

# Summer Reading List

***Big Red Lollipop***  
by Rukhsana Khan,  
illustrated by Sophie Blackall

Viking, 2010,  
ISBN: 9780670062874.

What is a big sister to do when she has to take her little sister along to the very first birthday party she has been invited to in the United States?

***The Book with No Pictures***  
by B.J. Novak

Dial, 2014,  
ISBN: 9780803741713.

Discover how much fun a picture book with no pictures can be in this absurd, hilarious book.

***Eye to Eye: How Animals See the World***  
by Steve Jenkins

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2014,  
ISBN: 9780547959078.

An in-depth look at many different animals' eyes and their fascinating uses.

***Flashlight***  
by Lizi Boyd

Chronicle Books, 2014,  
ISBN: 9781452118949.

When he uses his flashlight, a boy discovers many things in the night.

***Goodnight Already!***

by Jory John,  
illustrated by Benji Davies

HarperCollins, 2014,  
ISBN: 9780062286208.

What happens when you

really want to sleep but your best friend doesn't?

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

by Jon J. Muth

Scholastic, 2014,  
ISBN: 9780545166683.

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

***How Big Were Dinosaurs?***  
by Lita Judge

Roaring Brook Press, 2013,  
ISBN: 9781596437197.

In a series of funny, engaging portraits, all sizes of dinosaurs come into focus around real-life objects in the modern world.

***I Don't Want to Be a Frog***  
by Dev Petty,

illustrated by Mike Boldt

Random House, 2015,  
ISBN: 9780385378666.

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,  
illustrated by Frank Morrison

Bloomsbury, 2014,  
ISBN: 9781619631786.

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

***Journey***  
by Aaron Becker

Candlewick Press, 2013  
ISBN: 9780763660536.

Get caught up in an adventure with a girl whose imagination and red marker take her to amazing places.

***Last Stop on Market Street***

by Matt de la Peña,  
illustrated by Christian Robinson

Putnam, 2015,  
ISBN: 9780399257742.

C.J. and his grandma take an eye-opening bus ride across town. Where do they go every Sunday?

***Mr. Tiger Goes Wild***  
by Peter Brown

Little, Brown; 2013  
ISBN: 9780316200639.

Mr. Tiger is tired of being so proper. What happens when he decides to . . . go a little wild?

***My New Friend Is So Fun!***  
by Mo Willems

Disney-Hyperion, 2014,  
ISBN: 9781423179580.

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

***Niño Wrestles the World***  
by Yuyi Morales

Roaring Brook Press, 2013  
ISBN: 9781596436046.

Niño is the *lucha libre*

champion of the world . . . until his sisters wake up from their naps!

***Old Mikamba Had a Farm***  
by Rachel Isadora

Nancy Paulsen Books, 2013  
ISBN: 9780399257407.

On Old Mikamba's "farm," we meet (and hear!) many different African animals.

***Pirates Love Underpants***  
by Claire Freedman,

illustrated by Ben Cort

Simon & Schuster/Aladdin,  
2013, ISBN: 9781442485129.

Laugh along to rhyming text about pirates on the search for the Pants of Gold.

***Power Down, Little Robot***  
by Anna Staniszewski,

illustrated by Tim Zeltner

Henry Holt, 2015,  
ISBN: 9781627791250.

This little robot has no plans to go to bed!

***The Princess in Black***  
by Shannon Hale

and Dean Hale,  
illustrated by LeUyen Pham

Candlewick Press, 2014,  
ISBN: 9780763665104.

Princess Magnolia trades her frilly dresses for a mask and cape to ward off monsters.

*First in a series.*

***Rain!***

by Linda Ashman, illustrated  
by Christian Robinson

Houghton Mifflin, 2013  
ISBN: 9780547733951.

When a rainstorm arrives, a young boy and an old man have two very different reactions.

***Sam and Dave Dig a Hole***  
by Mac Barnett,

illustrated by Jon Klassen

Candlewick Press, 2014,  
ISBN: 9780763662295.

Sam and Dave do not find what they expect when they dig a hole, but they still end up having a pretty good day.

***Shark vs. Train***

by Chris Barton, illustrated  
by Tom Lichtenheld

Little, Brown; 2010  
ISBN: 9780316007627.

Two boys with two toys have a series of contests to see which toy is better.

***Ten Rules of Being a Superhero***

by Deb Pilutti

Henry Holt, 2014,  
ISBN: 9780805097597.

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

***Unicorn Thinks He's Pretty Great***

by Bob Shea

Disney-Hyperion, 2013  
ISBN: 9781423159520.

Goat's life was A-OK until that oh-so-perfect unicorn came along—but do these two horned opponents have more in common than he thinks?

***Weasels***

by Elys Dolan

Candlewick Press, 2014,  
ISBN: 9780763671006.

You might think weasels spend their days romping in the woods. What's the worst they do? Steal the occasional egg from a chicken coop? NO! They are secretly plotting world conquest!

***Wolfie the Bunny***

by Ame Dyckman, illustrated  
by Zachariah OHora

Little, Brown; 2015;  
ISBN: 9780316226141.

A funny book about a bunny family that adopts a wolf pup they find.

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**Battle Bunny**  
by Jon Scieszka and Mac Barnett, illustrated by Matthew Myers

Simon & Schuster, 2013  
ISBN: 9781442446731.  
Gran Gran gave Alexander a beautiful book about Birthday Bunny, but Alexander decides to "create" his own book about Battle Bunny, which suits his tastes much better.

**Binny for Short**  
by Hilary McKay, illustrated by Micah Player  
Simon & Schuster/Margaret K. McElderry, 2013,  
ISBN: 9781442482753.

Binny's family moves to a cottage by the seaside, where she finds adventure, a nemesis—and maybe even her long-lost dog. *First in a series.*

**Bluffton: My Summers with Buster**  
by Matt Phelan  
Candlewick Press, 2013,  
ISBN: 9780763650797.

Muskegon, Michigan, is an ordinary town until a band of vaudeville performers, including young Buster Keaton, decide to spend the summer there.

**The Chicken Squad: The First Misadventure**  
by Doreen Cronin, illustrated by Kevin Cornell  
Simon & Schuster/Atheneum, 2014, ISBN: 9781442496767.  
Daring crime-solving chicks are out to solve a mystery. *First in a series.*

**Dory Fantasmagory**  
by Abby Hanlon  
Dial, 2014,  
ISBN: 9780803740884.

Dory shows how much fun having an overactive imagination can be as she keeps herself entertained over the summer.

**A Dragon's Guide to the Care and Feeding of Humans**  
by Laurence Yep and Joanne Ryder  
Crown Books, 2015,  
ISBN: 9780385392280.

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  
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2014,  
ISBN: 9780544238336.

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. *First in a series.*

**EI Deafo**  
by Cece Bell  
Abrams/Amulet Books, 2014,  
ISBN: 9781419710209.

This graphic novel is both funny and realistic as it shares the story of going to school and making friends while wearing a large hearing aid.

**Honey**  
by Sarah Weeks  
Scholastic, 2015,  
ISBN: 9780545465571.

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

**House of Robots**  
by James Patterson and Chris Grabenstein, illustrated by Juliana Neufeld

Little, Brown; 2014;  
ISBN: 9780316405911.  
Sammy's genius mom creates a robot and decides Sammy should take him to school so he can learn to be a student. *First in a series.*

**Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales: One Dead Spy**  
by Nathan Hale  
Abrams/Amulet Books, 2012  
ISBN: 9781419703966.

Just before Nathan Hale is hung as a spy in the Revolutionary War, he tells a British soldier and the hangman a bit of American history.

**Neighborhood Sharks: Hunting with the Great Whites of California's Farallon Islands**  
by Katherine Roy  
David Macaulay Studio, 2014,  
ISBN: 9781596438743.

This book investigates the mystery surrounding the great white shark.

**Nightmares!**  
by Jason Segel and Kirsten Miller, illustrated by Karl Kwasny  
Random House/Delacorte, 2014,  
ISBN: 9780385744256.

Twelve-year-old Charlie must save the day when nightmares start creeping into waking life. *First in a series.*

**Project Blastoff**  
by Mark Kelly with Martha Freeman  
Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman, 2015,  
ISBN: 9781481415453.

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

**Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin**  
by Liesl Shurtliff  
Alfred A. Knopf, 2013  
ISBN: 9780307977939.

Twelve-year-old Rump goes on a quest to discover his true identity and to break a magical curse in this humorous take on the classic fairy tale.

**The Sasquatch Escape**  
by Suzanne Selfors, illustrated by Dan Santat  
Little, Brown; 2013;  
ISBN: 9780316209342.

Ben and his friend Pearl discover the new veterinarian office in their small town treats magical creatures, and they have the adventure of their lives as they track down a Sasquatch. *First in a series.*

**Serafina's Promise**  
by Ann E. Burg  
Scholastic, 2013  
ISBN: 9780545535649.

Serafina, who lives in Haiti, longs to become a doctor, but how will she find the money and the time, when her family needs her help with chores, and earthquakes and floods keep setting them back?

**The Tapper Twins Go to War (with Each Other)**  
by Geoff Rodkey  
Little, Brown; 2015;  
ISBN: 9780316297790.

Fraternal twins Reese and Claudia take sibling rivalry to a new level with their prank war. *First in a series.*

**The Terrible Two**  
by Mac Barnett and Jory John, illustrated by Kevin Cornell  
Abrams/Amulet Books, 2015,  
ISBN: 9781419714917.

Two pranksters team up for the greatest prank ever. *First in a series.*

**The 13-Story Treehouse**  
by Andy Griffiths, illustrated by Terry Denton  
Feiwel and Friends, 2013  
ISBN: 9781250026903.

Join Andy and Terry for adventures in their amazing treehouse, complete with bowling alley, see-through swimming pool, lemonade fountain, and man-eating-shark tank! *First in a series.*

**Timmy Failure: Mistakes Were Made**  
by Stephan Pastis  
Candlewick Press, 2013  
ISBN: 9780763660505.

Introducing Total Failure, Inc., the best detective agency in town, run by eleven-year-old Timmy Failure and his partner, Total, a 1,500-pound polar bear. *First in a series.*

**Tommysaurus Rex**  
by Doug TenNapel  
Graphix, 2013,  
ISBN: 9780606319652.

Eli finds a full-grown T. rex on his grandpa's farm and decides he would make the perfect pet.

**Tuesdays at the Castle**  
by Jessica Day George  
Bloomsbury, 2011  
ISBN: 9781599906447.

On Tuesdays, Castle Glower takes on a life of its own, magically rearranging itself. When the castle is ambushed, it's up to Princess Celie to save the day. *First in a series.*

**Weird but True: 300 Outrageous Facts**  
National Geographic Children's Books, 2010  
ISBN: 9781426305948 (PB).

These facts are outrageous, wacky, funny, weird . . . and all true! You won't be able to stop flipping through this incredible book. *First in a series.*

**Wings of Fire: The Dragonet Prophecy**  
by Tui T. Sutherland  
Scholastic, 2012  
ISBN: 9780545349185.

Five young dragons from different tribes must face treachery and deceit and work together to fulfill the prophecy that will bring an end to the dragon wars. *First in a series.*

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**Better Nate Than Ever**  
by Tim Federle

Simon & Schuster, 2013  
ISBN: 9781442446892.

Nate has a plan that—with a little luck—will take him from his non-fabulous Pennsylvania town to New York City and land him a role in *E.T.: The Musical*.

**Brown Girl Dreaming**  
by Jacqueline Woodson

Nancy Paulsen Books, 2014,  
ISBN: 9780399252518.

Told in verse, this book explores what it was like for Woodson growing up during the civil rights movement.

**Counting by 7s**  
by Holly Goldberg Sloan

Dial, 2013  
ISBN: 9780803738553.

Tragedy changes Willow's quirky but comfortable life, and as she adapts, she changes the lives of those around her.

**Dogs of War**  
by Sheila Keenan,  
illustrated by Nathan Fox

Graphix, 2013  
ISBN: 9780545128872.

This graphic novel tells the unforgettable true stories of three war heroes from three different eras—World War I, World War II, and Vietnam—and they all happened to have four legs.

**The Dolphins of Shark Bay**  
by Pamela S. Turner

Houghton Mifflin, 2013  
ISBN: 9780547716381.

Meet amazing dolphins that have learned to use tools to hunt for their dinner.

**Echo**  
by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Scholastic, 2015,  
ISBN: 9780439874021.

In an epic novel, three children find their lives changed through a magic harmonica and their own self-resilience.

**Fish in a Tree**  
by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Nancy Paulsen Books, 2015,  
ISBN: 9780399162596.

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

**Flunked**  
by Jen Calonita

Sourcebooks/Jabberwocky, 2015, ISBN: 9781492601562.

When a thief gets sentenced to Fairy Tale Reform School, she gets more than she bargained for as a mystery develops. *First in a series.*

**The Fourteenth Goldfish**  
by Jennifer L. Holm

Random House, 2014,  
ISBN: 9780375870644.

Ellie's scientist grandfather makes his greatest discovery when he reverses aging, but he has to live with the consequences of the effects on thirteen-year-old Ellie and her mother.

**The Great Greene Heist**  
by Varian Johnson

Scholastic/Arthur A. Levine, 2014, ISBN: 9780545525527.

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.

**Hook's Revenge**  
by Heidi Schulz,  
illustrated by John Hendrix

Disney-Hyperion, 2014,  
ISBN: 9781423198673.

Captain Hook's daughter sets out to avenge her father's death by slaying the crocodile. *First in a series.*

**I Kill the Mockingbird**  
by Paul Acampora

Roaring Brook Press, 2014,  
ISBN: 9781596437425.

Over summer break, Lucy, Elena, and Michael launch a campaign to make a beloved teacher's favorite book "go viral."

**The Iron Trial**  
by Holly Black  
and Cassandra Clare

Scholastic, 2014,  
ISBN: 9780545522250.

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.

**Lowriders in Space**  
by Cathy Camper,  
illustrated by Raul the Third

Chronicle Books, 2014,  
ISBN: 9781452121550.

Flapjack, Elirio, and Lupe build a custom out-of-this-world lowrider car to enter in the Universal Car Competition and hope they will win the cash prize so they may finally make their dream come true of owning their own garage. *First in a series.*

**The Mark of the Dragonfly**  
by Jaleigh Johnson

Random House/Delacorte, 2014  
ISBN: 9780385376150.

When plucky machinist Piper rescues Anna after a meteor shower, both girls stow away on an armored train to escape the man chasing them.

**Mark of the Thief**  
by Jennifer A. Nielsen

Scholastic, 2015,  
ISBN: 9780545561549.

Nic, a slave in the mines of ancient Rome, escapes after discovering a magical amulet. *First in a series.*

**Masterminds**  
by Gordon Korman

Balzer + Bray, 2015,  
ISBN: 9780062299963.

After living in a perfect town his whole life, Eli discovers there are secrets that will change everything. *First in a series.*

**Middle School, the Worst**  
*Years of My Life*

by James Patterson  
and Chris Tebbetts,  
illustrated by Laura Park  
Little, Brown; 2011  
ISBN: 9780316101875.

Rafe's plan to break every rule in the school handbook is soon out of his control. *First in a series.*

**The Port Chicago 50:**  
*Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights*  
by Steve Sheinkin

Roaring Brook Press, 2014,  
ISBN: 9781596437968.

Exposing racism in the military, this is the gripping account of 50 African American sailors who were charged with mutiny after refusing to follow direct orders putting lives in danger.

**Road Trip**  
by Gary Paulsen  
and Jim Paulsen

Random House/Wendy Lamb Books, 2013  
ISBN: 9780385741910.

Initially expecting a simple trip to rescue a border collie, Ben finds himself traveling by school bus with his enthusiastic father, a crusty mechanic, and other colorful characters.

**The Screaming Staircase**  
by Jonathan Stroud

Disney-Hyperion, 2013  
ISBN: 9781423164913.

In a London overrun by ghosts, Lucy works with the ghost-hunting agency Lockwood & Co. to combat hauntings. *First in a series.*

**Sisters**  
by Raina Telgemeier

Graphix, 2014,  
ISBN: 9780545540599.

During a three-week road trip, the stormy relationship between Raina and her younger sister, Amara, unfolds. Sequel to *Smile* (2010).

**A Song for Bijou**  
by Josh Farrar

Walker, 2013  
ISBN: 9780802733948.

When Alex falls head over heels in love with the mysterious Bijou, he is going to have to break out of his shell to woo her.

**Tesla's Attic**  
by Neal Shusterman  
and Eric Elfman

Disney-Hyperion, 2014  
ISBN: 9781423148036.

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.

**Titanic: Voices from the Disaster**  
by Deborah Hopkinson

Scholastic, 2012  
ISBN: 9780545116749.

Survivors' accounts bring the *Titanic* disaster to life.