Dog , Frank Murphy (2.5, LG)
51	Kittens Are Like That , Jan Pfloog (2.6, LG)
52	Earth , Thomas K. Adamson (2.1, LG)
53	Cats , Helen Frost (0.6, LG)
54	Biggest, Strongest, Fastest , Steve Jenkins (2.3, LG)
55	Mars , Thomas K. Adamson (2.3, LG)
56	I Am Water , Jean Marzollo (0.6, LG)
57	Amazing Gorillas! , Sarah L. Thomson (3.5, LG)
58	Get Up and Go! , Stuart J. Murphy (2.3, LG)
59	Friendly Dolphins , Allan Fowler (3.4, LG)
60	Puppies Are Like That , Jan Pfloog (2.3, LG)
61	Amazing Dolphins! , Sarah L. Thomson (3.5, LG)
62	The Planets in Our Solar System , Franklyn M. Branley (3.4, LG)
63	Plenty of Penguins , Sonia W. Black (1.4, LG)
64	Fish , Helen Frost (0.5, LG)
65	There's No Place Like Space! All About Our Solar System , Tish Rabe (3.1, LG)
66	Fires and Floods , Kate Waters (3.1, LG)
67	What Do Illustrators Do? , Eileen Christelow (3.7, MG)
68	Ruby Bridges Goes To School: My True Story , Ruby Bridges (2.5, LG)

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ATOS Book Levels 0.1–3.9 (concluded)	
Top 100 Nonfiction Books Read	
Rank	Title, Author (ATOS Book Level, Interest Level)*
69	Frogs! , Elizabeth Carney (2.6, LG)
70	Frogs and Toads and Tadpoles, Too , Allan Fowler (2.4, LG)
71	Sharks! , Anne Schreiber (3.0, LG)
72	Balto, the Dog Who Saved Nome , Margaret Davidson (3.3, LG)
73	Mosquitoes , Cheryl Coughlan (3.0, LG)
74	Slinky, Scaly Snakes , Jennifer Dussling (2.9, LG)
75	Sea Stars , Lola M. Schaefer (1.3, LG)
76	Bats , Lily Wood (2.0, LG)
77	Young Martin Luther King, Jr.: I Have a Dream , Joanne Mattern (3.4, LG)
78	Ant , Rebecca Stefoff (3.2, MG)
79	Young Abraham Lincoln: Log-Cabin President , Andrew Woods (3.1, LG)
80	George Washington's Teeth , Deborah Chandra (3.6, LG)
81	Ladybugs , Cheryl Coughlan (1.2, LG)
82	Purple Is Part of a Rainbow , Carolyn Kowalczyk (1.1, LG)
83	A Whisper Is Quiet , Carolyn Lunn (0.5, LG)
84	Sharks , Martha E.H. Rustad (1.5, LG)
85	The Apple Pie Tree , Zoe Hall (1.9, LG)
86	Snakes! , Melissa Stewart (3.2, LG)
87	Ants , Cheryl Coughlan (1.0, LG)
88	Red, White, and Blue: The Story of the American Flag , John Herman (3.2, LG)
89	Amazing Bats , Seymour Simon (3.6, LG)
90	Whales: The Gentle Giants , Joyce Milton (2.8, LG)
91	Germs! Germs! Germs! , Bobbi Katz (1.8, LG)
92	Incredible Sharks , Seymour Simon (3.0, LG)
93	Dinosaur Time , Peggy Parish (2.1, LG)
94	Bumble Bees , Cheryl Coughlan (1.5, LG)
95	Mercury , Thomas K. Adamson (2.3, LG)
96	The Magic School Bus in the Time of the Dinosaurs , Joanna Cole (3.8, LG)
97	Killer Whales , Seymour Simon (3.0, LG)
98	Crabs , Lola M. Schaefer (1.9, LG)
99	I'm a Seed , Jean Marzollo (1.0, LG)
100	The Reason for a Flower , Ruth Heller (3.4, LG)

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ATOS Book Levels 4.0–5.9	
Top 100 Nonfiction Books Read	
Rank	Title, Author (ATOS Book Level, Interest Level)*
1	The Story of Ruby Bridges , Robert Coles (4.4, LG)
2	If You Made a Million , David M. Schwartz (4.1, LG)
3	My Brother Martin: A Sister Remembers Growing Up with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. , Christine King Farris (5.0, LG)
4	Finding the Titanic , Robert D. Ballard (4.0, LG)
5	A Child Called "It" , Dave Pelzer (5.8, UG)
6	Happy Birthday, Martin Luther King , Jean Marzollo (4.2, LG)
7	Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes , Eleanor Coerr (4.1, MG)
8	Johnny Appleseed , Steven Kellogg (4.4, LG)
9	Nights of the Pufflings , Bruce McMillan (4.5, LG)
10	Snowflake Bentley , Jacqueline Briggs Martin (4.4, LG)
11	America's Champion Swimmer: Gertrude Ederle , David A. Adler (4.4, LG)
12	The Story of the Statue of Liberty , Betsy Maestro (4.3, LG)
13	Cats vs. Dogs , Elizabeth Carney (4.1, LG)
14	The Emperor's Egg , Martin Jenkins (4.1, LG)
15	Mighty Jackie: The Strike-Out Queen , Marissa Moss (4.0, LG)
16	The Magic School Bus Inside the Human Body , Joanna Cole (4.6, LG)
17	Night , Elie Wiesel (4.8, UG)
18	Lou Gehrig: The Luckiest Man , David A. Adler (4.6, LG)
19	Teammates , Peter Golenbock (5.4, LG)
20	So You Want to Be President? , Judith St. George (4.8, MG)
21	My Great-Aunt Arizona , Gloria Houston (4.0, LG)
22	Hottest, Coldest, Highest, Deepest , Steve Jenkins (4.9, LG)
23	The Popcorn Book , Tomie De Paola (4.3, LG)
24	One Tiny Turtle , Nicola Davies (4.1, LG)
25	Boss of the Plains: The Hat That Won the West , Laurie Carlson (4.9, LG)
26	How My Family Lives in America , Susan Kuklin (4.2, LG)
27	And Then What Happened, Paul Revere? , Jean Fritz (5.3, MG)
28	Rosa , Nikki Giovanni (4.9, LG)
29	The Magic School Bus on the Ocean Floor , Joanna Cole (4.0, LG)
30	Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph Became the World's Fastest Woman , Kathleen Krull (5.1, MG)
31	Animal Homes , Ann O. Squire (4.8, LG)
32	Volcanoes: Nature's Incredible Fireworks , David L. Harrison (4.3, LG)
33	Aero and Officer Mike: Police Partners , Joan Plummer Russell (4.8, LG)

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ATOS Book Levels 4.0–5.9 (continued)

Top 100 Nonfiction Books Read	
Rank	Title, Author (ATOS Book Level, Interest Level)*
34	A Picture Book of George Washington , David A. Adler (4.1, LG)
35	Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine & a Miracle , Brian Dennis (4.8, LG)
36	A Weed Is a Flower: The Life of George Washington Carver , Aliki (4.3, LG)
37	Adelina's Whales , Richard Sobol (5.0, LG)
38	The Lost Boy: A Foster Child's Search for the Love of a Family , Dave Pelzer (5.1, UG)
39	Titanic: A Nonfiction Companion to Tonight on the Titanic , Will Osborne (5.1, LG)
40	Haunted Houses , Adam Stone (4.7, MG)
41	The Magic School Bus Inside a Hurricane , Joanna Cole (4.3, LG)
42	Sir Cumference and the First Round Table: A Math Adventure , Cindy Neuschwander (4.3, LG)
43	Cactus Hotel , Brenda Z. Guiberson (4.7, MG)
44	A Picture Book of Harriet Tubman , David A. Adler (4.3, LG)
45	How Ben Franklin Stole the Lightning , Rosalyn Schanzer (5.1, LG)
46	Ghosts , Adam Stone (4.9, MG)
47	Bigfoot , Paul Theisen (4.4, MG)
48	Trapped By the Ice! Shackelton's Amazing Antarctic Adventure , Michael McCurdy (5.6, MG)
49	Ghosts: A Nonfiction Companion to A Good Night for Ghosts , Mary Pope Osborne (5.3, LG)
50	How to Hide an Octopus and Other Sea Creatures , Ruth Heller (4.0, LG)
51	Roberto Clemente: Pride of the Pittsburgh Pirates , Jonah Winter (4.5, LG)
52	If Dogs Were Dinosaurs , David M. Schwartz (5.5, MG)
53	My Name Is Gabriela: The Life of Gabriela Mistral , Monica Brown (4.3, LG)
54	Passage to Freedom: The Sugihara Story , Ken Mochizuki (4.1, MG)
55	Two Bobbies: A True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship, and Survival , Kirby Larson (4.2, LG)
56	Gloria Estefan , Sue Boulais (5.3, MG)
57	Is a Blue Whale the Biggest Thing There Is? , Robert E. Wells (4.3, LG)
58	Marley: A Dog Like No Other , John Grogan (4.9, MG)
59	Louisa: The Life of Louisa May Alcott , Yona Zeldis McDonough (5.6, LG)
60	Ruth Law Thrills a Nation , Don Brown (4.0, LG)
61	Pop! The Invention of Bubble Gum , Meghan McCarthy (4.8, LG)
62	UFOs , Dave Wencel (4.7, MG)
63	The Magic School Bus in the Arctic , Anne Schreiber (4.1, LG)
64	Who Was Walt Disney? , Whitney Stewart (4.9, MG)
65	Who Was Anne Frank? , Ann Abramson (4.6, MG)
66	Young Thomas Edison , Michael Dooling (4.7, LG)
67	A River Ran Wild , Lynne Cherry (4.7, LG)
68	The Milk Makers , Gail Gibbons (4.1, LG)

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ATOS Book Levels 4.0–5.9 (concluded)	
Top 100 Nonfiction Books Read	
Rank	Title, Author (ATOS Book Level, Interest Level)*
69	The Deadliest Animals on Earth , Erika L. Shores (4.0, MG)
70	The Deadliest Bugs on Earth , Erika L. Shores (4.0, MG)
71	The Extraordinary Mark Twain (According To Susy) , Barbara Kerley (5.8, MG)
72	Danger! Earthquakes , Seymour Simon (4.0, LG)
73	The Magic School Bus and the Electric Field Trip , Joanna Cole (4.4, LG)
74	Sunken Treasure , Gail Gibbons (4.2, LG)
75	14 Cows for America , Carmen Agra Deedy (4.1, LG)
76	The Magic School Bus Makes a Rainbow , George Bloom (4.3, LG)
77	A Picture Book of Rosa Parks , David A. Adler (5.1, LG)
78	The Bermuda Triangle , Adam Stone (4.9, MG)
79	Now & Ben: The Modern Inventions of Benjamin Franklin , Gene Barretta (5.1, LG)
80	Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshal , Vaunda Micheaux Nelson (5.2, MG)
81	A Tree Is Growing , Arthur Dorros (4.2, LG)
82	Sir Cumference and All the King's Tens: A Math Adventure , Cindy Neuschwander (4.1, LG)
83	United States Army , Jack David (4.1, MG)
84	Football , Ray McClellan (4.0, LG)
85	What's the Big Idea, Ben Franklin? , Jean Fritz (5.5, MG)
86	The Loch Ness Monster , David Schach (5.0, MG)
87	Duke Ellington , Andrea Davis Pinkney (5.0, LG)
88	Woodsong , Gary Paulsen (5.6, MG)
89	Who Was Dr. Seuss? , Janet B. Pascal (5.3, MG)
90	Jump! From the Life of Michael Jordan , Floyd Cooper (5.2, LG)
91	Mother to Tigers , George Ella Lyon (4.0, LG)
92	Gross Out! Animals That Do Disgusting Things , Ginjer L. Clarke (4.0, LG)
93	Army Green Berets , Jack David (4.6, MG)
94	The Wild Whale Watch , Eva Moore (4.0, LG)
95	The Search for the Missing Bones , Eva Moore (4.4, LG)
96	Volcanoes , Seymour Simon (5.1, MG)
97	Can't You Make Them Behave, King George? , Jean Fritz (5.6, MG)
98	What Do Authors Do? , Eileen Christelow (4.2, LG)
99	Aliens Are Coming! The True Account of the 1938 War of the Worlds Radio Broadcast , Meghan McCarthy (4.0, LG)
100	The Bermuda Triangle: The Unsolved Mystery , Connie Colwell Miller (4.1, MG)

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ATOS Book Levels 6.0–8.9	
Top 100 Nonfiction Books Read	
Rank	Title, Author (ATOS Book Level, Interest Level)*
1	The Wimpy Kid Movie Diary: How Greg Heffley Went Hollywood , Jeff Kinney (6.5, MG)
2	Heaven Is for Real: A Little Boy's Astounding Story of His Trip to Heaven and Back , Todd Burpo (6.3, MG+)
3	Soul Surfer: A True Story of Faith, Family, and Fighting to Get Back on the Board , Bethany Hamilton (6.0, MG+)
4	Chasing Lincoln's Killer , James L. Swanson (7.5, MG+)
5	The Day-Glo Brothers , Chris Barton (6.0, LG)
6	Through My Eyes , Tim Tebow (6.9, UG)
7	Wild Horses: Black Hills Sanctuary , Cris Peterson (6.0, MG)
8	The Diary of a Young Girl , Anne Frank (6.5, MG+)
9	Rascal , Sterling North (7.1, MG)
10	Balto and the Great Race , Elizabeth Cody Kimmel (6.3, LG)
11	Winter's Tail: How One Little Dolphin Learned to Swim Again , Juliana Hatkoff (7.0, LG)
12	Hurricanes , Seymour Simon (6.2, MG)
13	Marley & Me: Life and Love with the World's Worst Dog , John Grogan (6.9, UG)
14	Of Thee I Sing: A Letter to My Daughters , Barack Obama (6.0, LG)
15	Boy: Tales of Childhood , Roald Dahl (6.0, MG)
16	Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave , Laban Carrick Hill (6.0, LG)
17	Guts: The True Stories Behind Hatchet and the Brian Books , Gary Paulsen (6.5, MG)
18	Sharks , Seymour Simon (6.1, MG)
19	The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game , Michael Lewis (7.2, UG)
20	Never Smile at a Monkey: And 17 Other Important Things to Remember , Steve Jenkins (6.3, LG)
21	Surviving Hitler: A Boy in the Nazi Death Camps , Andrea Warren (6.1, UG)
22	Eye of the Storm: Chasing Storms with Warren Faidley , Stephen Kramer (6.4, MG)
23	Lego Ninjago Masters of Spinjitzu Official Guide , Greg Farshtey (6.4, LG)
24	Through My Eyes: A Quarterback's Journey (Young Readers Edition) , Tim Tebow (6.2, UG)
25	She Said Yes: The Unlikely Martyrdom of Cassie Bernall , Misty Bernall (6.6, UG)
26	Three Cups of Tea: Young Readers Edition , Sarah Thomson (6.1, MG)
27	Around One Cactus: Owls, Bats and Leaping Rats , Anthony D. Fredericks (6.1, LG)
28	Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story , Ben Carson (6.8, MG+)
29	Miracle Pets: True Tales of Courage and Survival , Allan Zullo (6.8, LG)
30	Shh! We're Writing the Constitution , Jean Fritz (7.1, MG)
31	Freedom Train: The Story of Harriet Tubman , Dorothy Sterling (6.2, MG)
32	Farewell to Manzanar , Jeanne Houston (6.7, MG)
33	Exploring the Titanic , Robert D. Ballard (6.6, MG)

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ATOS Book Levels 6.0–8.9 (continued)

Top 100 Nonfiction Books Read	
Rank	Title, Author (ATOS Book Level, Interest Level)*
34	Amos Fortune, Free Man , Elizabeth Yates (6.5, MG)
35	How Angel Peterson Got His Name , Gary Paulsen (6.0, MG)
36	Shelter Dogs: Amazing Stories of Adopted Strays , Peg Kehret (6.5, MG)
37	The Girl Who Survived: A True Story of the Holocaust , Bronia Brandman (6.3, MG)
38	Owen & Mzee: The Language of Friendship , Isabella Hatkoff (6.0, LG)
39	Bad Pets: True Tales of Misbehaving Animals , Allan Zullo (7.0, MG)
40	Knots in My Yo-Yo String: The Autobiography of a Kid , Jerry Spinelli (6.0, MG)
41	Dear Benjamin Banneker , Andrea Davis Pinkney (6.4, MG)
42	Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass: An American Slave , Frederick Douglass (7.9, UG)
43	Willow Smith: Pop's Newest Princess , Riley Brooks (6.1, LG)
44	On the Court with...Michael Jordan , Matt Christopher (6.6, MG)
45	Who Was Mark Twain? , April Jones Prince (6.1, MG)
46	Lightning , Seymour Simon (6.5, LG)
47	LeBron James , John Hareas (6.4, LG)
48	Battle Heroes: Voices from Afghanistan , Allan Zullo (7.9, MG)
49	Rosa Parks, My Story , Rosa Parks (6.2, UG)
50	Heroes of 9/11 , Allan Zullo (6.9, MG)
51	John Cena , Robert Grayson (7.6, MG)
52	The Pot That Juan Built , Nancy Andrews-Goebel (6.2, MG)
53	Cheaper by the Dozen , Frank B. Gilbreth (6.0, MG)
54	D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths , Ingri d'Aulaire (6.6, MG)
55	War Heroes: Voices from Iraq , Allan Zullo (7.3, MG)
56	Tornadoes , Seymour Simon (6.4, MG)
57	If You Lived at the Time of the American Revolution , Kay Moore (6.1, LG)
58	Bad Boy: A Memoir , Walter Dean Myers (6.5, MG)
59	Harriet Tubman: Conductor on the Underground Railroad , Ann Petry (6.6, MG)
60	Earthquakes , Seymour Simon (6.5, MG)
61	The Titanic Sinks! , Thomas Conklin (6.1, MG)
62	The Land I Lost: Adventures of a Boy in Vietnam , Quang Nhuong Huynh (6.1, MG)
63	The Battle of Iwo Jima: Guerrilla Warfare in the Pacific , Larry Hama (6.1, MG)
64	Out of Darkness: The Story of Louis Braille , Russell Freedman (6.7, MG)
65	Escape: Children of the Holocaust , Allan Zullo (6.3, MG)
66	Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story About Brain Science , John Fleischman (7.4, UG)
67	The Great Fire , Jim Murphy (7.6, UG)
68	Warriors Don't Cry (Abridged) , Melba Pattillo Beals (6.5, UG)

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ATOS Book Levels 6.0–8.9 (concluded)	
Top 100 Nonfiction Books Read	
Rank	Title, Author (ATOS Book Level, Interest Level)*
69	On the Court with...LeBron James , Matt Christopher (6.8, MG)
70	Four Perfect Pebbles: A Holocaust Story , Lila Perl (7.3, MG)
71	Puppies, Dogs and Blue Northerners: Reflections on Being Raised by a Pack of Sled Dogs , Gary Paulsen (6.0, MG)
72	Leo the Snow Leopard: The True Story of an Amazing Rescue , Craig Hatkoff (7.2, LG)
73	Lil Wayne , John A. Torres (6.4, MG)
74	Army: Civilian to Soldier , Meish Goldish (6.2, MG)
75	If Your Name Was Changed at Ellis Island , Ellen Levine (6.4, LG)
76	The Hiding Place , Corrie TenBoom (6.4, UG)
77	Basketball , Bernie Blackall (6.4, MG)
78	Survivors: True Stories of Children in the Holocaust , Allan Zullo (6.4, MG)
79	Coming Back Stronger: Unleashing the Hidden Power of Adversity , Drew Brees (6.6, UG)
80	Marine Corps: Civilian to Marine , Meish Goldish (6.3, MG)
81	Mimicry and Camouflage , Mary Hoff (6.0, MG)
82	Stealing Home: The Story of Jackie Robinson , Barry Denenberg (6.2, MG)
83	The Greatest: Muhammad Ali , Walter Dean Myers (7.8, UG)
84	A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier , Ishmael Beah (6.1, UG)
85	You Wouldn't Want to Be a Civil War Soldier! , Thomas Ratliff (6.0, MG)
86	The Green Berets , Tom Streissguth (6.4, MG)
87	The Story of Muhammad Ali , Leslie Garrett (6.9, MG)
88	African Critters , Robert B. Haas (6.3, MG)
89	I Have a Dream , Martin Luther King Jr. (7.2, MG)
90	Memories of Anne Frank: Reflections of a Childhood Friend , Alison Leslie Gold (6.0, MG)
91	Navy SEALs , John Hamilton (6.0, MG)
92	Gorillas , Seymour Simon (6.0, MG)
93	When the Wolves Returned: Restoring Nature's Balance in Yellowstone , Dorothy Hinshaw Patent (6.0, LG)
94	Anne Frank: Beyond the Diary , Ruud van der Rol (6.8, UG)
95	Anne Frank: Life in Hiding , Johanna Hurwitz (7.0, MG)
96	Down, Down, Down: A Journey to the Bottom of the Sea , Steve Jenkins (6.0, LG)
97	The Amazing Book of Insect Records: The Heaviest, the Loudest, the Most Poisonous, and Many More! , Samuel G. Woods (6.3, LG)
98	Lincoln: A Photobiography , Russell Freedman (7.7, MG)
99	Basketball , Clive Gifford (6.4, MG)
100	Leopards , Ann Squire (6.2, LG)

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Top 100 Nonfiction Books Read	
Rank	Title, Author (ATOS Book Level, Interest Level)*
1	The Hunger Games Companion: The Unauthorized Guide to the Series , Lois H. Gresh (9.9, UG)
2	Snakes , Kelly L. Barth (11.0, UG)
3	An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793 , Jim Murphy (9.0, UG)
4	10,000 Days of Thunder: A History of the Vietnam War , Philip Caputo (9.7, MG)
5	Navajo Code Talkers , Nathan Aaseng (9.5, UG)
6	The War to End All Wars: World War I , Russell Freedman (9.1, MG+)
7	Beowulf , Thomas Streissguth (9.4, UG)
8	The Dark Game: True Spy Stories , Paul B. Janeczko (9.6, MG)
9	Ghost Soldiers: The Forgotten Epic Story of World War II's Most Dramatic Mission , Hampton Sides (9.1, UG)
10	Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies , Jared Diamond (12.6, UG)
11	The Life and Death of Adolf Hitler , James Cross Giblin (9.2, UG)
12	The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair That Changed America , Erik Larson (9.2, UG)
13	Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers , Mary Roach (9.4, UG)
14	The Story of Microsoft , Nell Musolf (9.0, MG)
15	Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of the All-American Meal , Eric Schlosser (10.4, UG)
16	The U.S. Marine Corps , Hunter Keeter (10.3, MG)
17	Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad , Louise Chipley Slavicek (9.7, UG)
18	Michael Jordan , Sean Dolan (9.2, MG)
19	Battle , Richard Holmes (9.1, MG)
20	When Plague Strikes: The Black Death, Smallpox, AIDS , James Cross Giblin (9.8, UG)
21	Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything , Steven D. Levitt (9.2, UG)
22	1776 , David G. McCullough (9.1, UG)
23	They Called Themselves the K.K.K.: The Birth of an American Terrorist Group , Susan Campbell Bartoletti (9.2, MG+)
24	Searching for Bigfoot , Stewart Cowley (9.5, MG)
25	Martin Luther King Jr. , Christine Hatt (9.0, MG)
26	Written in Bone: Buried Lives of Jamestown and Colonial Maryland , Sally M. Walker (9.0, UG)
27	Chaucer's England , Diana Childress (9.6, UG)
28	The Radioactive Boy Scout: The True Story of a Boy and His Backyard Nuclear Reactor , Ken Silverstein (10.1, UG)
29	The U.S. Army , Mary Barbier (9.3, MG)
30	Spies of Mississippi: The True Story of the Spy Network that Tried to Destroy the Civil Rights Movement , Rick Bowers (10.1, MG)
31	Fact, Fiction, and Folklore in Harry Potter's World: An Unofficial Guide , George W. Beahm (10.0, MG)
32	The U.S. Air Force , David Jordan (9.1, MG)
33	Haunted Houses , Patricia D. Netzley (9.5, UG)

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34	UFOs , Patricia D. Netzley (9.9, UG)
35	Vietnam War , Kathlyn Gay (9.1, UG)
36	Electronics , Roger Bridgman (9.0, UG)
37	World War I: A Primary Source History , Nicholas Saunders (9.4, MG)
38	The B-1 Lancer , Amy Sterling Casil (9.0, MG)
39	USAF Special Tactics Teams , Jason Porterfield (9.4, MG)
40	Ecology , Steve Pollock (9.5, UG)
41	Meet the Amish , Fred Israel (9.1, MG)
42	The Army in Action , Susan Sawyer (10.3, UG)
43	George Washington Carver , Gene Adair (9.8, MG)
44	Kennedy Through the Lens: How Photography and Television Revealed and Shaped an Extraordinary Leader , Martin W. Sandler (9.1, MG)
45	The Twin Towers , David Abbott (9.2, MG+)
46	Osama bin Laden , Alex Woolf (9.2, MG)
47	Black Eagles: African Americans in Aviation , Jim Haskins (9.0, MG)
48	British Royal Marines: Amphibious Division of the United Kingdom's Royal Navy , Bill Scheppler (10.6, MG)
49	The F-14 Tomcat , Adrian Gardner (9.6, MG)
50	The Ancient Egyptians , Lila Perl (9.2, MG)
51	Alien Abductions , Patricia D. Netzley (9.5, UG)
52	Marijuana , Hal Marcovitz (10.2, UG)
53	The Facts About Marijuana , Ted Gottfried (9.8, MG+)
54	Frankenstein , Don Nardo (9.7, UG)
55	The September 11th Terrorist Attacks , Fiona Macdonald (9.2, MG)
56	The Florida Panther , Alvin Silverstein (9.1, MG)
57	Adolf Hitler and Nazi Germany , Earle Rice Jr. (9.7, UG)
58	Boxing , John F. Grabowski (9.0, UG)
59	The Holocaust Survivors , Tabatha Yeatts (9.2, UG)
60	A Briefer History of Time , Stephen W. Hawking (10.1, UG)
61	Einstein: Visionary Scientist , John B. Severance (9.0, MG)
62	Unsolved Celebrity Mysteries , David Southwell (9.5, MG)
63	The Holocaust Camps , Ann Byers (9.1, UG)
64	The Life and Death of Martin Luther King, Jr. , James Haskins (9.0, UG)
65	Bob Marley , Sean Dolan (9.0, MG)
66	The Crucible , M.N. Jimerson (9.3, UG)
67	Phenomena: Secrets of the Senses , Donna M. Jackson (9.0, MG)
68	Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave & Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl , Frederick Douglass (9.1, UG)

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69	Biological, Nuclear, and Chemical Weapons , David Baker (9.2, MG)
70	Unsolved Extraterrestrial Mysteries , David Southwell (9.9, MG)
71	Bootleg: Murder, Moonshine, and the Lawless Years of Prohibition , Karen Blumenthal (9.1, MG+)
72	Theodore Roosevelt: 26th President of the United States , Rebecca Stefoff (9.1, MG)
73	Mysterious Messages: A History of Codes and Ciphers , Gary Blackwood (9.5, MG)
74	World War II , Time-Life Editors (9.5, UG)
75	World War II , Stewart Ross (9.3, MG)
76	Cocaine: Coke and the War on Drugs , Linda Bickerstaff (9.8, UG)
77	The Ancient Maya , Lila Perl (10.0, MG)
78	Holler If You Hear Me: Searching for Tupac Shakur , Michael Eric Dyson (9.9, UG)
79	Undaunted Courage , Stephen E. Ambrose (9.0, UG)
80	Separate but Not Equal: The Dream and the Struggle , Jim Haskins (9.6, MG)
81	The Cold War , Valerie Bodden (9.7, MG)
82	Barack Obama , Sherri Devaney (10.3, UG)
83	Invisible Enemies: Stories of Infectious Disease , Jeanette Farrell (9.4, MG)
84	Nazi Germany , Alex Woolf (9.1, UG)
85	Thurgood Marshall , Lisa Aldred (9.8, MG)
86	Snake , Chris Mattison (9.7, UG)
87	Life as a POW , John F. Wukovits (9.0, UG)
88	Honey Bees: Letters from the Hive , Stephen Buchmann (9.0, MG)
89	Ghosts , Stuart A. Kallen (9.3, UG)
90	A Dream of Freedom: The Civil Rights Movement from 1954 to 1968 , Diane McWhorter (9.1, MG)
91	Up Close: Thurgood Marshall , Chris Crowe (9.4, MG+)
92	Jack the Ripper , Natalie M. Rosinsky (9.1, UG)
93	The Ultimate Weapon: The Race to Develop the Atomic Bomb , Edward T. Sullivan (9.5, MG+)
94	The Civil War , Deborah H. DeFord (9.0, MG)
95	Hiroshima , R.G. Grant (9.2, MG)
96	Sharks & Rays , Time-Life Editors (10.4, UG)
97	The Real Benedict Arnold , Jim Murphy (9.6, MG)
98	Mysterious Deaths and Disappearances , David Southwell (9.4, MG)
99	Homeland Security Officers , Jared Meyer (9.4, MG)
100	Spies , Clive Gifford (9.5, MG)

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