2019 Texas Topaz Nonfiction Reading List

The purpose of the Texas Topaz Reading List is to provide children and adults with recommended nonfiction titles that stimulate reading for pleasure and personal learning. It is intended for recreational reading and is not designed to support any particular curriculum. Due to the diversity in age range and topics, Texas librarians should consider titles on this list in accordance with their own local collection development policies.

(*) denotes a unanimous vote by the committee.


*Do Not Lick This Book ("it's Full of Germs")* by Idan Ben-Barak and illustrated by Julian Frost. Macmillan / Roaring Brook Press. 2018.


*A First Class Catastrophe: The Road to Black Monday, the Worst Day in Wall Street History* by Diana Henriques. Macmillan / Henry Holt. 2017.


**If You Were the Moon** by Laura Purdie Salas and illustrated by Jaime Kim. Lerner Publishing Group / Millbrook Press. 2017.


**In the Past: From Tribolites to Dinosaurs to Mammoths in More Than 500 Million Years** by David Elliott. Candlewick Press. 2018.


The Kings of Big Spring: God, Oil, and One Family’s Search for the American Dream by Bryan Mealer. Macmillan / Flatiron Books. 2018.


The Long Haul: A Trucker’s Tales of Life on the Road by Finn Murphy. W.W. Norton & Co. Inc. 2018.


No One Tells You This: A Memoir by Glynnis MacNicol. Simon & Schuster. 2018.


