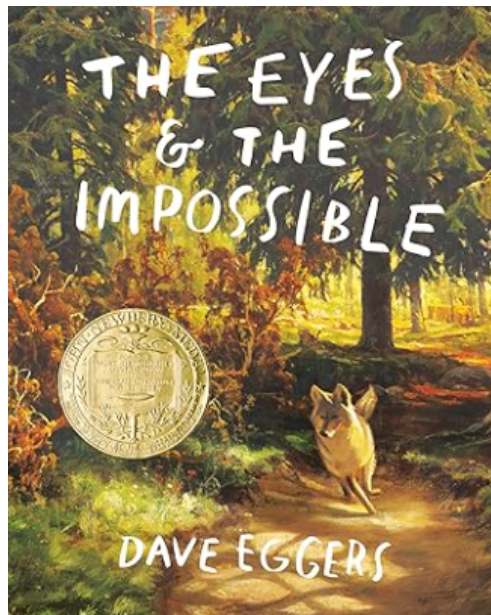




METAIRIE PARK COUNTRY DAY

2024 Suggestions for 5th Grade Summer Reading



*Rising fifth grade students are required to read four books from three different genres over the summer. After reading each book, students will choose a question and complete the hamburger graphic organizer. Students should include the book's title and chosen question and use complete sentences when filling out each of the four graphic organizers. **The books on this list are merely suggestions; they may choose other titles to complete the requirements.***

ALL LOWER SCHOOL SUMMER READ:

Orris and Timble: The Beginning by Kate DiCamillo. This is a story that we hope to have all our Lower School students read this summer as a shared student read. We plan to start our year off with a discussion and activities from this beautiful book!

“BEST BOOKS OF 2023-20234”

Books from at least one list of “best” books, which were compiled by The American Library Association and leading journals in the field of children’s literature.

Anderson, M.T. **ELF DOG AND OWL HEAD.** This humorous and wondrous adventure of a boy and his magical dog is a timeless coming-of-age story marked by masterful world-building. (*A Newbery honor book.)

Applegate, Katherine. **THE ONE AND ONLY RUBY.** Ruby, a young elephant, worries about growing up with her adopted herd at a wildlife sanctuary. (**The One and Only series.*)

Arango, Andrea Beatriz. **SOMETHING LIKE HOME.** In this novel in verse, Laura navigates her relationship with her aunt and the foster system, befriends a stray pup, and plots to reunite with her parents in rehab. (*A Pura Belpre Award Author Honor Book.)

Bullion, Leslie. **GALAPGOS: ISLANDS OF CHANGE.** Crucial organisms in the Galapagos ecosystems are highlighted in varied, lyrical verse accompanied by colorful illustrations and scientific explanations.

Brown, Peter. **THE WILD ROBOT PROTECTS.** The emotionally intelligent robot, Roz, takes on the fight against environmental pollution. (**The Wild Robot Series.*)

Chantler, Scott. **SQUIRE AND KNIGHT.** A blowhard knight and a cursed town are rescued by an undervalued, brainy squire and a misunderstood dragon.

Davies, Jacqueline. **THE INTERNATIONAL HOUSE OF DERELICTION.** As Alice fixes up an abandoned house, she discovers ghostly inhabitants and makes it her mission to help them become happily settled in the afterlife.

DiCamillo, Kate. **THE PUPPETS OF SPELHORST.** Five puppets—a girl, a boy, a king, a wolf, and an owl—live their dreams in a

play within a story.

Dimopoulos, Elaine. **THE REMARKABLE RESCUE AT MILKWEED MEADOW.** Butternut, a rabbit, is supposed to stay close to home. Piper, a robin, persuades her to venture out to help a hurt fawn.

Eggers, Dave. **THE EYES AND THE IMPOSSIBLE.** This artistically illustrated novel shares a hero’s journey of Johannes, a free dog, as he learns about friendship and living in the wider world. (***The Newbery 2024 Medal Winner.**)

Fitzgerald, Maria Jose. **TURTLES OF THE MIDNIGHT MOON.** Excited to be visiting Honduras, 12-year-old Abby agrees to help her new friend, Barana, stop local poachers from stealing sea turtles’ eggs.

Forrester, Amy. **SEARCH FOR A GIANT SQUID: PICK YOUR PATH.** An expedition into deep sea waters to research giant squids in their habitat has various outcomes, depending on the reader’s choices.

Gaiman, Neil. **WHAT YOU NEED TO BE WARM.** What are your memories of being warm? The UN Refugee Agency goodwill ambassador has woven the responses to his question into a free verse poem. Illustrated by 13 notable artists.

Giles, Chrystal G. **NOT AN EASY WIN.** When Lawrence is expelled, his neighbor takes him to the local rec center, where he learns to play chess, gains self-esteem, and builds friendships.

Harbinger, Esperanza. **YOUR BRAIN IS AMAZING: HOW THE HUMAN MIND WORKS.** Humorous illustrations, clear text, and supportive activities make this comprehensive exploration of the body’s most complex organ

accessible and engaging.

Hatke, Ben. **THINGS IN THE BASEMENT.** In this imaginative graphic novel, a lost sock prompts an amazing journey through a dream-like world in the basement.

Kashiwaba, Sachiko. **THE HOUSE OF THE LOST ON THE CAPE.** Helped by creatures from Japanese folklore, three generations of women create a found family in the wake of tragedy and defend their village from evil threats. (*A Batchelder Honor Book.)

Kuyatt, Meg Eden. **GOOD DIFFERENT.** In this novel in verse, Seleh struggles to follow her self-made rules of being “normal” and learns it is okay to be different and advocate for her needs,

Lin, Grace. **CHINESE MENU: THE HISTORY, MYTHS, AND LEGENDS BEHIND YOUR FAVORITE FOODS.** A delectable collection of tales that detail the history and origins of foods found on an American Chinese restaurant menu.

Lincoln, Beth. **THE SWIFTS: A DICTIONARY OF SCOUNDRELS.** In this British country house mystery, Shenanigan Swift must solve a murder at a family reunion.

Lowry, Lois. **THE WINDEBY PUZZLE: HISTORY AND STORY.** This blend of history and fiction reimagines the events that might have led to the mysterious Windeby mummy’s death.

Miyares, Daniel. **THE MANY ASSASSINATIONS OF SAMIR, THE SELLER OF DREAMS.** With the hope of attaining his own freedom, a servant boy saves his master’s life multiple times as they travel the Silk Road. (*A Newbery Honor Book.)

Molebash, Wes. **TRAVIS DAVENTHORPE: FOR THE WIN!** Travis, an 11-year-old genius robotic engineer, is an outcast until he discovers a multiverse. Now, its survival depends on him, a wizard, and his sentient robot. (*Travis Davenport series.)

Murray, Lily. **HOW OLD IS A WHALE? ANIMAL LIFE SPANS FROM THE MAYFLY TO THE IMMORTAL JELLYFISH.** From mayfly to immortal jellyfish, this book explores the lifespans of animals, focusing on what each creature achieves during their time on Earth.

O’Shaughnessy, Kate. **LASAGNA MEANS I LOVE YOU.** When her Nan dies, Mo goes into foster care and discovers the power of food and found family through cooking and sharing recipes.

Pinkney, Jerry. **JUST JERRY: HOW DRAWING SHAPED MY LIFE.** A famous illustrator candidly remembers his passion for creating art, his unidentified dyslexia, and his youth in a Black neighborhood in 1940s and 1950s Philadelphia.

Schwarz, Larry. **THE JULES VERNE PROPHECY.** In Paris for the summer, Owen joins new friends who encounter danger in their spirited attempt to unravel a complicated treasure hunt.

Selznick, Brian. **BIG TREE.** In the final days of the dinosaurs, two sycamore seedlings search for a safe place to grow in an unsafe world. Extensive notes on the science.

Stroman, Marcus. **THE GRIP.** A fictionalized account of the author as a talented hard-working young pitcher whose performance anxiety leads him to a mental health professional for help. (*1st in a series.)

Tidholm, Thomas. **TO THE ICE.** When the ice of the creek on which they are playing cracks, Ida, Max, and Jack float out to the river and then to the sea for an adventurous journey.

Todd, Tracy N. **HOLDING HER OWN. THE EXCEPTIONAL LIFE OF JACKIE ORMES.** How did Ormes, a pioneering Black cartoonist, create her iconic comic strip characters?

Van Draanen, Wendy. **MR. WHISKERS AND THE SHENANIGAN SISTERS.** Mr. Whiskers, a street smart stray dog, helps two sisters rescue their kidnapped father—and uncovers a mysterious pirate’s treasure.

Weinersmith, Zach. **BEA WOLF.** The epic poem Beowulf gets a kid-friendly graphic novel retelling where children are the heroes fighting against the forces of adulthood.

HISTORICAL FICTION

Avi. **THE TRUE CONFESSIONS OF CHARLOTTE DOYLE.** Thirteen year old Charlotte Doyle, passenger on a 1832 voyage from England to America, must fend for herself when she learns the captain is murderous.

Baron, Chris **THE MAGICAL IMPERFECT.** Etan has become selectively mute since his mother left. He spends most of his time with his grandfather in his jewelry shop. Delivering a package outside of his San Francisco neighborhood, Etan befriends Malia, known by kids as “the Creature” because of her eczema. This novel in verse depicts a beautiful friendship, a dose of history, and a pinch of magical realism set against the backdrop of the 6.9 magnitude earthquake that devastated the area in 1989.

Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker. **THE WAR I FINALLY WON.** Like the classic heroines of Sarah, Plain and Tall, Little Women, and Anne of Green Gables, Ada is a fighter for the ages. Her triumphant World War II journey continues in this sequel to the Newbery Honor–winning *The War that Saved My Life*.

Choldenko, Gennifer. **AL CAPONE DOES MY SHIRTS.** A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.

Cline-Ransome, Lesa. **FINDING LANGSTON.** This emotionally rich story of a young boy adjusting to the loss of his mom works as a lovely human story, as well as an introduction to the Great Migration and the poetry of Langston Hughes.

Gidwitz, Adam. **THE INQUISTOR’S TALE: OR, THE THREE MAGICAL CHILDREN AND THEIR HOLY DOG.** A hodgepodge of different narrators in 1242 France introduce readers to three unusual children one remarkable dog. (2012 Newbery Honor Book.)

Lai, Thanhha. **INSIDE OUT AND BACK AGAIN.** In a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.

(2012 Newbery Honor Book.)

Luqman-Dawson. **FREEWATER.** Author Amina Luqman-Dawson pens a lyrical, accessible historical middle-grade novel about two enslaved children’s escape from a plantation and the many ways they find freedom. (*2023 Newbery Award Winner)

Munoz-Ryan, Pam. **ESPERANZA RISING.** Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression. (2002 Pura Belpre Medal.)

Speare, Elizabeth George. **THE SIGN OF THE BEAVER.** Left alone to guard the family's wilderness home in eighteenth-century Maine, a boy is hard-pressed to survive until local Indians teach him their skills.

Williams-Garcia, Rita. **ONE CRAZY SUMMER.** Set during one of the most tumultuous years in recent American history, *One Crazy Summer* is the heartbreaking, funny tale of three girls who travel to Oakland, California, in 1968 in search of the mother who abandoned them. It's an unforgettable story told by a distinguished author of books for children and teens, Rita Williams-Garcia. (2011 Newbery Honor Book.)

Wolk, Lauren. **WOLF HOLLOW.** The brilliantly crafted debut of Newbery Honor– and Scott O'Dell Award–winning author Lauren Wolk (*Beyond the Bright Sea*, *Echo Mountain*), *Wolf Hollow* is a haunting tale of America at a crossroads and a time when one girl's resilience, strength, and compassion help to illuminate the darkest corners of history. (2017 Newbery Honor Book.)

REALISTIC FICTION

Alexander, Kwame. **BOOKED.** In this electrifying follow-up to Kwame Alexander's Newbery winner *The Crossover*, soccer, family, love, and friendship

take center stage. A New York Times bestseller and National Book Award Longlist nominee.

Collier, Nicole. **JUST RIGHT JILLIAN**. In this heartfelt middle-grade novel, fifth grader Jillian must learn to speak and break free of her shell to enter her school's academic competition and keep her promise to her grandmother.

Gemeinhart, Dan. **THE REMARKABLE JOURNEY OF COYOTE SUNRISE**. Twelve-year-old Coyote and her father rush to Poplin Springs, Washington, in their old school bus to save a memory box buried in a park that will soon be demolished.

Hunt, Lynda Mullaly. **FISH IN A TREE**. Ally's greatest fear is that everyone will find out she is as dumb as they think she is because she still doesn't know how to read

Kelly, Erin Entrada. **HELLO, UNIVERSE**. Lives of four misfits are intertwined when a bully's prank lands shy Virgil at the bottom of a well and Valencia, Kaori, and Gen band together in an epic quest to find and rescue him. (2018 Newbery Medal Winner.)

LaRocca, Rajani. **RED, WHITE, AND WHOLE**. Thirteen-year-old Reha feels conflicted over her Indian American identity because of the expectations of her family, the predominantly white spaces she inhabits during the week, and how to fit into both. When Reha's mother falls seriously ill, the family must come together for an unimaginable future. With tragedy looming, Reha figures out how to unite these parts of herself. This historical fiction novel in verse set in 1983 is a timely, heartrending tale.

Lord, Cynhia. **RULES**. Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic.

McAnulty, Stacy. **THE MISCALCULATIONS OF LIGHTNING GIRL**. A lightning strike made Lucy, twelve, a math genius but, after years of homeschooling, her grandmother enrolls her in middle school and she learns that life is more than numbers.

Medina, Meg. **MERCI SUAREZ CHANGES GEARS**. Merci Suárez begins the sixth grade and knows things will change, but she did not count on

her grandfather acting strangely, not fitting in at her private school, and dealing with Edna Santos' jealousy. (2019 Newbery Medal Winner.)

Paulsen, Gary. **HATCHET**. After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive with only the aid of a hatchet given to him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.

Pennypacker, Sara. **HERE IN THE REAL WORLD**. Immersing himself in a fantasy world of knights and chivalry, introverted Ware is sent to a summer camp designed around social interactions and begins building a castle-like private space while clashing with a fellow misfit.

Reynolds, Jason, **STUNTBOY, IN THE MEANTIME**. An ingeniously crafted, multifaceted, and heartfelt take on the classic superhero story. Portico Reeves likes to think of himself as Stuntboy, protecting the quirky characters in his apartment building. Ten episodic chapters feature fast-paced, realistic dialogue loaded with wordplay and humor. Cartoon illustrations are integral, active components of the story.

Stead, Rebecca. **THE LIST OF THINGS THAT WILL NOT CHANGE**. Despite her parents' divorce, her father's coming out as gay, and his plans to marry his boyfriend, ten-year-old Bea is reassured by her parents' unconditional love, excited about getting a stepsister, and haunted by something she did last summer at her father's lake house.

Yee, Lisa. **MAIZY CHEN'S LAST CHANCE**. Twelve year-old Maizy discovers her family's Chinese restaurant is full of secrets in this irresistible novel that celebrates food, fortune, and family. (2023 Newbery Honor Book.)

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Cullum, Jared. **KODI**. An outcast named Katya stumbles upon a bear, Kodi, who is caught in a trap. After Kodi is saved, he returns the favor to his lonely friend. Dreamy watercolors set the tone in this intimate, touching read about discovering friendship and belonging in unexpected places.

Craft, Jerry. **THE NEW KID**. Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him

to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade. (2020 Newbery Medal Winner.*Series)

Hale, Shannon. **REAL FRIENDS**. Newbery Honor author Shannon Hale and New York Times bestselling illustrator LeUyen Pham join forces in this graphic memoir about how hard it is to find your real friends—and why it's worth the journey.(1st in a series.)

Hatke, Ben. **MIGHTY JACK**. Jack might be the only kid in the world who's dreading summer. But he's got a good reason: summer is when his single mom takes a second job and leaves him at home to watch his autistic kid sister, Maddy. It's a lot of responsibility, and it's boring, too, because Maddy doesn't talk. Ever. But then, one day at the flea market, Maddy does talk—to tell Jack to trade their mom's car for a box of mysterious seeds. It's the best mistake Jack has ever made.(1st in a series.)

Holm, Jennifer L. **SUNNY SIDE UP**. Sunny Lewin is sent to live with her grandfather for the summer in Florida, where she befriends Buzz, a boy completely obsessed with comic books, and faces the secret behind why she is in Florida in the first place. (1st in a series.)

Lloyd, Megan Wagner. **ALLERGIC**. Excited about adopting a new puppy, Maggie is horrified to realize she's allergic to dogs—and a host of other animals. As she searches for a pet that won't trigger an allergic reaction, she struggles to find her place in her family and discover a friend group. Warm artwork and colors turn a serious medical topic into a cozy journey for companionship.

Ortega, Claribel A. **FRIZZY**. The story of Marlene, a young Dominican girl whose greatest enemy is the hair salon! Through her struggles and triumphs, this heartwarming and gorgeous middle-grade graphic novel shows the radical power of accepting yourself as you are, frizzy curls and all.

Palacio, R.J. **WHITE BIRD**. From the bestselling author of *Wonder* comes *White Bird*: an unforgettable Second World War story about bravery, friendship and the power of kindness.

Telgemeier, Raina. **SMILE**. Raina just wants to be a

normal sixth grader. But one night after Girl Scouts she trips and falls, severely injuring her two front teeth. What follows is a long and frustrating journey with on-again, off-again braces, surgery, embarrassing headgear, and even a retainer with fake teeth attached. And on top of all that, there's still more to deal with: a major earthquake, boy confusion, and friends who turn out to be not so friendly. (1st in a series.)

Venable, Colleen AF. **KATIE THE CATSITTER**. Katie Spera, a 12-year-old living in an alternate New York City where Yelp-rated superheroes abound, earns money for summer camp by watching her neighbor's cats...but could her neighbor be a supervillain? A winsome mix of adventure, humor, and realistic middle grade problems, ideal for readers seeking the whimsy of Dav Pilkey's "Dog Man" tempered with the reassuring tone of Raina Telgemeier's work.(1st in a series.)

Wagner Lloyd, Megan. **SQUISHED**. From the Eisner-nominated duo behind the instant bestseller *Allergic* comes a fun graphic novel about finding your own space... especially when you're in a family of nine!

Wang, Jen. **STARGAZING**. Christine is a Chinese American girl living in an Asian suburb who's focused on her music and grade school work. Change comes when her parents offer the in-law apartment her grandpa used to live in to a struggling Chinese American mother and child from church, encouraging Christine to befriend Moon, the daughter. The only thing is, they are complete opposites.

Winick, Judith. **HILO: THE BOY WHO CRASHED TO EARTH**. When a mysterious boy falls from the sky, friends D.J. and Gina must discover the secrets of his identity and help him save the world. Will appeal to fans of *Dog Man* and *Big Nate*. (1st in a series.)

FANTASY/SCIENCE FICTION

Applebaum, Kirsty. **THE MIDLDER**. Eleven-year-old Maggie, a middle-born child where only the eldest are valued, has her world turned upside-down by forbidden friendship with Una, a wanderer girl from outside the boundaries of Fennis Wick.

Barnhill, Kelly Regan. **THE GIRL WHO DRANK THE MOON**. In a fantastical realm, a baby is left in

the forest, according to an annual tradition of sacrifice. (2017 Newbery Medal Winner.)

Brown, Peter. **THE WILD ROBOT**. Roz the robot discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island with no memory of where she is from or why she is there, and her only hope of survival is to try to learn about her new environment from the island's hostile inhabitants.

Cernosek, Nate. **THE HIDDENSEEK**. In this spine-chilling middle grade debut a brother and sister are transported to a cursed world based on the game hide-and-seek, where the only way to get home is to win.

Clayton, Dhonielle **THE MARVELERS**. As the first conjuror student at a school for magical youth, eleven-year-old Ella has the whole magical world looking at her; some are rooting for her success, others are hoping for her demise. After a nearby prison break allegedly aided by a conjuror, Ella works to clear the conjuror name. Clayton is adept at building inclusive fantasy worlds filled with magic, lore, and beauty.

Collins, Suzanne. **GREGOR THE OVERLANDER**. This irresistible novel by Suzanne Collins tells the story of a boy who embarks on a dangerous quest in order to fulfill his destiny -- and find his father -- in a strange world beneath New York City. (1st in a series.)

Dicamillo, Kate. **THE BEATRYCE PROPHECY**. The prophecy foretold of a girl who would "unseat a king and bring about a great change." With the help of a demon goat and the ability to read and write (skills considered illegal for women in this world), Beatryce is poised to do just that.

Keller, Tae. **WHEN YOU TRAP A TIGER**. When Lily, her sister Sam, and their mother move in with her sick grandmother, Lily traps a tiger and makes a deal with him to heal Halmoni. (2021 Newbery Medal Winner.)

Maguire, Gregory. **CRESS WATERCRESS**. A grieving rabbit family leaves their comfortable warren to start over without their lost papa. They encounter a memorable cast of creatures who sometimes quarrel but always look out for any neighbor in need. With its brisk plot, witty details, and thought-provoking concepts, this gloriously

illustrated chapter book makes an ideal read-alone or family read-aloud.

Ryan, Pam Munoz. **ECHO**. Lost in the Black Forest, Otto meets three mysterious sisters and finds himself entwined in a prophecy, a promise, and a harmonica--and decades later three children, Friedrich in Germany, Mike in Pennsylvania, and Ivy in California find themselves caught up in the same thread of destiny in the darkest days of the twentieth century, struggling to keep their families intact, and tied together by the music of the same harmonica.

Shulman, Polly. **THE GRIMM LEGACY**. New York high school student Elizabeth gets an after-school job as a page at the "New-York Circulating Material Repository," and when she gains coveted access to its Grimm Collection of magical objects, she and the other pages are drawn into a series of frightening adventures involving mythical creatures and stolen goods. (1st in a series.)

Soontornvat, Christina. **THE LAST MAPMAKER**. A high-seas adventure set in a Thai-inspired fantasy world. Christina Soontornvat explores a young woman's struggle to unburden herself of the past and chart her own destiny in a world of secrets. (2023 Newbery Honor Book.)

Stead, Rebecca. **WHEN YOU REACH ME**. As her mother prepares to be a contestant on the 1980s television game show, "The \$20,000 Pyramid," a twelve-year-old New York City girl tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source that seems to defy the laws of time and space. (2010 Newbery Medal Winner.)

Warga, Jasmine. **A ROVER'S STORY**. Meet Resilience, a Mars rover determined to live up to his name. Res was built to explore Mars. He was not built to have human emotions. But as he learns new things from the NASA scientists who assemble him, he begins to develop humanlike feelings. Maybe there's a problem with his programming...

NONFICTION

Alexander, Lori. **A SPORTING CHANCE: HOW LUDWIG GUTTMAN CREATED THE PARALYMPIC GAMES.** Telling the inspiring human story behind the creation of the Paralympics, this young readers biography artfully combines archival photos, full-color illustrations and a riveting narrative to honor the life of Ludwig Guttmann, whose work profoundly changed so many lives.

Bryan, Ashley. **FREEDOM OVER ME.** Using original slave auction and plantation estate documents, Ashley Bryan offers a moving and powerful picture book that contrasts the monetary value of a person with the priceless value of life experiences and dreams that a slave owner could never take away.

Chin, Jason. **THE UNIVERSE IN YOU: A MICROSCOPIC JOURNEY.** Explore the infinitesimal particles-cells, atoms, molecules, and those that we can't even yet measure-that make up all the world's physical matter. Well researched and captivating!

Kooser, Ted. **MARSHMALLOW CLOUDS. TWO POETS AT PLAY AMONG FIGURES OF SPEECH.** Thirty free verse poems about fire, water, air, and earth play imaginatively with words, imagery, similes, and metaphors.

Paulsen, Gary. **GONE TO THE WOODS: SURVIVING A LOST CHILDHOOD.** A middle grade memoir from a living literary legend, giving listeners a new perspective on the origins of Gary Paulsen's famed survival stories.

Sandstrom, Donna. **ORCA RESCUE!: THE TRUE STORY OF AN ORPHANED ORCA NAMED SPRINGER.** A captivating account of the only successful orca rescue and reunion in history told in first person by Donna Sandstrom, a citizen participant of the rescue.

Silvey, Anita. **UNTAMED: THE WILD LIFE OF JANE GOODALL.** Jane Goodall, one of the most recognized scientists in the Western world, became internationally famous because of her ability to observe and connect with another species. continues to leave the modern world with an extraordinary legacy.

Dunlap, Julie. **I BEGIN WITH SPRING: THE LIFE AND SEASONS OF HENRY DAVID THOREAU.** Formatted like a nature notebook, this exploration of seasonal changes in Thoreau's day is also a visual story of his life and times and a gentle introduction to climate change.

Hoose, Phillip. **MOONBIRD: A YEAR ON THE WIND WITH GREAT SURVIVOR B95.** Documents the survival tale of an intrepid shorebird who has endured annual migrations between Argentina and the Canadian Arctic throughout the course of a long lifetime while his species continues to decline.

Hoose, Phillip M. **WE WERE THERE, TOO!** From the boys who sailed with Columbus to today's young activists, this unique book brings to life the contributions of young people throughout American history. Based on primary sources and including 160 authentic images, this handsome oversized volume highlights the fascinating stories of more than 70 young people from diverse cultures.

Soontornvat, Christina. **ALL THIRTEEN: THE INCREDIBLE CAVE RESCUE OF THE THAI BOYS' SOCCER TEAM.** A unique account of the amazing Thai cave rescue told in a heart-racing, you-are-there style that blends suspense, science, and cultural insight.

Wohlleben, Peter. **CAN YOU HEAR THE TREES TALKING? DISCOVERING THE HIDDEN LIFE OF THE FOREST.** *Can You Hear the Trees Talking?* shares the mysteries and magic of the forest with young readers, revealing what trees feel, how they communicate, and the ways trees take care of their families. The author of *The Hidden Life of Trees*, Peter Wohlleben, tells kids about the forest internet, aphids who keep ants as pets, nature's water filters, and more fascinating things that happen under the canopy.

Weatherford, Carole Boston. **UNSPEAKABLE: THE TULSA RACE MASSACRE.** Celebrated author Carole Boston Weatherford and illustrator Floyd Cooper provide a powerful look at the 1921 Tulsa race massacre, one of the worst incidents of racial violence in our nation's history.

POETRY

Alexander, Kwame. **THE UNDEFEATED**. Originally performed for ESPN's The Undefeated, this poem is a love letter to black life in the United States. It highlights the unspeakable trauma of slavery, the faith and fire of the civil rights movement, and the grit, passion, and perseverance of some of the world's greatest heroes. (2020 Caldecott Medal Winner.)

Cooper, Susan. **THE SHORTEST DAY**. In this seasonal treasure, Newbery Medalist Susan Cooper's beloved poem heralds the winter solstice, illuminated by Caldecott Honoree Carson Ellis's strikingly resonant illustrations.

Harris, Chris. **MY HEAD HAS A BELLYACHE AND MORE NONSENSE FOR MISCHIEVOUS KIDS AND IMMATURE GROWN-UPS**. Inventive, humorous, and thoughtful poems in multiple forms are accompanied by cartoon-style illustrations.

Kooser, Ted. **MARSHMALLOW CLOUDS. TWO POETS AT PLAY AMONG FIGURES OF SPEECH**. Thirty free verse poems about fire, water, air, and earth play imaginatively with words, imagery, similes, and metaphors.

Prelutsky, Jack. **HARD BOILED BUGS FOR BREAKFAST AND OTHER TASTY POEMS**. A new collection from the celebrated first Young People's Poet Laureate and bestselling poet Jack Prelutsky, featuring more than one hundred original poems!

Raczka, Bob. **LEMONADE AND OTHER POEMS SQUEEZED FROM A SINGLE WORD**. Part anagram, part rebus, part riddle--these poems capture a scene from a child's daily life and present a puzzle to solve. Sometimes sweet and sometimes funny, but always clever, these poems are fun to read and even more fun for kids to write

Silverstein, Shel. **WHERE THE SIDEWALK ENDS, A LIGHT IN THE ATTIC, AND FALLING UP**. Shel Silverstein's masterful collection of poems and drawings stretches the bounds of imagination and will be cherished by readers of all ages.