

2019 Summer Reading List





Our tutors worked together to compile this comprehensive summer reading list, broken down by grade level. Have a wonderful summer!

**“The more that you read, the
more things you will know. The
more that you learn, the more
places you'll go.”**

DR. SEUSS

Grade Levels

- **Foundational Elementary**
- **Lower Elementary**
- **Upper Elementary**
- **Middle School**
- **High School**



Foundational Elementary

Fiction



Vincent Paints His House

by Tedd Arnold

An artist makes his home a canvas.

Miss Rumphius

by Barbara Cooney

One woman's quest to make the world more beautiful.

Little Red Writing

by Joan Holub, illus. By Melissa Sweet

The tiny pencil vs. the Wolf 3000 sharpener.

Little Blue and Little Yellow

by Leo Lionni

Best friends transform each other.

Tia Isa Wants a Car

by Meg Medina, illus. by Claudio Munoz

Can la familia save enough money to make a dream come true?

Just a Minute: A Trickster Tale and Counting Book

by Yuyi Morales

Grandma Beetie outwits Senor Calavera.

Phoebe & Digger

by Tricia Springstubb, illus. by Jeff Newman

Nothing can stop a girl and her truck.

Interrupting Chicken

by David Ezra Stein

Little red chick hilariously corrects Papa's bedtime stories.

Just a Dream

by Chris Van Allsburg
Wasteful Walter's fantastic journey reveals the importance of environmentalism.

Fiction



Don't Throw It to Mo!

by David A. Adler, illus. by Sam Ricks

Mo loves football, but will he get a chance to play?

Build, Dogs, Build: A Tall Tail by James Horvath

A canine crew constructs a new high rise.

Ling & Ting: Together in All Weather

by Grace Lin

Discover the fun in all four seasons!

Swing, Otto, Swing!

by David Milgrim

Where there is ingenuity, there is a way.

Lily's New Home

by Paula Yoo, illus. by Shirley Ng-Benitez

Adventures are waiting around every corner of NYC.

Nonfiction



[A Cool Drink of Water](#)

by Barbara Kerley

One of the world's most precious resources.

[A Butterfly Is Patient](#)

by Dianna Hutts Aston, illus. by
Sylvia Long

Fascinating facts about amazing insects.

[Mae Jemison](#)

by Jodie Shepherd

Discover the first African-American female astronaut.

[All the Way to America: The Story of a Big Italian Family and a Little Shovel](#)

by Dan Yaccarino

Four generations. One amazing journey.



Series

Bones Mysteries

by David A. Adler, illus. by Barbara
Johansen Newman

Fly Guy Presents (nonfiction)

by Tedd Arnold

Pete the Cat

by James Dean & Kimberly Dean

Mr. Putter & Tabby

by Cynthia Rylant, illus. by Arthur
Howard

Elephant and Piggie Like

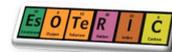
Reading!

by various authors



Lower Elementary

Fiction



[Violet the Pilot](#)

by Steve Breen

Go soaring in a homemade flying machine.

[The Man Who Walked](#)

[Between the Towers](#)

by Mordicai Gerstein

A daredevil makes the impossible possible.

[Sky Boys: How They Built the Empire State Building](#)

by Deborah Hopkinson, illus. by James E. Ransome

A boy and his father watch as history is made.

[Pedro, First-Grade Hero](#)

by Fran Manushkin, illus. by Tammie Lyon

From battling bugs to campaigning for class president.

[Inspector Flytrap](#)

by Tom Angleberger, illus. by Cece Bell

Solve mysteries with a fly-eating plant and a skateboarding goat.

[The Adventures of Arnie the Doughnut: Bowling Alley Bandit](#)

by Laura Keller

Breaking news: Pastry detects bowling tournament misbehavior!

[Marty McGuire Digs Worms!](#) by Kate Messner, illus. by Brian Floca

Saving the earth - with worms!

[Anna, Banana, and the Friendship Split](#)

by Anica Mrose Rissi, illus. by Meg Park

Making up is hard to do.

LOWER ELEMENTARY

Fiction



Cakes in Space

by Philip Reeve, illus. by Sarah McIntyre

Carnivorous confections create havoc aboard Astra's ship.

The Great Pet Escape

by Victoria Jamieson

Classroom critters attempt a jailbreak.

The Adventures of Ook and Gluk, Kung-Fu Cavemen from the Future

by George Beard & Harold Hutchins

Prehistoric pals travel through time to save the world.

Why the Sky is Far Away: A Nigerian Folktale

by Mary-Joan Gerson, illus. by Carla Golembe

Taking too much has consequences.

LOWER ELEMENTARY

Nonfiction



[Saving Animal Babies](#)

by Amy Shields

Adorable newborns survive with a little help. Awwwww!

[I See a Kookaburra!](#)

[Discovering Animal Habitats](#)

[Around the World](#)

by Steve Jenkins & Robin Page

Spot creatures in their natural environments

[Snakes](#)

by Nic Bishop

Hatching. Hunting. Eating. Surviving.

[Castle: How it Works](#)

by David Macaulay & Sheila Keenan

Experience life in a medieval fortress.

[Brick by Brick](#)

by Charles R. Smith, illus. by Floyd Cooper

A true story of the enslaved people who built the White House.

[Farmer Will Allen and the Growing Table](#)

by Jacqueline Briggs Martin, illus. by Eric-Shabazz Larkin

One man sees a farm where others see an abandoned city lot.

[Manfish: A Story of Jacques Cousteau](#)

by Jennifer Berne, illus. by Eric Puybaret

The famous oceanographer and champion of the seas.

[Women who Broke the Rules: Sonia Sotomayor](#)

by Kathleen Krull, illus. by Angela Dominguez

From the Bronx to the United States Supreme Court.



LOWER ELEMENTARY

Series



The Disgusting Critters Series

(nonfiction)

by Elise Gravel

Kung Pow Chicken

by Cyndi Marko

Lola Levine

by Monica Brown, illus. by Angela Dominguez

The Princess in Black

by Shannon Hale & Dean Hale,
illus. by LeUyen Pham

Space Taxi

by Wendy Mass & Michael
Brawer, illus. by Elise Gravel



Upper Elementary

Fiction



[Zack Delacruz: Me and My Big Mouth](#)

by Jeff Anderson, illus. by Andrea Miller

A little luck and a lot of chocolate might save the school dance.

[The Zero Degree Zombie Zone](#)

by Patrik Henry Bass, illus. by Jerry Craft

Bakari and Wardell try to survive fourth grade - and an impending invasion.

[A Whole New Ballgame: A Rip and Red Story](#)

by Phil Bildner, illus. by Tim Probert

Best friends stick together when their new coach changes the game.

[A Nearer Moon](#)

by Melanie Crowder

Luna is willing to believe in magic if it will save her little sister.

[The Luck Uglies](#)

by Paul Durham, illus. by Petur Antonsson

When Bog Noblins threatens the village, old enemies must become allies.

[Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer](#)

by Kelly Jones, illus. by Katie Kath
City kid + farm + magical fowl = a whole lot of trouble.

[Masterminds](#)

by Gordon Korman

Can Eli unravel the mystery in his town before it's too late?



Fiction



[Dream On, Amber](#)

by Emma Shevah, illus. by Helen Crawford-White

When life gets tough, imagination is the key.

[Gone Crazy in Alabama](#)

by Rita Williams-Garcia Goodbye, Brooklyn! The Gaither sisters spend the summer with Big Ma.

[Kid Beowulf: The Blood-Bound Oath](#)

by Alexis E. Fajardo, color by Jose Mari Flores & Brian Kolm

Twins uncover their past and seek their future in this epic tale.

[The King of Kazoo](#)

by Norm Feuti

Can Bing stop the diabolical antics of an evil genius?

[Mighty Jack](#)

by Ben Hatke, color by Alex Campbell & Hilary Sycamore

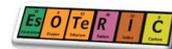
Plant a garden and watch your adventures grow!

[Cat Dad, King of the Goblins](#)

by Britt Wilson

You think you have problems?!?

Nonfiction



[What Was the March on Washington?](#)

by Kathleen Krull, illus. by Tim Tomkinson

Experience this historic event in the fight for civil rights.

[Citizen Scientists: Be a Part of Scientific Discovery from Your Own Backyard](#)

by Loree Griffin Burns, photog. by Ellen Harasimowicz

Step outside and study the world around you.

[Hooray for Inventors!](#)

by Marcia Williams

Amazing inventions that changed the world.

[Coding Projects in Scratch](#)

by Jon Woodcock

On your mark. Get set. Code!

[125 Wacky Roadside Attractions](#)

by National Geographic Children's Books

See all the weird, wonderful, and downright bizarre landmarks from around the world!



UPPER ELEMENTARY

Series



[Spy School](#) by
Stuart Gibbs

[Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales](#)
by Nathan Hale

[The Tapper Twins](#)
by Geoff Rodkey

[Frank Einstein](#)
by John Scieszka, illus. by Brian
Biggs

[Hilo](#)
by Judd Winnick



Middle School

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Fiction



Greenglass House

by Kate Milford

Milo's plans for the winter holiday are thwarted when strange guests arrive at his family's inn.

The Thief

by Megan Whalen Turner

Gen, a talented thief, joins a rival kingdom's hunt for a mythical stone in exchange for his release from prison.

Bright Lights, Dark Nights

by Stephen Edmond

Star-crossed, interracial love in a time when Black Lives Matter.

Not Your Sidekick

by C.B. Lee

Jessica Tran interns for a supervillain, crushes on the mysterious "M," and uncovers a dangerous plot.

The Greatest Zombie Movie Ever

by Jeff Strand

Justin struggles to turn a bad script, dream girl, and no budget into film success.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Fiction

Graphic Novels



Goldie Vance

by Hope Larson, illus. by Brittney Williams

Mystery to solve? Goldie Vance is the right sleuth for the job!

Power Up

by Kate Leth, illus. by Matt Cummings

Can this team of unlikely heroes save the universe?

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Nonfiction

[Be a Changemaker](#)

by Laurie Ann Thompson

Learn how to turn your passions into action.

[Surviving Middle School](#)

by Luke Reynolds

Get the lowdown on bullying, peer pressure, grades, parents, and love.

[Primates](#)

by Jim Ottaviani

The true story of three ground-breaking scientists who studied primates as their life's work.

[Brown Girl Dreaming](#)

by Jacqueline Woodson

A lyrical memoir in verse about growing up in the racially charged 1960s.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Series

[Gotham Academy](#) (MS)

by Becky Cloonan

[Princess](#) (MS) by

Jeremy Whiteley

[Princess Jellyfish](#) (MS/HS)

by Akiko Higashimura

[Jackaby](#) (MS/HS)

by William Ritter

[Black Top](#) (MS/HS)

by LJ Alonge



High School

HIGH SCHOOL

Fiction



[Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens](#)

[Agenda](#)

by [Becky Albertalli](#)

A classmate threatens to out Simon and his profoundly private online boyfriend.

[The Scorpion Rules](#)

by [Erin Bow](#)

Greta questions her role as a Child of Peace and the artificial intelligence that uses hostages to maintain world order.

[Killer of Enemies](#)

by [Joseph Bruchac](#)

Lozen hunts monsters in hopes of freeing her family in a post-apocalyptic world.

[Dumplin'](#)

by [Julie Murphy](#)

Self-proclaimed fat girl Willowdean reclaims her confidence with her misfit friends when she enters her Texas town's beauty pageant.

[Bone Gap](#)

by [Laura Ruby](#)

Finn was the only person to see Roza's abduction, but no one believes him.

[Tiny Pretty Things](#)

by [Sona Charaipotra & Dhonielle Clayton](#)

Ballerinas backstab, sacrifice, and manipulate to be the best.

[Otherbound](#)

by [Corinne Duyvis](#)

When Nolan closes his eyes he is drawn into Amara's mind and her dangerous world.

HIGH SCHOOL

Fiction



[Charlie, Presumed Dead](#)

by Anne Heltzel

Two girls discover Charlie's betrayal at his funeral and together search for answers.

[X: A Novel](#)

by Illyasah Shabazz & Kekla Magoon

The story of how Malcolm Little became Malcolm X.

HIGH SCHOOL

Fiction

Graphic Novels



[Black Panther: A Nation Under Our Feet Vol. 1](#)

by Ta-Nehisi Coates, illus. by
Brian Stelfreeze

Wakanda is in turmoil and Black Panther must be the king his nation desperately needs.

[Jughead Vol. 1](#)

by Chip Zdarsky, illus. by Erica
Henderson

Riverdale's favorite daydreamer is back and lazier than ever.

HIGH SCHOOL

Nonfiction

Beyond Magenta

by Susan Kuklin

Six candid glimpses into the lives of transgender and gender-nonconforming teens.

Diary of a Tokyo Teen

by Christine Mari Inzer

A Japanese-American girl travels to the land of trendy fashion, high-tech toilets, and maid cafes.



HIGH SCHOOL

Series

[Black Top](#) (MS/HS)

by LJ Alonge

[Princess Jellyfish](#) (MS/HS)

by Akiko Higashimura

[Jackaby](#) (MS/HS)

by William Ritter

[Seven Realms](#) (HS) by

Cinda Williams Chima

[March](#) (HS) by

John Lewis



MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL

Recommended Authors for Teens

- [Shaun David Hutchinson](#)
- [Susan Juby](#)
- [Richelle Mead](#)
- [Meg Medina](#)
- [G. Neri](#)
- [Garth Nix](#)
- [Jenny Torres Sanchez](#)
- [Ruta Sepetys](#)
- [Jordan Sonnenblick](#)
- [John Corey Whaley](#)





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