

Summer Reading List

Grades 3–5

AVEN GREEN, SLEUTHING MACHINE

BY DUSTI BOWLING, ILLUSTRATED BY
GINA PERRY

STERLING, 2021

ISBN: 9781454942214

Aven Green may have been born without arms, but that doesn't stop her from being on the case and finding out what happened to her teacher's lunch and her great-grandma's dog. This is the first book in a new series about Aven's life.

BARAKAH BEATS

BY MALEEHA SIDDIQUI

SCHOLASTIC, 2021

ISBN: 9781338702064

Nimra joins a boy band to repair a strained friendship, but she must keep the group a secret from her family since the music conflicts with her parents' teaching of Islam.

THE BEATRYCE PROPHECY

BY KATE DICAMILLO, ILLUSTRATED BY
SOPHIE BLACKALL

CANDLEWICK, 2021

ISBN: 9781536213614

A young girl appears at Brother Edik's monastery, somehow befriends their most ornery goat, and changes not only the lives of the brothers at the Order of the Chronicles of Sorrowing but many others' as well.

BEN YOKOYAMA AND THE COOKIE OF PERFECTION

BY MATTHEW SWANSON, ILLUSTRATED BY
ROBBI BEHR

KNOPF, 2021

ISBN: 9780593302774

A fortune cookie that says "practice makes perfect" leads Ben to try to make his life, and everyone's around him, perfect. Third book in a series.

BURYING THE MOON

BY ANDRÉE POULIN, ILLUSTRATED BY
SONALI ZOHRA

GROUNDWOOD, 2021

ISBN: 9781773066042

Set in rural India, young Latika fights to get modern sanitation in her village, to keep girls in school, to keep mothers and children safe, and to better her community.

CAT KID COMIC CLUB: PERSPECTIVES

BY DAV PILKEY

GRAPHIX, 2021

ISBN: 9781338784855

The second installment in the Cat Kid Comic Club series focuses on teaching Li'l Petey and his frog friends how to apply the concept of perspective not just to their drawings but to their relationships with one another as well.

CROSSING THE STREAM

BY ELIZABETH-IRENE BAITIE

NORTON, 2021

ISBN: 9781324017097

It's been a long time since Ato has seen his grandmother, but in trying to solve a mystery at school, he begins to rebuild those broken family bonds.

EGG MARKS THE SPOT

BY AMY TIMBERLAKE, ILLUSTRATED BY
JON KLASSEN

ALGONQUIN, 2021

ISBN: 9781643750064

Roommates Skunk and Badger set off for a weekend of camping and rock finding. Unfortunately, Badger's cousin shows up with his rat accomplices to steal the amber-encased egg they've found hidden in a cave.

ESCAPE AT 10,000 FEET: D. B. COOPER AND THE MISSING MONEY

BY TOM SULLIVAN

BALZER + BRAY, 2021

ISBN: 9780062991522

The mystery of D. B. Cooper and the missing \$200,000 is expertly unraveled in this true crime series starter heavily illustrated with unsolved case files.

EVERYTHING AWESOME ABOUT SPACE AND OTHER GALACTIC FACTS!

BY MIKE LOWERY

ORCHARD, 2021

ISBN: 9781338359749

Playful illustrations and an amazing amount of information come together to give a fun and interesting view of our universe and our exploration of it.

THE GREAT STINK: HOW JOSEPH BAZALGETTE SOLVED LONDON'S POOP POLLUTION PROBLEM

BY COLLEEN PAEFF, ILLUSTRATED BY
NANCY CARPENTER

MARGARET K. MCELDERRY BOOKS, 2021

ISBN: 9781534449299

In a smelly and unsafe 1858, only one person can save London from its waste-filled river and cholera outbreaks—engineer Joseph Bazalgette.

THE HATMAKERS

BY TAMZIN MERCHANT, ILLUSTRATED BY
PAOLA ESCOBAR

NORTON, 2021

ISBN: 9781324016038

Cordelia Hatmaker, who comes from a long and prestigious line of Hatmakers who weave magical enchantments into hats, sets out to find her missing father during a threat of war.

JUANA & LUCAS: MUCHOS CHANGES

BY JUANA MEDINA

CANDLEWICK, 2021

ISBN: 9780763672096

Juana and her perro Lucas cope with experiences like skating camp, a new stepdad, and a baby sibling on the way. Third in a series, in English with some Spanish words.

THE LEGEND OF GRAVITY: A TALL BASKETBALL TALE

BY CHARLY PALMER

FARRAR, STRAUS AND GIROUX, 2022

ISBN: 9780374313289

A modern, illustrated tall tale set on the blacktop courts of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where the greatest basketball talent anyone has ever seen lace up his high-tops helps bring his pickup team the championship they've always dreamed of.



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LILLA THE ACCIDENTAL WITCH

BY ELEANOR CREWES

LITTLE, BROWN, 2021
ISBN: 9780316538848

While spending the summer in Italy with family, 13-year-old Lilla discovers she has much to learn about herself.

THE LION OF MARS

BY JENNIFER L. HOLM

RANDOM HOUSE, 2021
ISBN: 9780593121818

Bell is just a regular kid who loves cake and is annoyed by his roommate's snoring. But life on Mars is a bit different, and a mysterious illness that threatens the adults in their settlement causes the kids to band together in surprising ways.

LOTERÍA

BY KARLA ARENAS VALENTI, ILLUSTRATED BY DANA SANMAR

KNOFF, 2021
ISBN: 9780593176962

Life and Death play a game of fate with unsuspecting Clara as their pawn, but Clara's choices forge a new path that proves free will can save the day.

THE MAGICAL IMPERFECT

BY CHRIS BARON

FEIWEL & FRIENDS, 2021
ISBN: 9781250767820

Etan struggles with selective mutism, being without his mom, and befriending a girl known as "the Creature" in this novel in verse set in 1989 San Francisco.

MARS IS: STARK SLOPES, SILVERY SNOW, AND STARTLING SURPRISES

BY SUZANNE SLADE

PEACHTREE, 2021
ISBN: 9781682631881

Explore and expand your knowledge of the red planet, Mars, in this book with stunning images and information gathered by NASA's HiRISE (High Resolution Imaging Science Experiment) camera.

NINA: A STORY OF NINA SIMONE

BY TRACI N. TODD, ILLUSTRATED BY CHRISTIAN ROBINSON

PUTNAM, 2021
ISBN: 9781524737283

A picture-book biography of little Eunice, who grew up to become one of the most influential, powerful voices in music.

NO ONE RETURNS FROM THE ENCHANTED FOREST

BY ROBIN ROBINSON

FIRST SECOND, 2021
ISBN: 9781250211521

When their underground home is threatened, goblin sisters Pella and Bix venture into the forest to find the Earth Mother and discover tree trolls, water nymphs, and other creatures along the way in this full-color graphic novel.

RED SCARE

BY LIAM FRANCIS WALSH

GRAPHIX, 2022
ISBN: 9781338167092

McCarthyism looms when polio survivor Peggy finds a magical item that allows her to defy gravity; meanwhile, the FBI is hunting the town for this same item in this action-packed graphic novel.

RISE OF THE WORLD EATER

BY JAMIE LITTLER

VIKING, 2021
ISBN: 9780451481405

The gripping Frostheart trilogy concludes with Commander Stormbreaker destroying

any chance of alliance with Ash to defeat the Devourer. Ash's last hope—and perhaps the answers to many of Ash's questions about the World Before—lies in the sacred yeti lands.

STUNTBOY, IN THE MEANTIME

BY JASON REYNOLDS, ILLUSTRATED BY RAÚL THE THIRD

ATHENEUM, 2021
ISBN: 9781534418165

Portico Reeves, aka Stuntboy, lives in a huge apartment building that he considers his castle. With the help of his friendly neighbors, Stuntboy faces enemies, anxiety, and bickering parents in a series of illustrated episodes.

THOSE KIDS FROM FAWN CREEK

BY ERIN ENTRADA KELLY

GREENWILLOW, 2022
ISBN: 9780062970350

Mysterious Orchid Mason arrives in small-town Louisiana and shakes up the cliques and alliances at Fawn Creek K-12. Her new classmates find themselves thinking about who they are and the choices they make in ways they've never before considered.

TREATY WORDS: FOR AS LONG AS THE RIVERS FLOW

BY AIMÉE CRAFT, ILLUSTRATED BY LUKE SWINSON

ANNICK PRESS, 2021
ISBN: 9781773214962

Mishomis explains the true nature of treaties, a bond meant to encourage working together, to his granddaughter.

YUMMY: A HISTORY OF DESSERTS

BY VICTORIA GRACE ELLIOTT

RANDOM HOUSE GRAPHIC, 2021
ISBN: 9780593124376

Follow a trio of enthusiastic sprites as they share the history and science of desserts, including ice cream, cake, and cookies, in this graphic novel duology starter.

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