

Summer Reading List

Visit your local library and pick up a book by one of these great authors or try one of the suggested books or series below. Use the “Five Finger Rule” to help determine an appropriate level book. (See Summer Reading Letter)

Grades 3-5 Favorite Authors:

Avi, Judy Blume, Eve Bunting, Betsy Byars, Matt Christopher, Beverly Cleary, Andrew Clements, Sharon Creech, Roald Dahl, Kate DiCamillo, Steven Kellogg, Louis Lowery, Patricia MacLachlan, Gary Paulsen, Katherine Paterson, Patricia Polacco, Cynthia Rylant, Louis Sachar, Jeri Spinelli, Donald Sobol, Laura Ingalls Wilder, Jane Yolen

Suggested Fiction/Fantasy:

**denotes easier level material*

Title/Series	Author
39 Clues series	various authors
A Series of Unfortunate Events	Lemony Snicket
A to Z Mysteries series*	Ron Roy
Amber Brown series*	Paula Danziger
American Girl series	Kathleen Ernest
Animorphs series	K.A. Applegate
Artemis Fowl series	Eion Colfer
Arthur Chapter Book series*	Marc Brown
Babysitter Club series	Ann M. Martin
Beast Quest series	Adam Blade
Because of Mr. Terupt	Rob Buyea
Big Nate series	Lincoln Peirce
Boxcar Children series	Gertrude Chandler Warner
Brotherband Chronicles series	John Flanagan

Cam Jansen series*	David Adler
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	Roald Dahl
Children of the Lamp series	PB Kerr
Chronicles of Narnia series	CS Lewis
Cricket in Time Square	George Sheldon
Diary of a Wimpy Kid series	Jeff Kinney
Dork Diaries	Rachel Renee Russell
Dragon Slayer Academy series	Kate McMullan
Ella Enchanted	Gail Carson Levine
Eric Rex series	Kaza Kingsley
Encyclopedia Brown series	Donald Sobol
Flat Stanley series*	Jeff Brown
Geronimo Stilton series	
Guardian of GaHoole	Kathryn Lasky
Hank Zipzer series	Henry Winkler/Lin Oliver
Hardy Boys series	Franklin Dixon
Harry Potter series	JK Rowling
Horrible Harry series*	Suzy Kline
Indian in the Cupboard	Lynne Reid Banks
Ivy and Bean series*	Annie Barrows
Jig Saw Jones Mystery series*	James Prellar
Joey Pigza series	Jack Gantos

Judy Moody & Stink series*	Megan McDonald
Lemonade War series	Jacquelin Davis
Magic School Bus series*	Joanna Cole/Bruce Degen
Magic Tree House series*	Will & Mary Pope Osborn
Marvin Redpost series*	Louis Sachar
Mysterious Benedict Society	Trenton Lee Stewart
Nancy Drew Mysteries	Carolyn Keene
Nate the Great series*	Marjorie & Mitchell Sharmat
Number the Stars	Louis Lowry
Pendragon series	OJ MacHale
Percy Jackson series	Rick Riordan
Ramona series	Beverly Cleary
Ranger's Apprentice series	John Flanagan
Riding Freedom	Pam Munoz Ryan
Secrets of Droon series*	Tony Abbott
Seekers series	Erin Hunter
Shadow Children series	Brian Jacques
Sisters Grimm series	Michael Buckley
Spiderwick Chronicles	Tony DiTerlizzi/Holly Black
Spirit Animals series	various authors
Survivors series	Erin Hunter
Swindle series	Gordon Korman

The Giver	Louis Lowry
Time Warp Trio series	Jon Scieszka
Warriors series	Erin Hunter
Wayside School series	Louis Sachar
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon	Grace Lin
Wonder	R.J. Palacio

Non-Fiction Titles	Author
Amazing Dolphins!*	Sarah L. Thomson
And Then What Happened Paul Revere?	Jean Fritz
Bigfoot	Paul Theisen
George Washington's Teeth*	Deborah Chandra
Give Me a Sign, Hellen Keller!*	Peter & Connie Roop
Harry Houdini-Young Magician	Katheryn Kilby Borland
Johnny Appleseed*	Steven Kellogg
Magic School Bus Science series*	Joanna Cole/Scholastic
Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. ML King Jr.	Doreen Rappaport
National Geographic Kids series	
Pop! The Invention of Bubble Gum	Meghan McCarthy
Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes	Eleanor Coerr
Smile	Raina Telemeier
Super Storms	Seymour Simon
Sunken Treasure*	Gail Gibbons

The Big Lie: A True Story	Isabella Leitner
The Bermuda Triangle	Adam Stone
The Deadliest Animals On Earth	Erika L. Shores
The Everything Kids Science Experiments Book	Tim Robinson
The Man Who walked Between Two Towers	Mordicai Gerstein
The Story of Ruby Bridges	Robert Coles
What's The Big Idea ben Franklin?	Jean Fritz
Who Was.... Biography Series	various authors
Wild Horses*	George Edward Stanley
Woodsong	Gary Paulsen