

2026 Middle School Summer Reading: 8th Grade

The purpose of summer reading is first and foremost to enjoy reading some great books! Additionally, reading over the summer helps to maintain and develop your reading comprehension and vocabulary skills. This summer you will read two books: **one from List A** and **one from List B**.

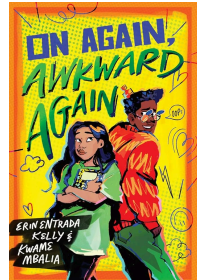
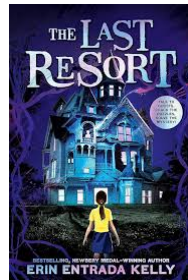
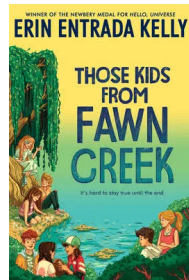
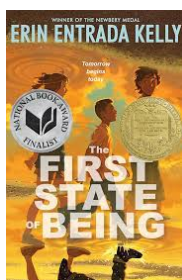
LIST A is a list of books by author Erin Entrada Kelly. You will choose **one** book to read by this author.

Erin Entrada Kelly is a two-time Newbery Medalist, a National Book Award Finalist, and New York Times best-selling author who writes books for both middle grades and young adults. A former journalist and magazine editor, Erin Entrada Kelly writes all kinds of books including realistic fiction, mystery, and romance.

LIST B is a larger list to choose from that includes both nonfiction and fiction options. Feel free to take notes about character, setting, plot, conflict, and theme in order to prepare for the start of the school year when we discuss the literature more in depth. You will start the year with a creative assignment based on your summer reading. Remember- read what interests you!

List A: Choose ONE book by author Erin Entrada Kelly. The following books are suggested. You can browse by clicking on the titles or pictures below.

TITLE	AUTHOR	LEXILE	GENRE
<u>Hello Universe</u>	Entrada Kelly	690	Realistic Fiction
<u>The First State of Being</u>	Entrada Kelly	700	Historical Fiction
<u>We Dream of Space</u>	Entrada Kelly	720	Historical Fiction
<u>Those Kids From Fawn Creek</u>	Entrada Kelly	750	Realistic Fiction
<u>The Last Resort</u>	Entrada Kelly	600	Mystery
<u>The Second Life of Snap</u>	Entrada Kelly	600	Dystopian/Science Fiction
<u>On Again, Awkward Again</u>	Entrada Kelly	680	Realistic Fiction/Romance



List B: Choose ONE of the following books in addition to your book from List A.

TITLE	AUTHOR	LEXILE	GENRE
<u>Salt to the Sea</u>	Sepetys	560	Historical Fiction
<u>A Curse So Dark and Lonely</u>	Kemmerer	580	Fantasy
<u>Everything, Everything</u>	Yoon	610	Realistic Fiction
<u>Murder on the Orient Express</u>	Christie	640	Mystery
<u>Between Two Skies</u>	O'Sullivan	650	Realistic Fiction
<u>This Side of Home</u>	Watson	670	Realistic Fiction
<u>Echo Mountain</u>	Wolk	690	Historical Fiction
<u>The Game of Love and Death</u>	Brockenbrough	710	Fantasy
<u>Legend</u>	Lu	710	Fantasy
<u>Girl in the Blue Coat</u>	Hesse	720	Mystery
<u>The Davenports</u>	Marquis	720	Historical Fiction
<u>Legendborn</u>	Deonn	730	Fantasy
<u>Squirm</u>	Hiaasen	740	Adventure
<u>Far From the Tree</u>	Benway	780	Realistic Fiction
<u>Ender's Game</u>	Card	780	Science Fiction
<u>I Will Always Write Back</u>	Ganda & Alifirenka	790	Memoir
<u>Clap When You Land</u>	Acevedo	800	Novel in Verse
<u>Falling Over Sideways</u>	Sonnenblick	820	Realistic Fiction
<u>The Enigma Game</u>	Wein	820	Historical Fiction
<u>The Secret Life of Bees</u>	Kidd	840	Historical Fiction
<u>The Scorpio Races</u>	Stiefvater	840	Fantasy
<u>Rebecca</u>	Du Maurier	880	Mystery
<u>All We Have Left</u>	Mills	880	Realistic Fiction
<u>The Librarian of Auschwitz</u>	Iturbe	940	Historical Fiction
<u>The Hobbit</u>	Tolkien	1000	Fantasy
<u>The Beekeeper's Apprentice</u>	King	1100	Mystery
<u>American Wings: Chicago's Pioneering Black Aviators and the Race for Equality in the Sky</u>	Smith & Wein	1210	Nonfiction