

50 Best Books for 9- and 10-Year-Olds

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26. *Merci Suárez Changes Gears* by Meg Medina | 9781536212587
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