

Additional Readings:

WEEK 1

WEEK 2

By the Authors and Illustrators

Moss, Marisa. *Brave Harriet*. Silver Whistle, 2001. The first American woman to have received a pilot's license describes her 1912 solo flight across the English Channel, the first such flight by any woman.

ON LEVEL

Perez, Amada Irma. *My Very Own Room*. Children's Book Press, 2000. With the help of her family, a young Mexican American girl realizes her wish of having a place of her own to read and write.

APPROACHING

Related to the Theme

Adler, David A. *A Picture Book of Jackie Robinson*. Holiday House, 1994. A good introduction to Robinson's life that touches on his accomplishments as well as the bigotry and prejudice he faced.

APPROACHING

Fleming, Candace. *Boxes for Katje*. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2003. After World War II a small American town and an impoverished Dutch town share letters, thoughts, food, and warm clothes.

APPROACHING

Golenbock, Peter. *Hank Aaron: Brave in Every Way*. Harcourt, 2001. A biography of the Hall of Fame baseball player who broke Babe Ruth's home run record.

APPROACHING

Russell, Barbara T. *The Remembering Stone*. Farrar, Straus, & Giroux, 2004. An immigrant child dreams of her Costa Rican home in a beautifully illustrated story of hope.

APPROACHING

Tavares, Matt. *Oliver's Game*. Candlewick, 2004. Oliver's grandfather tells him the story of how he almost joined the Chicago Cubs baseball team.

ON LEVEL

McCully, Emily Arnold. *Beautiful Warrior: The Legend of the Nun's Kung Fu*. Scholastic, 1998. A young woman turns to a female kung fu master for help when a bandit decides he's going to marry her.

ON LEVEL

Winter, Jonah. *Fair Ball! 14 Great Stars From Baseball's Negro Leagues*. Scholastic, 1999. Profiles of such Negro League players as Oscar Charleston and Cool Papa Bell.

ON LEVEL

Park, Linda Sue. *The Firekeeper's Son*. Clarion, 2004. After his father is hurt, it is up to Sang-hee to light the evening fire that signals all is well in the nineteenth-century Korean place where he lives.

ON LEVEL

**** Green, Michelle Y. *A Strong Right Arm: The Story of Mamie "Peanut" Johnson*. Dial Books, 2002.** The story of Mamie Johnson's triumphs in baseball despite the bias against female athletes and African Americans.

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Hesse, Karen. *The Cats in Krasinski Square*. Scholastic Press, 2004. A brave girl from the Warsaw ghetto outwits German soldiers in this inspiring, fact-based story of World War II.

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Kennedy, Mike. *Baseball*. Franklin Watts, 2003. This book offers historical background, rules, fundamentals, and a chapter on the people who have had an influence on the sport.

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Wells, Rosemary. *Wingwalker*. Hyperion, 2002. During the Depression, a young boy is frightened for his father who takes a dangerous job in a carnival.

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WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5
<p>Editors of TIME For Kids. <i>TIME FOR KIDS: Planets!</i> In <i>PLANETS!</i>, <i>TIME For Kids</i> takes a voyage of discovery around our solar system, visiting each unique planet.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>	<p>Shanzer, Rosalyn. <i>Davy Crockett Saves the World</i>. HarperCollins, 2001. Davy Crockett stops the evil Halley's Comet from destroying the world and wins the heart of Sally Sugartree in the process.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Wahl, Jan. <i>The Candy Shop</i>. Charlesbridge, 2004. In this story, a boy and his aunt find that someone has written hurtful words on the sidewalk outside of Miz Chu's shop.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>
<p>Fisher, Leonard Everett. <i>The Great Wall of China</i>. Alladin, 1995. A simply told story of the building of the Great Wall that focuses on work during the Tang dynasty (A.D. 618–906).</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>	<p>Brown, Don. <i>Odd Boy Out: Young Albert Einstein</i>. Houghton, 2004. An engaging look into the life of the world's most-famous scientist.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>	<p>Gunzi, Christiane. <i>The Best Book of Snakes</i>. Kingfisher, 2003. This is a good introduction to the snakes of the world, from cobras and boa constrictors to sea snakes.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>
<p>Brown, Don. <i>Far BEYOND the Garden Gate: Alexandra David-Neel's Journey to Lhasa</i>. Houghton, 2002. David-Neel set out for Asia in 1911 and journeyed to Lhasa, a city never before visited by a European woman.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>	<p>** Rumford, James. <i>Sequoyah: The Cherokee Man Who Gave His People Writing</i>. Houghton, 2004. Striking paintings and a poetic text tell the story of the creation of a written language.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>	<p>Lauber, Patricia. <i>Snakes Are Hunters</i>. Harper Trophy, 1989. Describes the general physical characteristics and the hunting and feeding habits of snakes.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>
<p>Dolphin, Laurie. <i>Our Journey From Tibet: Based on a True Story</i>. Dutton, 1997. This first-person account follows the journey of three young sisters from their home in Tibet to a new life in India.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Brown, Don. <i>Rare Treasure: Mary Anning and Her Remarkable Discoveries</i>. Houghton, 1999. The story of the Englishwoman whose find of dinosaur bones led to a life-long fascination with fossils.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Seuling, Barbara. <i>Robert and the Great Escape</i>. Cricket Books, 2003. Robert and his friend have fun while on a skiing trip, but things become serious when they realize their class pet is missing.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>
<p>Look, Lenore. <i>Love As Strong as Ginger</i>. Atheneum, 1999. A Chinese-American girl sees how hard her grandmother works when they spend a day together at her grandmother's job cracking crabs.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Krull, Kathleen. <i>The Boy on Fairfield Street</i>. Random House, 2004. A colorfully-illustrated book on Ted Geisel, the man who became Dr. Seuss.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Trueit, Trudi Strain. <i>Snakes</i>. Children's Press, 2003. These reptiles have lived on Earth for 100 million years. See how they travel by slinking along or moving in straight lines.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>
<p>Dramer, Kim. <i>People's Republic of China</i>. Children's Press, 1999. Describes the geography, plants, animals, language, culture and religions of the People's Republic of China.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Hesse, Karen. <i>Just Juice</i>. Scholastic, 1998. Nine-year-old Juice realizes she has to stop skipping school and learn to read if she's going to help her family and solve the problems they face.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Simon, Seymour. <i>Snakes</i>. HarperCollins, 1992. A beautifully photographed and well-organized introduction to snakes that describes their behavior and characteristics.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>
<p>** Heyer, Marilee. <i>The Weaving of a Dream: A Chinese Folktale</i>. Viking, 1986. When the beautiful tapestry woven by a poor woman is stolen, her three sons set out on a journey to retrieve it.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Testa, Maria. <i>Becoming Joe DiMaggio</i>. Candlewick, 2002. The powerful sounds of the Yankee centerfielder's bat inspire a boy in a story told in 24 poems.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Stroud, Bettye. <i>Dance Y'all</i>. Marshall Cavendish, 2001. With the help of his grandfather, Jack Henry overcomes his fear of the snake he's seen in the barn.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>

* Main Selection from Student Book

** Classroom Library Title