High-Interest Non-Fiction Books for Eighth Graders

Anything by Tonya Bolden
Anything by Jim Murphy
Anything by Russell Freedman
Anything by Penny Colman
Anything by Milton Meltzer
Anything by Susan Campbell Bartoletti
Anything by Marc Aronson
Anything by Deborah Ellis
Siebert Award Winners

100 Diagrams That Changed the World by Scott Christianson
A Long Way Gone by Ishmael Beah
A Night to Remember by Walter Lord
Amelia Lost by Candace Fleming
An American Plague by Jim Murphy
Black Gold by Marguerite Henry
The Blind Side by Michael Lewis
Bomb by Steve Sheinkin
Bootleg by Karen Blumenthal
Can I See Your ID? by Paul Hoppe
Candy Bomber by Michael Tunnell
Chasing Lincoln’s Killer by James Swanson
Chew On This by Charles Wilson
Chinese Cinderella by Adeline Yen Mah
Claudette Colvin: Twice Towards Justice by Phillip Hoose
Close to Shore by Michael Capuzzo
Code Talker by Joseph Bruchac
Looks Like Daylight: Voices of Indigenous Kids by Loriene Roy
Electric Dreams by Caroline Kettlewell
Elephant Talk by Ann Downer
Enrique’s Journey (adapted for young people) by Sonia Nazario
Four Perfect Pebbles by Lila Perl
Get Real: What Kind of World Are You Buying? by Mara Rockliff
Getting Away with Murder by Chris Crowe
Ghosts in the Fog by Samantha Seiple
Go: a Kidd’s Guide to Graphic Design by Chip Kidd
His Name Was Raoul by Louise Borden
Hitler Youth by Susan Bartoletti
Hoop Dreams by Ben Jorvasky
How They Croaked by Georgia Bragg
Inherit the Wind by Jerome Lawrence
Invisible Microbe by Jim Murphy
Last Bus Out by Beck McDowell
Left for Dead by Pete Nelson
Little Rock Girl 1957 by Shelley Tougas
Lost Boy Lost Girl by John Bul Dau
Moonbird by Phillip Hoose
Nazi Hunters by Neal Bascomb
October Mourning by Leslea Newman
October Sky by Homer Hickman
Omnivore’s Dilemma by Michael Pollan
On the Hardwood series
Outcasts United by Warren St. John
Phineas Gage by John Fleishman
Radioactive Boy Scout by Ken Silverstein
Red Scarf Girl by Ji-Li Jiang
Revenge of the Whale by Nathaniel Philbrick
Soul Surfer by Bethany Hamilton
Stick Figure by Lori Gottlieb
Sugar Changed the World by Marc Aronson
Super Graphic: A Visual Guide to the Comic Book Universe by Tim Leong
The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William Kamkwamba
The Frog Scientist by Andy Comins
The Guy Book by Mavis Jukes
The Impossible Rescue by Martin Sandler
The Long Run by Matt Long
The President Has Been Shot by James Swanson
The Race to Save the Lord God Bird - Phillip Hoose
The Two Wes Moores by Wes Moore
The Warrior's Heart by Eric Greitens
Their Skeletons Speak by Sally Walker
Trapped by Marc Aronson
Truce by Jim Murphy
Tuesday’s With Morrie by Mitch Albom
Urban Entrepreneur series
Warriors Don’t Cry by Melba Beals
Watch This Space by Hadley Dyer
We Beat the Streets by Sampson Davis
Witches: the Absolute True Tale of Disaster in Salem by Rosalyn Schanzer
World Without Fish by Mark Kurlansky
Yes She Did series
Zlata’s Diary by Zlata Filipovic