



Summer Reading Suggestions 2015

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PICTURE BOOKS (EVERYBODY BOOKS)

Becker, Bonny. **A Library Book for Bear** (2014)

Bear does *not* want to go to the library. He is quite sure he already has all the books he will ever need. Yet the relentlessly cheery Mouse, small and gray and bright-eyed, thinks different. When Bear reluctantly agrees to go with his friend to the big library, neither rocket ships nor wooden canoes are enough for Bear's picky tastes. How will Mouse ever find the perfect book for Bear? Children will giggle themselves silly as Bear's arguments give way to his inevitable curiosity, leading up to a satisfying story hour and a humorously just-right library book.

Brown, Peter. **My Teacher is a Monster** (2014)

Bobby thinks his teacher, Ms. Kirby, is horrible, but when he sees her outside of school and they spend a day in the park together, he discovers she might not be so bad after all.

Castillo, Lauren. **Nana in the City** (2014)

A young boy is frightened by how busy and noisy the city is when he goes there to visit his Nana, but she makes him a fancy red cape that keeps him from being scared as she shows him how wonderful a place it is.

Chung, Arree. **Ninja!** (2014)

A ninja must be strong, courageous, and silent! He creeps through the house on a secret mission. There may be obstacles! But have no fear—a true ninja can overcome all challenges.

Ferry, Beth. **Stick and Stone** (2015)

Stick and Stone are both lonely until Pinecone's teasing causes one to stick up for the other, and a solid friendship is formed.

Johnston, Tony. **Winter is Coming** (2014)

Each day, from September through November, brings glimpses of forest animals seeking food in preparation for the onset of winter, from a fox sniffing the last apple on the ground to a flock of wild turkeys that finds nothing.

Kang, Anna. **You Are (not) Small** (2014)

Two fuzzy creatures can't agree on who is small and who is big, until a couple of surprise guests show up, settling it once and for all!

Krosoczka, Jarrett J. **Peanut Butter and Jellyfish** (2014)

Peanut Butter and Jellyfish are best of friends and swim up, down, around, and through their ocean home. Crabby is their neighbor. He is not their best friend. But when Crabby gets in trouble, will Peanut Butter and Jellyfish come to the rescue? You bet they will!

Nelson, Kadir. **If You Plant a Seed** (2015)

With spare text and breathtaking oil paintings, *If You Plant a Seed* demonstrates not only the process of planting and growing for young children but also how a seed of kindness can bear sweet fruit.

Offill, Jenny. **While You Were Napping** (2014)

In this hilarious read-aloud featuring robots, fire trucks, and pirates, meet an older sister who's more than happy to fill her little brother in on all he missed while he was napping. Since none of the other neighborhood kids had to nap, they came over. Then came the robots, and of course the astronauts. It was tons of fun and luckily for the boy (right?!), he slept through it all.

Otoshi, Kathryn. **Two** (2014)

One and Two are best friends until Three comes between them and Two feels left out.

Santat, Dan. **The Adventures of Beekle: the Unimaginary Friend** (2014)

An imaginary friend waits a long time to be imagined by a child and given a special name, and finally does the unimaginable--he sets out on a quest to find his perfect match in the real world.

Willems, Mo. **Waiting is not Easy** (2014)

Piggie tells Gerald she has a surprise for him, but it is not there yet so Gerald must be patient.

YOUNGER READERS



Bergen, Lara. **Sophie the Sweetheart** (2011)

Sophie knows she can live up to her new name, Sophie the Sweetheart, because she thinks she found the perfect match for her teacher, but she has a hard time being extra-nice to everyone.

Hanlon, Abby. **Dory Fantasmagory** (2014)

Dory, the youngest in her family, is a girl with a very active imagination, and she spends the summer playing with her imaginary friend, pretending to be a dog, battling monsters, and generally driving her family nuts.

McDonald, Megan. **Rocky Zang in the Amazing Mr. Magic** (2014)

Rocky is perfecting the tricks for his magic show when Judy Moody offers to be his assistant. Rocky agrees, but it turns out that Judy — or Stella the Spectacular as she calls herself — is the most UN-spectacular assistant ever. When she gets ketchup all over the magic rabbit, the Amazing Mr. Magic has had enough! Is Rocky's magic good enough to mend his and Judy's friendship? From Megan McDonald comes a Judy Moody story just right for newly independent readers.

McKay, Hilary. **Lulu and the Rabbit Next Door** (2014)

When Lulu's next-door neighbor doesn't seem to be looking after his rabbit properly, Lulu and her cousin Mellie devise a scheme to make him pay more attention to his pet.

Rylant, Cynthia. **Mr. Putter & Tabby Turn the Page** (2014)

Mr. Putter and Mrs. Teaberry bring Tabby and Zeke to the library for a special story time.

Sternberg, Julie. **Like Carrot Juice on a Cupcake** (2014)
Sequel to: *Like Bug Juice on a Burger*. A new girl at school throws nine-year-old Eleanor's relationship with her best friend Pearl into disarray.

Watson, Tom. **Stick Dog Chases a Pizza** (2014)
Stick Dog and his friends have discovered pizza and want some, but must first complete their mission.

OLDER READERS



Alexander, Kwame. **The Crossover** (2014)
Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.

Grabenstein, Chris. **Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library** (2013)
Twelve-year-old Kyle gets to stay overnight in the new town library, designed by his hero (the famous gamemaker Luigi Lemoncello), with other students but finds that come morning he must work with friends to solve puzzles in order to escape.

Grabenstein, Chris. **The Island of Dr. Libris** (2015)
Twelve-year-old Billy Gillfoyle discovers that an island in the middle of the lake where he is spending the summer is the testing grounds of the mysterious Dr. Libris, who may have invented a way to make the characters in books come alive.

Graff, Lisa. **Absolutely Almost** (2014)
Ten-year-old Albie has never been the smartest, tallest, best at gym, greatest artist, or most musical in his class, as his parents keep reminding him, but new nanny Calista helps him uncover his strengths and take pride in himself.

Hart, Alison. **Murphy, Gold Rush Dog** (2014)
In 1900, a dog named Murphy wants to help Sally and Mama build a new life in Nome, but life in the mining town is not easy. Can the three of them find a home--and maybe a fortune?

Holm, Jennifer. **Fourteenth Goldfish** (2014)
Ellie's scientist grandfather has discovered a way to reverse aging, and consequently has turned into a teenager--which makes for complicated relationships when he moves in with Ellie and her mother, his daughter.

Lord, Cynthia. **Half a Chance** (2014)
Lucy, with her mother and her photographer father, has just moved to a small rural community in New Hampshire, and with her new friend Nate she plans to spend the summer taking photos for a contest, but pictures sometimes reveal more than people are willing to see.

Mack, W.C. **Athlete vs. Mathlete** (2013)
When their two worlds collide in seventh grade, fraternal twins and opposites Owen and Russell find themselves in direct competition at school, on the court, and at home.

Martin, Ann M. **Rain Reign** (2014)

Struggling with Asperger's syndrome, Rose shares a bond with her beloved dog, but when the dog goes missing during a storm, Rose is forced to confront the limits of her comfort levels, even if it means leaving her routines in order to search for her pet.

Palacio, R.J. **The Julian Chapter: A Wonder Story** (2014)

Middle-schooler Julian explains why he was so mean to his classmate Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, when Auggie entered a Manhattan public school after being homeschooled. (Audiobook only)



NON-FICTION

Applegate, Katherine. **Ivan, the Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla** (2014)

The true story of Ivan, known as the Shopping Mall Gorilla, who lived alone in a small cage for almost 30 years before being relocated to the gorilla habitat at ZooAtlanta.

Bell, Cece. **El Deafo** (2014)

Going to school and making new friends can be tough. But going to school and making new friends while wearing a bulky hearing aid strapped to your chest? That requires superpowers! In this funny, poignant graphic novel memoir, author/illustrator Cece Bell chronicles her hearing loss at a young age and her subsequent experiences with the Phonic Ear, a very powerful--and very awkward--hearing aid.

Bryant, Jen. **The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus** (2014)

For shy young Peter Mark Roget, books were the best companions -- and it wasn't long before Peter began writing his own book. But he didn't write stories; he wrote lists. Peter took his love for words and turned it to organizing ideas and finding exactly the right word to express just what he thought. His lists grew and grew, eventually turning into one of the most important reference books of all time. Readers of all ages will marvel at Roget's life, depicted through lyrical text and brilliantly detailed illustrations. This elegant book celebrates the joy of learning and the power of words.

Chin, Jason. **Gravity** (2014)

Color illustrations and simple text explain what would happen without gravity.

Jenkins, Steve. **Creature Features: 25 Animals Explain Why They Look the Way They Do** (2014)

Packed with many cool facts and visuals on where certain animals live and what they eat, this book captures twenty-five humorous—and very true—explanations of why animals look the way they do in order to exist in this world.

Raven, Margot Theis. **Rags, Hero Dog of WWI: A True Story** (2014)

A stray dog named Rags befriends a U.S. soldier in Paris, France, during WWI. Rags traveled with the troops carrying messages from the front line to the back. His loyalty kept him by his owner's side until Sergeant Donovan died at the base hospital in Chicago.

Rosenstock, Barb. **The Noisy Paint Box** (2014)

In this exuberant celebration of creativity, Barb Rosenstock and Mary GrandPré tell the fascinating story of Vasily Kandinsky, one of the very first painters of abstract art. Throughout his life, Kandinsky experienced colors as sounds, and sounds as colors--and bold, groundbreaking works burst forth from his noisy paint box.

Roth, Susan L. **Parrots Over Puerto Rico** (2013)

A combined history of the Puerto Rican parrot and the island of Puerto Rico, highlighting current efforts to save the Puerto Rican parrot by protecting and managing this endangered species.

Woodson, Jacqueline. **Brown Girl Dreaming** (2014)

The author shares her childhood memories and reveals the first sparks that ignited her writing career in free-verse poems about growing up in the North and South.

POETRY



Elliott, David. **On the Wing** (2014)

Take to the sky to explore a glorious array of all things avian, from the tiny, restless hummingbird to the inscrutable horned owl to the majestic bald eagle. David Elliott and Becca Stadtlander bestow a sense of wonder onto such common birdfeeder visitors as the sparrow, the crow, and the cardinal and capture the exotic beauty of far-flung fowl like the Andean condor, the Australian pelican, and the Caribbean flamingo.

Graham, Joan Bransfield. **The Poem That Will Not End** (2014)

Ryan O'Brian is riding a wave of inspiration with no shoreline in sight--he can't STOP writing poetry. In the cafeteria with french fries. In the bathroom with toothpaste. Even on the soccer field with mud!

Janezko, Paul B. **Firefly July: A Year of Very Short Poems** (2014)

An illustrated collection of classic short poems by Emily Dickinson, Langston Hughes, Charlotte Zolotow, and others.

Muth, Jon J. **Hi, Koo! A Year of Seasons** (2014)

With a featherlight touch and disarming charm, Jon J. Muth--and his delightful little panda bear, Koo--challenge readers to stretch their minds and imaginations with twenty-six haikus about the four seasons.

Salas, Laura Purdie. **Fuzzy-Fast Blur: Poems About Pets** (2009)

A collection of pet-themed poetry for children that includes full-color photographs of dogs, cats, birds, snakes, fish, hamsters, and others.

Sidman, Joyce. **Winter Bees and Other Poems of the Cold** (2014)

Discover how animals stay alive in the wintertime and learn about their secret lives happening under the snow.

“Giving Wings to Children’s Dreams”