



Summer Reading Suggestions for Rising 3rd graders

Summer is the season for free choice reading! Pick a few of the books below 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. Happy summer reading!

ACTION/ADVENTURE

Barnett, Mac- Mac B., Kid Spy (series)
Charman, Katrina- Survival Tail (series)
Eliopoulos, 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

Floca, 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)

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.commonsensemedia.org/book-lists>
- Reading Middle Grade- <https://readingmiddlegrade.com/>
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