

Summer Reading Book Suggestions for Students Entering 6th- 8th Grades

The following list is filled with suggestions and serves as a starting point for summer reading choices but there are so many wonderful books out there in the world to choose from! Making this list was hard for me because I love so many books so please see the links below for even more great ideas. Many of these books have been published in the last couple of years. Also, all these lists are on our website so if you are reading at a different grade level, feel free to adapt from other lists. And if nothing here strikes your fancy, head to your local public library.

These lists were compiled with help from Horn Book, ALA, Boston Public Library, Reading Rockets and Miss Amy from the Camden Library.

Chapter Books

Piecing Me Together by Renee Watson
The Parker Inheritance by Varian Johnson
Beyond the Bright Sea by Lauren Wolk
Booked by Kwame Alexander
In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse by Joseph Marshall
Lucky Broken Girl by Ruth Behar
Greetings from Witness Protection by Jake Burt
Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys
The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle by Leslie Connor
Ink by Alice Broadway
Half a King by Joe Abercrombie
Zora and Me by Victoria Bond
Liar and Spy by Rebecca Stead
Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk
After Tupac and D Foster by Jacqueline Woodson
I Lived on Butterfly Hill by Marjorie Agosin
The First Rule of Punk by Celia Perez
Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling
Ban this Book by Alan Gratz
Refugee by Alan Gratz
The Running Dream by Wendy Van Draanen
A Night Divided by Jennifer Nielsen
Shadow on the Mountain by Margi Preus
The Firefly Code by Megan Frazer Blakemore
In the Shadow of the Sun by Anne Sibley O'Brien
Patina by Jason Reynolds
Pax by Sarah Pennypacker
Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
The Marvels by Brian Selznik
Small as an Elephant by Jennifer Jacobson
Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes

Apprentice Witch by James Nicol
The Misfits by James Howe
Brett McCarthy: Work in Progress by Maria Padian
Out of Nowhere by Maria Padian

Graphic Novels

Andre the Giant by Box Brown
The Adventures of John Blake by Phillip Pullman
El Deafo by Cece Bell
Dog Man Series by Dav Pilkey
Any Reina Telgemeier Books
Real Friends by Shannon Hale
Bad Guys by Aaron Blabey
Amulet by Kozu Kibuishi
Bone by Jeff Smith
All's Faire in Middle School by Victoria Jamison
Lindbergh by Torben Kuhlmann
Be Prepared by Vera Brosgol
Hazardous Tales (Series) by Nathaniel Hale
Robot Dreams by Sara Varon
Science Comics Series (various authors)
March Series by John Lewis
Stitch Head by Guy Bass
Alexander Hamilton: The Graphic History of an American Founding Father by Jonathan Hennessey
Spinning by Tillie Walden
Roller Girl by Victoria Jamison
Swing it Sunny by Jennifer Holm

Non-fiction

Eyes of the World: Robert Capa, Gerda Taro, and the Invention of Modern Photojournalism by Marc Aronson
Blood, Bullets and Bones: The Story of Forensic Science by Bridget Heos
Bomb: The Race to Build and Steal the World's Most Dangerous Weapon by Steve Shienkin
Titanic: Voices From the Disaster by Deborah Hopkinson
Fatal Fever: Tracking Down Typhoid Mary by Gail Jarrow
Go: A Kid's Guide to Graphic Design by Chip Kidd
The Octopus Scientist by Sy Montgomery
You Can Fly: The Tuskegee Airmen by Carole Boston Weatherford
Sugar Changed the World by Marc Aronson
Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice by Phillip Hoose
We Will Not Be Silent: The White Rose Student Resistance Movement That Defied Hitler by Russell Freedman
Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream By Tanya Lee Stone
Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team by Steve Sheinkin