

Grade 3-5 | 2013 Suggested Summer Reading List

FICTION

Fake Mustache by Tom Angleberger JFIC ANG

A mysterious fake mustache hypnotizes everyone to do what an enterprising boy wants, and it's up to his best friend to stop his plans to take over the country.

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate JFIC APP

Living in a cage in the Exit 8 Big Top Mall and Video Arcade isn't much of a life for a silverback gorilla. When a new baby elephant joins the zoo, Ivan needs to make a change.

The Case of the Case of Mistaken Identity

by Mac Barnett JMYS BAR

When 12-year-old Steve Brixton is mistaken for a real detective, he must elude librarians, police and the mysterious Mr. E as he seeks a missing quilt containing coded information.

Bad Kitty Meets the Baby by Nick Bruel JFIC BRU

Bad Kitty meets her match in the newly adopted baby who sweeps every event in the Kitty Olympics – from the Eating Contest to the Who Can Outstink Stinky Kitty Contest.

Earthling! by Mark Fearing JSF FEA

Bud gets on the wrong bus and ends up at an intergalactic academy where he must learn to play Zero Ball and hide the fact that he is an alien from a dangerous planet – Earth!

Half-Minute Horrors edited by Susan Rich JFIC 808.83 H

Creepy stories by great authors that you can read in half a minute each. Warning: Don't read right before bedtime!

The Hero's Guide to Saving Your Kingdom

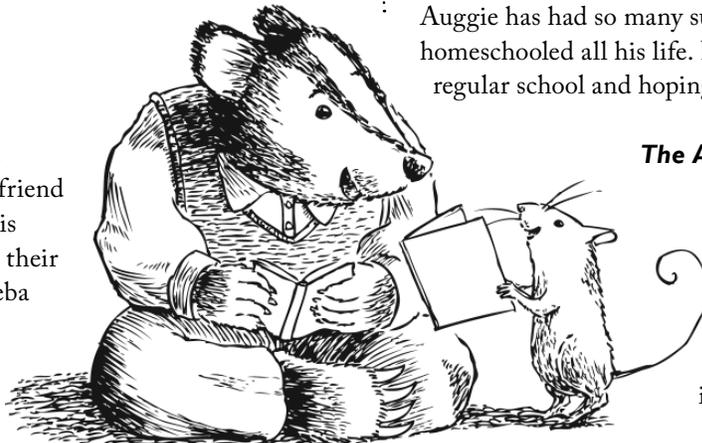
by Christopher Healy JFIC HEA

Have you ever noticed how many fairy tales claim "Prince Charming" as their hero? Now it's time for four Prince Charmings to get the credit they deserve and save their kingdoms too.

Squish, Super Amoeba

by Jennifer L. Holm JFIC HOL

In this graphic novel, an average amoeba lives in a pond with his friend Peggy, the perky paramecium, his best friend and genius, Pod, and their frenemy, Lynwood, an evil amoeba who cheats off Squish's test and wants to eat Peggy! What is an amoeba to do?



Zapato Power: Freddie Ramos Takes Off

by Jacqueline Jules JFIC JUL

Freddie discovers purple sneakers that make him run so fast all people see is a puff of buzzing smoke. Zoom! Zoom! Zapato!

Island of Thieves by Josh Lacey JFIC LAC

Treasure Island meets James Bond thriller, as a boy follows his uncle to South America and gets caught up in a dangerous, exciting treasure hunt.

A Dog Called Homeless by Sarah Lean JFIC LEA

A year after her mother's death, Cally stops talking. But in her silence she finds new friends, a stray dog and a special connection with her father.

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin JFIC LIN

Minli leaves home to ask the Old Man on the Moon to change her fortune. Her journey brings her new friends, including a flightless dragon, talking fish and a beautiful adventure.

The Great Cake Mystery

by Alexander McCall Smith JMYS MCC

Young Precious Ramotswe solves her first case when a piece of cake goes missing from her classroom in Africa.

Emily and Jackson Hiding Out by Phyllis Naylor JFIC NAY

Emily's Aunt Hilda has become her legal guardian and is eager to adopt her friend Jackson, too. Have they seen the last of evil Uncle Victor? What in the dabble dooby will happen next?

Nursery Rhyme Comics edited by Chris Duffy JP NUR

Classic nursery rhymes interpreted by illustrators/cartoonists with interesting and amusing results.

Wonder by R J Palacio JFIC PAL

Auggie has had so many surgeries on his face that he has been homeschooled all his life. Now he's starting fifth grade at a regular school and hoping he'll be accepted.

The Art of Miss Chew

by Patricia Polacco JFIC POL

A young artist who has difficulty reading, a grim substitute teacher who thinks art is a waste of time, and an art teacher who believes in the young girl's talent come together in this heartfelt story.

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FICTION *continued*

Ninth Ward by Jewell Parker Rhodes *JFIC RHO*

This exciting story blends adventure and the supernatural in the struggle of 12-year-old Lanessa to survive when Hurricane Katrina engulfs her New Orleans neighborhood.

May B. by Caroline Starr Rose *JFIC ROS*

Twelve-year-old May B. is abandoned by the neighbors she has been sent to help. With food running low, an early blizzard and wolves howling outside, May B. must find a way to survive.

The Warrior Sheep Go West by Christine and Christopher Russell *JFIC RUS*

In this silly adventure book, the Warrior Sheep must hoof it to Las Vegas to stop the Red Tongue while they are unknowingly pursued by an evil scientist.

Sidekicks by Dan Santat *JFIC SAN*

Captain Amazing is so busy chasing criminals that he rarely has time for his pets at home. When he announces that he's looking for a sidekick, his pets decide to apply for the job.

The Great Wall of Lucy Wu by Wendy Shang *JFIC SHA*

Lucy finally gets a room to herself, but then she has to share with her great-aunt from China. This school year everything turns out differently than she expects.

The San Francisco Earthquake, 1906

by Lauren Tarshis *JFIC TAR*

Ten-year-old Leo, a newsboy in San Francisco, finds himself in the middle of a massive earthquake as the city crumbles and burns to the ground. Does Leo have what it takes to survive this devastating disaster?

Lulu and the Brontosaurus by Judith Viorst *JFIC VIO*

Lulu wants a brontosaurus. When her parents dare to tell her "No," she sets off to find one for herself.

EllRay Jakes Is a Rock Star by Sally Warner *JFIC WAR*

EllRay Jakes decides to "borrow" his father's crystals to impress his classmates, but his plan to return them before his father notices goes awry.

The Mysterious Howling by Maryrose Wood *JFIC WOO*

When Penelope Lumley agrees to be governess at Ashton Place, she worries about teaching the children proper Latin. She should have worried about teaching them not to howl or chase squirrels, since these children were raised by wolves.



NONFICTION

The Wrath of the Gods by Anthony Horowitz *J 398.2 H*

Angry gods? What is a mere mortal to do?! Read all five legends and a survival guide.

Stay: The True Story of Ten Dogs

by Michaela Muntean *J636.7 M*

A badly injured circus acrobat builds a new act and a new life with 10 odd dogs nobody else wants.

The Beetle Book by Steve Jenkins *J595.76 J*

Stag beetles, whirligig beetles and six-spotted green tiger beetles are just three of the beetles you learn about in this book. Learn how to identify beetles and astonish your friends with facts.

National Geographic Book of Animal Poetry

J808.81 N 2012

Amazing photographs paired with familiar poems about all kinds of animals.

Story of the Titanic by Steve Noon *J910.453 N*

A timeline of the Titanic, the "ship of dreams," from its design to its tragic sinking after hitting an iceberg on its maiden voyage.

Electric Ben: the Amazing Life and Times of Ben Franklin

by Robert Byrd *JB FRANKLIN*

Ben Franklin was a printer, philosopher, writer, scientist, postmaster, inventor, statesman and more. What do you know about this famous American? More importantly, what don't you know?

Helen's Eyes: A Photobiography of Anne Sullivan

by Marfe Ferguson Delano *JB SULLIVAN*

Overcoming great obstacles herself, Annie Sullivan's story is as amazing as that of her student, Helen Keller.