

Summer Reading

The 2009 Big Summer Booklist from Reading Rockets

Books – traditional, audio, or eBooks – tell lots of tales. These stories can be true or imagined; they can be historical or contemporary; they can be illustrated with photographs or with paints. And most important, they can be shared at home, on vacation, in the car, on a plane or boat, here or there – anywhere, actually! Books and stories of fact and fiction make great summer companions for children and are ideal for adults to share with children.
So grab a book, find a comfy place, and enjoy!

For children 0–3 years old

Beep Beep by Petr Horachek
Cat by Matthew Van Fleet
Choo Choo by Petr Horachek
A Garden of Opposites by Nancy Davis
I Know a Lot of Things by Ann & Paul Rand
The I Love You Book by Todd Parr
Maisy Bakes a Cake by Lucy Cousins
Oscar and the Bat by Geoff Waring
Planet Earth: Baby Penguins by Scholastic
Please Pick Me Up, Mama! by Robin Luebs
Seymour & Henry by Kim Lewis
Shake It Up, Baby! by Karen Katz

For children 3–6 years old

The Bones You Own by Becky Baines
Fancy Nancy Explorer Extraordinaire
by Jane O'Connor
Foo, the Flying Frog of Washtub Pond by Belle Yang
Follow That Map! by Scot Ritchie
Good Dog, Aggie by Lori Ries
Heart of Texas: A Lone Star ABC
by Laura Krauss Melmed
The Imaginary Garden by Andrew Larsen
In My Backyard by Valarie Giogas
Little Chick by Amy Hest
Mirror to Nature: Poems about Reflection
by Jane Yolen
Mole Rat Gets Dressed by Mo Willems
1-2-3! Can Collage! by Irene Luxbacher
One World, One Day by Barbara Kerley
Subway Ride by Heather Lynn Miller
Thump, Quack, Moo: A Wacky Adventure
by Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin
***Undersea Animals: A Dramatic Dimensional Visit
to Strange Underwater Realms*** by Jane Buxton
Up, Up, and Away by Ginger Wadsworth
A Walk in New York by Salvatore Rubbino
Watch Me Throw the Ball! By Mo Willems
***The World Almanac (for Kids) Puzzler Deck:
Kindergarten Skills!*** By Molly Smith



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Especially for readers 6–9 years old

Adventures in Cartooning: How to Turn Your Doodles into Comics by James Storm et al

Bizarre Dinosaurs: Some Very Strange Creatures and Why We Think They Got that Way
by Christopher Sloan

Butterflies & Moths by Nic Bishop

Crocodile Safari by Jim Arnosky

The Day-Glo Brothers: The True Story of Bob & Joe Switzer's Bright Ideas & Brand-New Colors
by Chris Barton

Dinothesaurus: Prehistoric Poems & Paintings
by Douglas Florian

Face to Face with Sharks by David Doubilet and Jennifer Hayes

If America Were a Village: A Book About the People of the United States by David Smith

Listen to the Wind: The Story of Dr. Greg & Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson & Susan Roth

Make Way for Dymond Daniel by Nikki Grimes

Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11 by Brian Floca

Naming Liberty by Jane Yolen

A Puffin's Year by Katherine Tegen

Pop-Up House of Inventions: Hundreds of Fabulous Facts about Your Home by Robert Crowther

Stink-O-Pedia: Super Stink-y Stuff from A to Zzzz
by Megan McDonald

The True Story of Little Red Riding Hood
by Agnese Baruzzi and Sandro Natalini

Vacation: We're Going to the Ocean by David Harrison

Who Was Walt Disney? by Whitney Stewart

The World Almanac (for Kids) Puzzler Deck: Dinosaur Science by Christine Economos

Audiobooks

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll, read by Jim Dale

Boxcar Children by Gertrude Warner, read by Phyllis Newman

Diary of a Spider by Doreen Cronin, illustrated and narrated by Harry Bliss

Scarecrow and his Servant by Phillip Pullman, read by Graeme Malcolm

T. Rex by Vivian French, illustrated by Alison Bartlett, read by Alan Marriott

Think of an Eel by Karen Wallace, read by Alan Marriott

The Willoughbys by Lois Lowry, read by Arte Johnson

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