

Summer 2021 Book Recommendations

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Emergent Readers

- [*Baby Monkey, Private Eye*](#) by Brian Selznick and David Serlin
- [*Max Spaniel: Dinosaur Hunt*](#) by David Catrow
- [*Mr. Monkey Bakes a Cake*](#) by Jeff Mack
- [*See the Cat: Three Stories About a Dog*](#) by David LaRochelle
- [*The Great Bunk Bed Battle*](#) by Tina Kugler

Early Chapter Books

- [*Dragons and Marshmallows*](#) by Asia Citro
- [*Geezer the Robot Goes to School*](#) by Jarrett Lerner
- [*Lulu and the Brontosaurus*](#) by Judith Viorst
- [*Maybe Maybe Marisol Rainey*](#) by Erin Entrada Kelly
- [*Ways to Grow Love*](#) by Renée Watson

Graphic Novels

- [*Bird & Squirrel on the Run*](#) by James Burks
- [*Dear Sister*](#) by Alison McGhee
- [*InvestiGators*](#) by John Patrick Green
- [*Starazing*](#) by Jen Wang
- [*The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse*](#) by Charlie Mackesy
- [*The Big Bad Fox*](#) by Benjamin Renner

Picture Books

- [*I Will Dance*](#) by Nancy Bo Flood
- [*Kaia and the Bees*](#) by Maribeth Boelts
- [*Outside In*](#) by Deborah Underwood
- [*This Old Dog*](#) by Martha Brockenbrough
- [*Zee Grows a Tree*](#) by Elizabeth Rusch

Nonfiction

- [*Above the Rim: How Elgin Baylor Changed Basketball*](#) by Jen Bryant
- [*Crossings: Extraordinary Structures for Extraordinary Animals*](#) by Katy S. Duffield
- [*Honeybee: The Busy Life of Apis Mellifera*](#) by Candace Fleming
- [*How We Got to the Moon: The People, Technology, and Daring Feats of Science Behind Humanity's Greatest Adventure*](#) by John Rocco
- [*You're Invited to a Moth Ball: A Nighttime Insect Celebration*](#) by Loree Griffin Burns

Chapter Books

- [*The Wednesday Wars*](#) by Gary D. Schmidt
- [*Wink*](#) by Rob Harrell
- [*Skinnybones*](#) by Barbara Park
- [*Scary Stories for Young Foxes*](#) by Christian McKay Heidicker

- [Starfish](#) by Lisa Fipps
- [My Life as a Potato](#) by Arianne Costner
- [Adventures with Waffles](#) by Maria Parr
- [The Midnight Gang](#) by David Walliams

For Grown-Ups

Need a break from children's literature? (I can't imagine this to ever be true, but maybe you don't want to be seen with picture books on a plane or at the beach.)

- [A Long Way from Chicago](#) by Richard Peck
- [Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet](#) by Jamie Ford
- [The Forgotten Garden](#) by Kate Morton
- [The Princess Bride](#) by William Goldman (I know, you've seen the movie . . . The book is better.)
- [The School of Essential Ingredients](#) by Erica Bauermeister

Prefer Nonfiction?

- [A Million Miles in a Thousand Years: What I Learned While Editing My Life](#) by Donald Miller
- [Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You](#) by Jason Reynolds
- [The Enchanted Hour: The Miraculous Power of Reading Aloud in the Age of Distraction](#) by Meghan Cox Gurdon

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