

# 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)  
Emerson, Marcus- The Super Life of Ben Braver (series)  
Gutman, Dan- The Flashback Four (series)  
Hunter, Erin- Bravelands (series), Survivors (series), Seekers (series)  
Mabbitt, Will- The Unlikely Adventures of Mabel Jones  
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, The miraculous journey of Edward Tulane  
Lewis, C.S.- Chronicles of Narnia  
White, E. B.- Charlotte's Web\*; Stuart Little

## **FANTASY**

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)  
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), Space Time (series)  
Fairbairn, Nathan- PAWS (series)  
Hale, Nathan- Hazardous Tales (series)  
Hatke, Ben- Mighty Jack (series), Zita the Spacegirl (series)  
Johnson, Varian- Twins  
Scrivan, Maria- Nat Enough (series)  
Simpson, Dana- Phoebe and Her Unicorn (series)

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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  
Floca, Brian- Moonshot: the flight of Apollo 11  
Harrison, Vashti- Little Leaders (series)  
Holland, Jennifer- Unlikely Friendships (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 ...? biographies (series)  
Various Authors- What is/was ...? (series)  
Various Authors- Science Comics (series)

## **HUMOR**

Barrows, Annie- The Best of Iggy (series)  
Patterson, James- Dog Diaries (series)  
Barnett, Mac- The Terrible Two (series)  
Griffiths, Andy- The 13-Story Treehouse (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)  
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)  
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

## **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)

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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**

Breznoff, 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)  
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!