**Resources for Reluctant Readers**

**Recommended Websites:**

Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers

<http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/booklistsawards/quickpicks/quickpicksreluctant.htm>

This website offers annotated bibliographies of literature for reluctant YA readers, 1996 – 2006.

High Interest/Low Reading Level Books

<http://www.monroe.lib.in.us/childrens/booklists/hilobib.html>

On this site you’ll find a brief annotated bibliography of high interest/low reading level books for the elementary grades, classified by reading and grade level.

**Reluctant Readers Resources**

[**http://childrensbooks.about.com/od/reluctantreaders/**](http://childrensbooks.about.com/od/reluctantreaders/)

**On this website you’ll find links to the following sites:**

[Resources for Reluctant Readers](http://childrensbooks.about.com/cs/reluctantreaders/a/reluctantreader.htm)  
Find out about ways in which you can encourage your reluctant reader, sources of advice, and information about selecting books.

[Adventures of a Reluctant Reader](http://clk.about.com/?zi=1/XJ&sdn=childrensbooks&zu=http%3A%2F%2Fchildrentoday.com%2Fresources%2Farticles%2Fread.htm)  
This article from Children Today recounts a parent's experience with a reluctant reader and provides advice on encouraging reading.

[Advice for Parents](http://clk.about.com/?zi=1/XJ&sdn=childrensbooks&zu=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.barringtonstoke.co.uk%2Fparents%2Fwont_read_could_read1.html)  
UK publisher Barrington Stoke books, which publishes books for reluctant, dyslexic, disenchanted and under-confident readers, has helpful advice for parents.

[Booklists](http://clk.about.com/?zi=1/XJ&sdn=childrensbooks&zu=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.teachersfirst.com%2Freadlist.html)   
If you are looking for booklists to suit a variety of interests, check out this site.

[Capstone Press](http://clk.about.com/?zi=1/XJ&sdn=childrensbooks&zu=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.capstonepress.com%2F)  
This publisher specializes in high interest/low reading level nonfiction books, which are often used in classrooms. The books are written for grades 2-3 and grades 3-4 reading levels, with content of interest to students in the fifth grade and higher.

[Choosing a Book for a Reluctant Reader](http://clk.about.com/?zi=1/XJ&sdn=childrensbooks&zu=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.wordpool.co.uk%2Frr%2Fintro.htm)  
Here's advice on what to look for when choosing a book in terms of content and appearance, including print size, from the UK's The Word Pool.

[Encouraging Reluctant Readers](http://clk.about.com/?zi=1/XJ&sdn=childrensbooks&zu=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.lz95.lake.k12.il.us%2Fcurriculum%2FReadingtips%2Freading_tips_for_reluctant_reade.htm)  
Reading expert Marle Carbo provides five tips for encouraging reluctant readers.

[Encouraging the EFL Reluctant Reader](http://clk.about.com/?zi=1/XJ&sdn=childrensbooks&zu=http%3A%2F%2Fexchanges.state.gov%2Fforum%2Fvols%2Fvol38%2Fno3%2Fp12.htm)  
This article for EFL teachers emphasizes the importance of a good reading program and providing students with access to engaging reading material at the appropriate reading level.

[Keep the Pages Turning](http://clk.about.com/?zi=1/XJ&sdn=childrensbooks&zu=http%3A%2F%2Ffamilyeducation.com%2Farticle%2F0%2C1120%2C1-10643%2C00.html)  
How to keep your reluctant readers reading after they have been hooked by the Harry Potter books.

[Motivating Reluctant Readers](http://clk.about.com/?zi=1/XJ&sdn=childrensbooks&zu=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.bookloons.com%2FHandHTML%2FEditorials%2FEditorial0108.html)  
In this brief article, Hilary Williamson shares her personal experience in encouraging her son to read.

[Orca Book Publishers](http://clk.about.com/?zi=1/XJ&sdn=childrensbooks&zu=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.orcabook.com%2F)  
The Orca Soundings series features teen fiction for reluctant readers. While the interest level is ages 12+ the reading levels range from grade 2.0 to grade 4.5. All of the books are Accelerated Reader (AR) selections, and teacher's guides are available for most of the books.

[Reading Rockets](http://clk.about.com/?zi=1/XJ&sdn=childrensbooks&zu=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.ReadingRockets.org)  
Reading Rockets is dedicated to providing "information about teaching kids to read and helping those who struggle." It contains downloadable teachers' and family guides, articles, tips, and more.

[Reading Tips for Reluctant Readers](http://clk.about.com/?zi=1/XJ&sdn=childrensbooks&zu=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.lz95.lake.k12.il.us%2Fcurriculum%2FReadingtips%2Freading_tips_for_reluctant_reade.htm)  
Educator Cheryl Benes provides tips to encourage children who are reluctant readers to read.

[Recommended Books for Reluctant Readers](http://clk.about.com/?zi=1/XJ&sdn=childrensbooks&zu=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.monroe.lib.in.us%2Fchildrens%2Freluctantbib.html)  
This booklist from the Monroe County Public Library in Indiana provides summaries of about two dozen books that upper elementary and lower middle school reluctant readers are apt to enjoy.

[Reluctant Reader Reflections](http://clk.about.com/?zi=1/XJ&sdn=childrensbooks&zu=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.readin.org%2Fclass%2FEducators%2FSorenson%2Fmain.htm)  
Margo Sorenson, the author of numerous novels and nonfiction books for reluctant readers, writes an interesting column for The Read In ™ that will be of interest to parents and educators.

[Sports Bios Attract Reluctant Readers](http://clk.about.com/?zi=1/XJ&sdn=childrensbooks&zu=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.education-world.com%2Fa_books%2Fbooks049.shtml)  
Education World recommends these sports biographies for the reluctant reader grades 3-6 who loves basketball.

[Suggested Books for Reluctant Readers](http://clk.about.com/?zi=1/XJ&sdn=childrensbooks&zu=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.partnershipforlearning.org%2Farticle.asp%3FArticleID%3D134%23reluctant)  
Here's an unannotated list of recommended books for preschool-grade 1, grades 2-4, and grades 5-8, from media specialist and parent Sherry Bowen.

[Tea Leaf Press](http://clk.about.com/?zi=1/XJ&sdn=childrensbooks&zu=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.tealeafpress.com%2Feducators.html)  
This publisher has three series for reluctant upper elementary and middle school readers: Deer Lake, Bayview High, and Nate's Journal.

[Tips for the Middle School Reluctant Reader](http://clk.about.com/?zi=1/XJ&sdn=childrensbooks&zu=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.susq-town.org%2Fhoel%2Ftips_for_the_middle_school_reluc.htm)  
Here you'll find advice for both students and parents, including information on how to do successful book reports.

[The Value of Picture Books for Older Readers](http://clk.about.com/?zi=1/XJ&sdn=childrensbooks&zu=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.srv.net%2F%7Egale%2Ftopten.html)  
More and more teachers, parents, and librarians are discovering the value of using picture books with upper elementary and middle school students. Here are some of the reasons.