Scientists in Action: Picture Book List

Buzz Aldrin
Reaching for the Moon by Buzz Aldrin, illustrated by Wendell Minor (first grade)

Luis Alvarez
Luis Alvarez: Wild Idea Man by Mike Venezia (fourth grade)

Mary Anning
Stone Girl Bone Girl: The Story of Mary Anning by Laurence Anholt, illustrated by Sheila Moxley (third grade)

Benjamin Banneker
Benjamin Banneker: Pioneering Scientist by Ginger Wadsworth, illustrated by Craig Orback (first grade)

William Beebe
Into the Deep: The Life of Naturalist and Explorer William Beebe by David Sheldon (first grade)

Wilson Bentley
Snowflake Bentley by Jacquelene Briggs Martin, illustrated by Mary Azarian (first grade)

Elizabeth Blackwell
Who Says Women Can’t Be Doctors?: The Story of Elizabeth Blackwell by Tanya Lee Stone, illustrated by Marjorie Priceman (first, second and third grades)

Rachel Carson
Rachel Carson and Her Book That Changed the World by Laurie Lawlor, illustrated by Laura Beingessner (first and third grades)

George Washington Carver
A Picture Book of George Washington Carver by David A. Adler, illustrated by Dan Brown (first grade)

Jacques Cousteau
The Fantastic Undersea Life of Jacques Cousteau by Dan Yaccarino (first grade)

Marie Curie
Marie Curie by Elizabeth MacLeod, illustrated by John Mantha (third grade)

Sylvia Earle
Life in the Ocean: The Story of Oceanographer Sylvia Earle, written and illustrated by Claire A. Nivola (first, second and third grades)

Lillian Gilbreth
Spic and Span!: Lillian Gilbreth’s Wonder Kitchen by Monica Kulling, illustrated by David Parkins (third grade)

Jane Goodall
Me . . . Jane by Patrick McDonnell (second and third grades)
The Watcher: Jane Goodall’s Life with the Chimps by Jeanette Winter (first and third grades)

Mae Jemison
Mae Jemison: Awesome Astronaut by Jill C. Wheeler (second grade)

Margaret Knight
In the Bag!: Margaret Knight Wraps It Up by Monica Kulling, illustrated by David Parkins (third grade)
Marvelous Mattie: How Margaret E. Knight Became an Inventor by Emily Arnold McCully
(second and third grades)

Henrietta Leavitt
Look Up!: Henrietta Leavitt, Pioneering Woman Astronomer by Robert Burleigh, illustrated by Raul Colon
(second and third grades)

Ada Byron Lovelace
Ada Byron Lovelace and the Thinking Machine by Laurie Wallmark, illustrated by April Chu
(first and third grades)

Wangari Maathai
Planting the Trees of Kenya: The Story of Wangari Maathai by Claire A. Nivola (first grade)
Seeds of Change: Wangari’s Gift to the World by Jen Cullerton Johnson, illustrated by Sonia Lynn Sadler (third grade)
Wangari’s Trees of Peace: A True Story from Africa by Jeanette Winter (first and third grades)

Helen Martini
Mother to Tigers by George Ella Lyon, illustrated by Peter Catalanotto (third grade)

Lise Meitner
Lise Meitner: Had the Right Vision About Nuclear Fission by Mike Venezia (third grade)

Maria Merian
Summer Birds: The Butterflies of Maria Merian by Margarita Engle, illustrated by Julie Paschkis (third grade)

Cynthia Moss
A Passion for Elephants: The Real Life Adventure of Field Scientist Cynthia Moss by Toni Buzzeo, illustrated by Holly Berry (first grade)

Ellen Ochoa
Ellen Ochoa: First Latina Astronaut by Lila and Rick Guzman (fourth grade)

Miscellaneous
My Name Is Not Isabella: Just How Big Can a Little Girl Dream? (fiction) by Jennifer Fosberry, illustrated by Mike Litwin (third grade)
One Giant Leap by Robert Burleigh, illustrated by Mike Wimmer (first grade)
Rocks in His Head by Carol Otis Hurst, illustrated by James Stevenson (first grade)
The Inventor’s Secret: What Thomas Edison Told Henry Ford by Suzanne Slade, illustrated by Jennifer Black Reinhardt (first grade)

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