

# Summer Reading Book Suggestions for Students Entering 3rd-5th 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. They LOVE helping kids pick out great books. If you need a library card, remember you can get a FREE card at any library in Knox county.

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

For more lists:

<https://www.scholastic.com/summer/home/>

<https://www.bostonpublicschools.org/Page/6694>

<http://www.readingrockets.org/books/summer/2018>

[http://www.ala.org/aboutala/offices/resources/its\\_elementary\\_graphic\\_novels](http://www.ala.org/aboutala/offices/resources/its_elementary_graphic_novels)

<https://www.hbook.com/2018/05/blogs/family-reading/2018-summer-reading-list/#>

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/publications-resources/book-lists/2018-summer-reading-list>

Maine Student Book Award Books 2018- <http://msba.umeedu.maine.edu>

## Series and Quick Reads

**I Survived Series** by Lauren Tarshis

**Can You Survive Series** (various authors)

**How to Train Your Dragon Series** by Cressida Cowell

**Caveboy** by Sudipta Bordhan

**Greetings From Somewhere Series** by Harper Paris

**Deckaroo Drive Series** by Kate DiCamillo

**Princess Black** by Shannon Hale

**Captain Awesome** by Stan Kirby

**Hamster Princess Series** by Ursula Vernon

**Charlie and Mouse** by Laurel Snyder

**Secret Coders** by Gene Luen Yang

**Ranger in Time** by Kate Messner

**Upside Down Magic** by Lauren Myracle

**Baby Monkey, Private Eye** by Brian Selznik

## Graphic Novels

**El Deafo** by Cece Bell

**Dog Man Series** by Dav Pilkey

**Mighty Jack Series** by Ben Hatke

**Babysitter's Club** by Reina Telgemeier

**Real Friends** by Shannon Hale

**Bad Guys** by Aaron Blabey

**Baby Mouse** by Jennifer Holm  
**Amulet** by Kazu 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  
**Chi's Sweet Home** by Konami Konata  
**Big Nate** by Lincoln Pierce  
**CatStronauts** by Drew Brockington

## Chapter Books

Anything by Sharon Creech, Carl Hiason, Roadl Dahl, Cynthia Lord, Gordon Korman  
**Amal Unbound** by Aisha Saeed  
**Hello Universe** by Erin Entrada Kelly  
**Wishtree** by Katherine Applegate  
**Following Baxter** by Barbara Kerley  
**The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher** by Dana Alison Levy  
**The War that Saved My Life** (4th grade and up) by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley  
**Flora and Ulysses** by Kate DiCamillo  
**Tumble and Blue** by Cassie Beasley  
**The Penderwick Series** by Jeanne Birdsall  
**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  
**The Parker Inheritance** by Varian Johnson  
**Ghost Boys** by Jewell Parker Rhodes  
**Apprentice Witch** by James Nicol  
**The Misfits** by James Howe

## Non-fiction

**Who Was, What Was, Where is** Series  
**Her Right Foot** by Dave Eggers  
**Grand Canyon** by Jason Chin  
**Rescue and Jessica: A Life-Changing Friendship** by Jessica Kensky  
**One Plastic Bag: Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling Women of Gambia** by Miranda Paul  
**Spilling Ink** by Ellen Potter  
**Older than Dirt: A Wild but True History of Earth** by Don Brown and Mike Perfit  
**Writing Radar: Using Your Journal to Snoop Out and Craft Great Stories** by Jack Gantos  
**The Girl Who Drew Butterflies: How Maria Merian's Art Changed Science** by Joyce Sidman  
**When the Beat Was Born: DJ Kool Herc and the Creation of Hip Hop** by Laban Carrick Hill