

# 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- Bamboo Kingdom (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**

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)  
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)  
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)  
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)

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Venable, Colleen A. F.- Katie the Catsitter (series)

Winick, Judd- Hilo (series)

### **NON-FICTION**

Chin, Jason- Grand Canyon, The Universe in You,

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)

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.commonensemedia.org/book-lists>  
Reading Middle Grade- <https://readingmiddlegrade.com/>  
Bbgb bookstore-<https://www.bbgbbooks.com/>; their staff is very knowledgeable!  
Your local library- librarians have read everything and **love** to give suggestions!