APIS Recommends.. Books

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For young thinking minds (Aged 8-12)

Book Title	Author		About the book
The Philosophy Resistance Squad	Rob Grant	THE PHILOSOPHY RESISTANCE S SQUAD CONTENT	A philosophical romp about a wicked headmaster brought low by a group of kids who have learned the power of critical thinking. Milo starts secondary school at the prestigious Secondary Training Institute for Lifelong Employment. But he quickly discovers this is an unpleasant and oppressive institution presided over by the wicked Dr Pummelcrush – whose mission is to crush the students' capacity for free thought. Then Milo meets Ursula, an old art teacher and a philosopher. Using the philosophical technique of Socratic dialogues, she teaches Milo to ask hard questions and use analytical thinking to undermine Pummelcrush's evil scheme of turning the students into perfect mindless employees of the STIFLE Corporation. A blend of thrilling fiction and philosophical dialogues with a message about the importance of critical thinking skills
The Phantom Tollbooth	Norton Juster	THE PHANTOM TOLIBOOTH	For Milo, everything's a bore. When a tollbooth mysteriously appears in his room, he drives through only because he's got nothing better to do. But on the other side, things seem different. Milo visits the Island of Conclusions (you get there by jumping), learns about time from a ticking watchdog named Tock, and even embarks on a quest to rescue Rhyme and Reason.
			Somewhere along the way, Milo realizes something astonishing. Life is far from dull. In fact, it's exciting beyond his wildest dreams
The Little Prince	Antione de Saint Auxberry	ANTONIC DE SANITI-CAUPORT	The Little Prince' is a classic tale of equal appeal to children and adults. On one level it is the story of an airman's discovery, in the desert, of a small boy from another planet - the Little Prince of the title - and his stories of intergalactic travel, while on the other hand it is a thought-provoking allegory of the human condition.
Hello is anybody there?	Jostein Gaarder	Jostein Gaarder Hello? witer witer	In the hours before his brother is born, eight year old Joe has an unusual visitor, Mika, who falls out of a spaceship and lands upside down in an apple tree in Joe's garden. Hens, dinosaurs, an astronaut and a white rabbit all play their part in this magical story in which the encounter between Earth-boy and alien opens up the wonders of the universe. Tender and enchanting as The Little Prince and with the same classic quality, HELLO IS ANYBODY THERE confirms Jostein Gaarder as an exceptional writer for children
Plato's academy and the eternal key	Ali Gray	PLATO'S Academy	After the death of his grandfather, Charlie knows what it feels like to be lost and alone. Or does he? A puzzling letter leads Charlie down a shadowy staircase to the depths of the museum. Before Charlie knows it, he is whisked through time, transported to Ancient Greece. And nothing in this strange world is familiar. Passing the Oracle's bizarre tests is Charlie's only chance to return home but can he untangle Plato's ideas and stay alive? A stunning and unforgettable time travel adventure story that introduces the philosopher, Plato, to children aged 9+
Descartes Demon and the eternal key	Ali Gray	UESCANIES	When the Eternal Key hauls Charlie out of his exam room, he knows he's in trouble. Big Trouble. Before Charlie knows it, he is zipped through time to a renaissance castle in Sweden. On a quest to find the truth, he searches for a stolen manuscript, but a demon lurks in the shadows – ready to stop Charlie at every turn. Descartes' ideas are Charlie's only chance to triumph, but does he have the mind to survive? The time travel adventure story presents Descartes' most famous ideas in an exciting way for children. Ideas covered include: Mind-Body Dualism, the Evil Demon, the Existence of God, the Wax Argument and Cartesian Geometry. The story carries Descartes' overarching idea of the pursuit of certainty – "What can we know?" An action-packed book for middle grade readers looking for an exciting introduction to Descartes and his ideas

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Philosophy for	Minna Lacey,		An engaging, highly illustrated introduction to enjoy alone or
beginners	Rachel Firth		encourage debate. Philosophy is a way of thinking about just about anything. It asks big
	et al		questions, such as "how can I be good?" or "what makes something
		1	beautiful?" Using lively examples, humorous illustrations and simple
		Taxadros kitos	thought experiments, this book opens up the world of philosophy to children and adults with enquiring minds.
Big Thinkers	Sharon Kaye		An introductory guide to Eastern and Western philosophy for kids
and big ideas			ages 8 to 12
– Philosophy			Philosophy is both fun and good for kids' brains, as it encourages
for kids		and BIG IDEAS	them to think deeply and develop their own solutions to complex
		An INTRODUCTION TO EASTERN and WESTERN PHILOSOPHY FOR KIDS	problems. With this colourful book about philosophy for kids, they'll learn all about introductory concepts and important thinkers in a way
			that's fun and approachable, but still in-depth and substantial.
			Your child will explore questions like: "What is real?", "How do I know
			something is true?", "How can I be a good person?", and "If this is true, what else is true?" A detailed glossary offers easy-to-understand
			definitions for the more advanced words and ideas in the book
Philosophy: A	DK		The perfect book for young readers looking to explore some of life's
visual			biggest questions.
encyclopedia		Philosophy	Thousands of years ago, ancient philosophers asked some important
		a visual encyclopedia	questions- "What is real?", "What is everything made of?", "Why does
			evil exist?", and "What can I know?" These questions have gone on to spark passionate debates about our existence and how we
			understand the world around us.
			In this engaging and accessible introduction to philosophy, readers
			aged 11+ will be introduced to a variety of philosophical ideas
			through the teachings of Plato, Confucius, Simone de Beauvoir, and many more.
The Children's	DK		Delve into the minds of the world's most famous philosophers and
book of			discover the answers to the world's big questions - the perfect introduction to philosophy for younger readers
Philosophy			Learn to think big and tackle life's trickiest questions, such as
		120	""What am I here for?"" and ""Who decides what's right and
			wrong?"".
			Children's Book of Philosophy is a perfect introduction to the great
		Children's BOOK OF Philosophy	thinkers who've tried to make sense of the world. From ancient times to modern day, people have asked questions such as "Who am I?", "Is
		Los unes no se rejuso	the world real?", and "Is it ever right to tell a lie?". Using simple text
			and fun illustrations to get your mind working, Children's Book of
			<i>Philosophy</i> will make big ideas easy to understand. Examine the problems that have puzzled people for hundreds, or even thousands,
			of years - and ponder your way through them in clear and logical
			stages
Big ideas for curious minds	The School of Life	0 3 WB	Children are, in many ways, born philosophers. Without prompting, they ask some of the largest questions: about time, mortality,
		IDEAS	happiness and the meaning of it all. Yet sadly, too often, this inborn
		CURIOUS	curiosity is not developed and with age the questions fall away. This is
			a book designed to harness childrens' spontaneous philosophical instinct and to develop it through introductions to some of the most
		e entregección	vibrant and essential philosophical ideas of history

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Big ideas for young thinkers	Jamia Wilson	BIG J IDEAS YOUNG THINKERS	Explore 20 of the biggest questions of our day. This book teaches children to think critically in a world which needs young thinkers. Why do I think? What is bias? What happens when we disagree? And how do we talk to each other? Jamia Wilson expertly explores the difficult questions kids may ask by introducing a diverse range of thinkers and luminaries. Each question is introduced in lively prose before a timeline lays out how different thinkers of the world have approached each question.
What's the point of Philosophy?	DK		Travel down the road of wisdom to discover how to think about a series of philosophical problems, how to defend your opinions on them, and how to evaluate the opinions of others. By slowly unravelling arguments to unpack complex theories, <i>What's the Point of Philosophy</i> ? allows you to connect with ideas in a new and exciting way. If you never stop asking 'why?', this is the book for you! This book is about how philosophy has changed the world, one crazy idea at a time, and it is guaranteed to inspire, surprise, amuse, and entertain everybody who picks it up.
Think about it! Philosophy for kids	Alex Woolfe	HENK ABOUT THE PHILOSOPHY CALLOS FILOSOPHY FILOSOPHY	From a young age, children are often fascinated by huge questions about morality, human nature, and the universe. Beautifully illustrated in full-color, this fascinating book harnesses their natural curiosity, while providing them with all the tools that they need to make sense of some of life's big questions
Adventures in Philosophy	Brendan O Donoghue		Step into the unknown and venture deeper into the word-forest of your soul. Read the wondrous folk tales and learn about the innovative ideas of daring thinkers. Journey with our intrepid thinking heroes, who discover maps that guide us to wisdom and profoundly change the way we see others, the world and how we live upon the earth. Through stories, questions and thoughts, <i>Adventures in</i> <i>Philosophy</i> will cultivate your sense of curiosity and courage, your ability to question, learn, experiment and think for yourself. You will discover the tools for map-making in philosophy, and follow your very own thought compass, which will direct you on an enlightening philosophical adventure
Cool Philosophy		Ceol. Philesophy	Inside this philosophy-stuffed book are fifty fact-tastic ways to advance your thinking skills, so you'll never be scratching your head in bemusement ever again. Featuring the key philosophic principles of every philosopher you've heard of (and some you haven't), from prominent ancient Greek thinkers such as Aristotle and Socrates to modern-day thinkers such as Bertrand Russell and Thomas Kuhn, Cool Philosophy is stuffed to the gills with amazing facts, tricks and stats to help you discover everything you need to know about what philosophy is – in a way you'll never forget.
Q is for question	Tiffany Poirier	Construction	Could you be a philosopher? Are you searching for answers? Many answers live inside you - all you need are the right questions to set them free. Let "Q Is for Question: An ABC of Philosophy" guide you on a journey inside your own mind and heart. Unearth your deepest thoughts and dearest beliefs: Who are you? Why are you here? What matters most in this universe? This critical thinking book is a series of thought-provoking questions in verse. It explores exciting topics such as existence, free will, happiness and more. And the questions are always open-ended, making way for you to discover debate and articulate your own true beliefs. So think it over. Think out loud. Think with a friend. It's never too early, or too late, to discover the great human joy of philosophy!