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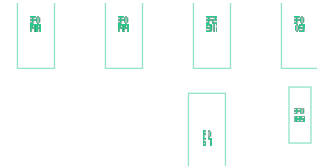
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An adventure for every reader

In movies, kids are either bookish or active, but parents know you can be both. And if your own kid does need a little encouragement to read, you can help. You can like to support the other — have an adventure and they'll be more likely to read. A good book can inspire adventure. Scroll through the arrows above to find more book and adventure pairings for every reader.

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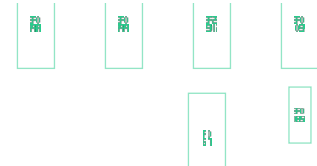
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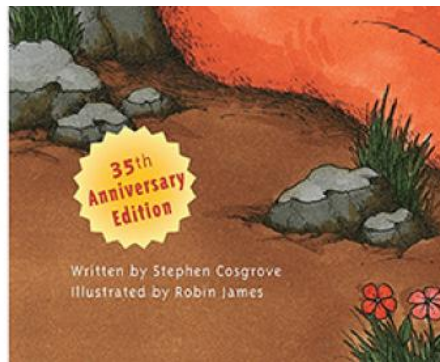
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Picture books

[“Wheedle on the Needle”](#) (Stephen Cosgrove)

After reading this classic picture book that imagines a reclusive character living on the Space Needle, any little kid is sure to want to reach the top of the tower. [Visit the Space Needle](#) as part of a city break adventure or as a solo adventure for all ages. If you’re taking the whole weekend, find out about the bridges, boats and trolls. Pair that adventure with [“CliFF the Troll”](#) written by a Seattle Public Library librarian, in which Hannah visits the troll around Seattle.

[“To Live on an Island”](#) (Emma Bland Smith)

“To Live on an Island” explores what it’s like to grow up on an island. From waking up to the sound of a ferry horn, to hikes through the woods, the celebration of island culture includes a nonfiction element or a travel guide. That trip could be to [beautiful Whidbey Island](#) or further afield. Check out secondhand book stores for [“The Summerfolk,”](#) a hard-to-find book about the San Juan Islands.) But be warned, once you start visiting the islands in [more](#). And if your kids start to fantasize about having an island, check out [Karana](#),” a middle-grade book about a girl determined to travel to a new island.

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unconvinced, kids will have just as much fun [water camping](#) some classic “[Campfire Stories for Kids](#),” and get older kids [Adventure Camp: Essential Outdoor Survival Skills for Kids](#)



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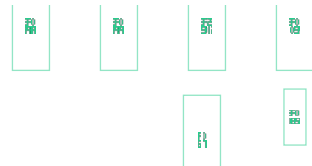
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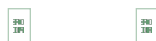


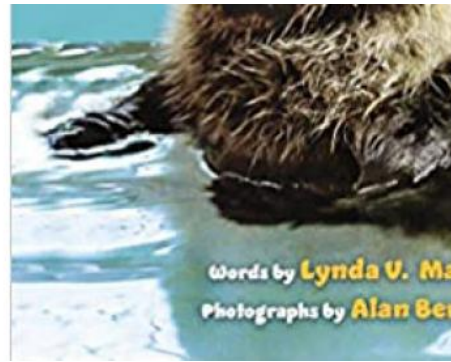
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Chapter books and early readers

[“Journey: Based on the True Story of the Wolf of the West”](#) (Emma Bland Smith, K–grade 2)

Formatted like a picture book, “Journey” is nonetheless packed with information about the wolf. It tells the story of the scientists who studied the first wild wolf in California after a pack was reintroduced to the area. The story of a little girl who follows news reports of the wolf’s 2,000-mile journey from the mountains to the coast is also included. Wolves and the conservation issues specific to them, it’s a perfect read for young readers. Wolf Haven, a 100-acre park, located 10 miles south of Olympia, provides sanctuary and promotes wolf conservation and education. Although Wolf Haven is a great place to visit, older kids can read the classic [“Julie of the Wolves”](#) by Jean Craighead McCaig, which follows a girl with the pack, and younger ones can enjoy [“Little Wolf’s Fire”](#) by Susan Berman.

[“Hockey Hero”](#) (Zachary Hyman, grade 3–5)

Written by a professional hockey player, “Hockey Hero” tells the story of a young boy who falls in love with the game. It’s a perfect read now that Seattle has its own hockey arena, [Community Iceplex](#), is now open to families for public skating. If you’re looking for a book that’s more scary than falling down with [“Little Red Riding Hood”](#), there are scarier things than falling down with [“Little Red Riding Hood”](#). For a graphic memoir [“Spinning.”](#)

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glimpse of all this activity from [Blake Island](#) or from the dec transportation, but kids know the journey is the destination.)
“[Sea Star Wishes: Poems From the Coast](#)” for sweet dreams



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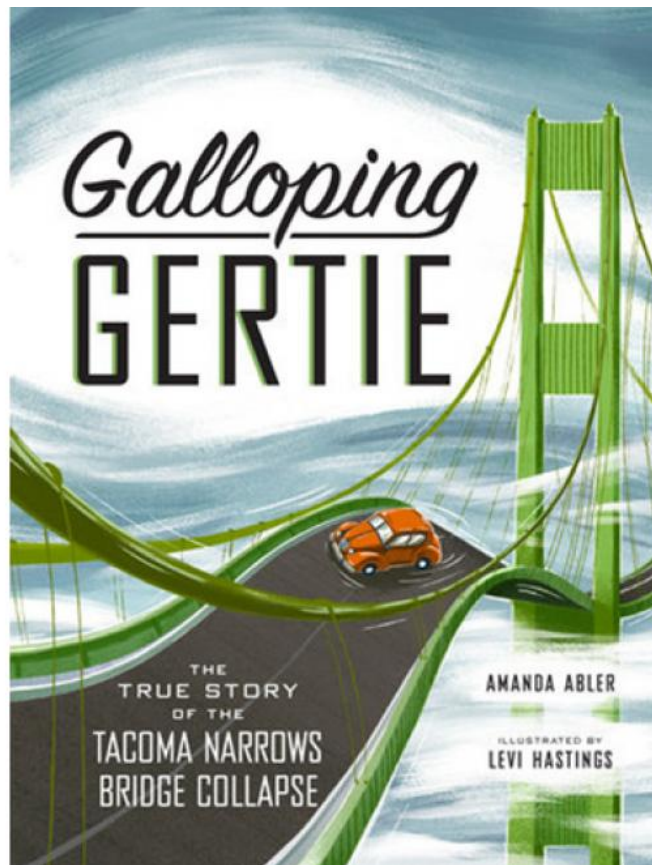
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simply convinces them that your family's trip isn't so hard after all, grab your [Every Kid Outdoor National Parks Pass](#) and head out to one of [these Mount Rainier hikes](#). And if it's the grown-ups who struggle with elevation and altitude, reward yourselves with a stay at [Paradise Inn](#), where you can much older Mount Rainier story in "[Miser on the Mountain: A Nisqually Legend of Mount Rainier](#)" regroup for another day's adventure filling in the kids "[Discovering Mt. Rainier: Nature Activity](#)"

["Galloping Gertie: The True Story of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge"](#) (Amanda Abler, grade 2–5)

The Pacific Northwest is famous for its natural environment, but that doesn't mean there's nothing to capture the attention of more science- and engineering-minded kids. Read "Galloping Gertie" to take a trip to Tacoma to [hike the current Tacoma Narrows Bridge](#) and visit the [LeMay Car Museum](#). Read "[Tacoma Adventures](#)" for more outing ideas or head back home to undertake some "[Adventures in Engineering for Kids](#)."

["The Whale Child"](#) (Keith Egawa and Chenoa Egawa, grades 2–5)

Written by Coast Salish authors and featuring Coast Salish characters "The Whale Child" tells the story of a young whale that chooses to become a human boy to alert humans to the harm they are causing to the ocean. Kids who are inspired to make a difference can participate in habitat restoration events on Recovery Day (Oct. 16) with the [King Conservation District](#) and [Duwamish Alive! Coalition](#). Conservation doesn't only happen on observance days, though; families can take action to [help our neighbors](#) any time. Read 2021 Washington State Book Award picture book finalist "[The Spirit of the Orca](#)" to learn the true story of an orca calf separated and reunited with her family. Or enjoy an adventure survival story featuring young orcas in "[A Whale of the Wild](#)."

Looking for more? Here are [five more local adventures inspired by books!](#)