

Summer 2020 Reading List

for Incoming Sixth Graders



Looking for some great summer reads? Check out these newer and noteworthy titles.

Title	Author	Details
Action/Adventure		
• Dog Driven	*Terry Lynn Johnson	Survival, dog-sledding, diverse abilities
• How I Became a Spy	Deborah Hopkinson	Historical Fiction, mystery, WWII
• Lalani of the Distant Sea	Erin Entrada Kelly	Fantasy, magic
Fantasy		
• The Bone Garden	Heather Kassner	Magic, paranormal, supernatural
• Eventown	Corey Ann Haydu	Siblings, idealic town with a dark side
• Lintang and the Pirate Queen	Tamara Moss	Adventure, pirates, strong females
• A Royal Guide to Monster Slaying	Kelley Armstrong	Monsters, princesses, animals, myth
• The Storm Runner	Jennifer Cervantes	Adventure, Mayan mythology
• Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky	Kwame Mbalia	Adventure, mythology, supernatural
Graphic Novels		
• Catherine's War	Julia Billet	Holocaust, WWII, photography
• Guts	*Raina Telgemeier	Memoir, stress, stomach issues
• New Kid	Jerry Craft	2020 Newbery Medal winner
• White Bird: A Wonder Story	*R. J. Palacio	World War II, the Holocaust
• Queen of the Sea	Dylan Meconis	Historical fiction, queens
Historical Fiction		
• All the Greys on Greene Street	Laura Tucker	Mystery, the arts, missing person
• Indian No More	Charlene Willing McManis	Native Americans, families, Umpqua
• My Life as an Ice Cream Sandwich	Ibi Zoboi	African Americans, Harlem, imagination
• Orange for the Sunsets	Tina Athaide	African refugees, forced migration
• It Rained Warm Bread	Gloria Moskowitz-Sweet	Holocaust, Poland, novel in verse
• Stolen Girl	*Marsha Skrypuch	Holocaust, WWII
• Spy Runner	Eugene Yelchin	The Cold War
• White Rose	Kip Wilson	Holocaust, novel in verse
Horror / Ghost Story		
• Guest: A Changeling Tale	*Mary Downing Hahn	Fantasy, scary story, thriller
• Scary Stories for Young Foxes	Christian McKay Heidicker	Survival, animal stories

* = Look for other good books by this author

Mystery

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| • Ali Cross | *James Patterson | Adventure, detectives, missing person |
| • Far Away | *Lisa Graff | Mediums, locating a missing person |

Realistic Fiction

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| • Clean Getaway | *Nic Stone | Family, road trips, prejudice |
| • For Black Girls Like Me | Mariama Lockington | Adoption, identity, families |
| • Genesis Begins Again | Alicia Williams | Skin color, prejudice, self-esteem |
| • A Good Kind of Trouble | Lisa Moore Ramee | Racism, schools, African Americans |
| • The Line Tender | Kate Allen | Grief and loss, marine biology, sharks |
| • Look Both Ways | *Jason Reynolds | Short stories, neighborhood kids |
| • The Next Great Paulie Fink | *Ali Benjamin | New schools, friendship |
| • Pay Attention Carter Jones | *Gary D. Schmidt | Coming of age, family, humor |
| • The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise | *Dan Gemeinhart | Grief, traveling, fathers and daughters |
| • Shouting at the Rain | *Lynda Mullaly Hunt | Adventure, grief and loss |
| • Song for a Whale | Lynne Kelly | Special needs, animals, diversity |

Science Fiction

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| • Emperor of the Universe | David Lubar | Space flight, extra-terrestrials |
| • The Owls Have Come to Take us Away | Ronald L. Smith | Adventure / thriller, alien abduction |
| • Sal and Gabi Break the Universe | Carlos Alberto Hernandez | Universe, alternate realms |

Sports

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| • Batting Order | *Mike Lupica | Baseball, self-confidence |
| • The Contract | Derek Jeter | Baseball, autobiographical fiction |
| • Training Camp | Kobe Bryant / Wesley King | Basketball, magic |

Non-fiction

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| • Free Lunch | Rex Ogle | Biography, poverty, hunger |
| • It's Trevor Noah: Born a Crime | Trevor Noah | Memoir, South Africa, Apartheid |
| • Rocket to the Moon | *Don Brown | Graphic novel, space, Project Apollo |

Classics / Older Titles

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| • Freak the Mighty | Rodman Philbrick | Realistic fiction, disabilities |
| • The Giver | Lois Lowry | Dystopian, science fiction |
| • The Harry Potter series | J.K. Rowling | Wizards, magic, friendship |
| • Hatchet | Gary Paulsen | Survival, wilderness |
| • Julie of the Wolves | Jean Craighead George | Adventure, coming of age, survival |
| • Touching Spirit Bear | Ben Mikaelson | Native Americans, adventure |
| • Wonder | R.J. Palacio | Overcoming adversity, bullying |

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Have a great summer!