

Memoirs, Autobiographies, and First-Person Narratives in Children's Literature

- Ballard, Robin. Carnival.
- Brinckloe, Julie. Fireflies!
- Boelts, Maribeth. Happy Like Soccer
- Brown, Monica. Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match.
- Byars, Betsy. The Moon & I.
- **Cisneros, Sandra. The House on Mango Street.**
- Cohen, Miriam. My Big Brother
- Collier, Bryan. Uptown.
- Cooney, Barbara. Hattie and the Wild Waves.
- Creech, Sharon. Walk Two Moons.
- **Crews, Donald. Bigmama's**
- **Crews, Donald. Shortcut.**
- **Dahl, Roald. Boy**
- Danziger, Paula. The Cat Ate My Gymsuit.
- Danziger, Paula. Amber Brown Is Not a Crayon.
- De Trevino, Elizabeth Barton. I, Juan de Pareja.
- DiCamillo, Kate. Because of Winn-Dixie.
- Ekoomiak, Normee. Arctic Memories.
- **Ehrlich, Amy. When I Was Your Age: Original Stories About Growing Up**
- Forbes, Kathryn. Mama's Bank Account.
- Frazee, Marla. Roller Coaster
- **Fritz, Jean. Homesick: My Own Story.**
- Gantos, Jack. Joey Pigza Loses Control.
- Gantos, Jack. Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key.
- **Gantos, Jack. Hole in My Life.**
- **Garza, Carmen Lomas. Family Pictures-Cuadros de Familia.**
- **Gray, Libba Moore. My Mama Had a Dancing Heart.**
- **Greenfield, Eloise. Childtimes.**
- Harshman, Marc. A Little Excitement.
- **Hendershot, Judith. In Coal Country.**
- Hest, Amy. Jamaica Louise James.
- **Hopkins, Lee Bennett. Been to Yesterdays.**
- Hort, Lenny. How Many Stars in the Sky?
- Horvath, Polly. Everything on a Waffle.
- Houston, Gloria. My Great-Aunt Arizona.
- Krudop, Walter Lyon. Blue Claws.
- **Laminack, Lester. Saturdays and Teacakes**

- Laminack, Lester. Snow Day!
- **Lasky, Katherine. Before I Was Your Mother.**
- **Lowry, Lois. Looking Back.**
- Lyon, George Ella. Basket.
- MacLachlan, Patricia. Baby.
- **Medina, Tony. Deshawn Days.**
- Mora, Pat. Pablo's Tree.
- Myers, Walter Dean. Bad Boy.
- **Nye, Naomi Shihab. 19 Varieties of Gazelle.**
- Pinkney, Gloria Jean and Pinkney, Jerry. Back Home.
- **Polacco, Patricia. The Keeping Quilt.**
- **Polacco, Patricia. My Rotten Redheaded Older Brother..**
- **Polacco, Patricia. Some Birthday.**
- **Pomerantz, Charlotte. The Chalk Doll.**
- Rosen, Michael. Home.
- **Rylant, Cynthia. But I'll Be Back Again.**
- **Rylant, Cynthia. Best Wishes.**
- **Rylant, Cynthia. Waiting to Waltz.**
- **Rylant, Cynthia. When I Was Young in the Mountains.**
- **Rylant, Cynthia. When the Relatives Came.**
- **Rylant, Cynthia. Christmas in the Country.**
- Rylant, Cynthia. Missing May.
- Say, Allen. Grandfather's Journey.
- Shannon, George. Climbing Kansas Mountains.
- **Siegel, Siena Cherson. To Dance: A Ballerina's Graphic Novel.**
- **Smucker, Anna Egan. No Star Nights.**
- **Soto, Gary. Too Many Tamlales.**
- Spinelli, Eileen. The Best Story.
- Spinelli, Eileen. Where I Live.
- Spinelli, Jerry. Crash.
- Spinelli, Jerry. Stargirl.
- **Steig, William. When Everybody Wore A Hat.**
- Tillage, Leon and Roth, Susan. Leon's Story.
- Viorst, Judith. Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day.
- Waguespack, Curtis. My First Deer Hunt.
- Waguespack, Curtis. My First Turkey Hunt.
- Woodson, Jacqueline. Locomotion.
- Yep, Laurence. The Star Fisher.
- Yep, Laurence. The Lost Garden.

- Yolen, Jane. Grandad Bill's Song.
- **Yolen, Jane. Letting Swift River Go.**
- Yolen, Jane. Owl Moon.

Examples of exploring interesting beginnings or leads:

- **Action:** *Roller Coaster* by Marla Frazee; *Shortcut* by Donald Crews; *Peter's Chair* by Ezra Jack Keats
- **Dialogue:** *Come On, Rain!* by Karen Hesse
- **Setting:** *Fireflies!* by Julie Brinkloe; *Canoe Days* by Gary Paulsen; *The Relatives Came* by Cynthia Rylant; *The Paperboy* by Dav Pilkey