

# SUMMER READING LIST

GRADES K-2

## *Are We There Yet?*

by Dan Santat

On a seemingly endless car trip, hours move so slowly that a boy imagines time is actually moving backwards, sending him into a past full of pirates, dinosaurs, and adventure.

## *Ballet Cat: Dance! Dance! Underpants!*

by Bob Shea

Ballet Cat is simply manic for ballet and tries to get her friend Butter Bear to join in the dance.

## *Beastly Verse*

by JooHee Yoon

Text and art are linked to bring to life sixteen animal related poems in this award-winning book.

## *Duck, Duck, Dinosaur*

by Kallie George & Illustrated by Oriol Vidal

Just when the game was getting to be fun, in came trouble - in this twist on the child's game.

## *Earmuffs for Everyone!*

*How Chester Greenwood Became Known as the Inventor of Earmuffs*

by Meghan McCarthy

Learn about the invention of earmuffs by inventor and businessman Chester Greenwood in this humorous picture book.

## *8: An Animal Alphabet*

by Elisha Cooper

In this counting alphabet book, Cooper has a game-like quality to his story as readers learn about animals - both familiar and exotic - in this alphabetically arranged book that contains eight drawings of each animal on its pages.

## *Flowers Are Calling*

by Rita Gray

Playful rhyming text and factual callouts describe flowers and the pollination process. The watercolor illustrations are gorgeous and sure to inspire young naturalists everywhere!

## *Freedom in Congo Square*

by Carole Boston Weatherford & Illustrated by R. Gregory Christie

Because of the unjust system of 19th century Louisiana, the slaves are forced to work all week long, so they look forward to Sunday, when they can gather in New Orleans' Congo Square to dance, sing, and enjoy an afternoon of freedom.

## *Gaston*

by Kelly DiPucchio & Illustrated by Christian Robinson

What does it take for a

bulldog to fit in with his proper poodle family? It turns out to be something simple: love.

## *Get a Hit, Mo!*

by David A. Adler

Mo is used to striking out, but when the bases are loaded, he may just finally hit a home run.

## *The Grasshopper & the Ants*

by Jerry Pinkney

The third in his retellings of Aesop's Fables, Pinkney shows the grasshopper why the ants have worked so hard, and the ants learn the value of sharing.

## *Hi, Koo! A Year of Seasons*

by Jon J. Muth

Koo the panda is back and discovering each season through poetry.

## *Ice Cream Summer*

by Peter Sis

Get the scoop on some fun history, math, new vocabulary, and much more in this entertaining book all about ice cream.

## *I Don't Want to Be a Frog*

by Dev Petty & Illustrated by Mike Boldt

A frog imagines what it would be like to be a rabbit, a cat, and other animals in this silly story.

## *I Got the Rhythm*

by Connie Schofield-Morrison

A neighborhood walk becomes so much more as a little girl explores the music and sound of everyday urban life.

## *Lenny & Lucy*

by Philip C. Stead & Illustrated by Erin E. Stead

Peter uses his imagination and pillows to create Lenny, the Guardian of the Bridge, and realizes that something is missing - a friend for Lenny.

## *My New Friend Is So Fun!*

by Mo Willems

Will a new friend break up Piggie and Gerald's friendship?

## *The Night Gardener*

by Terry Fan and Eric Fan

William and an elderly gardener help transform their town by creating secret topiary artwork.

## *Power Down, Little Robot*

by Anna Staniszewski & Illustrated by Tim Zeltner

This little robot has no plans to go to bed!

## *Sam and Dave Dig a Hole*

by Mac Barnett & Illustrated by Jon Klassen

Sam and Dave do not find what they expect when

they dig a hole, but they still end up having a pretty good day.

## *Strictly No Elephants*

by Lisa Mantchev & Illustrated by Taeun Yoo

Pets - and friends - come in all shapes and sizes.

## *Surf's Up*

by Kwame Alexander & Illustrated by Daniel Miyares

Frog friends Bro and Dude hilariously debate whether surfing or reading is a better way to spend a day at the beach.

## *Ten Rules of Being a Superhero*

by Deb Pilutti

Anyone can be a superhero as long as they follow these ten important rules!

## *Treat*

by Mary Sullivan

Learn the many things this dog does in order to get a treat to eat in this light tale filled with humor.

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GRADES 3-5

## *Audacity Jones to the Rescue*

by Kirby Larson

Audie Jones finds herself on the adventure of a lifetime when she is taken to Washington, D.C., where sinister goings-on are afoot.

## *The Blackthorn Key*

by Kevin Sands

This adventure, filled with suspense, mystery, and unforgettable characters, follows Christopher Rowe as he learns a mysterious cult is preying on London's apothecaries, and the trail of murders is growing closer and closer to Blackthorn's shop.

## *Crimebiters! My Dog Is Better than Your Dog*

by Tommy Greenwald & Illustrated by Adam Stower

Jimmy suspects his dog is a crime-fighting vampire; can the canine's superskills help track down who stole his mother's diamond necklace? 1st in a series!

## *The Door by the Staircase*

by Katherine Marsh & Illustrated by Kelly Murphy

Orphan Mary Hayes escapes the Buffalo Asylum for Young Ladies, only to find herself in peril when a mysterious woman named Madame Z adopts her.

## *A Dragon's Guide to the Care and Feeding of Humans*

by Laurence Yep and Joanne Ryder & Illustrated by Mary GrandPré

A story about dragons with a twist: Miss Drake (the dragon) has a new human pet!

## *Eddie Red, Undercover: Mystery on Museum Mile*

by Marcia Wells & Illustrated by Marcos Calo

Sixth-grader Eddie is called on by the NYPD to help bust a gang of art thieves by using his photographic memory and talent for drawing. 1st in a series!

## *Fable Comics*

Edited by Chris Duffy

Various graphic novelists retell twenty-eight fables from different cultures and traditions in this vibrant collection of comics.

## *Honey*

by Sarah Weeks

When she realizes her dad may have a secret girlfriend, Melody sets out to find out who it is.

## *Jazz Day: The Making of a Famous Photograph*

by Roxane Orgill & Illustrated by Francis Vallejo

This collection of poetry

focuses on the process art designer Art Kane went through to photograph what became the iconic 1958 photo of American jazz greats on a stoop in Harlem.

## *The Jumbies*

by Tracey Baptiste

11 year-old Corinne must call on her courage and an ancient magic to stop an evil spirit and save her island home.

## *The Key to Extraordinary*

by Natalie Lloyd

Emma must fulfill her Destiny Dream: to locate a legendary treasure. If she fails, she lets down not only the legacy of her family but also the family business - The Boneyard Cafe.

## *The Last Kids on Earth*

by Max Brallier & Illustrated by Douglas Holgate

Described as *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* meets *The Walking Dead*, this graphic novel is sure to delight summer readers as Jack Sullivan holes up in his tree house for as long as he can.

## *Lola Levine Is Not Mean!*

by Monica Brown & Illustrated by Angela Dominquez

Sports-loving Lola

mistakenly injures a classmate during a recess soccer game and resolves to win back her spot on the field - and her friends - by demonstrating what good sportsmanship is all about. 1st in a series!

## *My Diary from the Edge of the World*

by Jody Lynn Anderson

Dragon season and homework about Sasquatches' involvement in American history aside, Gracie Lockwood lives in a normal, uneventful world until a Dark Cloud comes for her little brother.

## *My Pet Human*

by Yasmine Surovec

An independent cat resists being tied down by a human pet in this fun tale.

## *Neighborhood Sharks: Hunting with the Great Whites of California's Farallon Islands*

by Katherine Roy

This book investigates the mystery surrounding the great white shark.

## *Oona Finds an Egg*

by Adele Griffin & Illustrated by Mike Wu

Follow Oona Oodlethunk on her quest in prehistoric times as she tries to find the perfect pet. 1st in a series!

## *Project Blastoff*

by Mark Kelly & Martha Freeman

Twins Mark and Scott Kelly are about to embark on an adventure of epic proportions as they build and engineer their own rocket ship. 1st in a series!

## *School for Sidekicks*

by Kelly McCullough

At the Academy for Metahuman Operatives, superhero wannabe Evan lands in trouble: he angers the director and is partnered with a has-been hero! 1st in a series!

## *The Tapper Twins Go to War (with Each Other)*

by Geoff Rodkey

Fraternal twins Reese and Claudia take sibling rivalry to a new level with their prank war. 1st in a series!

## *Upside-Down Magic*

by Sarah Mlynowski, Lauren Myracle, & Emily Jenkins

After some mishaps with unpredictable magic, Nory is sent to the Dunwiddle Magic School's Upside-Down Magic class in this funny and magical novel. 1st in a series!

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## *Beetle Boy*

by M. G. Leonard

Illustrated by Julia Sarda

A giant talking beetle and cast of crazy characters help Darkus search for his missing father, a famous entomologist. 1st in a series!

## *Booked*

by Kwame Alexander

The thrill of a soccer tournament, the pressure of family expectations, the social minefield of crushes and bullies, and the beauty of words are explored in this novel in verse.

## *The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club*

by Phillip Hoose

A group of teenagers in Denmark resist the Nazi invasion of their country and inspire others to follow suit in this award-winning nonfiction book.

## *Dead to Me*

by Mary McCoy

16 year-old Alice tries to piece together the events that lead to her older sister winding up in a coma.

## *Dream On, Amber*

by Emma Shevah

Amber's father left when she was little, so now she

fills in the frustrating gap in her life with imagined conversations to help her deal with art projects, bullies, and little sisters.

## *Fatal Fever: Tracking*

*Down Typhoid Mary*

by Gail Jarow

Learn about this dreaded disease that ravaged our country early in the 20th century in this nonfiction title that reads like a medical mystery.

## *Fearsome Creatures of the Lumberwoods*

by Hal Johnson & Illustrated by Tom Mead

This reworking of American tall tales features stories of fearsome legendary creatures of the wooded wilds of early North America, including the snoligoster, the hodag, and the hoop snake. Cool glow-in-the-dark drawings add to the creepy tone

## *Fish in a Tree*

by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Ally struggles to hide her dyslexia by continually getting into trouble, until a substitute teacher discovers what she is really hiding.

## *The Great Greene Heist*

by Varian Johnson

Jackson Greene vowed

never to get involved in another middle-school con, but he is put to the test when the girl of his dreams runs for class president.

## *Grounded: The Adventures of Rapunzel*

by Megan Morrison

After leaving her tower for the first time, Rapunzel joins Jack Beanstalker on a journey through the lands of Tyme. 1st in a series!

## *Hour of the Bees*

by Lindsay Eagar

Carol is stuck in the New Mexican desert with her family and her grandfather, who suffers from dementia. Her world is rocked by the stories he tells her during that time.

## *The Iron Trial*

by Holly Black & Cassandra Clare

Despite his father's warnings about the dangers of magic, Callum enrolls in the Magisterium and begins to learn about himself and his own bewildering powers.

## *The Mark of the Dragonfly*

by Jaleigh Johnson

When plucky machinist Piper saves Anna after a meteor shower, both girls stow away on an armored

train to escape the man chasing them.

## *Masterminds*

by Gordon Korman

After living in a perfect town his whole life, Eli discovers secrets that will change everything. 1st in a Series!

## *Me & Miranda Mullaly*

by Jake Gerhardt

Three boys all trying to gain the attention of the same girl become rivals in this hilarious tale of misunderstandings.

## *Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War*

by Steve Sheinkin

From the Oval Office to the editor's office of the New York Times, Sheinkin tells a tale of government secrecy and manipulation that is still relevant today.

## *The Night Gardener*

by Jonathan Auxier

Molly and Kip are orphaned and must find a way to take care of themselves. Molly finds work as a maid but soon discovers the family is being haunted, and she and her brother are soon targeted by the Night Gardener as well.

## *Serafina and the Black Cloak*

by Robert Beatty

At the turn of the century, a 12 year-old secretly living in the basement of the Biltmore Estate solves an ancient evil and unravels her family history.

## *Some Kind of Courage*

by Dan Gemeinhart

Bears, bandits, and raging rapids can't stop Joseph from searching for what's left of his family - his beloved horse, Sarah - across the American Northwest frontier.

## *Tesla's Attic*

by Neal Shusterman & Eric Elfman

When Nick holds a yard sale to get rid of the junk in the attic of his new home, he realizes too late that all the objects have mysterious powers and he needs to get them back. 1st in a series!

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GRADES 9-12

## *Armada*

**By Ernest Cline**

Zack Lightman has spent his life that the real world could be a little more like the countless science-fiction books, movies, and videogames he's spent his life consuming. And then one day it is.

## *Bone Gap*

**by Laura Ruby**

Told from alternating viewpoints, *Bone Gap* perfectly melds elements of fairy tales, myths, gothic romance, and magical realism into the story of Finn, who lives in a town with gaps in the very fabric of time and place.

## *Bones & All*

**by Camille DeAngelis**

16 year-old Maren literally eats the ones who love her, bones and all. When her mother abandons her, Maren sets out to find the father she has never met, hoping he can help her understand why she is a monster.

## *The Dead House*

**by Dawn Kurtagich**

Carly and Kaitlyn live in the same body - one is awake during the day, the other comes out at night. Makes a great audiobook, but don't listen in the dark!

## *The Dogs*

**by Allan Stratton**

Cameron and his mom have been on the run from his father for five years. At least, that's what he's been told. But when they settle in a lone farmhouse, Cameron starts to see and hear things that aren't possible.

## *Everything*

**by Nicola Yoon**

Madeline Whittier is allergic to the world and hasn't left her house in 17 years. When Olly moves in next door with his own complex life, Maddy feels like she can see her future - and it could be a disaster.

## *Everything I Never Told You*

**by Celeste Ng**

Lydia is the favorite child of Marilyn and James Lee, and her parents are determined she will fulfill the dreams they were unable to pursue. But when dead Lydia's body is found, the delicate balance keeping the Lee's together is destroyed, tumbling them into the chaos of family secrets.

## *The Fangirl's Guide to the Galaxy: A Handbook for Girl Geeks*

**by Sam Maggs**

An illustrated guide to

navigating the world of fandom and conventions for female geeks.

## *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*

**by J.K. Rowling**

An introduction to the magical beasts that exist in the magical, non-Muggle world. Watch for the movie in theatres soon!

## *The Ghosts of Heaven*

**by Marcus Sedgwick**

Sedgwick connects four stories, each of which feature a character haunted by the ever-present shape of a spiral. Spanning time, space, and genre, these stories raise questions about human nature.

## *Highly Illogical Behaviour*

**by John Corey Whaley**

Sixteen-year-old Solomon is agoraphobic. He hasn't left the house in three years, which is fine by him. Until he meets Lisa.

## *Humans of New York: Stories*

**by Brandon Stanton**

In pictures and interviews, photojournalist Brandon Stanton collects a range of human emotions and perspectives. His photos draw us in and their subjects' words leave us

wondering and cheering at the variety of humanity.

## *The Last Time We Said Goodbye*

**by Cynthia Hand**

When Lex's seemingly happy-go-lucky brother commits suicide, his tragic act affects everyone differently.

## *The Outliers*

**by Kimberly McCreight**

It all starts with a text, and one girl learns that in a world of intrigue, betrayal, and deeply buried secrets, it is vital to trust your gut.

## *The Problem with Forever*

**by Jennifer L. Armentrout**

For some people, silence is a weapon. For Mallory "Mouse" Dodge, it's a shield.

## *The Troop*

**by Nick Cutter**

Once a year, scoutmaster Tim Riggs leads a troop of boys into the Canadian wilderness for a 3-day camping trip. But when an unexpected intruder - shockingly thin, disturbingly pale, and voraciously hungry - stumbles upon their campsite, Tim and the boys are exposed to something far more frightening than they could ever imagine.

## *Sacred Heart*

**by Liz Suburbia**

Adults have disappeared, and Ben Schiller is trying to keep things together until their return in this unsettling graphic novel. A series of mysterious deaths may be a sign of impending doom for Alexandria's troubled kids.

## *Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda*

**by Becky Albertalli**

Simon is falling in love for the first time. Over email, if that's even possible.

## *The Trials of Apollo: The Hidden Oracle*

**by Rick Riordan**

After angering his father Zeus, the god Apollo is cast down from Olympus. Weak and disorientated, he lands in New York City as a regular teenage boy. What's a god to do? 1st in the series!

## *We Were Liars*

**by E. Lockhart**

A group of four friends - The Liars - whose friendship turns destructive. You'll want to read it again to catch all the lies...

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Are We There, Yeti? Collect 2 Pristine Yeti Horns for Umi Rumplesnicker in Everlook. Pristine Yeti Horn (2).<sup>^</sup> The Wowhead Client is a little application we use to keep our database up to date, and to provide you with some nifty extra functionality on the website! It serves 2 main purposes: It maintains a WoW addon called the Wowhead Looter, which collects data as you play the game!

The problem is *Are We There Yet*, apart from the odd chuckle, isn't really that funny. The script is incredibly clunky, and the story was too predictable and the characters too clichéd to make the film likable and credible. Aside from Ice Cube the other acting is either forgettable or irritating. The direction is not very good, and the pacing is uneven throughout. Overall, *Are We There Yet* does have its moments, but to be honest it isn't particularly good. Worst family film? No, I don't think so. Adventure, comedy, family. Director: Brian Levant. Starring: Aleisha Allen, C. Ernst Harth, Henry Simmons and others. The fledgling romance between Nick, a playboy bachelor, and Suzanne, a divorced mother of two, is threatened by a particularly harrowing New Years Eve. When Suzanne's work keeps her in Vancouver for the holiday, Nick offers to bring her kids to the city from Portland, Oregon. The kids, who have never liked any of the men their mom dates, are determined to turn the trip into a nightmare for Nick. Running time: 1:35:00.