

Summer Reading

Grades 3-5

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Almost Paradise

By Corabel Shofner Farrar

A (stolen) pet pig, an ornery nun, and a feisty 12-year-old runaway from an unusual family in this lively debut novel.

Charlie & Mouse

By Laurel Snyder

Charming short stories follow the exploits of two brothers as they organize a neighborhood party, earn ice cream money and invent the "bedtime banana". First in a series.

Clayton Byrd Goes Underground

By Rita Williams-Garcia

When his beloved grandfather, the blues man Cool Papa Byrd, dies suddenly, Clayton's anger and misplaced alliances get him into trouble. This story of family grief, reconciliation, and the power of music is set in New York City.

Cucumber Quest: The Doughnut Kingdom

By Gigi D.G.

A brother and sister duo take on a mission to stop the maniacal "Queen" Cordelia and her henchman, The Nightmare Knight. First in new series.

Flying Lessons & Other Stories

Edited by Ellen Oh

Ten authors celebrate diversity through tales of Bigfoot, basketball, girl pirates and more in a highly readable, relatable short story collection.

Grand Canyon

By Jason Chin

As a father and daughter hike up and out of the canyon, Chin introduces readers to this National Park's unique geology, plants and animals.

Hamster Princess: Harriet the Invincible (Hamster Princess #1)

By Ursula Vernon

Princess Harriet is not your typical princess, what with all the ogreslaying, cliff-diving, and battle quail-riding. But she knows that the curse that is destined to befall her on her 12th birthday must also keep her alive until then - making her invincible!

Hello, Universe

By Erin Entrada Kelly

The lives of Virgil, Kaori, Gen and Valencia are woven together in unexpected ways when a disaster brings them together to perform a rescue in this story of bravery and friendship.

The Jumbies

By Tracey Baptiste

Eleven-year-old Corinne must call on her courage and an ancient magic to stop an evil spirit and save her island home.

Just Dance

By Patricia MacLachlan

Years ago, Sylvie's mother was a famous opera singer, but she gave it all up to marry Sylvie's father and move to small town Wyoming. Sylvie can't help but wonder - does her mother ever miss her glamorous former life? And is she ever tempted to go back to it?

Lemons

By Melissa Savage

When Lemonade Liberty Witt moves in with her grandfather, the last thing she expects is to join the Bigfoot Detective Inc. Are they on track to discover sasquatch or something more?

Lights, Camera, Middle School!

(Babymouse Tales from the Locker #1)

By Jennifer L. Holm

Babymouse is in Middle School! She is ready to stand out! She is ready to direct an epic movie! She is ready to learn about the necessity of cooperation and friendship! Typical.

Makoons

By Louise Erdrich

Twin brothers Makoons and Chickadee travel across the plains in search of buffalo with their family in the 1860's.

Me & Marvin Gardens

By Amy Sarig King

While picking up trash from Devlin Creek, Obe discovers a most extraordinary animal that may be the answer to the pollution.

Older than Dirt: A Wild But True History of Earth

By Don Brown and Dr. Mike Perfit

A groundhog and a worm narrate this irreverent yet fact-filled graphic novel look at the violent forces that created our planet and continue to shape it today.

Real Friends

By Shannon Hale

Shannon is learning how to navigate the turbulent waters of childhood. Handling bullies, dealing with cliques, and finding out who your true friends really are.

Secret Coders (Secret Coders #1)

By Gene Luen Yang

New girl Hopper discovers some very strange goings-on at Stately Academy. Do she and her new friend Eni have what it takes to outwit the school's founder and solve the mysteries? Readers are invited to code along!

Slug Days

By Sara Leach

Lauren's autism as neither disability nor exceptionalism. It's a fact that Lauren lives with. It shapes her encounters without necessarily limiting them.

Wash On!

By Michèle Marinneau

Strange things happen around Petronilla Gillis. International crises, for example. One day when Mrs. Gillis is giving her daughter a bath, Petronilla cries, "Wash on!" "Wash off, dear," Mrs. Gillis corrects her. But Petronilla's words seem to have power. And that is only the beginning.

Wishtree

By Katherine Applegate

Every May, neighbors tie their wishes to the old red oak tree. This year, with the threat of being taken down looming, Red knows it must help its neighbors, both human and animal, as they confront the hatred and prejudice being directed at the new family in the little blue house.

