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Sources for Your Spelling Bee Study List 2017-2018

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First Grade Source Books:

- [*The Long, Long Journey: The Godwit's Amazing Migration*](#) by Sandra Markle
- [*Harry the Dirty Dog*](#) by Gene Zion
- [*Frederick*](#) by Leo Lionni
- [*Are You My Mother?*](#) by P.D. Eastman
- [*Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed*](#) by Emily Pearson

Second Grade Source Books:

- [*Emmanuel's Dream: The True Story of Emmanuel Ofose Yeboah*](#) by Laurie Ann Thompson
- [*The Tale of the Flopsy Bunnies*](#) by Beatrix Potter
- [*Little Dog, Lost*](#) by Marion Dane Bauer
- [*Amber Brown Is Not a Crayon*](#) by Paula Danziger
- [*Humphrey's Mixed-Up Magic Trick*](#) by Betty G. Birney





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Third Grade Source Books:

- [*What Is the Statue of Liberty?*](#) by Joan Holub
- [*The Boxcar Children*](#) by Gertrude Chandler Warner
- [*Tumtum and Nutmeg*](#) by Emily Bearn
- [*Fortunately, the Milk*](#) by Neil Gaiman
- [*The Haunted Library*](#) by Dori Hillestad Butler

Fourth Grade Source Books:

- [*Out of Darkness: The Story of Louis Braille*](#) by Russell Freedman
- [*Stuart Little*](#) by E.B. White
- [*The Wild Robot*](#) by Peter Brown
- [*The Ogre of Oglefort*](#) by Eva Ibbotson
- [*Gregor the Overlander*](#) by Suzanne Collins

Fifth Grade Source Books:

- [*Guts & Glory: The Vikings*](#) by Ben Thompson
- [*The Hundred and One Dalmatians*](#) by Dodie Smith
- [*The Thief Lord*](#) by Cornelia Funke
- [*Save Me a Seat*](#) by Gita Varadarajan and Sarah Weeks
- [*Moo: A Novel*](#) by Sharon Creech

Sixth Grade Source Books:

- [*Hidden Figures: Young Readers' Edition*](#) by Margot Lee Shetterly
- [*The Twenty-One Balloons*](#) by William Pène du Bois
- [*The False Prince*](#) by Jennifer A. Nielsen
- [*All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook*](#) by Leslie Connor
- [*Book Scavenger*](#) by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman

Seventh Grade Source Books:

- [*No Better Friend: Young Readers Edition: A Man, a Dog, and Their Incredible True Story of Friendship and Survival in World War II*](#) by Robert Weintraub
- [*Treasure Island*](#) by Robert Louis Stevenson
- [*Laugh with the Moon*](#) by Shana Burg
- [*Finding Perfect*](#) by Elly Swartz
- [*Redwall*](#) by Brian Jacques

Eighth Grade Source Books:

- [*The Race to Save the Lord God Bird*](#) by Phillip Hoose
- [*The Time Machine*](#) by H.G. Wells
- [*Northanger Abbey*](#) by Jane Austen
- [*Peak*](#) by Roland Smith
- [*The Girl from Everywhere*](#) by Heidi Heilig
- [*Steelheart*](#) by Brandon Sanderson

