

# GRADES K - 2 BOOK LIST SUMMER READING 2025

The titles selected for this Summer Reading list were chosen especially for those students leaving kindergarten and grades 1 & 2. Titles included are just a sampling of the books you may enjoy reading during the summer. Many of the authors on this list have written more than one book. Check out some of those titles, too!

\* also available in electronic format

## PICTURE BOOKS

Adusei, Denise Rosario E ADU  
*Cesaria Feels the Beat*

Beatrice, Jenna E BEA  
*The Loud Librarian*

Chang, Grace Seo E CHA  
*Birthday Soup*

Cortez, Rio \*E COR  
*The River Is My Ocean*

Emmons, Lauren E EMM  
*No Cats in the Library*

Fairbanks, Ashley E FAI  
*This Land: The History of the Land We're On*

Greenfield, Max E GRE  
*I Don't Want to Read this Book*

Hillery, Tony E HIL  
*Saturdays at Harlem Grown:  
How One Big Idea Transformed a  
Neighborhood*

Hokkanen, Mirka E HOK  
*Kitty & Cat: Bent Out of Shape*

Jeffers, Oliver E JEF  
*The Dictionary Story*

John, Jory E JOH  
*You're Going to Love This Book*

Kane, Karen E KAN  
*Monster Hands*

LaRochelle, David E LAR  
*Go and Get with Rex*

Le, Minh E LE  
*Built to Last*

Liu-Perkins, Christine \*E LIU  
*The Quest for a Tangram Dragon*

Maier, Brenda E MAI  
*The Little Red Fort*

Mandin, Christy \*E MAN  
*Millie Fleur's Poison Garden*

Morstad, Julie E MOR  
*A Face Is a Poem*

Santos, Paola E SAN  
*How to Eat a Mango*

Snyder, Gabi E SNY  
*Look*

Watson, Renee E WAT  
*Summer is Here*

Wedlick, Seina E WED  
*The Night Market*

Woodson, Jacqueline E WOO  
*The World Belonged to Us*

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## EARLY READERS

Hopkinson, Deborah \*ER HOP  
*Trim Sets Sail*

Iwai, Melissa ER IWA  
*Gigi and Ojiji*

Lukoff, Kyle ER LUK  
*The Sunken Ship*

Madan, Vikram ER MAD  
*Owl and Penguin*

Ransom, Candice ER RAN  
*Beach Day*

## FIRST CHAPTER

DiCamillo, Kate FIRST CHAPTER DIC  
*Orris and Timble: The Beginning*

Platt, Christine A. FIRST CHAPTER PLA  
*Breaking News*

Rae, Elspeth \*FIRST CHAPTER RAE  
*Meg and Greg: A Duck in a Sock*

Rajan, Rekha S. FIRST CHAPTER RAJ  
*Wildfire Rescue*

Ruths, Mitali Banerjee \*FIRST CHAPTER RUT  
*Awesome Orange Birthday*

## GRAPHIC NOVELS

Adler, David A. CHILDRENS 741.59 A  
*A Pair of Parrots*

Frost, Maddie CHILDRENS 741.59 F  
*Chip Plays Grown-Up*

Holt, Bob CHILDRENS 741.59 H  
*The Unlucky Kid*

Humphrey, Anna \*CHILDRENS 741.59 H  
*Fluffle Bunnies: Buns Gone Bad*

Reedstrom, Kirk CHILDRENS 741.59 R  
*Duck and Moose: Duck Moves In!*

Spires, Ashley CHILDRENS 741.59 S  
*Burt the Beetle Doesn't Bite*

Stohler, Lauren CHILDRENS 741.59 S  
*Gnome and Rat*

Trasler, Janee CHILDRENS 741.59 T  
*Figgy & Boone: Best Brother Ever*

## NONFICTION

Spiro, Ruth \*CHILDRENS 005.13 S  
*How to Explain Coding to a Grown-Up*

Madison, Megan CHILDRENS 305.8 M  
*Our Skin: A First Conversation about Race*

Moon, Emily Kate CHILDRENS 551.5 M  
*Puff: All About Air*

Settel, Joanne CHILDRENS 578.4 S  
*Fish Farts and Other Amazing Ways Animals Adapt*

Harrison, David CHILDRENS 582.16 H  
*A Tree is a Community*

Pallotta, Jerry \*CHILDRENS 590 P  
*Who Would Win?: Wild Warriors*

Beaty, Andrea & Dr. T. Griffith \*CHILDRENS 595.7 B  
*Ada Twist, Scientist: Bug Bonanza!*

Hermon, Daka CHILDRENS 595.7 H  
*Spider-Man Bugs Out*

Butterworth, Chris CHILDRENS 598.864 B  
*Clever Crow*

Fleming, Candace CHILDRENS 599.54 F  
*Narwhal: Unicorn of the Arctic*

Holub, Joan \*CHILDRENS 599.78 H  
*Bears Are Best!*

Knapman, Timothy \*CHILDRENS 629.4 K  
*The Book of Blast Off!:15 Real-Life Space Missions*

Fisher, Valorie CHILDRENS 641.5 F  
*Look and Cook Snacks*

Zommer, Yuval CHILDRENS 745.5 Z  
*The Big Book of Nature Art*

Limón, Ada \*CHILDRENS 811.6 L  
*In Praise of Mystery*

Piercey, Rachel CHILDRENS 821.92 P  
*If You Go Down to the Woods Today*

Oso, Maisha \* CHILDRENS 973.0496 O  
*Before the Ships: The Birth of Black Excellence*

Rocco, Hayley CHILDRENS B ATTENBOROUGH R  
*Wild Places: The Life of Naturalist David Attenborough*

Markel, Michelle \*CHILDRENS B CALDECOTT M  
*Tomfoolery!: Randolph Caldecott and the Rambunctious Coming-of-Age of Children's Books*

Aradhya, Kerry \*CHILDRENS B RUBIK A  
*Erno Rubik and His Magic Cube*

## EN ESPAÑOL

Cortez, Rio On Order (Sp) E COR  
*El Rio Es Mi Mar*

Santos, Paola (Sp) E SAN  
*Cómo se Come un Mango*

Ransom, Candice (Sp) ER RAN  
*iDía de playa!*

Madison, Megan CHILDRENS (Sp) 305.8 M  
*Nuestra Piel: Una Primera Conversación Sobre la Raza*