

NONFICTION TITLE RECOMMENDATIONS - Chalk & Ink Book Talk with Melissa Stewart, February 22, 2023 www.katenarita.com/podcast Please note titles and comments come from various chat participants.					
Title	Author	Publisher	Year	Illustrator	Comments
The Way of the Weedy Seadragon	Anne Morgan	CSIRO	2021	Lois Bury	
The Universe In You	Jason Chin	Holiday House	2022		Uses text structure to help students understand abstract concept of elementary particles.
Octopuses Have Zero Bones	Anne Richardson	Tra Publishing	2022	Andrea Antinori	Uses text structure to help students understand abstract concept of place value.
Footprints Across the Planet	Jennifer Swanson	Reycraft	2022		Explores various meanings of term footprints and has outstanding photographs.
Whale Fall	Melissa Stewart	Random House	2023	Rob Dunlavey	Uses text structure to help students understand abstract concept of 50-year ecosystem.
"Deconstructing Kids' Nonfiction"	Stewart/Young	SLJ	2022		Using expository text list structure to creatively teach the five-paragraph essay.
We Are Still Here	Traci Sorrell	Charlesbridge	2021	Frane Lessac	Expository text list structure to teach Native American truths everyone should know.
Crossings	Katy Duffield	Beach Lane	2020	Mike Orodan	Expository text list structure about animal crossings, features bumper sticker phrase: over, under, across, through.
"English Teachers Should Teach More Nonfiction"	Madeline Will	Education Week	2023		A 6-minute read that summarizes NCTE Position Statement on the Role of Nonfiction Literature into six actionable steps.
Zap! Clap! Boom! The Story of a Thunderstorm	Laura Purdie Salas	Bloomsbury	2023	Elly Mackay	Has a great refrain, rhyming text, and elevated word choice that really shows a thunderstorm from beginning to end. It has backmatter about storms as well.
Ice Cycle: Poems about the Life of Ice	Maria Gianferrari	Millbrook/Lerner	2022	Jieting Chen	This is poetry + nonfiction. It is a word choice and poetic sound device bonanza. I used with 5th graders to do a poetic sound device scavenger hunt and there were dozens of examples.
5 Kinds of Nonfiction: Enriching Reading and Writing Instruction with Children's Books	Stewart/Correia	Stenhouse	2021		Breaks nonfiction children's books into 5 categories and explains the benefits of each in a school setting and for independent reading
Nonfiction Writers Dig Deep: 50 Award-winning Authors Share the Secret of Engaging Writing	Stewart, editor	NCTE	2020		Essays in which leading authors explain their process and what motivates them to write, great for exploring why students plagiarize and how to help them learn the skills to share information and ideas in their own words
Sweet Justice: Georgia Gilmore and the Montgomery Bus Boycott	Mara Rockliff	Chronicle	2023	R, Gregory Christie	Unique voice from the Civil Right Movement, beautiful language
Fire of Stars: The Life and Brilliance of the Woman Who Discovered What Stars Are Made Of	Kirsten W. Larson	Random House	2022	Katherine Roy	Dual biography of a star forming and the female scientist who discovered the composition of stars
Mega-Predators of the Past	Melissa Stewart	Peachtree	2022	Howard Gray	A blend of browseable nonfiction and expository literature with a strong voice and fascinating information about a range of prehistoric predators (no dinosaurs allowed)
Caves	Cross Beckerman	Orchard Books	2022	Kalen Chock	Lyrical text, amazing illustrations and informative text
Yoshi's Big Swim: One Turtle's Epic Journey Home	Mary Wagley Copp	Capstone	2023	Kaja Lajfez	Narrative text tells the story of the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of Yoshi, a loggerhead turtle. Pages are full color, shades of blue to emulate ocean. Phrase repetition and elevated language. Backmatter included.
<i>Celia Planted a Garden</i>	Phyllis Root & Gary Schmidt	Candlewick Press	2022	Melissa Sweet	Lovely lyrical language full of lists. Celia's speech in different font to accompany story. Humor mixed with poignancy. Beautiful illustrations themed in spring colors. Lengthy timeline and authors' note in backmatter.

<i>The Gentle Genius of Trees</i>	Philip Bunting	Crown Books for Young Readers	2023	Philip Bunting	With a narrative text and humor, take a stroll through the forest to discover the interconnectedness of trees and biodiversity. Bold and engaging graphic illustrations.
An American Story	Kwame Alexander	Little, Brown	2023	Dare Coulter	
Dolly: The Story of Dolly Parton & I	Robyn McGrath	Christy Ottaviano	2022	Ellen Surrey	
When the Sky Glows	Nell Cross Beckerman	Beach Lane Books	2022	David Litchfield	Simple text. Gorgeous ART!
Mushroom Rain	Laura K.Zimmermann	Sleeping Bear Press	2022	Jamie Green	
Make Way for Animals! A World of Wildlife Crossings	Meeg Pincus	Millbrook	2022	Bao Luu	
Caves	Nell Cross Becker	Orchard	2022	Kalen Chock	
How to Build a Human: In Seven Evolutionary Steps	Pamela S. Turner	Charlesbridge	2022	John Gurche	Middle grade/YA nonfiction with an engaging tone and top notch research
When Dinosaurs Conquered the Skies: The Incredible Story of Bird Evolution	Jingmai O'Connor	Quatro.words & pictures	2022	Maria Brozowska	written by a top scientist in the field of paleontology; lively illustrations
History of Underwear with Professor Chicken	Hannah Holt	Roaring Brook	2022	Korwin Briggs	Funny book!
Cloaked in Courage, Uncovering Deborah Sampson, Patriot Soldier	Beth Anderson	Calkins Creek	2022	Anne Lambelet	
Choosing Brave: How Mamie Till-Mobley and Emmett Till Sparked the Civil Rights Movement	Angela Joy	Roaring Brook	2022	Janelle Washington	2023 Sibert Honor Book
Honey Bee Rescue	Loree Griffin Burns	Charlesbridge	2022	Ellen Harasimowicz	The story of a honey bee hive relocation including a gentle "bee vacuum." Fascinating!
A Life of Service: The Story of Senator Tammy Duckworth	Christina Soontornvat	Candlewick	2022	Dow Phumiruk	
Time to Shine: Celebrating the World's Iridescent Animals	Karen Jameson	Groundwood Books	2022	Dave Murray	
Where the Wee Ones Go	Karen Jameson	Chronicle	2022	Zosienka	
Penguin of Ilha Grande: From Animal Rescue to Extraordinary Friendship	Shannon Earle	Charlesbridge	2023	Renato Alarcao	
Freaky Funky Fish: Odd Facts About Fascinating Fish	Debra Kempf Shumaker	Running Kids Press	2021	Claire Powell	
Polar Bear	Candace Fleming	Neal Porter Books	2022	Eric Rohmann	
Tide Pool Waits	Candace Fleming	Neal Porter Books	2022	Amy Hevron	

Pew! The Stinky and Legen-dairy Gift from Colonel Thomas S. Meacham	Cathy Stefanec Ogren	Sleeping Bear Press	2003	Lesley Breen	
Blue: A History of the Color as Deep as the Sea and as Wide as the Sky	Nanu Ekua Brew-Hammond		2022	Daniel Minter	
Curve and Flow: The Elegant Vision of L. A. Architect Paul R. Williams	Andrea J Loney	Knopf	2022	Keith Mallett	Beautifully written!
Parks for the People: How Frederick Law Olmsted Designed America	Elizabeth Partridge	Viking	2022	Becca Stadtlander	
The Fossil Whisperer, How Wendy Sloboda Discovered a Dinosaur	Helaine Becker	Kids Can Press	2022	Sandra Dumais	
Border Crossings	Sneed B. Collard	Charlesbridge	2023	Howard Gray	
How To Hear the Universe :Gaby Gonzalez and the Search of Einstein's Ripples in Space	Patricia Valdez	Knopf	2022	Sara Palacios	After learning about the prevalence of male colleagues taking credit for female scientists' work, I can't get enough of picture books about female scientists.
If You're A Kid Like Gavin	Kyle Lukoff and Gavin Grimm	Harper Collins Katherine Tegen Books	2022	Yang	My children have trans friends—need lots of these books.
<i>Big Lies; From Socrates to Social Media</i>	Eric Zelz	Tilbury House Publishers	2022		A Kirkus' selection for best teen and young adult nonfiction. Well-researched with supplemental sidebars, blocks of large colorful font, illustrations, and photos. Short graphic, comic-type segments end each chapter.