

# Grade 8

During the 2020–2021 school year, 241,578 eighth graders read about 7 print books and 295,902 words each. Over 315,000 eighth graders spent time reading digitally.

## New and Now Reads

Newly discovered titles offer fresh reading options for students searching for that next great read. Students read and quizzed on these books for the first time in Fall 2021.

- **The Inheritance Games**  
Jennifer Barnes (4.7, UG, 640L)
- **Concrete Rose**  
Angie Thomas (3.4, UG, 500L)
- **Clap When You Land**  
Elizabeth Acevedo (5.3, UG, 800L)
- **Long Way Down (Graphic Novel)**  
Jason Reynolds (3.3, UG, 630L)
- **All This Time**  
Mikki Daughtry (4.9, UG, 730L)

## Top Print Titles

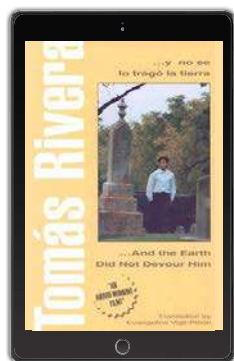
- 1 **The Outsiders** <sup>SP</sup>  
S.E. Hinton (4.7, UG, 750L)
- 2 **Giver Quartet** <sup>SP</sup>  
Lois Lowry (4.9–5.7, MG/MG+, 680L–760L)
- 3 **The Tell–Tale Heart**  
Edgar Allan Poe (7.3, UG, 1350L)
- 4 **Hunger Games Series** <sup>SP</sup>  
Suzanne Collins (5.3–6.1, MG+, 800L–860L)
- 5 **The Diary of Anne Frank**  
Frances Goodrich (3.1, MG, 1020L)
- 6 **The Boy in the Striped Pajamas** <sup>SP</sup>  
John Boyne (5.8, UG, 1000L)
- 7 **To Kill a Mockingbird** <sup>SP</sup>  
Harper Lee (5.6, UG, 790L)
- 8 **Harry Potter Series** <sup>SP</sup>  
J.K. Rowling (3.9–8.8, MG/MG+, 500L–1230L)
- 9 **The Monkey's Paw**  
W.W. Jacobs (6.5, UG, 420L)
- 10 **Percy Jackson and the Olympians Series** <sup>SP</sup>  
Rick Riordan (4.1–4.7, MG, 590L–790L)

## Popular Digital Books

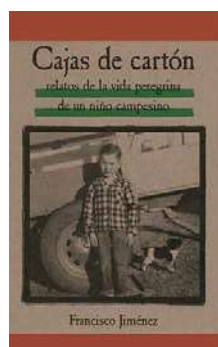
- 1 **Haunting Urban Legends** <sup>NF</sup>  
Megan Cooley Peterson (3.9, MG, 570L)
- 2 **A Christmas Carol (Graphic Revolve)**  
Benjamin Harper (3.6, MG, 420L)
- 3 **Encountering Ghosts: Eyewitness Accounts** <sup>NF</sup>  
Mari Bolte (3.9, MG, 630L)
- 4 **Fire and Ice: A Mermaid's Journey**  
Julie Gilbert (3.4, MG, 490L)
- 5 **King of Pop: The Story of Michael Jackson** <sup>NF</sup>  
Terry Collins (4.4, MG, 590L)
- 6 **Aladdin and the Magic Lamp**  
Carl Bowen (2.8, MG, 340L)
- 7 **Point-Blank Paintball**  
Scott Ciencin (2.9, MG, 480L)
- 8 **The Emancipation of Grandpa Sandy Wills**  
Cheryl Wills (880L)
- 9 **Welcome to Dog Beach: The Seagate Summers Series**  
Lisa Greenwald (4.8, MG)
- 10 **Splintered**  
A.G. Howard (5.2, UG, 780L)

## Authentic Spanish Titles

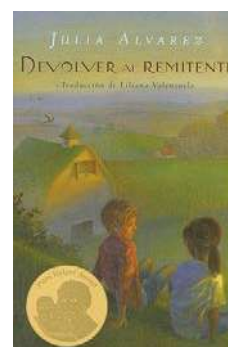
Authentic Spanish texts written for native speakers help students make real-life connections, develop deeper vocabulary and linguistic understanding, and grow cultural appreciation.



**... y no se lo tragó la Tierra** **SP**  
Tomás Rivera (4.8, UG)



**Cajas de cartón** **SP**  
Francisco Jiménez  
(5.3, MG)



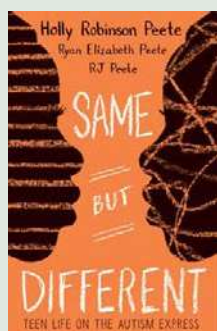
**Devolver al remitente** **SP**  
Julia Alvarez (5.9, MG)

## Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Themes

Each of us is a unique blend of characteristics and traits that matter implicitly. Consider these titles to begin conversations about our diverse makeup and how inclusion allows us all to thrive.



**Marcelo in the Real World**  
Francisco X. Stork  
(4.6, UG, 700L)



**Same But Different: Teen Life on the Autism Express** **NF**  
Holly Robinson Peete  
(4.9, MG+, 780L)



**Everything All at Once**  
Katrina Leno  
(5.0, MG+, 730L)



**The Unteachables**  
Gordon Korman  
(5.1, MG, 740L)

## Social and Emotional Learning Topics

Safe and healthy communities exist when people accept themselves as well as understand and care for those around them. The following titles cover topics that may support social and emotional learning.



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