

Suggested Summer Reading Titles for Rising 3rd graders



Pick three or four (or more!) titles that look interesting, curl up in your favorite summer reading spot, and settle into a great new-to-you book. Stick to a genre you know and love, branch out and try something totally new, or head to your local library or bookstore and find your own great summer read. Happy reading!

ACTION/ADVENTURE

Barnett, Mac- Mac B., Kid Spy (series)
Charman, Katrina- Survival Tail (series)
Davies, Kate- The Crims (series)
DiCamillo, Kate- The Beatryce Prophecy
Emerson, Marcus- The Super Life of Ben Braver (series)
Hunter, Erin- Bravelands (series), Survivors (series), Seekers (series)
McMullen, Beth- Mrs. Smith's Spy School for Girls (series)
Miedoso, Andres- Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol (series)
Peirce, Lincoln- Max and the MidKnights (series)
Rubin, Adam- The Ice Cream Machine
Selfours, Suzanne- Wegie & Gizmo (series)
Tougas, Michael J.- True Rescue (series)

CLASSICS

Cleary, Beverly- The Mouse and the Motorcycle; Ramona Quimby (series)
Dahl, Roald- The BFG; Fantastic Mr. Fox; James and the Giant Peach; Matilda;
DiCamillo, Kate- The Tale of Despereaux
Howe, James- Bunnica (series)
White, E. B.- Charlotte's Web*; Stuart Little

FANTASY

Bowles, David- 13th street (series)
Cowell, Cressida- The Wizards of Once (series)
Chokshi, Roshani- Aru Shah and the End of Time (series)
Cowell, Cressida- How to Train Your Dragon (series)
Elliott, Zetta- Dragons in a Bag (series)
Gidwitz, Adam- The Unicorn Rescue Society (series)
Mass, Wendy- Bob
Mlynowski, Sarah- Upside Down Magic (series)
Phelan, Matt- Knights vs. Dinosaurs (series)
Selfours, Suzanne- The Sasquatch Escape (series)
Vernon, Ursula- Harriet the Invincible (series)
Viorst, Judith- Lulu and the Brontosaurus (series)

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Bell, Cece- El Deafo*
Brown, Jeffrey- Jedi Academy (series); Lucy & Andy Neanderthal (series)
Hale, Nathan- Hazardous Tales (series)
Hatke, Ben- Mighty Jack (series), Zita the Spacegirl (series)
Johnson, Varian- Twins

Krosoczka, Jarrett- Lunch Lady (series)
Miller, Kayla- Click (series)
Montijo, Rhode- Gum Girl (series)
Peirce, Lincoln- Big Nate (series)
Simpson, Dana- Phoebe and Her Unicorn (series)
Telegemeier, Raina- Smile (series); Baby-sitters Club (series)
Winick, Judd- Hilo (series)

NON-FICTION

Chin, Jason- Grand Canyon*
Flocq, Brian- Moonshot: the flight of Apollo 11
Harvey-Smith, Lisa- Under the stars: astrophysics for bedtime
Harrison, Vashti- Little Leaders: bold women in black history; Little Legends: exceptional men in black history
Holland, Jennifer- Unlikely Friendships (series)
Levy, Debbie- I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg makes her mark
Patent, Dorothy Made for Each Other: why dogs and people are perfect partners
Sanders, Rob- Pride: the story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag
Stabler, David- Kid Athletes (series)
Tavares, Matt- Growing Up Pedro; Becoming Babe Ruth
Who is/Who Was Biography books (series)
What Was the Boston Tea Party? (What Was ...? series)
Where is the Great Wall? (Where is ...? series)

HUMOR

Barrows, Annie- The Best of Iggy (series)
Patterson, James- Dog Diaries (series)
Barnett, Mac- The Terrible Two (series)
Falatko, Julie- Two Dogs in a Trench Coat Go to School (series)
Griffiths, Andy- The 13-Story Treehouse (series)
Marciano, Johnny- Klawde: Evil alien warlord cat (series)
O'Doherty, David- Danger is Everywhere: a handbook for avoiding danger (series)
O'Hara, Mo- My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish (series)
Patterson, James- Dog Diaries (series)
Reynolds, Aaron- Fart Quest (series)
Swanson, Matthew- Ben Yokoyama and the cookie of doom (series)
Vivat, Booki- Frazzled. Everyday disasters and impending doom (series)

REALISTIC FICTION

Amato, Mary- News From Me, Lucy McGee
Arnold, Elana- A Boy Called BAT (series)
Creech, Sharon- Moo, Love that Dog
DiCamillo, Kate- Because of Winn-Dixie
Dominguez, Angela- Stella Diaz has Something to Say (series)
Fagan, Cary- Wolfie & Fly
Gonzalez, Sarai- Sarai and the meaning of awesome
Glaser, Karina Y.- The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street (series)
Harper, Charise- Lights, Camera, Cook! (Next Best Junior Chef series)
Khan, Hena- Zara's Rules for Record-breaking Fun
Kelly, Erin Entrada- Maybe Maybe Marisol Rainey
Woodrow, Allan- Unschooled

SPORTS

Doeden, Matt- Game day football: an interactive sports story (series)
Howard, Ryan- Little Rhino (series)
Kelly, David A.- MVP (series)
Lupica, Mike- Hot Hand (series)
Maddox, Jake- Jake Maddox Sports Stories (series)
Morgan, Alex- The Kicks (series)
Stoudemire, Amar'e- Home court
Wallace, Rich- Ball Hogs (series)

HISTORICAL FICTION

Cline-Ransome, Lesa- Finding Langston
Collins, Tim- The Long Lost Secret of the World's Worst Knight (series)
Dallas, Sandra- The quilt walk
Dear America (series)
DiCamillo, Kate- Louisiana's way home
Hart, Alison- Darling, Mercy Dog of World War I (series)
Holm, Jennifer- Full of Beans
Klimo, Kate- Dog Diaries (series)
Mattick, Lindsay- Winnie's Great War
Morpurgo, Michael- The puffin keeper
Rylant, Cynthia- Rosetown
Tarshis, Lauren- I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic, 1912 (series)

MYSTERY

Brezenoff, Steven- Museum Mysteries (series)
Clover, Andrew- Rory Branagan, Detective (series)
Eulberg, Elizabeth- The Great Shelby Holmes (series)
Ginns, Russell- Samantha Spinner (series)
Greenwald, Tom- Crimebiters (series)
Holyoak, Shauna M.- Kazu Jones and the Denver Dognappers
Korman, Gordon- Notorious
Magaziner, Lauren- Mystery in the mansion (series)
Pastis, Stephan- Timmy Failure (series)
Smith, Steven- Virginia Mysteries (series)
Spratt, R.A.- Friday Barnes, Girl Detective (series)
Swanson, Matthew- The Real McCoys (series)

OTHER SOURCES FOR GREAT BOOKS

A Mighty Girl- <https://www.amightygirl.com/books>
Brightly- <https://www.readbrightly.com/>
Common Sense Media- <https://www.common Sense Media.org/book-lists>
Reading Middle Grade- <https://readingmiddlegrade.com/>
Bbgb bookstore- <https://www.bbgbbbooks.com/>; their staff is very knowledgeable!
Your local library- librarians have read everything and **love** to give suggestions!