



The official book list of the Scripps National Spelling Bee

2025-2026 Book Selections

One Bee Reading Level

First Grade:

1. [Inky the Octopus by Erin Guendelsberger](#)
2. [Ahoy by Sophie Blackall](#)
3. [A Different Pond by Bao Phi](#)
4. [Not Yet by Hadley Davis and Zahra Lari](#)

Second Grade:

1. [Room for Everyone by Naaz Khan](#)
2. [Summertime Sleepers: Animals that Estivate by Melissa Stewart](#)
3. [Dog vs. Strawberry by Nelly Buchet](#)
4. [What Happened to You? by James Catchpole](#)

Third Grade:

1. [The Name Jar by Yangsook Choi](#)
2. [Maribel's Year by Michelle Sterling](#)
3. [Polly Diamond and the Magic Book: Book 1 by Alice Kulpers](#)
4. [The Hotel Balzaar by Kate DiCamillo](#)

Two Bee Reading Level

Fourth Grade:

1. [More to the Story by Hena Khan](#)
2. [El Deafo by Cece Bell](#)
3. [A Crown of Stories: The Life and Language of Beloved Author Toni Morrison by Carole Boston Weatherford](#)
4. [Odder by Katherine Applegate](#)

Fifth Grade:

1. [Impossible Creatures by Katherine Rundell](#)
2. [The Night War by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley](#)
3. [Greenglass House by Kate Milford](#)
4. [The Secret Library by Kekla Magoon](#)

Sixth Grade:

1. [The Eyes & The Impossible by Dave Eggers](#)
2. [The House with a Clock in its Walls by John Bellairs](#)
3. [One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia](#)
4. [Sing it Like Celia by Monica Mancillas](#)

Three Bee Reading Level

Seventh Grade:

1. [Quagmire Tiarello Couldn't Be Better by Mylisa Larsen](#)
2. [Red Scarf Girl by Ji-li Jiang](#)
3. [The Tenth Mistake of Hank Hooperman by Gennifer Choldenko](#)
4. [Good Different by Meg Eden Kuyatt](#)
5. [White Bird by R.J. Palacio](#)

Eighth Grade:

1. [Piecing Me Together by Renee Watson](#)
2. [The Davenports: More Than This by Krystal Marquis](#)
3. [Stateless by Elizabeth Wein](#)
4. [A Few Red Drops: The Chicago Race Riots of 1919 by Claire Hartfield](#)
5. [Moon Over Manifest by Clare Vanderpool](#)