Kids

Discover New York City from a young reader’s perspective, from brightly illustrated picture books to engaging middle-grade reads. This list is a love letter to the city NYPL calls home and the great writing and books it has inspired, for readers of all ages.

PICTURE BOOKS

Abuela
Arthur Dorros; illustrated by Elisa Kleven

The Book Itch: Freedom, Truth & Harlem’s Greatest Bookstore
Vaunda Micheaux Nelson; illustrated by R. Gregory Christie

City Shapes
Diana Murray; illustrated by Bryan Collier

I Can Write the World
Joshunda Sanders; illustrated by Charly Palmer

Julián Is a Mermaid
Jessica Love

Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile
Bernard Waber

Next Stop Grand Central
Maira Kalman

The Roots of Rap: 16 Bars on the 4 Pillars of Hip-Hop
Carole Boston Weatherford; illustrated by Frank Morrison

Subway Sparrow
Leyla Torres

Tar Beach
Faith Ringgold

Where Is Our Library?: A Story of Patience & Fortitude
Josh Funk; illustrated by Stevie Lewis

FICTION

The Cricket in Times Square
George Selden; illustrated by Garth Williams

Harriet the Spy
Louise Fitzhugh

Lucky Broken Girl
Ruth Behar

New Kid
Jerry Craft

Some Places More Than Others
Renée Watson

The Stars Beneath Our Feet
David Barclay Moore

Stuart Little
E.B. White; illustrated by Garth Williams

The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street
Karina Yan Glaser

NONFICTION

Her Right Foot
Dave Eggers; illustrated by Shawn Harris

My Chinatown: One Year in Poems
Kam Mak

Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré
Anika Aldamuy Denise; illustrated by Paola Escobar

Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat
Javaka Steptoe

Rob Sanders; illustrated by Jamey Christoph

Tito Puente, Mambo King/Tito Puente, Rey del Mambo
Monica Brown; illustrated by Rafael López

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