Below is a list of publishers of books for struggling adolescent readers. Good books are reader makers! To be sure, they are not great literature, but they have captured less proficient readers enough to open them to the learning and enjoyment possibilities of reading. Indeed, for my reluctant readers, these easier and shorter texts were a steppingstone to more advanced reading that they could eventually handle. So exciting to see a reader finally reading a book and enjoying it, progressing into more challenging books, and later choosing to read one of the easier ones again “for fun” only to realize that these books, once so rewarding, are now “too easy” and that they want more in-depth and complex books.

These easier books serve the wonderful purpose of moving these folks into the joys of reading—especially if accompanied by times of good readers reading aloud quality books that are at their listening level though still above their reading level.

**National Geographic School Publishing—"Windows on Literacy”** provides high interest short books (about 12 pages) at five levels from wordless books to more advanced but still easy. Their **“Reading Expeditions”** are all non-fiction books about science, social studies, animals, geography, etc. This publisher would be my first choice for non-fiction—excellent science, history, and geography. Their primary audience are elementary age children, but many would be interesting to adolescents also. Some include teaching suggestions, too.

**Newbridge Educational Publishing**--They have high interest books for below-level adolescent readers with sets for “Challenges and Choices,” Sports Fiction, Science Fiction, and Historical Fiction. <https://www.sundancenewbridge.com/>

**A blog of books titles**: <https://www.pragmaticmom.com/2012/06/books-teens-reading-2-3-grades/> Suggestions for teens reading below grade level: High interest.

**High Noon Books**. Has many fiction titles. I ordered lots of these for my classroom—high interest, easy reading. Low readability levels 2-4 for readers 8-14 years old.

**Fearon Education: Pacemaker Bestsellers Books**. A publisher of books my students really liked (until they could handle higher reading levels). Has four levels from Besteller I titles (2-3.5 reading level) to Besteller IV titles (4-5 reading level) books. Unfortunately, most are out of print. Sad.

<https://imaginationsoup.net/easy-books-older-kids/> Interest level, upper elementary, but some adolescent readers might like them.

<https://www.leeandlow.com/collections/high-low-books-for-teens-middle-and-high-school> A wide variety of titles for reluctant teen readers—lots around 4th- 6th reading level.

**Jamestown Publishers, Contemporary Readers**. High interest articles in each book. Six sets. Volume 1 has articles between 2.5 and 5.0 reading level

**Benchmark Education Company** <https://www.benchmarkeducation.com/supplemental/small-group-independent-reading-books/leveled-books.html\>

**Franklin Watts Biographies**—some might be too hard for now. But their Exodus series are at a 4th to 6th reading level.

**Troll Associates**. Has some adapted classics

**Perfection Learning Corporation “Fact to Fiction” books**, 4th to 6th reading level. Some are graphic books.