



# Top Picks: Summer Reading

## Grades 1-2

### Fiction

*LEGO Ninjago* - Various Authors  
*The Critter Club* series - Callie Barkley  
*Extra Yarn* – Mac Barnett  
*Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs* – Judi Barrett  
*FKS* series - Jim Benton  
*According to Humphrey* series – Betty G. Birney  
*Heidi Heckelbeck* series – Wanda Coven  
*Mercy Watson to the Rescue* – Kate DiCamillo  
*Bink and Gollie* – Kate DiCamillo  
*Mouse Scouts* – Sarah Dillard  
*Owl Diaries* - Rebecca Elliot  
*Meet Yasmin!* series - Saadia Faruqi  
*Captain Awesome* series - Stan Kirby  
*Jasmine Toguchi* series - Debbi Michiko Florence  
*Princess in Black* series - Shannon Hale  
*The Honeybee* - Kirsten Hall  
*Dory Fantasmagory* series - Abby Hanlon  
*Armstrong: The Adventurous Journey of a Mouse to the Moon* - Torben Kuhlmann  
*Ling and Ting: Twice as Silly* – Grace Lin  
*Stink and the Incredible Super Galactic Jawbreaker* – Megan McDonald  
*Nancy Clancy, Super Sleuth / Fancy Nancy* – Jane O'Connor  
*The Magic Treehouse* series – Mary Pope Osborne  
*ABC Mysteries* series – Ron Roy  
*Dragon Masters* series - Tracey West

### Humorous Fiction

*Ivy and Bean* – Annie Barrows  
*The Bad Guys* - Aaron Blabey  
*Flat Stanley* series – Jeff Brown  
*Bad Kitty* series – Nick Bruel  
*Read the Book, Lemmings!* - Ame Dyckman  
*Babymouse* series – Jennifer L. Holm  
*Horrible Harry* series – Suzy Kline  
*Alvin Ho* series - Lenore Look  
*Clementine* series – Sara Pennypacker  
*Ricky Ricotta* series – Dav Pilkey  
*Splat the Cat* series - Rob Scotton

### Classics

*The Chocolate Touch* - Patrick Catling  
*Ramona* series - Beverly Cleary  
*Magic Finger* - Roald Dahl  
*The Hundred Dresses* – Eleanor Estes  
*Ferdinand* - Munro Leaf  
*Pippi Longstocking* – Astrid Lindgren  
*Frog and Toad Are Friends* - Arnold Lobel  
*Sarah, Plain and Tall* - Patricia MacLachlan  
*Winnie the Pooh* - A. A. Milne  
*Amelia Bedelia* – Herman Parish  
*Sideways Stories* – Louis Sachar  
*Encyclopedia Brown* - Donald Sobol  
*Stuart Little* – E.B. White

### Nonfiction

*I Am...* series - Various Authors  
*Extraordinary Engineering* series - Various Authors  
*Trombone Shorty* - Troy Andrews  
*Titanosaur: Discovering the World's Largest Dinosaur* - Dr. Jose Luis Carballido  
*Locomotive* - Brian Floca  
*The Iridescence of Birds* - Patricia MacLachlan  
*Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear* - Lindsey Mattick  
*Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down* - Andrea Davis Pinkney



## Top Picks: Summer Reading

### Grades 3-5

#### Fiction

*The Strange Case of Origami Yoda* series – Tom Angleberger  
*American Girl* series – Various Authors  
*Ivy & Bean* series – Annie Barrows  
*El Deafo* – Cece Bell  
*The Penderwicks* series – Jeanne Birdsall  
*Humphrey* series – Betty Birney  
*Best Babysitters Ever* series - Caroline Cala  
*Hurricane Child* - Kheryn Callendar  
*The Friendship War / Frindle* - Andrew Clements  
*All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook* – Leslie Connor  
*The Goat* - Anne Fleming  
*Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key* – Jack Gantos  
*Kid Owner* - Tim Green  
*Inside Out and Back Again* – Thanhha Lai  
*Lucky Luna* - Diana Lopez  
*The Season of Styx Malone* - Kekla Magoon  
*Rain Reign* – Ann Martin  
*11 Birthdays* – Wendy Mass  
*Pax* – Sara Pennypacker  
*My Life as a Book* - Janet Tashjian  
*Justin Case* – Rachel Vail

#### Historical Fiction

*Dear America* series – Various Authors  
*The War that Saved My Life* – Kimberly Brubaker Bradley  
*Chasing Secrets* – Gennifer Choldenko  
*Stella by Starlight* – Sharon M. Draper  
*Some Kind of Courage* – Dan Gemeinhart  
*Full of Beans* - Jennifer L. Holm  
*Wonderstruck* – Brian Selznick  
*I Survived* series – Lauren Tarshis  
*Gone Crazy in Alabama* – Rita Williams-Garcia

#### Adventure and Fantasy

*Spirit Animals* series – Various Authors  
*The Jumbies* - Tracey Baptiste  
*Aru Shah* series - Roshani Chokshi  
*The Magisterium* series - Holly Black and Cassandra Clare  
*NERDS* series – Michael Buckley  
*Fairy Tale Reform School* series - Jen Calonita  
*How to Train Your Dragon* series – Cressida Cowell  
*The Tale of Despereaux* – Kate DiCamillo  
*Unicorn Rescue Society* series - Adam Gidwitz  
*Knights vs.* series - Dan Greenburg  
*The Princess Academy* – Shannon Hale  
*Warrior* series – Erin Hunter  
*A Wrinkle in Time* series – Madeleine L'Engle  
*Whatever After* series - Sarah Mlynowski  
*Wings of Fire* series - Tui. T. Sutherland  
*Nevermoor* series - Jessica Townsend  
*Dragonbreath* series – Ursula Vernon

#### Mystery

*The 39 Clues* - Various Authors  
*Chasing Vermeer* – Blue Balliett  
*The Sisters Grimm* series – Michael Buckley  
*Under the Egg* – Laura Marx Fitzgerald  
*A Tangle of Knots* – Lisa Graff  
*The Missing* series - Margaret Peterson Haddix  
*Nooks & Crannies* – Jessica Lawson  
*Holes* – Louis Sachar  
*A Series of Unfortunate Events* – Lemony Snicket



## Top Picks: Summer Reading

### Classics: New and Old

*The One and Only Ivan* – Katherine Applegate  
*Peter Pan and Wendy* – J.M. Barrie  
*The Girl Who Drank the Moon* – Kelly Barnhill  
*The Secret Garden* – Frances Hodgson Burnett  
*All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook* – Leslie Connor  
*Sticks and Stones* – Abby Cooper  
*The BFG* – Roald Dahl  
*Flora and Ulysses* – Kate DiCamillo  
*The Black Stallion* - Walter Farley  
*George* – Alex Gino  
*The Land of Forgotten Girls* – Erin Entrada Kelly  
*The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate* – Jacqueline Kelly  
*Listen, Slowly* – Thanhha Lai  
*Ella Enchanted* – Gail Carson Levine  
*The Magician's Nephew* – C.S. Lewis  
*Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* – Grace Lin  
*The Remarkable Journey of Charlie Price* – Jennifer Maschari  
*Anne of Green Gables* – Lucy Maud Montgomery  
*Bridge to Terabithia* – Katherine Paterson  
*The Red Pencil* – Andrea Davis Pinkney  
*Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* – J. K. Rowling  
*Cartwheeling in Thunderstorms* – Katherine Rundell  
*Amal Unbound* - Aisha Saeed  
*The Secret Horses of Briar Hill* – Megan Shepherd  
*Charlotte's Web* - E. B. White

### Nonfiction

*Who Was...?* series - Various Authors  
*Seeing Stars: a Complete Guide to the 88 Constellations* - Sara Gillingham  
*Great Art in 30 Seconds* - Susie Hodge  
*Bones: Skeletons and How They Work* - Steve Jenkins  
*Ken Jennings' Junior Genius Guides* - Ken Jennings  
*The Building Blocks of Science* series - Joseph Midthun  
*We Are the Ship* - Kadir Nelson  
*Tricky Vic: The Impossibly True Story of the Man Who Sold the Eiffel Tower* - Greg Pizzoli  
*Bomb* - Steve Sheinkin  
*Some Writer! The Story of E. B. White* - Melissa Sweet  
*I Survived True Stories: Five Epic Disasters* - Lauren Tarshis  
*Astrophysics for Young People in a Hurry* - Neil Degrasse Tyson