

Articles on Reading Suggestions for Gifted Students

[Challenging Gifted Readers](#) by Patricia Austin

[Mind the Gap: Engaging Gifted Readers](#) by Donalyn Miller

Gifted readers prefer:

- ✓ sophisticated and complex stories
- ✓ nuanced language and puns/humor
- ✓ multi-dimensional characters (which can lead to in-depth discussions of motivation, feelings, and consequences of actions)
- ✓ visually inventive picture books
- ✓ unusual connections—finding patterns and parallels within and among books
- ✓ abstractions and analogies
- ✓ blend of fantasy and non-fiction
- ✓ extraordinary quantities of information about a focused topic
- ✓ gifted characters in the books
- ✓ biographies of eminent people
- ✓ information that challenges their thinking
- ✓ books dealing with community concerns and justice