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The titles selected for this recommended summer reading list were chosen specifically for those students leaving grades 6, 7, and 8. 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!

Be You

Booked
Quiet Power: The Secret Strengths of Introverts
Be Confident in Who You Are
The Last Boy at St. Edith's
The Seventh Most Important Thing
The Best Man
Same But Different: Teen Life on the Autism Express
You Got This!: Unleash Your Awesomeness, Find Your Path, and Change Your World
Hundred Percent

Alexander, Kwame
Cain, Susan
Fox, Annie
Malone, Lee Gjertsen
Pearsall, Shelley
Peck, Richard
Peete, Holly Robinson
Penn, Maya
Young, Karen Romano

Eat. Sleep. Read

Beating the Odds

All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook
Raymie Nightingale
Every Falling Star: The True Story of How I Survived and Escaped North Korea
My Seneca Village
A Storm Too Soon: A Remarkable True Survival Story in 80-foot Seas
Samurai Rising
You Can Fly: The Tuskegee Airmen
Rising Above: How 11 Athletes Overcame Challenges in Their Youth to Become Stars

Connor, Leslie
DiCamillo, Kate
Lee, Sungju
Nelson, Marilyn
Tougias, Michael
Turner, Pamela
Weatherford, Carole
Zuckerman, Gregory

Black Eyed Susan

Sophie Quire and the Last Storyguard
Soar
When Friendship Followed Me Home
Terror at Bottle Creek
A Night Divided
Ghost
Beneath
Falling Over Sideway
23 Minutes
Wolf Hollow

Auxier, Jonathan
Bauer, Joan
Griffin, Paul
Key, Watt
Nielsen, Jennifer
Reynolds, Jason
Smith, Roland
Sonnenblick, Jordan
VandeVelde, Vivian
Wolk, Lauren

Fantastical Reads

Atlantis Rising
The Orphan Army
Shigeru Mizuki's Kitaro: The Birth of Kitaro
Secrets of Valhalla
The Ghosts of Heaven
The Evil Wizard Smallbone
Trollhunters

Barron, T.A.
Maberry, Jonathan
Mizuki, Shigeru
Richards, Jasmine
Sedgwick, Marcus
Sherman, Delia
Toro, Guillermo del

BES Graphic Novels

Delilah Dirk and the King's Shilling
Gotham Academy: Welcome to Gotham Academy
Feathers
Geis: A Matter of Life and Death
The Dumbest Idea Ever!
The Nameless City: Volume 1
Four Points: Compass South
Snow White

Cliff, Tony
Corona, Becky
Deacon, Jorge
Gownley, Jimmy
Hicks, Faith Erin
Larson, Hope
Phelan, Matt
**Far Off Places**

- The Girl Who Drank the Moon: Barnhill, Kelly
- Marvel: Absolutely Everything You Need to Know: Bray, Adam
- The Scourge: Nielsen, Jennifer
- Dare to Disappoint: Growing Up in Turkey: Samanci, Ozge
- Bird Boy, Volume 1, The Sword of Mali Mani: Szabla, Anne
- The Night Parade: Tanquary, Kathryn

**Feathers, Fur & Scales**

- Rise of the Lioness: Hague, Bradley
- Bridge to the Wild: Behind the Scenes at the Zoo: O'Connell, Caitlin
- Big-Animal Vets!: Rich, Mari
- You Are the Earth: Know Your World So You Can Help Make it Better: Suzuki, David
- Crow Smarts: Inside the Brain of the World's Brightest Bird: Turner, Pamela

**Girl Power**

- Terrible Typhoid Mary: A True Story of the Deadliest Cook in America: Bartoletti, Susan Campbell
- Radioactive!: How Irene Curie and Lise Meitner Revolutionized Science and Changed the World: Conkling, Winifred
- Taking Flight: From War Orphan to Star Ballerina: DePrince, Michaela
- A Girl Called Vincent: The Life of Poet Edna St. Vincent Millay: Goddu, Krystyna Poray
- Women in Science: 50 Fearless Pioneers Who Changed the World: Ignotofsky, Rachel
- Ten Days a Madwoman: Noyes, Deborah
- Rad Women Worldwide: Artists and Athletes, Pirates and Punks, and Other Revolutionaries Who Shaped History: Schatz, Kate

**On This Day**

- Nine, Ten: A September 11 Story: Baskin, Nora Raleigh
- We Will Not be Silent: The White Rose Student Resistance Movement that Defied Adolf Hitler: Freedman, Russell
- The Plot to Kill Hitler: Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Spy, Unlikely Hero: McCormick, Patricia
- All We Have Left: Mills, Wendy
- Lincoln's Spymaster: Allan Pinkerton, America's First Private Eye: Seiple, Samantha

**Science In Action**

- Fuzzy: Angleberger, Tom
- A Beginner's Guide to Immortality: From Alchemy to Avatars: Birmingham, Maria
- That's Deadly: Boyer, Crispin
- Game ON!: Video Game History from Pong and Pac-man to Mario, Minecraft, and More: Hansen, Dustin
- Bubble Panic: When Plague Invaded America: Jarrow, Gail
- Bleed, Blister, Puke, and Purge: The Dirty Secrets Behind Early American Medicine: Younker, J.

**Uncovering the Truth**

- Summer of Lost and Found: Behrens, Rebecca
- Frozen Charlotte: Bell, Alex
- The Charmed Children of Rookskill Castle: Fox, Janet
- Ghostly Evidence: Exploring the Paranormal: Halls, Kelly Milner
- The Lie Tree: Hardinge, Frances
- Forgotten Bones: Uncovering a Slave Cemetery: Huey, Lois Miner
- The Secret Keepers: Stewart, Trenton Lee

**We Can Build It**

- How To Build a Museum: Bolden, Tonya
- Skyscrapers: Investigate Feats of Engineering: Latham, Donna
- Women of Steel and Stone: 22 Inspirational Architects, Engineers, and Landscape Designers: Lewis, Anna M.
- Brick By Brick: Smith Jr., Charles R.
- Coding Games in Scratch: Woodcock, Jon

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**Hit the nail on the head. READ!**

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