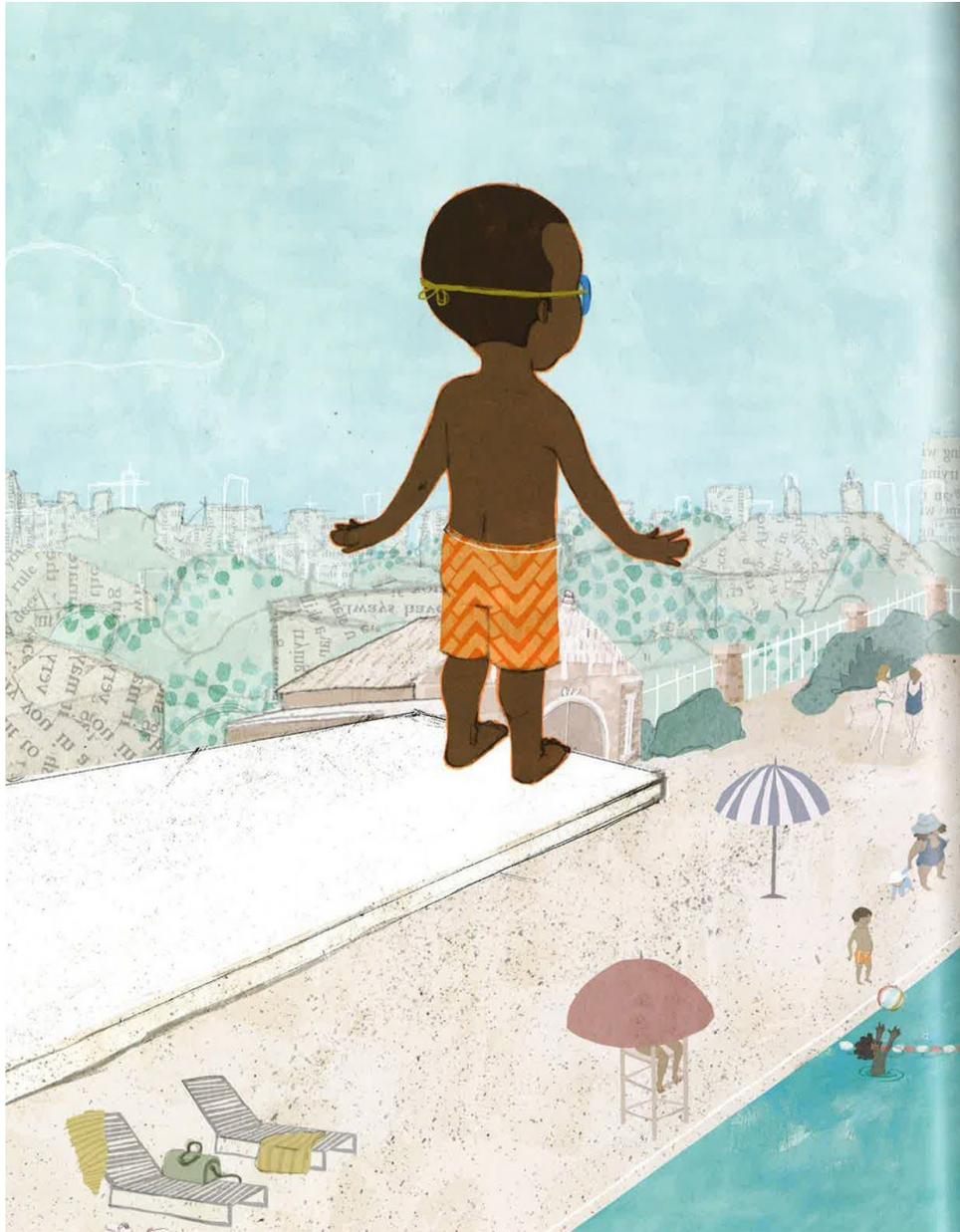


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2017
SUMMER READING LIST



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PICTURE BOOKS

Broskol, Vera. *Leave Me Alone!*

An old woman wants so badly to be left alone to finish her knitting that she travels to the forest, up a mountain, to the moon, and even beyond...

Cornwall, Gaia. *Jabari Jumps*

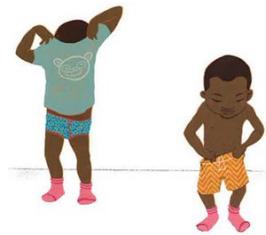
Jabari *might* be a little scared to jump off the diving board, but after a tiny rest, a few last-minute stretches, and some great advice from his dad, he is finally ready.

Daywalt, Drew. *The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors*

The origins of the game have always been shrouded in mystery, but now you can learn the real story of how famous warriors Rock, Paper, and Scissors first met and began their epic, three-way battle.

Gerstein, Mordicai. *The Sleeping Gypsy*

The author imagines the story behind Henri Rousseau's famous painting. The book will be a great springboard for entertaining museum visits.



Lazar, Tara. *Little Red Gliding Hood*

Little Red is an excellent skater, but she needs a partner for the skating pairs competition, and the only one available is a certain Wolf. You will take some unexpected turns and spins in this fractured fairy tale!

Root, Phyllis. *The Anywhere Farm*

You can have a farm anywhere--all you need is soil, sunshine, water, a seed, and a farmer (that's you!).

Ruurs, Margriet. *Stepping Stones: A Refugee Family's Journey*

One of several recently published picture books about a timely issue--the experiences of refugees and immigrants. This story of a Syrian family is illustrated by beautiful, unusual pebble art by a Syrian artist. You might also look for *My Beautiful Birds*, by Suzanne del Rizzo, *The Journey*, by Francesca Sanna, and *I'm New Here*, by Anne Sibley O'Brien.

Sullivan, Tom. *I Used To Be a Fish*

Think you know something about human evolution? You've never seen a depiction of the process quite like this!

Great picture book authors: Donald Crews, Tomie De Paola, Susan Middleton Elya, Kevin Henkes, Bell Hooks, Jon Klassen, Anita Lobel, James Marshall, Phyllis Root, David Wiesner, Jacqueline Woodson

COMICS/GRAPHIC NOVELS

Clanton, Ben. *Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea*

A delightfully silly story of the unlikely friendship between a happy-go-lucky, waffle-loving narwhal and a cynical, no-nonsense jellyfish.

Harper, Charise Mericle. *The Amazing Crafty Cat*

It's Birdie's birthday, and nothing is going quite right in this first book in a new series. She trips and falls on her way to school, ruins her perfect panda cupcakes, and gets frosting all over her dress. Nothing can keep Birdie down, though; when things go wrong, she transforms into the Amazing Crafty Cat, who can craft her way out of anything.

Hatke, Ben. *Little Robot*

When a box carrying a robot falls off a truck and ends up in the junkyard, it's the beginning of a great friendship between the robot and a little girl who finds him. Luckily for the robot, she happens to be very handy with her toolkit! Try Hatke's *Zita the Spacegirl* series too.

McElligott, Matthew. *Mad Scientist Academy: The Weather Disaster* and *The Dinosaur Disaster*

The little monsters in Dr. Cosmic's class learn a lot from their highly eccentric, orange-haired teacher (perhaps a cousin of Ms. Frizzle?) and his very hands-on science lessons.

Sturm, James. *Ape and Armadillo Take Over the World*

Armadillo has big plans for global domination, but will it be worth losing his best friend Ape? Check out the rest of the Toon Books Easy-to-Read Comics series too.

BEGINNING READERS

Adler, David. *Get a Hit, Mo!*

Mo is younger and smaller than the other players on his team, but he's got heart! You can cheer him on in this book, as well as in *Don't Throw It to Mo* and the upcoming *Pass It to Mo*.

Bell, Cece. *Rabbit & Robot (and Ribbit)*

Rabbit and Robot, an unusual pair who we first met in *The Sleepover*, now face the classic challenge: adding a third friend to their cozy twosome. Will their friendship survive?

Butler, Dori Hillestad. *King and Kayla and the Case of the Secret Code*

It would be a lot easier for Kayla and her friend Mason to read the mysterious letters they've received and figure out who wrote them if they would just listen to what Kayla's dog King is trying to tell them! First in a new series of beginning reader mysteries.

Keller, Laurie. *We Are Growing! (Elephant and Piggie Like Reading series)*

Elephant and Piggie may have retired, but never fear, they are sharing their favorite beginning readers with us! This one is a story about blades of grass growing. Don't worry--it's funny!

Long, Ethan. *Big Cat*

The story starts with a very happy, napping cat who turns out to have a range of impressive abilities. Big Cat can hug ... Big Cat can fly ... Big Cat can dance... with the help of an enthusiastic little girl. One of the "I like to Read" series which has many other fun books to try.

Marchesani, Laura. *Pig and Pug*

Pig wants a friend. Pug is not a pig, but Pig and Pug do have a surprising amount in common.

Yoon, Salina. *Duck, Duck, Porcupine!*

This author/illustrator, who created the Penguin series of picture books (*Penguin and Pinecone*, etc.) has now written this funny beginning reader about the adventures of Big Duck, Little Duck, and Porcupine.

Don't forget these beginning reader classics: *Fly Guy* (Arnold), *Minnie and Moo* (Cazet), *Frog and Toad* (Lobel), *Fox* (Marshall), *Little Bear* (Minarik), *Mr. Putter and Tabby* and *Henry and Mudge* and *High Rise Private Eyes* (Rylant), *Nate the Great* (Sharmat), *Commander Toad* (Yolen)

CHAPTER BOOK FICTION

§ Easier reading ★ More difficult reading

§ Angleberger, Tom. *Inspector Flytrap*

You might wonder how a Venus flytrap manages to solve mysteries when he can't walk, but never fear! His trusty assistant Nina the goat just pushes him on a skateboard. Together, they are a sharp and funny crime-solving duo.

Arnold, Elana. *A Boy Called Bat*

Bat, whose nickname comes partially from his tendency to flap his hands when he's nervous or excited, loves animals and is thrilled when his veterinarian mother brings home a stray baby skunk. A great story about a sensitive boy and his imperfect but loving family.

Chabert, Jack. *Eerie Elementary: The School Is Alive*

When Sam is asked to be a hall monitor at school, he has no idea what he's in for. He quickly learns that his school is actually a living, breathing monster, and it's up to him to keep everyone safe! First in a scary but funny series.

Dowell, Frances O'Roark. *Sam the Man and the Chicken Plan*

Sam is a delightful seven-year-old who charms his neighbors into supporting him in all his hare-brained schemes. The sequel, *Sam the Man and the Rutabaga Plan*, is just as much fun.

Frazier, Sundee T. *Cleo Edison Oliver: Playground Millionaire*

Inspired by her hero, business woman and TV star Fortune A. Davis, Cleo Edison Oliver (CEO) bubbles over with clever ideas, but excessive enthusiasm often leads her into difficulty with her parents and friends. See also the equally funny sequel: *Cleo Edison Oliver in Persuasion Power*.

★ Graff, Lisa. *A Tangle of Knots*

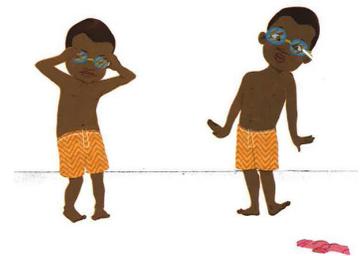
In this delicious tangle of intertwined stories everyone has some special talent, beginning with orphan Cady who bakes the perfect cake for every person. Add in a mysterious man seeking a powder blue suitcase and the fun begins. You might also enjoy the sequel: *A Clatter of Jars*.

Kelly, Jacqueline. *Calpurnia Tate, Girl Vet: Skunked and Counting Sheep*

The first two books of a new series set in Texas in the early 1900s, starring a plucky girl who loves roaming the woods and riverbanks near her family's farm and learning how to take care of sick and injured animals.

★ King, A.S. *Me and Marvin Gardens*

While cleaning up trash from the creek on what used to be part of his family's property, eleven-year-old Obe finds what seems to be a brand new species of animal, a strange-looking creature that eats plastic.



§ LaReau, Kara. *The Infamous Ratsos*

What are two rat brothers to do when they feel they should live up to their dad's tough-as-nails reputation but they are really a couple of softies who can't help doing good deeds?

★ Lin, Grace. *When the Sea Turned to Silver*

When Pinmei's grandmother, the Storyteller, is kidnapped by the cruel Tiger Emperor, it's up to Pinmei and her friend Yishan to find the Luminous Stone that will help them to rescue her. The latest in Lin's beautiful fantasy adventures inspired by Chinese folklore.

§ Newman, Robin. *The Case of the Poached Egg*

Enjoy the latest funny, easy-to-read adventure of Detective Wilcox and Captain Griswold, a couple of wisecracking police-mice who specialize in investigating cases of missing food, this one involving a *poached* egg, and some very *fowl* play!

★ Schmidt, Annie M.G. *The Cat who Came In off the Roof*

Minou, formerly a cat but now a woman with many cattish ways, helps Tibbs, a very shy newspaper reporter, with information she gets from her many feline friends.

Some favorite series: *Lola Levine* (Brown), *Julian and Huey stories* (Cameron), *Ramona, Henry et al* (Cleary), *Lemonade War* (Davies) *Sassy* (Draper), *Half Magic* (Eager), *My Father's Dragon* (Gannett), *Just Grace* (Harper), *Bunnicula* (Howe), *Alvin Ho* (Look), *Stink* (McDonald), *Wayside School* (Sachar)

NONFICTION

Brown, Martin. *Lesser Spotted Animals: the Coolest Creatures You've Never Heard Of*
Yellow-footed rock-wallaby, anyone? How about the dagger-toothed flower bat? Don't come here to read about the same old boring pandas, elephants and zebras--this book is about the animals you've (probably) never heard of.

Chin, Jason. *Grand Canyon*

Like all this author's nonfiction books, this presents factual information in a creative, visually arresting way. While a father and child are exploring the Grand Canyon, they are also traveling back and forth in time for a deeper understanding of its various ecosystems. Look for Jason Chin's books about coral reefs, redwoods, and the Galapagos too.

Harvey, Jeanne Walker. *Maya Lin: Artist-Architect of Light and Lines*

Learn about this contemporary architect, who, as a little girl, loved playing and exploring in the woods and constructing tiny towns with cardboard, paper, and other scraps. She designed the Vietnam Memorial in Washington D.C. when she was just 21 and still a college student.

Hayes, Fiona. *51 Things To Make with Cardboard Tubes & 51 Things To Make with Egg Cartons*

Crafty summer fun with simple materials.

Hirschmann, Kris. *Spell Across America*

40 word-based stories, puzzles and trivia facts make this a great companion for a summer road trip.

Levy, Debbie. *We Shall Overcome: The Story of a Song*

Most kids know this song, but you might not know that it had its origins in slavery times and has been an important song for many people, at different times in history, all over the world.

Martin, Jacqueline Briggs. *Creeksfinding*

This picture book tells a fascinating true story about a man who found a "lost" creek, one which had been filled in by farmers years before, and restored it so that plants, insects, fish, birds and frogs could return home.



POETRY AND FOLKLORE

Byrd, Robert. *Jason and the Argonauts*

A gorgeously illustrated retelling of this exciting tale of a hero, a quest and all the adventures, monsters, magic, gods and goddesses you could ask for.

Cousins, Lucy. *Yummy: Eight Favorite Fairy Tales*

Not for the faint of heart! Simple yet robust retellings of 8 classic tales, including Little Red Riding Hood, The Three Little Pigs, and The Musicians of Bremen.

Engle, Margarita. *Bravo! Poems about Amazing Hispanics*

Beautifully illustrated biographical poems about people from Cuba, Puerto Rico, Mexico, and other places. Some may be familiar to you, and some may not, but each poem is a window into a fascinating life. You'll learn about scientists, poets, priests, freedom fighters, and more.

Hughes, Langston. *Sail Away*

Ashley Bryan illustrated this lovely collection of Hughes's sea-themed poems with vividly colored collage pictures.

Mayo, Margaret. *Magical Tales from Many Lands*

A wonderful collection of stories from around the world, including several that are told in the library! It's out of print now, but look for it in your public library or find a used copy.

Pinkney, Jerry. *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*

The latest of this beloved author-illustrator's retellings of classic tales. "Read" the illustrations and endpapers carefully to appreciate the twist Pinkney has added. Look for Pinkney's other wonderful retellings of stories like *The Lion and the Mouse*, *The Ugly Duckling*, and *Little Red Riding Hood*.

More poets to look for: Arnold Adoff, Douglas Florian, Nikki Grimes, Mary Ann Hoberman, Jack Prelutsky, Joyce Sidman, Marilyn Singer, Valerie Worth, Jane Yolen

