

SUMMER READING LIST

Grades 3-5

Audacity Jones to the Rescue

by Kirby Larson
Scholastic, 2016,
ISBN: 9780545840569
Audie Jones finds herself on the adventure of a lifetime when she is whisked away to Washington, D.C., where sinister goings-on are afoot

The Blackthorn Key

by Kevin Sands
Aladdin, 2015,
ISBN: 9781481446518
This adventure, filled with rich 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
Scholastic, 2015,
ISBN: 9780545773324
Jimmy suspects his dog is a crime-fighting vampire; can the canine's superskills help track down who stole his mother's diamond necklace? First in a series

The Door by the Staircase

by Katherine Marsh
Illustrated by Kelly Murphy
Disney-Hyperion, 2016, ISBN: 9781423134992
Orphan Mary Hayes hopes to escape the Buffalo Asylum for Young Ladies, only to find herself in peril when a mysterious woman named Madame Z adopts her

Growing Up Pedro

by Matt Tavares; Illustrated by Matt Tavares
Candlewick Press, 2017,
ISBN: 9780763693114

An illustrated biography of Pedro Martinez that describes his childhood and how he became a famous baseball player!

Mr. Ferris and His Wheel

by Kathryn Gibbs Davis
Illustrated by Gilbert Ford
Barnes and Noble, 2014,
ISBN: 9780547959221
Text and illustrations look at George Washington Gale Ferris' invention, the Ferris wheel

Fable Comics

Edited by Chris Duffy
First Second, 2015,
ISBN: 9781626721074
Various graphic novelists retell twenty-eight fables from different cultures and traditions in this vibrant collection of comics

Freedom in Congo Square

by Carole B. Weatherford;
Illustrated by R. Gregory Christie
Simon and Schuster, 2016,
ISBN: 9781499801033
"Chronicles slaves' duties each day, from chopping logs on Mondays to baking bread on Wednesdays to plucking hens on Saturdays, and builds to the freedom of Sundays and the special experience of an afternoon spent in Congo Square."

Jazz Day: The Making of a Famous Photograph

by Roxane Orgill;
Illustrated by Francis Vallejo
Candlewick Press, 2016,
ISBN: 9780763669546
This collection of poetry focuses on the process art designer Art Kane went through in order to photograph what was to become the iconic 1958 photo of American jazz greats on a stoop in Harlem.

The Jumbies

by Tracey Baptiste
Algonquin Young Readers, 2015,
ISBN: 9781616204143
Eleven-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
Scholastic, 2016,
ISBN: 9780545552745
Emma must fulfill her Destiny Dream: to locate a legendary treasure. If she fails, she lets down not only the legacy of her ancestors but also the family business—the Boneyard Cafe.

The Last Kids on Earth

by Max Brallier; Illustrated by Douglas Holgate
Viking, 2015,
ISBN: 9780670016617
Described as Diary of a Wimpy Kid meets The Walking Dead, this postapocalyptic 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 Dominguez
Little, Brown, 2015,
ISBN: 9780316258364
Sports-loving Lola accidentally 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. First in a series

My Diary from the Edge of the World

by Jody Lynn Anderson
Aladdin, 2015,
ISBN: 9781442483873
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. Can her family outrun this harbinger?

My Pet Human

by Yasmine Surovec
Roaring Brook Press, 2015,
ISBN: 9781626720732
An independent cat resists being tied down by a human pet in this fun tale.

Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear

by Lindsay Mattick;
Illustrated by Sophie Blackall
Barnes and Noble, 2015,
ISBN: 9780316324908
A fictionalized account of Captain Harry Coleburn's relationship with a bear cub in 1914, which he rescued while on his way to care for soldiers' horses during World War I and became the inspiration for A.A. Milne's Winnie-the-Pooh.

Oona Finds an Egg

by Adele Griffin
Illustrated by Mike Wu
Scholastic, 2016,
ISBN: 9780545732796
Follow Oona Oodlethunk on her adventures in prehistoric times as she tries to find the perfect pet. First in a series.

Roller Girl

by Victoria Jamieson
Barnes and Noble, 2015,
ISBN: 9780803740167
"A graphic novel adventure about a girl who discovers roller derby right as she and her best friend are growing apart."

School for Sidekicks

by Kelly McCullough
Feiwel & Friends, 2015,
ISBN: 9781250039262
At the Academy for Metahuman Operatives, superhero wannabe Evan's wisecracks land him in double trouble: he angers the school's director and is partnered with has-been hero Foxman. First in a series.

The Story of Diva and Flea

by Mo Willems
Illustrated by Tony DiTerlizzi
Disney-Hyperion, 2015,
ISBN: 9781484722848
Pampered lapdog, Diva, and streetwise alley cat Fleastrike up an unlikely friendship, finding adventure while exploring the stunning landmarks of Paris, France.

Ghosts

by Raina Telgemeier
Barnes and Noble, 2016,
ISBN: 9780545540629
Catrina and her family have moved to the coast of Northern California for the sake of her little sister, Maya, who has cystic fibrosis—and Cat is even less happy about the move when she is told that her new town is inhabited by ghosts, and Maya sets her heart on meeting one.

Diary of a Worm

by Doreen Cronin; Illustrated by Harry Bliss
ISBN: 9780545540629
On the title page, the I in the word diary is represented by a pencil. The O in the word worm is represented by a worm. A young worm discovers, day by day, that there are some very good and some not so good things about being a worm in this great big world.

Upside-Down Magic

by Sarah Mlynowski, Lauren Myracle, and Emily Jenkins
Scholastic, 2015,
ISBN: 9780545800457
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. First in a series.

Wet Cement: A Mix of Concrete Poems

by Bob Raczka
Roaring Brook Press, 2016,
ISBN: 9781626722361
Raczka offers a collection of twenty-one concrete poems that are a surefire way to draw the attention of young readers and inspire older ones.

The Wild Robot

by Peter Brown
Little, Brown, 2016,
ISBN: 9780316381994
Robot Roz wakes up to find herself alone on a remote island