

# Summer Reading Suggestions for Rising 3rd graders



Summer is the season for self-selected reading! 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 or series you love, branch out and try something new, or head to your local library or bookstore and find your own great summer read. And don't forget about Summer Reading Bingo. Happy reading!

## **ACTION/ADVENTURE**

Barnett, Mac- Mac B., Kid Spy (series)  
Charman, Katrina- Survival Tail (series)  
Eliopulos, Nick- Minecraft Woodsword Chronicles (series)  
Emerson, Marcus- The Super Life of Ben Braver (series)  
Gutman, Dan- The Flashback Four (series)  
Peirce, Lincoln- Max and the MidKnights (series)  
Rubin, Adam- The Ice Cream Machine, The Big Kaboom!  
Selfours, Suzanne- Wegie & Gizmo (series)  
Tougas, Michael J.- True Rescue (series)  
West, Tracey- Dragonmasters (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, The miraculous journey of Edward Tulane  
Lewis, C.S.- Chronicles of Narnia  
White, E. B.- Charlotte's Web\*; Stuart Little

## **FANTASY**

Birney, Betty- The World According to Humphrey (series)  
Cowell, Cressida- The Wizards of Once, How to Train Your Dragon (series)  
Elliott, Zetta- Dragons in a Bag (series)  
Gibbs, Stuart- Once Upon a Tim (series)  
Gidwitz, Adam- The Unicorn Rescue Society (series)  
Mlynowski, Sarah- Upside Down Magic (series)  
Phelan, Matt- Knights vs. Dinosaurs (series)  
Reynolds, Aaron- Fart Quest (series)  
Selfours, Suzanne- The Sasquatch Escape (series)  
Viorst, Judith- Lulu and the Brontosaurus (series)

## **GRAPHIC NOVELS**

Barnett, Mac- The First Cat in Space Ate Pizza (series)  
Bell, Cece- El Deafo  
Brown, Jeffrey- Jedi Academy (series), Space Time (series)  
Hale, Nathan- Hazardous Tales (series)  
Hatke, Ben- Mighty Jack (series), Zita the Spacegirl (series)  
Johnson, Varian- Twins

Miller, Kayla- Camp (series)  
Simpson, Dana- Phoebe and Her Unicorn (series)  
Telegemeier, Raina- Smile (series); Baby-sitters Club (series)  
Venable, Colleen A. F.- Katie the Catsitter (series)  
Winick, Judd- Hilo (series)

## **NON-FICTION**

Chin, Jason- Grand Canyon, The Universe in You, Life after Whale  
Floc, Brian- Moonshot: the flight of Apollo 11  
Harrison, Vashti- Little Leaders (series)  
Holland, Jennifer- Unlikely Friendships (series)  
Ignatofsky, Rachel- What's inside a bird's nest? : and other questions about nature & life cycles (series)  
Patent, Dorothy- Made for Each Other: why dogs and people are perfect partners  
Stabler, David- Kid Legends (series)  
Stanley, Diane- Resist!: peaceful acts that changed our world  
Various Authors- Who is/was ...? (Biography series); What is/was ...? (series)  
Various Authors- Science Comics (series)

## **HUMOR**

Barrows, Annie- The Best of Iggy (series)  
Barnett, Mac- The Terrible Two (series)  
Griffiths, Andy- The 13-Story Treehouse (series)  
Gutman, Dan- My Weird School (series)  
Marciano, Johnny- Klawde: Evil alien warlord cat (series)  
Mian, Zanib- Accidental trouble magnet (series)  
O'Doherty, David- Danger is Everywhere: a handbook for avoiding danger (series)  
Patterson, James- Dog Diaries (series)  
Russell, Rachel Renee- Dork Diaries (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)  
DiCamillo, Kate- Because of Winn-Dixie  
Dominguez, Angela- Stella Diaz has Something to Say (series)  
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)  
Pham, LeUyen- Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things (series)  
Khan, Hena- Zara's Rules for Record-breaking Fun  
Kelly, Erin Entrada- Maybe Maybe Marisol Rainey

## **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)

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Morgan, Alex- The Kicks (series)  
Stoudemire, Amar'e- Home court  
Wallace, Rich- Ball Hogs (series)

### **HISTORICAL FICTION**

Cline-Ransome, Lesa- Finding Langston  
Dallas, Sandra- The quilt walk  
DiCamillo, Kate- Louisiana's way home  
Hart, Alison- Dog Chronicles (series), Horse Diaries (series)  
Holm, Jennifer- Full of Beans, Turtle in Paradise  
Klimo, Kate- Dog Diaries (series)  
Mattick, Lindsay- Winnie's Great War  
Morpurgo, Michael- The puffin keeper  
Tarshis, Lauren- I Survived...(series)  
Various Authors- Dear America (series)

### **MYSTERY**

Butler, Dori Hillestad- The Buddy Files (series)  
Clover, Andrew- Rory Branagan, Detective (series)  
Eulberg, Elizabeth- The Great Shelby Holmes (series)  
Ginns, Russell- Samantha Spinner (series)  
Greenwald, Tom- Crimebiters (series)  
Magaziner, Lauren- Mystery in the mansion (series)  
Pastis, Stephan- Timmy Failure (series)  
Smith, Steven- Virginia Mysteries (series)  
Sobol, Donald- Encyclopedia Brown (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!

And don't forget your local library- librarians have read everything and **love** to give suggestions!