

# Summer Reading

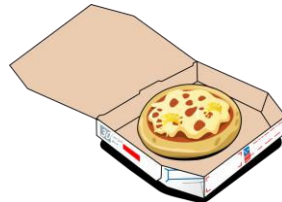
This assignment is optional, but **highly encouraged**  
(and you get pizza if you do it)



## What to do:

- **Read the required number of books** (see table on back) and list them on your summer reading log. See *attached book lists for recommendations. These are just suggestions- you can read any age/level-appropriate books you wish.*
- Get a parent or guardian's **signature** at the bottom of your reading log
- **Turn in** to your reading or English teacher at the beginning of next school year **by Monday September 9th**

**If you complete your summer reading you will receive a PIZZA PARTY in September!**



## Reading Levels and Requirements

Reading Level	K-2	3-5	6-8	9-12
Required # of books to read	11	8	5	3

**Yellow**= your independent reading level

**green**= your level if reading out loud with someone

***You can do a mix of both independent and out-loud reading- just read the average the # of books required.***

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### Note to Parents

Dear Parents,

We wanted to provide you with lists of suggested books for your child to read at their individual reading level. These books cover a range of genres and themes, and we believe they will spark your child's interest and foster a love for reading.

**However, it is important to note that these books are only suggestions.** You have the freedom to choose any book that you feel is appropriate for your child's reading level, maturity level, and interests.

**We kindly request that you take the time to screen any book before your child reads it,** particularly the high school level books, which tend to include more mature themes. This will allow you to ensure that you are comfortable with the content and themes presented in the book. As parents, you know your child best and can make informed decisions regarding their reading material.

If you have any questions or concerns about the suggested books or need recommendations tailored to your child's specific interests, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to support you and your child in their reading journey.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Due by Monday, September 9**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	I read mostly to myself	I read mostly to someone	Someone mostly read to me

**Parent/Student Comments:**

**Total books Read:**

*Parent Signature:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date:* \_\_\_\_\_



# READING LIST

Grades  
K–2

## BOOKS

### ANIMALS IN PANTS

**BY SUZY LEVINSON,  
ILLUSTRATED BY KRISTEN HOWDESHELL  
AND KEVIN HOWDESHELL**

*CAMERON KIDS, 2023*  
ISBN: 9781951836627

These wacky poems featuring zany animals wearing all kinds of pants will have you giggling—and perhaps looking at your own pants with fresh eyes.

### THE APARTMENT HOUSE ON POPPY HILL

**BY NINA LACOUR,  
ILLUSTRATED BY SÒNIA ALBERT**

*CHRONICLE, 2023*  
ISBN: 9781797213736

Throughout three short episodes, a spunky girl welcomes new neighbors to her apartment building and introduces them to the other tenants.

### BEST FRIENDS

**BY SAMANKA DUMOND-DESIR,  
ILLUSTRATED BY CHRISTINA OYEBADE**

*PAW PRINTS, 2023*  
ISBN: 9781223187778

In the first book of a new beginning reader series, Liline, a Haitian American girl, meets a new best friend: a cat! What should Liline's family name her?

### BUTT OR FACE? CAN YOU TELL WHICH END YOU'RE LOOKING AT?

**BY KARI LAVELLE**

*SOURCEBOOKS EXPLORE, 2023*  
ISBN: 9781728271170

Can kids guess if they are looking at the top or bottom of animals? A hilarious guessing game book that will have kids exploring over and over. Filled with colorful photos, clever puns, and fascinating facts.

### DRAWING OUTDOORS

**BY JAIRO BUITRAGO,  
ILLUSTRATED BY RAFAEL YOCKTENG,  
TRANSLATED BY ELISA AMADO**

*GREYSTONE KIDS, 2022*  
ISBN: 9781771648479

A class goes outdoors and spends the day drawing and imagining dinosaurs in the landscape. A great invitation to get outside, explore, and use your imagination. Also available in Spanish.

### FINDING FAMILY: THE DUCKLING RAISED BY LOONS

**BY LAURA PURDIE SALAS,  
ILLUSTRATED BY ALEXANDRIA NEONAKIS**

*MILLBROOK, 2023*  
ISBN: 9781728442990

In this true story, a pair of loons raise an orphaned duckling over the course of a summer in northern Wisconsin.

### A GARDEN IN MY HANDS

**BY MEERA SRIRAM,  
ILLUSTRATED BY SANDHYA PRABHAT**

*KNOPF, 2023*  
ISBN: 9780593427101

On the night before a family wedding, a mother applies henna to her daughter's hands while sharing the stories of their family's history.

### GOTTA GO!

**BY FRANK VIVA**

*TOON BOOKS, 2023*  
ISBN: 9781662665073

A fun look at the ways we divert ourselves when the need to pee takes over. Kids will enjoy the graphics and intergenerational antics of the boy and his grandfather while waiting in line to use the bathroom.

### HAVE YOU SEEN MY INVISIBLE DINOSAUR?

**BY HELEN YOON**

*CANDLEWICK, 2023*  
ISBN: 9781536226256

It's tricky to see something invisible, unless you have mud, rain, snow, or leaves to help you find the outline! The visual cues in this book, paired with the happy reunion of girl and invisible dinosaur, make for a fun and sweet read.

### INVISIBLE THINGS

**BY ANDY J. PIZZA AND SOPHIE MILLER**

*CHRONICLE, 2023*  
ISBN: 9781797215204

Let your kids interact with more invisible things in this book! Pizza (not his real last name, alas) and Miller personify emotions, ideas, and other invisible experiences in undeniably cute and thought-provoking ways.

### HARRIET TELLS THE TRUTH

**BY ELANA K. ARNOLD,  
ILLUSTRATED BY DUNG HO**

*WALDEN POND, 2024*  
ISBN: 9780063092181

A quaint series set on an idyllic island follows young Harriet as she stays at her grandmother's inn over the summer. She befriends neighbor Clarence, and together they solve long-cold mysteries affecting island residents. This latest title follows *Just Harriet* and *Harriet Spies*.

### A LETTER FOR BOB

**BY KIM ROGERS,  
ILLUSTRATED BY JONATHAN NELSON**

*HEARTDRUM, 2023*  
ISBN: 9780063044555

Katie pens a letter to beloved family car Bob, thanking him for being with the family through life events ranging from the spectacular to the mundane.

## MINIVAN MIX-UP

BY JULIANA GADDIS,  
ILLUSTRATED BY JOHN JOSEPH

PAW PRINTS, 2023  
ISBN: 9781223187327

Two different families in two identical minivans pull up to the grocery store. What happens when two playing toddlers switch keys in the store? Most of the story is told through pictures!

## MOLE IS NOT ALONE

BY MAYA TATSUKAWA

HENRY HOLT, 2023  
ISBN: 9781250869647

Mole is very nervous to go to Bunny's party. We travel through all his tunnels, enjoying the woodland town above him, as he works up the courage to go to the party. He makes a friend who is just as shy and does not like loud, crowded parties either.

## MOLLY'S TUXEDO

BY VICKI JOHNSON,  
ILLUSTRATED BY GILLIAN REID

LITTLE BEE, 2023  
ISBN: 9781499813142

It's picture day, and Molly wants to look her best. Her mother wants Molly to wear a dress. Molly wants to wear her brother's tuxedo. It's up to Molly to decide what feels right for her and to make picture day the best day ever.

## THE NORTH WIND AND THE SUN

BY PHILIP C. STEAD

NEAL PORTER BOOKS, 2023  
ISBN: 9780823455836

This retelling of a classic folktale uses beautiful illustrations and simple prose to teach patience and resiliency.

## NOT A MONSTER

BY CLAUDIA GUADALUPE MARTÍNEZ,  
ILLUSTRATED BY LAURA GONZÁLEZ

CHARLESBRIDGE, 2023  
ISBN: 9781623543037

Using both English and Spanish vocabulary, this book explores the fascinating life cycle of the axolotl and ways we can protect this wondrous amphibian.



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## ONCE UPON A FAIRY TALE HOUSE: THE TRUE STORY OF FOUR SISTERS AND THE MAGIC THEY BUILT

BY MARY LYN RAY,  
ILLUSTRATED BY GISELLE POTTER

BEACH LANE, 2023  
ISBN: 9781481479820

The true story of four sisters who used their talents to make real-life fairy tale homes.

## REINA RAMOS WORKS IT OUT!

BY EMMA OTHEGUY,  
ILLUSTRATED BY ANDRÉS LANDAZÁBAL

HARPERCOLLINS, 2022  
ISBN: 9780063223110

Reina knows exactly who she will be in her class's wax museum: Frida Kahlo! But when her best friend Nora chooses Frida first, she is heartbroken. Will she find another artist to portray? Also available in Spanish.

## SHERMY & SHAKE: THE NOT-SO-NICE NEIGHBOR

BY KIRBY LARSON,  
ILLUSTRATED BY SHINJI FUJIOKA

CANDLEWICK, 2023  
ISBN: 9781536219425

Shermy's patience and hospitality are tested by his neighbor's boisterous grandson, Shake, who is visiting for the entire summer while his mother and stepfather are honeymooning.

## SUPER MAGIC BOY: I AM A DINOSAUR

BY JAROD ROSELLÓ

RANDOM HOUSE GRAPHIC, 2023  
ISBN: 9780593427781

When Hugo transforms into a dinosaur, he

sets off on a series of hilarious adventures with his best friend, Dino.

## DIGITAL

### COOKING WITH KIDS

<https://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/packages/recipes-for-kids/cooking-with-kids>

Kid-friendly and fun recipes abound on this website where families can choose from categories such as "picky eaters," kid-friendly kitchen tasks, kid recommendations, and favorite foods.

### GRACE LIN

<https://gracelin.com/activities/>

Grace Lin's website presents a multitude of fun activities that tie in with her books.

### HIGHLIGHTS KIDS

<https://www.highlightskids.com/>

All the fun of *Highlights* magazine—on a colorful, interactive website.

### PRODIGY

<https://play.prodigygame.com/>

Kids may use this website at school, but the free game mode for home is also great, with customizable characters, daily prizes, and exclusive items that make practicing math or English fun!

### STORY TIME FROM SPACE

<https://storytimefromspace.com/>

This website is brimming with stories and science shared by astronauts in space.

[www.ala.org/alsc](http://www.ala.org/alsc)

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# READING LIST

Grades  
3—5

## BOOKS

### BETWEEN MONSTERS AND MARVELS

BY ALYSA WISHINGRAD

HARPERCOLLINS, 2023  
ISBN: 9780063244870

Adventure, mystery, and fantasy combine perfectly as Dare Coates learns about her family's role in a much larger operation. Kids will love the monster lore, surprising twists, and ways the world Wishingrad has built is and isn't similar to ours.

### THE BOOK OF TURTLES

BY SY MONTGOMERY,  
ILLUSTRATED BY MATT PATTERSON

CLARION, 2023  
ISBN: 9780358458074

Intelligent and enduring, turtles have been around since the time of the dinosaurs. Learn what we know—and don't yet know—about these surprising reptiles. Illustrated with detailed, realistic paintings of more than thirty different turtle species.

### THE DO-OVER

BY JENNIFER TORRES

SCHOLASTIC, 2022  
ISBN: 9781338754193

Fans of realistic fiction will enjoy this tale that tackles the challenges of blending a family during the COVID-19 pandemic, while remaining light and fun. Also available in Spanish.

### A FEW BICYCLES MORE

BY CHRISTINA USS

MARGARET FERGUSON BOOKS, 2022  
ISBN: 9780823450879

In this sequel to *The Adventures of a Girl Called Bicycle*, adventure takes Bicycle and her bike, Fortune, to Harpers Ferry, where she meets her long-lost family and finds out she's a quintuplet! Her new family brings new adventures—first up is teaching the four sisters to ride their own bikes.

### GLITTER EVERYWHERE! WHERE IT CAME FROM, WHERE IT'S FOUND AND WHERE IT'S GOING

BY CHRIS BARTON,  
ILLUSTRATED BY CHAAYA PRABHAT

CHARLESBRIDGE, 2023  
ISBN: 9781623542528

A fascinating look at a controversial art supply, offering insights about the human love for sparkle, the science behind the creation of glitter, and ways to improve its environmental impact.

### THE HUMAN KABOOM

BY ADAM RUBIN, ILLUSTRATED BY DANIEL SALMIERI AND OTHERS

PUTNAM, 2023  
ISBN: 9780593462393

A hilarious collection of six short stories, all with the same title. Includes a popcorn recipe and a bonus chapter titled "The Human Kaboom: (the one that hasn't been written yet)," providing inspiration for kids to write their own story!

### INTO THE SHADOW MIST

BY CHRISTINA SOONTORNVAT,  
ILLUSTRATED BY KEVIN HONG

SCHOLASTIC, 2023  
ISBN: 9781338759174

Who doesn't love a book with a map? In book two of the Legends of Lotus Island series, the adventure continues with Plum and her friends, who must figure out what is putting the entire ecosystem at risk.

### JOVITA WORE PANTS: THE STORY OF A MEXICAN FREEDOM FIGHTER

BY AIDA SALAZAR,  
ILLUSTRATED BY MOLLY MENDOZA

SCHOLASTIC, 2023  
ISBN: 9781338283419

In Mexico during the Cristero War, Jovita Valdovinos felt helpless at home while her father and brother fought. This book tells the story of how she became one of the most famous revolutionaries and was finally able to wear pants.

### LEEVA AT LAST

BY SARA PENNYPACKER,  
ILLUSTRATED BY MATTHEW CORDELL

BALZER + BRAY, 2023  
ISBN: 9780063114425

Young Leeva learns that there is a whole world outside of the home that she has been trapped in. Funny and perfect for multigenerational reading, the book shows how to make friends in new environments and pokes fun at bureaucracy.

### LISTEN TO THE LANGUAGE OF THE TREES: A STORY OF HOW FORESTS COMMUNICATE UNDERGROUND

BY TERA KELLEY,  
ILLUSTRATED BY MARIE HERMANSSON

SOURCEBOOKS/DAWN, 2022  
ISBN: 9781728232164

An exploration of how trees, with the help of fungi, can connect and communicate with one another.

### MAKING MEMORIES: PRACTICE MINDFULNESS, LEARN TO JOURNAL AND SCRAPBOOK, FIND CALM EVERY DAY

BY AMY TANGERINE,  
ILLUSTRATED BY TRACEY ENGLISH

DK CHILDREN, 2022  
ISBN: 9780744026559

This book is a beautiful way to keep busy during the summer, providing ways to record and celebrate the good days and work through the hard ones. It includes activities like making mandalas with found objects or a feeling box made with origami.

## MARSHMALLOW CLOUDS: TWO POETS AT PLAY AMONG FIGURES OF SPEECH

BY TED KOOSER AND CONNIE WANEK,  
ILLUSTRATED BY RICHARD JONES

CANDLEWICK, 2022  
ISBN: 9781536203035

Illustrated poems based on the four elements—fire, water, earth, and air—that take place during all seasons.

## MY HEAD HAS A BELLYACHE: AND MORE NONSENSE FOR MISCHIEVOUS KIDS AND IMMATURE GROWN-UPS

BY CHRIS HARRIS,  
ILLUSTRATED BY ANDREA TSURUMI

LITTLE, BROWN, 2023  
ISBN: 9780316592598

Even the glossary, subject indexes, and title get caught up in this goofy, laugh-out-loud book of poetry and rhymes. Hand this appealing and silly book to fans of Shel Silverstein and Jon Scieszka.

## THE REMARKABLE RESCUE AT MILKWEED MEADOW

BY ELAINE DIMOPOULOS,  
ILLUSTRATED BY DOUG SALATI

CHARLESBRIDGE, 2023  
ISBN: 9781623543334

Butternut, who is learning the art of storytelling, spins tales of adventure for her rabbit colony while also questioning the validity of the colony's rules, overcoming biases about egg-layers and other non-rabbit denizens of Milkweed Meadow, and orchestrating a remarkable rescue.

## SEARCH FOR A GIANT SQUID: PICK YOUR PATH

BY AMY SETO FORRESTER,  
ILLUSTRATED BY ANDY CHOU MUSSER

CHRONICLE, 2023  
ISBN: 9781797213934

Dive into the science of deep-sea research in this engaging choose-your-own-adventure-style informational book.



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## SOMETHING LIKE HOME

BY ANDREA BEATRIZ ARANGO

RANDOM HOUSE, 2023  
ISBN: 9780593566183

Laura Rodríguez Colón moves in with her aunt and is forced to adjust to a new homelife and school, but she finds hope and companionship in the dog she adopts.

## THINGS IN THE BASEMENT

BY BEN HATKE

FIRST SECOND, 2023  
ISBN: 9781250836618

When Milo searches for a lost sock in the basement of his new home, he discovers a new world, strange creatures, and how to be brave when faced with the unknown.

## DIGITAL

### BRAINS ON!

<https://www.brainson.org/>

From American Public Media, each weekly episode of this podcast, cohosted by Molly Bloom and a kid guest host, explores a science question. Past episodes include: "What's inside a jellyfish?" "How heavy is the sky?" and "Can boredom be good for you?"

### THE FIRST CAT IN SPACE ATE PIZZA LIVE CARTOONS

BY SHAWN HARRIS AND MAC BARNETT

[https://www.youtube.com/  
@TheFirstCatinSpace](https://www.youtube.com/@TheFirstCatinSpace)

These YouTube videos were made during the COVID lockdown and led to the book by the same name. A nice inspiration to

make your own stories with friends over the summer.

## MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM LIVE CAMS

[https://www.montereybayaquarium.org/  
animals/live-cams](https://www.montereybayaquarium.org/animals/live-cams)

Check out the different sea creatures on live streams from the Monterey Bay Aquarium! Animals to observe include sharks, penguins, spider crabs, and more.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC KIDS

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>

Fun trivia and video games for STEM-loving kids on this interactive website.

## SCISHOW KIDS

[https://www.youtube.com/@SciShowKids/  
videos](https://www.youtube.com/@SciShowKids/videos)

Discover the wonders of science and get answers to big questions in YouTube videos with Jessi, Squeaks the Robot Lab Rat, and all their friends.

## SPELLIE

<https://spelliegame.com>

Wordle website for kids! Figure out a different word daily, with three levels of difficulty to choose from and hints available to help figure out the correct answer.

## WONDEROPOLIS

<https://wonderopolis.org/>

Celebrate curiosity with the "Wonder of the Day," which provides answers to kids' most interesting questions, on this website hosted by the National Center for Families Learning.

[www.ala.org/alsc](http://www.ala.org/alsc)

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# READING LIST

Grades  
6—8

## BOOKS

### BARELY FLOATING

BY LILLIAM RIVERA

KOKILA, 2023  
ISBN: 9780593323120

A great addition to a summer reading list, this story follows Nat as she falls in love with and tries out for the L.A. Mermaids, a synchronized swimming group. Over the summer, she learns how good it feels to surround herself with people who lift her up and how to let herself shine, even when it gets tough.

### CATCH A CRAYFISH, COUNT THE STARS: FUN PROJECTS, SKILLS, AND ADVENTURES FOR OUTDOOR KIDS

BY STEVEN RINELLA,  
ILLUSTRATED BY MAX TEMESCU

RANDOM HOUSE, 2023  
ISBN: 9780593448977

Written by the host of the Netflix show *MeatEater*, this book is full of fun activities to do in the summer. The activities range from making a sun compass to becoming a bike mechanic, pickling a cucumber, and birdwatching.

### THE FIREFLY SUMMER

BY MORGAN MATSON

SIMON & SCHUSTER, 2023  
ISBN: 9781534493353

A girl is sent to meet her extended family at their lakeside retreat. There she learns how to embrace her family's changes and cope with grief.

### A FIRST TIME FOR EVERYTHING

BY DAN SANTAT

FIRST SECOND, 2023  
ISBN: 9781626724150

From discovering punk music and Fanta to sneaking into Wimbledon, this graphic memoir is the story of how one class trip to Europe changed a middle schooler's life forever.

### HALF MOON SUMMER

BY ELAINE VICKERS

PEACHTREE, 2023  
ISBN: 9781682635391

Seventh-graders Mia and Drew spend their summer running together as they train for a half marathon and face challenges within their families.

### HEROES: A NOVEL OF PEARL HARBOR

BY ALAN GRATZ

SCHOLASTIC, 2024  
ISBN: 9781338736076

December 7, 1941—the world changes for Frank and Stanley. Caught on a battleship when the Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor, the two friends endure frightening moments that test their friendship as everything around them is destroyed. Includes a graphic novel of the original ideas and moments the boys shared during their ordeal.

### THE LABORS OF HERCULES BEAL

BY GARY D. SCHMIDT

CLARION, 2023  
ISBN: 9780358659631

Hercules knows he's no hero—even though he's named after one. Assigned a Herculean task by his teacher, Herc, over the course of a year, helps out in the family nursery, with all that entails, and learns to accept the death of his parents and to trust and bond with those around him.

### THE LOST YEAR

BY KATHERINE MARSH

ROARING BROOK, 2023  
ISBN: 9781250313607

During the COVID pandemic, thirteen-year-old Matthew discovers a photo of his great-grandmother and a family secret that is connected to the Holodomor—a famine that killed millions of Ukrainians in 1930s Soviet Union.

### THE MANY ASSASSINATIONS OF SAMIR, THE SELLER OF DREAMS

BY DANIEL NAYERI,  
ILLUSTRATED BY DANIEL MIYARES

LEVINE QUERIDO, 2023  
ISBN: 9781646143030

Determined to save his new master's life, a young orphan must face various assassins as he and the "Seller of Dreams" travel the Silk Road.

### MEXIKID: A GRAPHIC MEMOIR

BY PEDRO MARTÍN

DIAL, 2023  
ISBN: 9780593462287

Pedro and his large family take an epic road trip to Mexico to bring his abuelito back to America. This hilarious graphic novel memoir has a lot of heart and will keep kids laughing.

### THE MISFITS: A ROYAL CONUNDRUM

BY LISA YEE,  
ILLUSTRATED BY DAN SANTAT

RANDOM HOUSE, 2024  
ISBN: 9781984830296

High jinks, heists, and humor! Before departing on another last-minute business trip, Olive Cobin Zang's parents deposit her at the Reforming Arts School (RASCH), a boarding school at a former prison, where she is soon secretly enrolled in undercover agent training.

### THE MONA LISA VANISHES: A LEGENDARY PAINTER, A SHOCKING HEIST, AND THE BIRTH OF A GLOBAL CELEBRITY

BY NICHOLAS DAY,  
ILLUSTRATED BY BRETT HELQUIST

RANDOM HOUSE STUDIO, 2023  
ISBN: 9780593643846

A rollicking true tale of the improbable theft of the Mona Lisa from the Louvre in 1911, set alongside the equally improbable story of its creation and the life of its painter, Leonardo da Vinci.

## THE PLOT TO KILL A QUEEN

BY DEBORAH HOPKINSON

SCHOLASTIC, 2023  
ISBN: 9781338660586

Emilia Bassano meets Will Shakespeare and then Mary Queen of Scots in this imaginative story for those who love music, writing, theater, spycraft, and historical fiction!

## REMEMBER US

BY JACQUELINE WOODSON

NANCY PAULSEN BOOKS, 2023  
ISBN: 9780399545467

Twelve-year-old Sage experiences a summer of self-discovery as she spends her days playing basketball and watching fires overtake the beloved Bushwick neighborhood where she lives in this novel set in the 1970s.

## SHAKTI

BY S. J. SINDU,  
ILLUSTRATED BY NABI H. ALI

HARPERALLEY, 2023  
ISBN: 9780063090132

A fantasy graphic novel about a twelve-year-old Indian American girl learning to use her powers for good.

## SIMON SORT OF SAYS

BY ERIN BOW

DISNEY-HYPERION, 2023  
ISBN: 9781368082853

In this story filled with quirky characters, Simon learns that life is full of tragedy, sensitive moments, and most importantly, humanity. Humor abounds as Simon learns the true meaning of letting go of the past and facing his future as only a middle schooler can do.

## SUNSHINE

BY JARRETT J. KROSOCZKA

GRAPHIX, 2023  
ISBN: 9781338356328

This graphic novel tells the story of a summer camp for seriously ill children and their families. Sixteen-year-old Jarrett is worried that working with sick kids will be too depressing, but he quickly learns how to connect and empathize with the kids and their families.



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## TEGAN AND SARA: JUNIOR HIGH

BY SARA QUIN AND TEGAN QUIN,  
ILLUSTRATED BY TILLIE WALDEN

FARRAR, STRAUS AND GIROUX, 2023  
ISBN: 9780374313012

Twin sisters Tegan and Sara are growing up—and growing apart—as they face the challenges of junior high, crushes, and friend drama. They find a way to reconnect through their love of making music in this semi-autobiographical graphic novel.

## TWO TRIBES

BY EMILY BOWEN COHEN

HEARTDRUM, 2023  
ISBN: 9780062983596

Raised by her Jewish mother and stepfather, Mia yearns to know more about her father, a member of the Muscogee Nation, so she runs away to Oklahoma to discover more about her family—and her own identity.

## WHERE THE WATER TAKES US

BY ALAN BARILLARO

CANDLEWICK, 2023  
ISBN: 9781536224542

A girl spends her summer at her grandfather's lake house and befriends a neighbor boy who teaches her how to cope with complex emotions. The illustrations double as a flip-book.

## YOU ARE HERE: CONNECTING FLIGHTS

EDITED BY ELLEN OH

ALLIDA, 2023  
ISBN: 9780063239081

Interconnected short stories told by twelve authors feature East and Southeast Asian American characters stuck together at a Chicago airport.

## DIGITAL

### CHROME MUSIC LAB

<https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com/>

This engaging website makes learning music fun with hands-on experiments and activities that cover rhythm, harmonics, oscillators, and more.

### THE KID SHOULD SEE THIS

<https://thekidshouldseethis.com/>

This Webby Award-winning site offers a well-organized collection of more than 6,000 thought-provoking, kid-accessible, all-ages videos on a range of topics. Ten to fifteen new videos added weekly.

### LEGO BUILDER

<https://www.lego.com/en-us/builder-app>

This free app has digital building instructions for LEGO sets from 2006 to today. Some instructions are available in 3-D, and you can zoom and rotate instructions.

### TED-ED

<https://ed.ted.com/>

TED's youth and education initiative, TED-Ed is a website that presents video shorts on diverse, stimulating topics, supplemented with discussion questions and resources for deeper dives.

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## High School Level Books (9-12)

All descriptions below are from the Barnes & Noble webpages for these books.

### ***Lore* by Alexander Bracken (Fantasy)**

After Lore Perseous' family is brutally murdered, she does everything she can to protect herself from the same fate, even if it means hiding in plain sight in New York City. However, she is soon tracked down by two participants of the Agon — a traditional hunt of the Greek gods that occurs every seven years — who both desperately need her help. Will Lore decide to rejoin the Agon and avenge her family's death with so much at risk? Fraught with epic world-building and high stakes action, *Lore* is a rich tale of Greek mythology meets *The Hunger Games* that YA Fantasy fans won't want to miss.

### ***The Electric Kingdom* by David Arnold (Sci-Fi/Post Apocalyptic)**

When a deadly Fly Flu sweeps the globe, it leaves a shell of the world that once was. Among the survivors are eighteen-year-old Nico and her dog, on a voyage devised by Nico's father to find a mythical portal; a young artist named Kit, raised in an old abandoned cinema; and the enigmatic Deliverer, who lives Life after Life in an attempt to put the world back together. As swarms of infected Flies roam the earth, these few survivors navigate the woods of post-apocalyptic New England, meeting others along the way, each on their own quest to find life and love in a world gone dark. *The Electric Kingdom* is a sweeping exploration of art, storytelling, eternal life, and above all, a testament to the notion that even in an exterminated world, one person might find beauty in another.

### ***What I Carry* by Jennifer Longo (Realistic Fiction)**

Growing up in foster care, Muir has lived in many houses. And if she's learned one thing, it is to Pack. Light. Carry only what fits in a suitcase. Toothbrush? Yes. Socks? Yes. Emotional attachment to friends? foster families? a boyfriend? Nope! There's no room for any additional baggage. Muir has just one year left before she ages out of the system. One year before she's free. One year to avoid anything—or anyone—that could get in her way. Then she meets Francine. And Kira. And Sean. And everything changes.

### ***All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team* by Christina Soontornvat (Nonfiction)**

On June 23, 2018, twelve young players of the Wild Boars soccer team and their coach entered a cave in northern Thailand seeking an afternoon's adventure. But when they turn to leave, rising floodwaters block their path out. The boys are trapped! Before long, news of the missing team spreads, launching a seventeen-day rescue operation involving thousands of rescuers from around the globe. Meticulously researched and generously illustrated with photographs, this page-turner includes an author's note describing her experience meeting the team, detailed source notes, and a bibliography to fully immerse readers in the most ambitious cave rescue in history.

### ***Bluebird* by Sharon Cameron (Historical Fiction)**

Equal parts enthralling and frightening, *Bluebird* is a fictionalized story based on true events following World War II. German teenager Eva Gerst arrives in New York City in 1946 under the pretense that she is there to start a new life. However, she holds the key to a deadly secret and will stop at nothing to exact revenge against a Nazi in hiding.

***All Summer Long by Hope Larson (Realistic Fiction/Graphic Novel)***

This graphic novel about summer and friendships tells the story of thirteen-year-old Bina. She has a long summer ahead of her. She and her best friend, Austin, usually do everything together, but he's off to soccer camp for a month, and he's been acting kind of weird lately anyway. So it's up to Bina to see how much fun she can have on her own. At first it's a lot of guitar playing, boredom, and bad TV, but things look up when she finds an unlikely companion in Austin's older sister, who enjoys music just as much as Bina. But then Austin comes home from camp, and he's acting even weirder than when he left. How Bina and Austin rise above their growing pains and reestablish their friendship and respect for their differences makes for a touching and funny coming-of-age story.

***Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Sáenz (Realistic Fiction)***

Aristotle is an angry teen with a brother in prison. Dante is a know-it-all who has an unusual way of looking at the world. When the two meet at the swimming pool, they seem to have nothing in common. But as the loners start spending time together, they discover that they share a special friendship—the kind that changes lives and lasts a lifetime. And it is through his friendship that Ari and Dante will learn the most important truths about themselves and the kind of people they want to be.

***Beauty Queens by Libba Bray (Realistic Fiction/Survival)***

Survival of the fittest. The fifty contestants in the Miss Teen Dream Pageant thought this was going to be a fun trip to the beach, where they could parade in their state-appropriate costumes and compete in front of the cameras. But sadly, their airplane had another idea, crashing on a desert island and leaving the survivors stranded with little food, little water, and practically no eyeliner. What's a beauty queen to do? Continue to practice for the talent portion of the program - or wrestle snakes to the ground? Get a perfect tan - or learn to run wild? And what should happen when the hot pirates show up? Welcome to the heart of non-exfoliated darkness.

***Fake ID by Lamar Giles (Thriller/Murder Mystery)***

Lamar Giles takes readers on a wild and dark ride in this contemporary Witness Protection thriller. Nick Pearson is hiding in plain sight. In fact, his name isn't really Nick Pearson. He shouldn't tell you his real name, his real hometown, or why his family just moved to Stepton, Virginia. He definitely shouldn't tell you about his friend Eli Cruz and the major conspiracy Eli was uncovering when he died. Nick is faced with choosing between solving Eli's murder and "staying low-key" like the Program said to do.

***Kindred: The Graphic Novel Adaptation by Octavia Butler (Graphic Novel/Historical Fiction/Sci-Fi)***

Butler's most celebrated, critically acclaimed work tells the story of Dana, a young black woman who is suddenly and inexplicably transported from her home in 1970s California to the pre-Civil War South. As she time-travels between worlds, one in which she is a free woman and one where she is part of her own complicated familial history on a southern plantation, she becomes frighteningly entangled in the lives of Rufus, a conflicted white slaveholder and one of Dana's own ancestors, and the many people who are enslaved by him.