

2020 4th-5th Grade Summer Reading List

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The titles selected for this recommended summer reading list were chosen specifically for those students leaving grades 4 and 5. Titles included are just a sampling of the books you may enjoy reading during this summer. Many of the authors on this list have written more than one book. Check out some of these titles, too!

Dragons

The Dragon with a Chocolate Heart by Stephanie Burgis
The Fire Within by Chris D'Lacey
The Serpent's Secret by Sayantani Dasgupta
The Griffin's Feather by Cornelia Funke
Igraine the Brave by Cornelia Funke
The Tea Dragon Society by Katie O'Neill
A Dragon's Guide to the Care and Feeding of Humans
by Laurence Yep

Inspire

The Undeclared by Kwame Alexander
This Promise of Change: One Girl's Story in the Fight for School Equality by Jo Ann Allen Boyce
Record Breakers! More than 500 Fantastic Feats by DK
Ruby in the Sky by Jeanne Zulick Ferruolo
Reach for the Skai: How to Inspire, Empower and Clapback by Skai Jackson
More to the Story by Hena Khan
Who Did it First? by Julie Leung
Wish on all the Stars by Lisa Schroeder
Just Like Jackie by Lindsey Stoddard
Share Your Smile: Raina's Guide to Telling Your Own Story by Raina Telgemeier
Children's Book of Philosophy: An Introduction to the World's Great Thinkers and their Big Ideas
by Sarah Tomley

Exploring Science

Spit: What's Cool About Drool by Mary Batten
Pie in the Sky by Remy Lai
30 Minute Edible Science Projects by Anna Leigh
Two Truths and a Lie: It's Alive
by Ammi-Joan Paquette and Laurie Anne Thompson
The Plant Planet by Jon Scieszka
Extraordinary Birds by Sandy Stark-McGinnis
Backyard Astronomy Experiments by Alix Wood
My Life as an Ice Cream Sandwich by Ibi Zoboi

Let's Go on an Adventure

True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp by Kathi Appelt
The Last by Katherine Applegate
Camp Average by Craig Battle
From the Notebooks of a Middle School Princess
by Meg Cabot
The School Story by Andrew Clements
Carter Reads the Newspaper by Deborah Hopkinson
Rescuing Rialto by Lynda Mapes
125 Animals that Changed the World
by National Geographic Kids
Book of the Dead by Michael Northrop
Around the World in 50 Ways by Daniel Smith
Camp Panda by Catherine Thimmesh
Some Places More Than Others by Renee Watson

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Marvelous Mysteries

History's Mysteries: Legends and Lore by Anna Claybourne

A Box of Bones by Marina Cohen

Solve This!: Wild and Wacky Challenges for the Genius Engineer in You by Joan Marie Galat

Closed for the Season by Mary Downing Hahn

Sherlock Holmes and the Disappearing Diamond by Sam Hearn

Archer's Quest by Linda Sue Park

Make This!: Building, Thinking, and Tinkering Projects for the Amazing Maker in You by Ella Schwartz

Can You Crack the Code?: A Fascinating History of Ciphers and Cryptography by Ella Schwartz.



Mystical Mythology

The Last Kids on Earth by Max Brallier

Momotaro: Xander and the Lost Island of Monsters by Margaret Dilloway

Who Let the Gods Out by Maz Evans

Weird But True! Know-it-all: Greek Mythology by Sarah Wassner Flynn

Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky by Kwame Mbalia

Get Lost, Odysseus by Kate McMullen

Pip Bartlett's Guide to Magical Creatures by Jackson Pearce and Maggie Stiefvater

Odd Gods by David Slavin

Chicken of Thor by Paul Tillery and Meg Wittwer

Mythical Creatures

Magnificent Magical Beasts: Inside their Secret World by Simon Holland

Murderous Mythical Creatures You Wouldn't Want to Meet! by Fiona Macdonald

Aquicorn Cove by Katie O'Neill

Giants, Trolls, Witches, Beasts: Ten Tales from the Deep, Dark Woods
by Craig Phillips

Jellaby: Monster in the City by Kean Soo



Reading Royalty

The Big Book of Bling: Ritzy Rocks, Extravagant Animals, Sparkling Science, and More! by Rose Davidson

Cucumber Quest 1: The Doughnut Kingdom by D.G. Gigi

Charmed I'm Sure by Sarah Darer Littman

Whatever After series by Sarah Mlynowski

Bad Princess: True Tales from Behind the Tiara by Kris Waldherr



Terrific Tales

The House With Chicken Legs by Sophie Anderson

Wicked Nix by Lena Coakley

The Girl Who Could Not Dream by Sarah Beth Durst

Mighty Jack by Ben Hatke

A Year Full of Stories: 52 Folktales and Legends From Around the World
by Angela McAllister

Straw Into Gold: Fairy Tales Re-Spun by Hilary McKay

A Sprinkle of Spirits by Anna Meriano

American Tall Tales by Mary Pope Osborne