

Summer Reading Suggestions for Rising 1st graders



Summer is the season for self-selected reading! Pick some 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, 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!

PICTURE BOOK AUTHORS TO TRY

Agee, John	Hills, Tad	Rubin, Adam
Atinuke	Isadora, Rachel	Santat, Dan
Barnett, Mac	Jeffers, Oliver	Shea, Bob
Barnes, Derek	John, Jory	Sima, Jessie
Beatty, Andrea	Klassen, Jon	Sorell, Traci
Black, Michael Ian	Lin, Grace	Stutzman, Jonathan
Brett, Jan	Martinez-Neal, Juana	Thomas, Jan
Cooper, Floyd	Mora, Oge	Van Dusen, Chris
Daywalt, Drew	Morales, Yuyi	Wells, Rosemary
De La Pena, Matt	Ohi, Debbie Ridpath	Willems, Mo
DiPucchio, Kelly	Pinkney, Jerry	Woodson, Jacqueline
Grimes, Nikki	Pizzoli, Greg	Zhang, Kat
Higgins, Ryan	Rex, Adam	

BEGINNING READER SERIES (Choose any title)

Dive Into Reading	Random House Step into Reading, Level I-II
Elephant and Piggie Like Reading!	Scholastic Hello Reader, Levels I-II
Harper I Can Read	Scholastic Branches Series
Penguin Young Readers	Scholastic Acorn Series

MORE GREAT BEGINNING READER SERIES

Adler, David- Get a Hit, Mo!
Arnold, Tedd- Fly Guy
Barnett, Mac- Hi Jack!
Butler, Dori Hillestad- King & Kayla
Capucilli, Alyssa- Biscuit
Cordell, Matthew- Cornbread & Poppy
Fenske, Jonathan- A Pig, a Fox, and a Box
Lobel, Arnold- Frog and Toad

Lyons, Kelly Starling- Ty's Travels
Ruzzier, Sergio- Fox & Chick
Rylant, Cynthia- Annie and Snowball; Henry and Mudge; Mr. Putter & Tabby
Tabor, Corey- Fox the Tiger
Thomas, Jan- Giggle gang
Willems, Mo- Unlimited Squirrels; Elephant and Piggie

EARLY CHAPTER BOOK SERIES

Arnold, Elana K.- Starla Jean
Beaty, Andrea- The Questioners
Bowles, David- 13th Street (series)
Brallier, Max- Mr. Shivers (series)
Bruel, Nick- Bad Kitty
Citro, Asia- Zoey and Sassafras
Cummings, Troy- Notebook of Doom, Binder of Doom
DiCamillo, Kate- Bink & Gollie; Mercy Watson
Elliott, Rebecca- Owl Diaries; Unicorn Diaries
Faruqi, Saadia- Meet Yasmin
Hale, Shannon- The Princess in Black
Hanlon, Abby- Dory Fantasmagory
Keller, Laurie- Arnie the Doughnut
Lazar, Ralph- Total Mayhem
Lyons, Kelly Starling- Jada Jones (series), Miles Lewis (series)
MacLachlan, Patricia- Barkus
May, Kyla- Diary of a Pug (series)
Medina, Juana- Juana & Lucas
Miedoso, Andres- Desmond Cole, Ghost Patrol
Snyder, Laurel- Charlie & Mouse
Tan, Susan- Pets Rule
West, Kara- Mia Mayhem Is a Superhero! (series)
West, Tracey- Dragon Masters
Winkler, Henry- Detective Duck

GRAPHIC NOVEL SERIES

Adbo, Dan- Blue, Barry & Pancakes
Applegate, Katherine- Doggo and Pupper
Atkinson, Cale- Simon and Chester
Clanton, Ben- Narwhal and Jelly
Cody, Matthew- Cat Ninja
Farina, Katy- Baby-sitters Little Sister
Lai, Remy- Surviving the Wild
McDonald, Andrew- Twig Friends
Quinn, Jordan- Dragon Kingdom of Wrenly
Pizzoli, Greg- Baloney and Friends

Song, Mika- Donut Feed the Squirrels
Smith, Brian “Smitty”- Pea, Bee, and Jay
Shaskan, Stephen- Pizza & Taco
Stutzman, Jonathan- Fitz and Cleo

NON-FICTION

Gardner, Kate- Lovely Beasts: the surprising truth
Gravel, Elise- Disgusting Critters (series)
Jenkins, Steve & Robin Page- What Do You Do with a Tail Like This?, Seeds Move!
Meltzer, Brad- I Am...(series)
Messner, Kate- Over and Under...(series)
Mosca, Julia Finley- Amazing Scientists (series)
Mosca, Rosemary- Butterflies are Pretty...Gross!, Flowers are Pretty...Weird!
Sayre, April Pulley- Bloom Boom, Raindrops Roll

OTHER SOURCES FOR BOOK SUGGESTIONS

- A Mighty Girl- <https://www.amightygirl.com/books>
- Brightly- <https://www.readbrightly.com/>
- Caldecott Winners and Honor Books- https://abqlibrary.org/ld.php?content_id=629750
- Common Sense Media- <https://www.common Sense Media.org/book-lists>
- Bbgb bookstore-<https://www.bbgbbbooks.com/>; their staff is very knowledgeable!
- Your local library- children’s librarians have read everything and they **love** to give suggestions!

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