

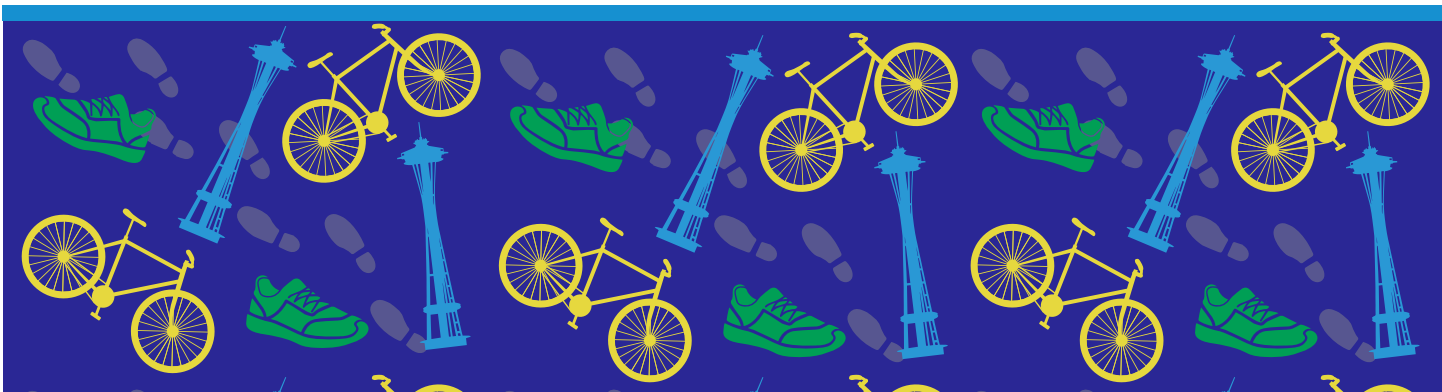


# Books about

## Walking, Rolling, and Biking



## *Read & Ride Along*



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# Safe Routes to School Program

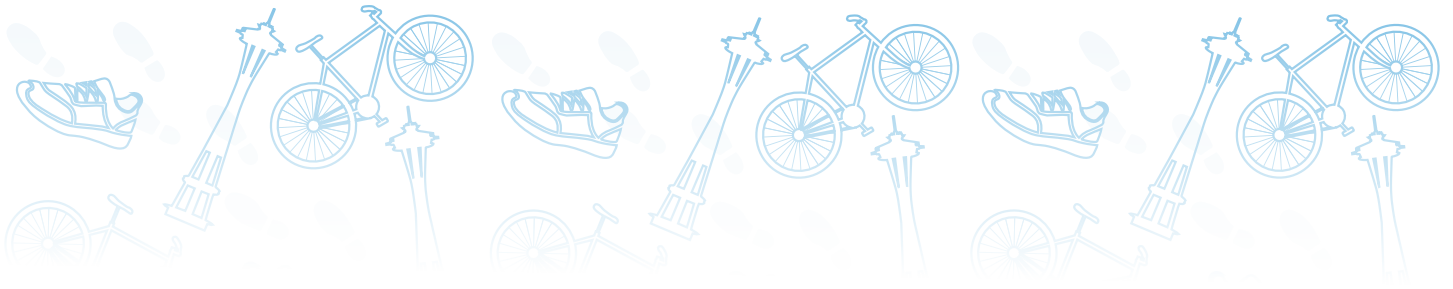


Reading is a great way for kids to learn about walking and biking safety and get kids energized about walking, biking, and rolling to school and in their neighborhoods.

On the following pages, you will find books that celebrate walking, biking, and rolling and start conversations about bullying with kids in Pre-K through 8th grade.

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# Books about Walking, Biking, and Rolling for Pre-K

Title	Author	Summary	Recommended Grade Level
<p><a href="#"><u>Cycle City*</u></a></p>	<p>Alison Farrell</p>	<p>When little Etta the Elephant goes to her Aunt Ellen’s house, she takes a journey through bicycle – filled Cycle City, a town filled with bikes of all kinds! At the end of the day, a special surprise awaits Etta the most amazing bicycle parade imaginable. Detail-rich illustrations in this fun seek-and-find book paint the colors of this unusual town where everyone rides some kind of bike-whether a penny-farthing, a two-wheeled unicycle, or a conference bike, everyone is on wheels! Packed with prompts and lots to see on every page, this is a sweet story for the sharpest of eyes.</p>	<p>Pre-K - 1</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Emmanuel’s Dream: The True Story of Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah*</u></a></p>	<p>Laurie Ann Thompson</p>	<p>Born in Ghana, West Africa, with one deformed leg, he was dismissed by most people – but not by his mother, who taught him to reach for his dreams. As a boy, Emmanuel hopped to school more than two miles each way, learned to play soccer, left home at age thirteen to provide for his family, and, eventually, became a cyclist. He rode an astonishing four hundred miles across Ghana in 2001, spreading his powerful message: disability is not inability.</p>	<p>Pre-K</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>In Lucia’s Neighborhood</u></a></p>	<p>Pat Schewuk</p>	<p>Inspired by urban visionary Jane Jacobs, seven-year-old Lucia takes the reader through a day in her neighborhood and celebrates the people and places that make it feel like home. A great starting point for discussions on cities, this book will encourage readers to stop and smell the urban roses.</p>	<p>Pre-K</p>



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<a href="#"><u>Last Stop on Market Street*</u></a>	Matt de la Peña	<p>Every Sunday after church, CJ and his grandma ride the bus across town. But today, CJ wonders why they don't own a car like his friend Colby. Why doesn't he have an iPod like the boys on the bus? How come they always have to get off in the dirty part of town? Each question is met with an encouraging answer from grandma, who helps him see the beauty – and fun – in their routine and the world around them.</p>	Pre-K
<b>The ABC's of Traffic Safety</b>	Whitney M Hemstock	<p>Children will learn basic pedestrian safety with word-letter association and illustrations.</p>	Pre-K
<b>This is the Way We Go to School</b>	Edith Baer	<p>Children from around the world all travel different ways to school</p>	Pre-K
<b>Red Light, Green Light</b>	Yumi Heo	<p>A lift-the-flap board book all about the signs you see on the road!</p>	Pre-K
<a href="#"><u>Froggy Rides a Bike*</u></a>	Jonathan London	<p>With encouragement from his friends and family, Froggy learns how to ride his shiny new bike.</p>	Pre-K



# Books about Walking, Biking, and Rolling for K - 1

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<a href="#"><u>Cycle City*</u></a>	Alison Farrell	<p>When little Etta the Elephant goes to her Aunt Ellen’s house, she takes a journey through bicycle – filled Cycle City, a town filled with bikes of all kinds! Detail-rich illustrations in this fun seek-and-find book paint the colors of this unusual town where everyone rides some kind of bike-whether a penny-farthing, a two-wheeled unicycle, or a conference bike, everyone is on wheels! Packed with prompts and lots to see on every page, this is a sweet story for the sharpest of eyes.</p>	Pre-K - 1
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<a href="#"><u>Sidewalk Flowers*</u></a>	JoArno Lawson	<p>A little girl collects wildflowers while on a walk with her distracted father.</p>	Pre-K - 1





## Books about Walking, Biking, and Rolling for K - 1

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<b>The ABC's of Traffic Safety</b>	Whitney M Hemstock	Children will learn basic pedestrian safety with word-letter association and illustrations.	Pre-K - 1
<u><a href="#">Ruby's School Walk*</a></u>	Kathryn White	Ruby's imagination turns everyday objects, like a house for sale and a tabby cat, into frightening surprises on her walk to school with her Mum.	K - 1
<b>Violet's Victory</b>	Valerie Goldstein	Sports Day is fast approaching, and Violet yearns to keep up with her friends in a track and field race, despite her need for forearm crutches. She then discovers a purple handcycle. Will Violet be victorious? This book not only teaches children about adaptive equipment, it also exemplifies perseverance and the kindness involved in accommodating all our friends with different and special needs.	K-2
<u><a href="#">Everyone Can Learn to Ride a Bicycle*</a></u>	Chris Raschka	A father teaches his daughter all about bicycle riding, from selecting the right bike to trying again after a fall.	K - 3



## Books about Walking, Biking, and Rolling for Grades 2 - 3

Title	Author	Summary	Recommended Grade Level
<a href="#"><u>Angel in Beijing*</u></a>	Belle Yang	Yang (Forget Sorrow) follows her young narrator as she cycles through Beijing looking for her cat, Kitty, who has been carried aloft on the tail of a Dragon Kite. At last, the girl hears a familiar “niaow-niaow” on the other side of a gate. The device of the cycling search allows Yang to examine Beijing’s traditional urban spaces.	3rd Grade
<a href="#"><u>Daniel’s Good Day*</u></a>	Micha Archer	Daniel is determined to find out, and as he strolls through his neighborhood, he finds a wonderful world full of answers as varied as his neighbors. When Daniel puts all these good days together, they make a lovely poem full of his neighbors’ favorite things.	3rd Grade
<a href="#"><u>Last Stop on Market Street*</u></a>	Matt de la Peña	Every Sunday after church, CJ and his grandma ride the bus across town. But today, CJ wonders why they don’t own a car like his friend Colby. Why doesn’t he have an iPod like the boys on the bus? How come they always have to get off in the dirty part of town? Each question is met with an encouraging answer from grandma, who helps him see the beauty – and fun – in their routine and the world around them.	3rd Grade
<a href="#"><u>Layla’s Happiness*</u></a>	Mariahadessa Ekere Tallie	Spirited and observant, Layla is a child who’s been given room to grow, making happiness both thoughtful and intimate. It’s her dad talking about growing-up in South Carolina; her mom reading poetry; her best friend Juan, the community garden, and so much more. Written by poet Mariahadessa Ekere Tallie and illustrated by Ashleigh Corrin, this is a story of flourishing within family and community.	3rd Grade





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Title	Author	Summary	Recommended Grade Level
<u><a href="#">Maybe Something Beautiful*</a></u>	Theresa Howell and Isabel Campoy	Mira decides one day to paste her drawing of a sun on one of the dark walls of an alley on her way back from school, just to bring brightness to the smiles of her neighbors. The force of that sun's attraction transformed those streets and the lives of their neighbors, forever. This is a true story of transformation, based on the work of two exceptional people committed to art and social justice.	3rd Grade
<u><a href="#">My Footprints*</a></u>	Bao Phi	Every child feels different in some way, but Thuy feels "double different." She is Vietnamese American and she has two moms. Thuy walks home one winter afternoon, angry and lonely after a bully's taunts. Then a bird catches her attention and sets Thuy on an imaginary exploration. What if she could fly away like a bird? What if she could sprint like a deer, or roar like a bear? Mimicking the footprints of each creature in the snow, she makes her way home to the arms of her moms. Together, the three of them imagine beautiful and powerful creatures who always have courage - just like Thuy.	3rd Grade
<u><a href="#">Fast Enough*</a></u>	Joel Christian Gill	Have you ever been told that you're not enough? That you're not strong enough, tall enough, or fast enough? Bessie was told she was not enough. This book combines an imagined story of Bessie Stringfield as a young girl with historical facts about the real Bessie, a true adventurer and one of the first African-American women to travel solo across the United States on a motorcycle.	3rd Grade
<b>A Bike to Call Their Own</b>	Todd Civin	Learn about the incredible real life story of Preston and his March for Energy. The story of a young man and his desire to pay it forward to assist children around the globe by gifting them assisted bicycles similar to his own.	3rd Grade



## Books about Walking, Biking, and Rolling for Grades 4 - 5

Title	Author	Summary	Recommended Grade Level
<b>Biking for a Cause</b>	Rosa Nam	Jae is about to embark on the greatest challenge of his life biking 150 miles in two days to raise money for the National MS Society. But after he falls on his first practice race, will he be able to overcome his fear and ride again?	5th Grade
<u><b>Cycling Champion (Jake Maddox Sports Stories)*</b></u>	Jake Maddox	Austin, eager to prove himself and win a sports trophy like his older brothers, joins a local cycling club and enters a Tour de France-style bike race. Not only does he have to find a bike, train, and learn the course, but he also has to deal with a bully who wants him out of the club. For Austin, it feels like a race just to get to the starting line!	5th Grade
<u><b>Look Both Ways*</b></u>	Jason Reynolds	Jason Reynolds conjures ten tales (one per block) about what happens after the dismissal bell rings, and brilliantly weaves them into one wickedly funny, piercingly poignant look at the detours we face on the walk home, and in life.	5th Grade



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<p><a href="#"><u>Sarai and the Around the World Fair*</u></a></p>	<p>Sarai Gonzalez and Monica Brown</p>	<p>When Sarai outgrows her bike, she worries she'll never get to travel anywhere. But, when Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary hosts their first Around the World Fair, Sarai learns that with a little imagination, you can go anywhere you want! Inspired by the life of viral video sensation and social activist Sarai Gonzalez with the help of award-winning children's book author Monica Brown.</p>	<p>5th Grade</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>The Green Bicycle*</u></a></p>	<p>Haifaa Al-Mansour</p>	<p>11-year-old Wadjda lives in Saudi Arabia world where girls' activities and opinions are strictly controlled. Although Wadjda is regularly disciplined at school for not following exacting protocols, she remains independent and irrepressible. She longs for the freedom to ride a bike and race with her childhood friend Abdullah, and she devises strategies to earn the money needed to buy a coveted green bicycle.</p>	<p>4 - 6th Grade</p>



# Books about Walking, Biking, and Rolling for Grades 6 - 8

Title	Author	Summary	Recommended Grade Level
<a href="#"><u>Look Both Ways*</u></a>	Jason Reynolds	Jason Reynolds conjures ten tales (one per block) about what happens after the dismissal bell rings, and brilliantly weaves them into one wickedly funny, piercingly poignant look at the detours we face on the walk home, and in life.	6 - 8th Grade
<a href="#"><u>Street Angel: Deadliest Girl Alive*</u></a>	Jim Rugg	Jesse "Street Angel" Sanchez is a homeless ninja girl on a skateboard! She takes on bullies, street gangs, ninjas, the man, cocky superheroes, hunger, and the ninja industrial complex. She also rescues a stray dog, makes weird new friends, and saves Christmas!?! This collection includes all of Street Angel's Image Comics adventures plus a couple of extra stories and behind-the-scenes materials.	6 - 8th Grade
<a href="#"><u>Wheels of Change: How Women Rode the Bicycle to Freedom*</u></a>	Sue Macy	Explore the role the bicycle played in the women's liberation movement.	5 - 9th Grade
<a href="#"><u>Holy Spokes!*</u></a>	Rob Coppelillo	Provides an introduction to bicycles and bicycling and includes a history of bicycles, advice on choosing a bicycle, and tips on bicycle maintenance and safety.	4 - 8th Grade



## Books about Walking, Biking, and Rolling for Grades 6 - 8

Title	Author	Summary	Recommended Grade Level
<p><u><a href="#">Lost in NYC: A Subway Adventure*</a></u></p>	<p>Nadja Spiegelman and Sergio Garcia Sanchez</p>	<p>The sights . . . the sounds . . . the SMELLS! New York's crowded subway system is known for many things, but being easy on a lost kid isn't one of them. When Pablo gets separated from his new schoolmates during his first field trip in New York City, he doesn't know how he'll be able to find them again. Luckily, he has a little knowledge, a new friend, and the surprisingly approachable city itself to guide his way. This story features maps, archival photos, and fascinating facts to help readers explore the subway without ever having to get caught like Pablo in the mob of Times Square. It brings all the bustle and beauty of NYC to young readers around the world.</p>	<p>6 - 8th Grade</p>
<p><u><a href="#">A Long Walk to Water*</a></u></p>	<p>Linda Sue Park</p>	<p>When the Sudanese civil war reaches his village in 1985, eleven-year-old Salva becomes separated from his family and must walk with other Dinka tribe members through southern Sudan, Ethiopia, and Kenya in search of safe haven.</p>	<p>5 - 7th Grade</p>

# Libros en Español

Título	Autor	Resumen	Nivel de grado recomendado
<b>Seguridad y las bicicletas</b>	Sue Barraclough	Los niños ven varias situaciones que muestran reglas de seguridad clave para andar en bicicleta.	Pre-K - 1
<b><u>Rosaura en bicicleta*</u></b>	Daniel Barbot	A la señora Amelia le gustan mucho los animales. Tiene un perro, un gato, un loro, dos canarios y una hermosa gallina llamada Rosaura. Para su cumpleaños, Rosaura pide una bicicleta, y así comienzan los problemas de la señora Amelia. ¿Dónde conseguir una bicicleta para una gallina?	Pre-K - 2
<b><u>Pato va en bici*</u></b>	David Shannon	Un buen día a Pato se le ocurre montar en una bicicleta. Todos los animales de la granja se sorprenden al verlo: ¿qué hace un pato en bicicleta? Sin embargo todos se mueren de ganas de hacer lo mismo que él.	Pre-K - 2



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<b>Doña Eremita sobre ruedas</b>	Quentin Blake	A Doña Eremita le gusta pasear en bicicleta junto a su fiel perro Mambrú. Ante cualquier imprevisto, la simpática señora inventa nuevos accesorios para su bicicleta, a veces un poco estrafalarios.	K - 1
<b>Superabuelo</b>	David Schwartz	Gustaf Håkansson tenía 66 años. Quería andar en una carrera de bicicletas pero los jueces dijeron que él era demasiado viejo para eso. Así decidió entrar la carrera a solas y al final ganó la carrera.	2 - 4
<b>La bicicleta de Selva</b>	Mónica Rodríguez	El protagonista recuerda cómo nació su amistad con Selva, la historia de la bicicleta y la gran aventura que vivieron juntos, cuando decidieron salir en busca del desierto.	2 - 5