

Author Names: Pronunciation Helps

Reminder: First and last names can be given, but bold print last name is required for correct answer.

If there are co-authors, both last names must be provided. (none in 2024)

Name	Sounds like	Link to Teachingbooks.net
Tomie DePaola	<i>Tommy duh-POW-luh</i>	https://www.teachingbooks.net/qlrdaxg
Max Brallier	<i>BRAL (rhymes with pal)-ee-er</i>	https://www.teachingbooks.net/qliwucn
Demi	<i>DEH-mee</i>	https://www.teachingbooks.net/qlgcyyo
Chris Grabenstein	<i>GRAB-in-stine</i>	https://www.teachingbooks.net/qlid9ep
John Micklos Jr.	<i>MICK-lohs</i> <i>Micklos or Micklos Jr. will be accepted</i>	N/A
David Macaulay	<i>Muh-CAW-lee</i>	https://www.teachingbooks.net/qljzu6m
Elizabeth Rusch	<i>rush</i>	https://www.teachingbooks.net/qlzvq4t
Colleen AF Venable	<i>VEHN-uh-bull</i>	No pronunciation guide, but if you're curious, AF stands for her two middle names: AnnFelicity. No space in between. Nice little interview with her here .
Isabel Quintero	<i>keen-TEH-ro</i>	https://www.teachingbooks.net/qljka4g
Carlie Sorosiak	<i>suh-ROSE-ee-yak</i>	https://www.teachingbooks.net/ql4enyv
Greg van Eekhout	<i>van EE-kout</i>	https://www.teachingbooks.net/ql7c8ri
Ji-Li Jiang	<i>JEE-lee JYONG</i>	https://www.teachingbooks.net/qlw73kq
Karen Gray Ruelle	<i>rule</i>	<i>No TB link but I heard her introduced in an interview.</i>

Acceptable Titles

Acceptable titles are as written on the divided color list. A few clarifications:

Subtitles

If there is a subtitle following a colon (i.e., **A Splash of Red: The Life and Art of Horace Pippin** or **Hilo: The Boy Who Crashed to Earth**) only the title words to the left of the colon are required for an acceptable answer. Those words are in **bold print**.

The subtitle alone will not be an acceptable answer.

Variation: Leonard (My Life as a Cat) This title uses () instead of a colon. Leonard is an acceptable answer.

Series

Series titles were not included on the book list shared with students, but they may see it on the book covers. **Only the book title is required. The series title alone will not be an acceptable answer.**

Balto of the Blue Dawn (*not Magic Tree House*)

Journey Through Ash and Smoke (*not Ranger in Time*)

Mac Undercover (*not Mac B., Kid Spy*)

Nikki Tesla and the Ferret-Proof Death Ray (*not Elements of Genius*)

We the Children (*not Benjamin Pratt & Keepers of the School*)

Articles The and A

Many titles on this year's list begin with articles, A and THE. Students should try to answer using the full title but their answer *without* A and THE will be accepted.

A few examples:

The Silver Arrow

The Adventures of Beanboy

The Amelia Six

A Handful of Stars

A Splash of Red