

Summer 2024 Suggested Reading

for Incoming Sixth Graders



Looking for some great summer reads?
Check out these new or noteworthy titles!

Title	Author	Topics
Action/Adventure		
• <i>Northwind</i>	Gary Paulsen	Wilderness survival, oceans
• <i>The Eyes & The Impossible</i>	Dave Eggers	Animal story, 2024 Newbery winner
Fantasy		
• <i>Eagle Drums</i>	Nasugraq Rainey Hopson	Native Americans, magic
• <i>Harry Potter</i> Series	J.K. Rowling	Witches and wizards, magic, sorcery
• <i>Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard</i>	Rick Riordan	Adventure, fantasy, Norse mythology
• <i>Mixed Up</i>	Gordon Korman	Memory switch-up, grief and loss
• <i>Nic Blake and the Remarkables: The Manifestor Prophecy</i>	Angie Thomas	African Americans, magic
• <i>Percy Jackson and the Olympians</i> Series	Rick Riordan	Adventure, fantasy, mythology
• <i>The Trials of Apollo</i> Series	Rick Riordan	Adventure, fantasy, Greek gods
• <i>Wings of Fire</i> Series	Tui T. Sutherland	Adventure, fantasy, dragons
Ghost Stories		
• <i>Ghostlight</i>	Kenneth Oppel	Supernatural, lighthouses
• <i>It Found Us</i>	Lindsay Currie	Horror, mystery, missing persons
• <i>Took: A Ghost Story</i>	Mary Downing Hahn	Witches, kidnapping
Graphic Novels		
• <i>Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library</i>	Chris Grabenstein	Games, puzzles, competitions
• <i>Mexikid</i>	Pedro Martin	Family road trip, Mexican Americans
• <i>New Kid</i> Series	Jerry Craft	Fitting in, diversity, middle school
• <i>Smile</i> Series	Raina Telgemeier	Autobiographical, middle school
Historical Fiction		
• <i>Ground Zero</i>	Alan Gratz	Terrorist attacks on 9/11, Afghan War
• <i>Heroes</i>	Alan Gratz	Pearl Harbor, WWII
• <i>Iceberg</i>	Jennifer A. Nielsen	Sinking of the Titanic
• <i>Prisoner B-3087</i>	Alan Gratz	Holocaust, survival, Poland
• <i>Winterkill</i>	Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch	Ukraine, survival, 1932

Mystery

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| • <i>Drew LeClair Gets a Clue</i> | Katryn Bury | Cyberbullying, detective work |
| • <i>Spy School Series</i> | Stuart Gibbs | Spies, CIA, espionage |

Realistic Fiction

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| • <i>Barely Floating</i> | Lilliam Rivera | Synchronized swimming, self-esteem |
| • <i>Finally Seen</i> | Kelly Yang | Chinese Americans, family life |
| • <i>Front Desk Series</i> | Kelly Yang | Asian Americans, immigration |
| • <i>Ruby Lost and Found</i> | Christina Li | Asian Americans, grief and loss |
| • <i>The Dubious Pranks of Shaindy Goodman</i> | Mari Lowe | Friendship, pranks, Jewish people |
| • <i>Those Kids from Fawn Creek</i> | Erin Entrada Kelly | Bullying, emotions, friendship |
| • <i>Tiger Daughter</i> | Rebecca Lim | Asian Americans, coming of age |
| • <i>We Still Belong</i> | Christine Day | Family life, Native Americans |
| • <i>Wonder</i> | R.J. Palacio | Self-acceptance, disabilities, school |

Science Fiction

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| • <i>Alebrijes</i> | Donna Barba Higuera | Dystopian, survival, Hispanic |
| • <i>Sal and Gabi Break the Universe Series</i> | Carlos Alberto Hernandez | Adventure, grief, space / time travel |

Sports

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| • <i>Defending Champ</i> | Mike Lupica | Girls soccer, middle school, |
| • <i>Fast Pitch</i> | Nic Stone | African Americans, softball, mystery |
| • <i>Final Season</i> | Tim Green | Football, quarterbacks, ALS |
| • <i>Home Team Series</i> | Mike Lupica | Baseball, softball, friendship |
| • <i>Track Series</i> | Jason Reynolds | African Americans, adversity, track |

Classics / Older Titles

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| • <i>Freak the Mighty Series</i> | Rodman Philbrick | Realistic Fiction, disabilities |
| • <i>Hatchet</i> | Gary Paulsen | Survival, wilderness |
| • <i>Julie of the Wolves</i> | Jean Craighead George | Adventure, coming of age, survival |
| • <i>The Giver Quartet</i> | Lois Lowry | Dystopian / science fiction |
| • <i>Touching Spirit Bear</i> | Ben Mikaelson | Native Americans, adventure |

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Have a great summer!