

**READABILITY SCALE FOR  
CROSSROADS 7**

**PERSONAL FOCUS: FIND THE COURAGE**

Cooks Brook by Al Pittman (poem)	<b>A</b>
An Olympic Moment by Bud Greenspan (profile)	<b>A</b>
As Soon As I Find Out... by Angela Shelf Medearis (poem)	<b>E</b>
Some Days You're the Puppy by Trudy Morgan-Cole (short story)	<b>A</b>
Where I'm Coming From by Barbara Brandon (comic strip)	<b>A</b>
South African Adventure by Robert Bateman and students (reflections/paintings)	<b>A to C</b>
A Mountain Legend by Jordan Wheeler (short story)	<b>A to C</b>
Courage in Orbit by Barbara Bondar (personal essay)	<b>E to A</b>

**INNOVATIONS: THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX**

To You by Langston Hughes (poem)	<b>A</b>
A Spider for the Bones by Sheree Haughian (article)	<b>A to C</b>
Photographer at Play by John Cech (profile)	<b>A</b>
Eureka! We've Done It by Winston Collins (article)	<b>C</b>
A Different Drummer (profile) by Christine McClymont	<b>A</b>
Hanging Upside Down by D. Wasiczko & M. Fall (poems)	<b>E to A</b>
Cyberspace Sam by W.D. Valgardson (short story)	<b>A</b>
Inventively Female from <i>Newsience</i> (essay/Web page)	<b>A to C</b>
A Collaboration with Nature by Biskup and Goldsworthy (book review/art)	<b>A to C</b>
Daedalus and Icarus retold by James Reeves (myth)	<b>A to C</b>

**SHORT STORIES: A FICTION MIX**

The Hockey Sweater by Roch Carrier	<b>A</b>
Geraldine Moore the Poet by Toni Cade Bambara	<b>A</b>
Zoo by Edward D. Hoch	<b>A</b>
For Pete's Snake by Ellen Conford	<b>A</b>
All Is Calm by Ann Walsh	<b>A</b>
The Hope Bakery by Tim Wynne-Jones	<b>A to C</b>

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**MEDIA MIX: DISASTERS!**

Avalanche! by Bill Corbett et al (magazine article)	<b>A</b>
Earthquakes Rock the World! by B. Saffer (article)	<b>A to C</b>
Canned Catastrophes by Jake Hamilton (article)	<b>A</b>
The Forest Fire by Charles G.D. Roberts (ballad)	<b>C</b>
Ballad of Springhill by MacColl and Seeger (song)	<b>E</b>
Springhill Miner by Patrick Watson (transcript)	<b>E</b>
Tuning in to the News from CTV News (TV newscast)	<b>E</b>
Photojournalist in the Middle of Disaster by Keith Greenberg (profile)	<b>A to C</b>
Gwaii Haanas by Jenny Nelson (poem)	<b>A</b>
Every Day Is Earth Day by Steven Pricone (play)	<b>A</b>

**HUMOUR: ON THE FUNNY SIDE**

Just for a Laugh by J. Wagner & D. Dillon (sketches)	<b>E to A</b>
Frog by Vivian VandeVelde (fairy-tale parody)	<b>E to A</b>
Quips & Quotes by Ogden Nash & others (verses & jokes)	<b>C</b>
For Better or For Worse by Lynn Johnston (comic strips)	<b>E to A</b>
Writing on the Funny Side by C. Hart (how-to article)	<b>A to C</b>
The Friends of Kwan Ming by Paul Yee (folk tale)	<b>A to C</b>
Red's Mail Call from <i>The Red Green Show</i> (TV sketch)	<b>E to A</b>
Great Cows of History by Marc Gallant (art concept)	<b>E</b>
Thank You, Uncle Ben by Maggie Grant (short story)	<b>A</b>
Introducing Norbert by Richard Scrimger (short story)	<b>A to C</b>

**ISSUES: A BETTER WORLD**

Plenty by Jean Little (poem)	<b>E</b>
Reaching Out to a Stranger by Barbara Lewis (article)	<b>A</b>
The Winner by Peg Kehret (monologue)	<b>E</b>
Calvin and Hobbes by Bill Watterson (comic strip)	<b>E to A</b>
Free the Children by Craig Kielburger (memoir)	<b>A to C</b>
Laughter and Tears by students (reflections)	<b>A to C</b>
Remember, Chrysanthemum by K. Hatashita-Lee (story)	<b>C</b>
Grandmother by Douglas Nepinak (poem)	<b>A to C</b>
Nipikti the Old Man Carver by Alootook Ipellie (story)	<b>A</b>
Anywhere by Janet Wong (poem)	<b>E to A</b>

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**TEACHER'S GUIDE  
ALTERNATE SELECTIONS**

<b>Run, Kate Shelley, Run</b>		
by Julia Pferdehirt (historical account)	p 38	<b>A</b>
<b>Profile in Courage</b>		
by D'Arcy Jenish (profile)	p 49	<b>C</b>
<b>It Couldn't Be Done</b>		
by Edgar Guest (poem)	p 87	<b>A</b>
<b>Inventions</b>		
by Jürg Schubiger (short story)	p 106	<b>E</b>
<b>Gratitude</b>		
by Andrew E. Hunt (short, short story)	p 123	<b>E</b>
<b>The Conjuror's Revenge</b>		
by Stephen Leacock (short story)	p 135	<b>A</b>
<b>The Hindenburg Explosion</b>		
by Dave Margoshes (personal account)	p 180	<b>C</b>
<b>An Environmentally Safe Non-Toxic Poem</b>		
by Stephen Johnson (poem)	p 204	<b>A</b>
<b>Make Me Laugh</b>		
by Rachel Ostovich (interview)	p 214	<b>A</b>
<b>...And the Princess Was Astonished to See the Ugly Frog Turn Into a Handsome Prince</b>		
by Judith Viorst (poem parody)	p 222	<b>E</b>
<b>Monk-y Business</b>		
by Katy Kondrat (non-fiction article)	p 240	<b>A</b>
<b>The King's Fountain</b>		
by Lloyd Alexander (folk tale)	p 278	<b>E</b>
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by Dionne Brand (poem)	p 298	<b>C</b>
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by Dudley Randall (poem)	p 309	<b>C</b>

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