



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUMMER READING LIST



PHASE 3: BLAST OFF!

***Book Scavenger* by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman**

"Book Scavenger" is an online game which has gone viral. Solving puzzle clues to find books hidden all over the world is the name of the game. When Emily moves to San Francisco, she discovers that the game's creator has been attacked and his new game is missing! Can she and her new friend James figure out what happened before the attackers find them?

***Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt**

Ally was a class jokester to hide the fact that she had trouble reading. When Ally's teacher goes on maternity leave the substitute sees through her act and is determined to help her learn differently. As her reading skills improve and Ally's confidence grows, can the class clown become the class president?

***Gabriel Finley and the Raven's Riddle* by George Hagen**

When Gabriel rescues a baby raven, he discovers people in his family can bond with ravens in fantastic ways. He goes on a quest with three brave friends and his raven to try to rescue his missing father, solving riddles and avoiding flocks of vicious birds along the way.

***Kinda Like Brothers* by Coe Booth**

Jarrett's plans for an amazing summer come crashing down when he realizes he not only has to go to summer school, but his mom is fostering a new baby... and the baby comes with an older brother.

***Ratscalibur* by Josh Lieb**

After being bitten by an elderly rat, Joey finds himself transformed from a 7th grade boy into a rat. After drawing the "spork from the scone," Joey goes on a quest into Central Park to find Squirrelin, the Squagician, in order to save his new rat friends in this rodent retelling of the classic King Arthur story.

***The Tapper Twins Go to War (With Each Other)* by Geoff Rodkey**

It all started with a rumor (someone farted in the cafeteria) and twins Claudia and Reese were at war. Through text messages, interviews, photos and screenshots, the series of events in the battle are retold. The pranks are all fun and games until they have to deal with the consequences of their actions.

***Took: A Ghost Story* by Mary Downing Hahn**

Daniel is the new kid in a small town in West Virginia and isn't fooled by Brody trying to scare him with creepy ghost stories. When Daniel's little sister starts acting strange and distant, eventually disappearing into the woods, Daniel knows something is terribly wrong. Could the ghost stories be true?

***Under the Egg* by Laura Marx Fitzgerald**

Theodora Tenpenny's beloved Grandpa Jack has died and left her with a broken heart and a house full of responsibilities. Grandpa Jack's last words, telling Theo to look "under the egg," lead her and her quirky new allies on a chase from clue to clue across New York City.

***The War That Saved My Life* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley**

Born with a twisted foot, Ada has never been allowed to leave her small London apartment. As the threat of bombs looms over London during World War II, Ada and her little brother Jamie escape to the countryside. Ada's world opens up as she gains confidence and learns to trust those around her... but is trust enough to keep her family safe?

***A Whole New Ballgame* by Phil Bildner**

5th grade is exciting and unpredictable for best friends Rip and Red. Their new teacher, Mr. Acevedo, prefers eccentric out-of-the-box assignments that prove to be the opposite of boring test prep. When Mr. Acevedo turns out to be their new basketball coach, too, the boys realize they're along for a wild ride.

***One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia**

Eleven-year-old Delphine is like a mother to her two younger sisters, Vonetta and Fern. She's had to be, ever since their mother, Cecile, left them seven years ago for a radical new life in California. But when the sisters arrive from Brooklyn to spend the summer with their mother, Cecile is nothing like they imagined. While the girls hope to go to Disneyland and meet Tinker Bell, their mother sends them to a day camp run by the Black Panthers. Unexpectedly, Delphine, Vonetta, and Fern learn much about their family, their country, and themselves during one truly crazy summer.

***A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park**

The story of two eleven-year-olds in Sudan, a girl in 2008 and a boy in 1985, are woven together in alternating chapters. The girl, Nya, is fetching water from a pond that is two hours' walk from her home: she makes two trips to the pond every day. The boy, Salva, becomes one of the "lost boys" of Sudan, refugees who cover the African continent on foot as they search for their families and for a safe place to stay. Enduring every hardship from loneliness to attack by armed rebels to contact with killer lions and crocodiles, Salva is a survivor, and his story goes on to intersect with Nya's in an astonishing and moving way.

***Bamboo People* by Mitali Perkins**

Narrated by two teenage boys on opposing sides of the conflict between the Burmese government and the Karenni, one of Burma's many ethnic minorities, this coming-of-age novel takes place against the political and military backdrop of modern-day Burma. Chiko isn't a fighter by nature. He's a book-loving Burmese boy whose father, a doctor, is in prison for resisting the government. Tu Reh, on the other hand, wants to fight for freedom after watching Burmese soldiers destroy his Karenni family's home and bamboo fields. Timidity becomes courage and anger becomes compassion when the boys' stories intersect.

***The Terrible Two Series* by Mac Barnett and Jory John**

It's prankster against prankster in an epic war of trickery, until the two finally decide to join forces and pull off the biggest prank ever seen: a prank so huge that it would make the members of the International Order of Disorder proud.

***El Deafo* by Cece Bell**

Going to school and making new friends can be tough. But going to school and making new friends while wearing a bulky hearing aid strapped to your chest? That requires superpowers! In this funny, poignant graphic novel memoir, author/illustrator Cece Bell chronicles her hearing loss at a young age and her subsequent experiences with the Phonic Ear, a very powerful—and very awkward—hearing aid.

***Gaby, Lost and Found* by Angela Cervantes**

Gaby Howard loves volunteering at the local animal shelter. Her mother has been deported to Honduras and Gaby is stuck living with her inattentive dad. She's confident that her mom will come home soon so that they can adopt Gaby's favorite shelter cat together. But Gaby worries that her plans for the perfect family are about to fall apart.

***Supers of Noble's Green* by Matthew Cody**

Twelve-year-old Daniel, the new kid in town, soon learns the truth about his nice—but odd—new friends: one can fly, another can turn invisible, yet another controls electricity. Incredible. The superkids use their powers to secretly do good in the town, but they're haunted by the fact that the moment they turn thirteen, their abilities will disappear—along with any memory that they ever had them. Is a memory-stealing supervillain sapping their powers?

***Hoop Genius* by John Coy**

Taking over a rowdy gym class right before winter vacation is not something James Naismith wants to do at all. The last two teachers of this class quit in frustration. The students--a bunch of energetic young men--are bored with all the regular games and activities. Discover the true story of how Naismith invented basketball in 1891 at a school in Springfield, Massachusetts.

***Red Berries, White Clouds, Blue Sky* by Sandra Dallas**

After Pearl Harbor is bombed by the Japanese, twelve-year-old Tomi and her Japanese-American family are split up and forced to leave their California home to live in internment camps in New Mexico and Colorado.

***The Lemonade War Series* by Jacqueline Davies**

Evan and his younger sister, Jessie, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for fourth grade and as the end of summer approaches, they battle it out through lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn 100 dollars. Includes mathematical calculations and tips for running a successful lemonade stand.

***Flora & Ulysses* by Kate DiCamillo**

Rescuing a squirrel after an accident involving a vacuum cleaner, comic-reading cynic Flora Belle Buckman is astonished when the squirrel, Ulysses, demonstrates astonishing powers of strength and flight after being revived.

***Fortunately, the Milk* by Neil Gaiman**

While picking up milk for his children's cereal, a father is abducted by aliens and finds himself on a wild adventure through time and space; or was he?

Castle Glower Series by Jessica Day George

Every Tuesday Castle Glower takes on a life of its own-magically inventing, moving, and even completely getting rid of some of its rooms. Good thing Princess Celie takes the time to map out these never-ending changes. Because when the castle is ambushed and Celie's parents and oldest brother go missing, it's up to Celie to protect their home and save their kingdom.

Space Case by Stuart Gibbs

Dashiell Gibson, who lives on Moon Base Alpha, has to solve a murder of one of the moon's most prominent doctors

Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library Series by Chris Grabenstein

Twelve-year-old Kyle gets to stay overnight in the new town library (designed by his hero the famous gamemaker Luigi Lemoncello) with other students but finds that come morning, he must work with friends to solve puzzles in order to escape

Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson

A graphic novel adventure about a girl who discovers roller derby right as she and her best friend are growing apart.

Masterminds by Gordon Korman

A group of kids discovers they were cloned from the DNA of some of the greatest criminal masterminds in history for a sociological experiment.

The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher by Dana Alison Levy

Relates the adventures of a family with two fathers, four adopted boys, and a variety of pets as they make their way through a school year, Kindergarten through sixth grade, and deal with a grumpy new neighbor.

A Snicker of Magic Series by Natalie Lloyd

Midnight Gulch used to be a magical place, a town where people could sing up thunderstorms and dance up sunflowers. But that was long ago, before a curse drove the magic away. Twelve-year-old Felicity knows all about things like that; her nomadic mother is cursed with a wandering heart. But when she arrives in Midnight Gulch, Felicity thinks her luck's about to change. Felicity wants to stay in Midnight Gulch more than anything, but first, she'll need to figure out how to bring back the magic, breaking the spell that's been cast over the town . . . and healing her mother's broken heart.

The Boundless by Kenneth Oppel

Aboard "The Boundless," the greatest train ever built, on its maiden voyage across Canada, teenaged Will enlists the aid of a traveling circus to save the train from villains.

I Survived Series by Lauren Tarshis

Each book in this series tells a terrifying and thrilling story from history through the eyes of a boy who lived to tell the tale.

Pie by Sarah Weeks

After the death of Polly Portman, whose award-winning pies put the town of Ipswich, Pennsylvania, on the map in the 1950s, her devoted niece Alice and Alice's friend Charlie investigate who is going to extremes to find Aunt Polly's secret pie crust recipe. Includes fourteen pie recipes.

Eddie Red Undercover by Marcia Wells

Sixth grader Edmund Xavier Lonnot, codename "Eddie Red," has a photographic memory and talent for drawing anything he sees. When the NYPD is stumped by a mastermind art thief, Eddie becomes their secret weapon to solve the case

Who Was, What Was, Where Is Series

Who Was? series offers a detailed account of a famous figure's life. What Was? series offers a detailed account of an important historical event. Where Is? series offers a detailed account of famous locations and landmarks around the world.