



# Summer Reading Suggestions

## Children Entering Fourth Grade

Summer is a wonderful time to encourage your child to read. There are so many opportunities – at the beach, at the pool, and on rainy days -to find time to dive into a good book. The titles on this list are popular with students of this age. Keep in mind that the books vary in difficulty, so take cues from your child and don't overlook the benefits of reading aloud to your child as you share new books this summer.

### FICTION

#### Adventure

Cleary, Beverly - *Ralph S. Mouse* or any title by this author

Clements, Andrew- *A Week in the Woods*

DiCamillo, Kate – *The Tale of Despereaux*

Fleischman, Sid – *The Whipping Boy*

Kehret, Peg – *Earthquake Terror*

#### Contemporary Fiction

Blume, Judy- *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* or any title in this series

Byars, Betsy – *Wanted...Mud Blossom* and others by this author

Christopher, Matt – any title by this author

#### Fantasy

Dahl, Roald – *Matilda* or any title by this author

Sinykin, Sheri – *The Secret of the Attic* and other titles in this series

Scieszka, Jon – *Knights of the Kitchen Table* and others in this series

#### Historical Fiction

Adler, Susan and others – *Meet Samantha* or any American Girl title

Curtis, Christopher - *The Watsons Go to Birmingham – 1963*

Giff, Patricia – *Lily's Crossing*

Hill, Kirkpatrick- *The Year of Miss Agnes*

Wilder, Laura Ingalls – *Little House in the Big Woods* or other titles by this author

#### Humor

Bunting, Eve – *Nasty Stinky Sneakers*

Peck, Robert Newton – *Soup* or any title by this author

Sachar, Louis – *Wayside School is Falling Down* or any title by this author

Woodruff, Elvira – *Awfully Short for the Fourth Grade*

#### Mystery

Adler, David – *Cam Jansen* series

Howe, James – *Bunnacula* or any title in this series

Sobol, Donald – *Encyclopedia Brown Solves Them All* or any title by this author

Warner, Gertrude Chandler – *Boxcar Children* or other titles in this series

Hamilton, Virginia – *The House of Dies Drear* or any title by this author

#### Science Fiction

Applegate, K.A. - *Animorphs* series

Coville, Bruce – *My Teacher is an Alien*

L'Engle, Madeline – *A Wind in the Door*

### NON-FICTION

#### Biography

Lasky, Kathryn – *Vision of Beauty: The Story of Sarah Breedlove Walker*

Ryan, Pam – *When Marian Sang: The True Recital of Marian Anderson*

#### Folklore

Kimmel, Eric – *Anansi goes Fishing*

San Souci, Robert – *The Talking Eggs* or any title by this author

#### Poetry

Creech, Sharon – *Love That Dog*

Prelutsky, Jack – *A Pizza the Size of the Sun* or any title by this author

Silverstein, Shel – *Where the Sidewalk Ends*





## Summer Reading Suggestions - Children Entering Fifth Grade

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### FICTION

#### Adventure

Naylor, Phyllis – *Shiloh* and other books in this series  
Paulsen, Gary – *Dogsong*  
Snicket, Lemony- *Unfortunate Events Series*  
Woodruff, Elvira- *George Washington's Socks*

#### Contemporary Fiction

DeClements, Barthe – *Nothing's Fair in Fifth Grade*  
Clements, Andrew – *The Report Card*  
Spinelli, Jerry – *Maniac Magee* or any title by this author

#### Fantasy

Colfer, Eoin – *Artemis Fowl* series  
Coville, Bruce – *Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher*  
Dahl, Roald – *The BFG* or any title by this author  
Eager, Edward – *Half Magic* or any title by this author  
Jacques, Brian – *Redwall* and other books in this series  
Levine, Gail Carson – *The Wish* or any title by this author  
Lewis, C.S. – *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* and other books in this series  
Rowling, JK – *Harry Potter* series

#### Historical Fiction

Anderson, Laurie – *Fever, 1793*  
Avi – *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*  
Curtis, Christopher – *Bud, Not Buddy*  
Griffin, Judith – *Phoebe the Spy*  
Park, Linda – *A Single Shard*  
Peck, Richard – *A Long Way From Chicago*  
Ryan, Pam Munez – *Esperanza Rising* and other titles by this author

#### Humor

Sachar, Louis – *Holes* or any title by this author  
Smith, Robert – *Chocolate Fever*

#### Mystery

Broach, Elise – *Shakespeare's Secret*  
Byars, Betsy – *The Dark Stairs* and other books in this series  
Raskin, Ellen – *The Westing Game*  
Snyder, Zilpha – *The Egypt Game*  
VanDraanen, Wendelin – *The Sammy Keyes series*

#### Science Fiction

Christopher, John - *The White Mountains* or any title by this author  
Haddix, Margaret – *Among the Hidden* and other books in this series  
L'Engle, Madeline – *A Wrinkle in Time* or any title by this author

### NON-FICTION

#### Biography

Adler, David – *Heroes of the Revolution*  
Fradin, Dennis – *The Signers*  
Krull, Kathleen – *Lives of the Musicians* and other titles in this series  
Stanley, Diane – *Leonardo DaVinci* or any title by this author

#### Folklore

San Souci, Robert – *Sukey and the Mermaid* or any title by this author

#### Poetry

Prelutsky, Jack – *The New Kid on the Block* or any title by this author  
Silverstein, Shel – *The Light in the Attic*

# Summer Reading Suggestions



## Children Entering Sixth Grade

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### FICTION

#### Adventure

Fleischman, Sid – *The Great Horn Spoon* or any title by this author

George, Jean Craighead – *My Side of the Mountain*

Hahn, Mary – *Time for Andrew* or any title by this author

Horowitz, Anthony - *Stormbreaker*

Konigsburg, E.L. – *From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*

Smith, Roland– *Peak* or other titles by this author

#### Contemporary Fiction

Clements, Andrew – *Frindle* and other titles by this author

Lynch, Chris – *Gold Dust*

Park, Barbara – *Mick Harte Was Here* or any title by this author

Spinelli, Jerry – *Loser* or any title by this author

#### Fantasy

Alexander, Lloyd- *The Book of Three* and others in this series

Cooper, Susan – *The Boggart*

DuPrau, Jeanne – *The City of Ember*

Ibbotson, Eva – *The Secret of Platform 13*

Riordan, Rick– *The Lightning Thief*

Rowling, J.K. – *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*

#### Historical Fiction

Armstrong, William – *Souder*

Avi- *Crispin: The Cross of Lead* or any title by this author

Burnett, Frances – *The Secret Garden* or any title by this author

Lowry, Lois – *Number the Stars*

McSwigan, Marie – *Snow Treasure*

O'Dell, Scott – *Island of the Blue Dolphins* or any title by this author

Park, Linda- *Seesaw Girl*

Uchida, Yoshiko – *Journey to Topaz* or any title by this author

#### Humor

Fitzgerald, John – *The Great Brain*

Sachar, Louis – *Sixth Grade Secrets* and other titles by this author

#### Mystery

Hahn, Mary - *Time For Andrew: A Ghost Story*

Hamilton, Virginia – *The House of Dies Drear* or any title by this author

Roberts, Willo – *What Could Go Wrong?*

Van Draanen, Wendelin – *Sammy Keyes and the Art of Deception* and others in this series

#### Science Fiction

Christopher, John – *The Tripods* series

Colfer, Eoin – *The Supernaturalist* and other titles by this author

Farmer, Nancy – *The House of the Scorpion* and other titles by this author

Juster, Norton – *The Phantom Tollbooth*

### NON-FICTION

#### Biography

Freedman, Russell – *Lincoln: A Photobiography*

Krull, Kathleen – *Lives of Extraordinary Women and other titles in this series*

Stanley, Diane – *Michelangelo*

#### Folklore

Hodges, Margaret – *St. George and the Dragon* or any title by this author

#### Poetry

DeRegniers, Beatrice – *Sing a Song of Popcorn*

Hollander, John – *American Poetry*

Prelutsky, Jack – *Something BIG has been here*

#### Science

Montgomery, Sy – *The Tarantula Scientist*

Walker, Sally – *Fossil Fish Found Alive*