2020 Great Words, Great Works

Each book on our 2020 Great Words, Great Works reading list is given a "Bee" rating based on the challenge the book will likely provide to the reader. Books rated "One Bee" are great for emerging readers, and the level of challenge progresses through "Two Bee" and "Three Bee." The Scripps National Spelling Bee selects Great Words, Great Works titles annually for the richness of their vocabulary and for their stories' ability to spark the intellect and the imagination. All words on the 2020 School Spelling Bee Study List may be found in the pages of these books. Happy reading!

ONE BEE
- Curiosity: The Story of a Mars Rover by Markus Motum
- Houndsley and Catina by James Howe
- Zoey and Sassafras: Monsters and Mold by Asia Citro
- Fergus and Zeke at the Science Fair by Kate Messner
- The Sandwich Thief by André Marois
- The Magician's Hat by Malcolm Mitchell

TWO BEE
- The Big, Bold, Adventurous Life of Lavinia Warren by Elizabeth Raum
- When the Sky Breaks: Hurricanes, Tornadoes, and the Worst Weather in the World by Simon Winchester
- Ava and Pip by Carol Weston
- Winterhouse by Ben Guterson
- Louisiana's Way Home by Kate DiCamillo
- Finding Langston by Lesa Cline-Ransome

THREE BEE
- Racing Manhattan by Terence Blacker
- This Promise of Change: One Girl’s Story in the Fight for School Equality by Jo Ann Allen Boyce
- The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle by Leslie Connor
- The Night Diary by Veera Hiranandani
- The Disappearing Spoon: And Other True Tales of Rivalry, Adventure, and the History of the World from the Periodic Table of the Elements (Young Readers Edition) by Sam Kean
- Shadowshaper by Daniel José Older