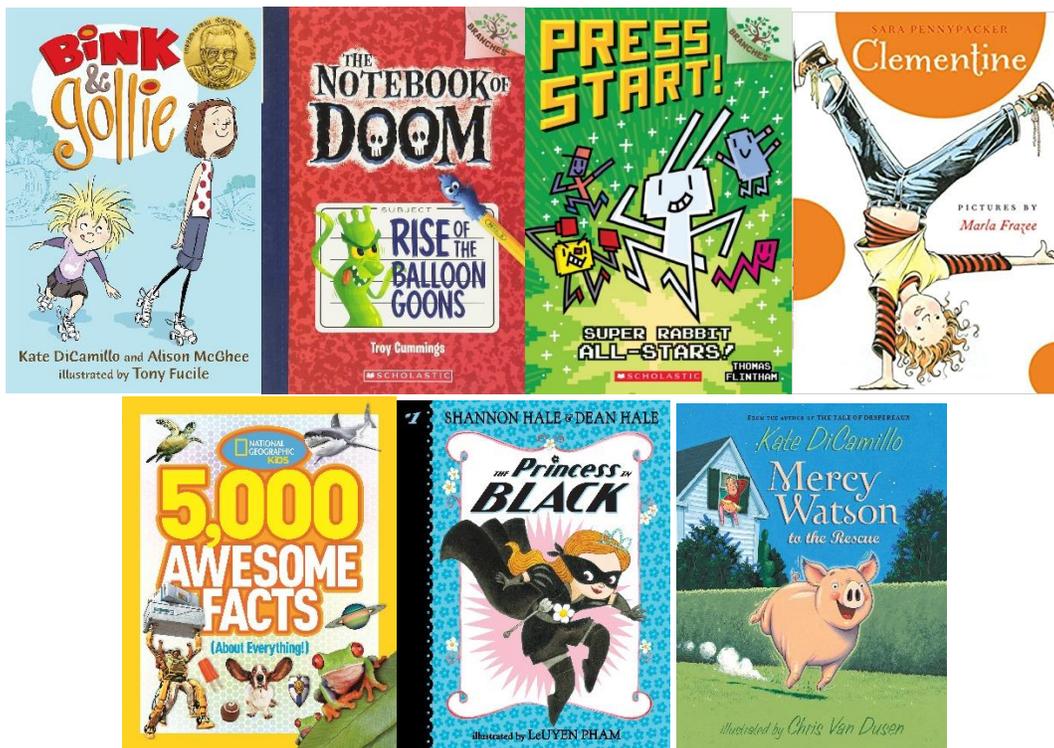


Suggested Titles for Reluctant Readers. Keep scrolling for some suggested tips!

- *Bink and Gollie* by Kate DiCamillo and Alison McGhee
- *Notebook of Doom* series by Troy Cummings
- *Press Start* series by Thomas Flintham
- *Clementine* by Sara Pennypacker
- *Laugh Out Loud Jokes for Kids* by Rob Elliott (joke books teach wordplay!)
- *Geronimo Stilton* series by Geronimo stilton
- *National Geographic* factbooks
- *Princess in Black* by Shannon Hale
- *Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullally Hunt
- *Mercy Watson* by Kate dicamillo
- *Phoebe and her Unicorn* by Dana Simpson



Tips for working with your reluctant reader. We swear by these:

- **Encourage reading for fun.** [Wimpy Kid author Jeff Kinney](#) says that sometimes adults focus so much on getting kids to read they forget about the fun. But kids who are having fun will read.
- **Go graphic.** There are many [high-quality graphic novels](#) that draw in readers through illustrations, short-form text, and engrossing story lines.

- **Seek out sports.** For kids who'd rather be physically active than read a book, consider books about teams or by athletes, such as *You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax?!* by Jonah Winter about the famous lefty; *Hothead* by Cal Ripken Jr.; or [other books about sports](#).
- **Think big print.** The [Here's Hank series by Henry Winkler](#) features a dyslexic hero and a large, easy-to-read typeface.
- **Let them follow their interests.** *You* may not love [Captain Underpants](#), but if that's what your kid wants to read, put aside your judgment for the greater good.
- **Find characters who reflect your kid's experience.** Kids like to see themselves in the stories they read. Look for books with characters and situations that mirror their experience -- for example, [kids of color](#) or with divorced parents or who live on a farm or who love dogs. Whatever helps kids identify with the story will keep them more engaged.
- **Look for different reading opportunities.** Reading is valuable no matter what the format: Pokemon cards, product labels, game manuals, recipes. Mix in shorter-form material with longer stuff.
- **Get techy.** Ebooks and [storybook apps](#) that offer some multimedia along with the narrative can be entertaining and educational and may draw in kids who are turned off by text alone. Use them alongside traditional reading.
- **Fact-check.** With their amazing stats, incredible images, short-form text, and start-anywhere formats, books of facts such as *Guinness World Records* and *Ripley's Believe It or Not* entice kids who'd rather not tackle longer stories.
- **Take turns.** With a book your kid has chosen, take turns reading a page (or two) to each other. Ask questions along the way.

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