

5th/6th grade Summer Reading List



Best Friends and Drama Queens By Meg Cabot. Scholastic Press. 2009.

Third in the Allie Finkle's Rules for Girls series, Best Friends and Drama Queens is the continuing story of Allie and her friends. In this case, Allie is dealing with the new girl in her 4th grade class who competes with Allie for popularity using a less than kind approach. How will Allie respond to the situation?

Big Nate: In A Class By Himself By Lincoln Peirce. Harper. 2010.

Supremely confident middle school student Nate Wright manages to make getting detention from every one of his teachers in the same day seem like an achievement.

Bone: Out From Boneville By Jeff Smith. Graphix. 2005.

Graphic novel. Fone Bone, Phoney Bone, and Smiley Bone are run out of their home, Boneville. They become separated in the wilds, but better fortune begins when the three cousins reunite at a farmstead. Look for other Bone titles.

The Danger Box By Blue Balliett. Scholastic, Inc. 2010. 12-year old Zoomy has led a relatively contented life living with his grandparents. Zoomy's "special way of seeing things" as his grandmother says, include OCD tendencies, near-sightedness and a strong need for structure and routine. All of this is shaken up when his violent, alcoholic father shows up and brings with him a box-- the contents of which send Zoomy on a search for answers to questions he previously did not know existed

Kane Chronicles: The Red Pyramid By Rick Riordan. Hyperion. 2010.

When their Egyptologist father accidentally frees the Egyptian god, Set, and is banished to "oblivion", Sadie and Carter Kane are launched into a world of ancient secrets and high-stakes adventure. Will they be able to save their father...and themselves?

A Long Walk To Water : A Novel: Based on a True Story By Linda Sue Park.

Clarion Books 2010. The long walk is actually two -- two journeys that converge in Park's spare text, a novelization of how her friend Salva Dut, one of the Lost Boys of Sudan, escaped his war-ravaged country and returned years later to help revitalize it by founding a company called Water for Sudan, Inc.

Moon Over Manifest By Clare Vanderpool. Delacorte Press. 2010.

This 2010 Newbery Award Winner focuses on the life of a 12-year old girl, named Abilene. It's 1936 and Abilene's father, while looking for work, sends her to his hometown of Manifest, Kansas, to live with Pastor Shady, a bootlegger-turned-preacher. There Abilene uncovers secrets about her family and the entire community.

Out Of My Mind By Sharon Draper. Simon and Schuster Children's Publishing. 2010.

Born with severe cerebral palsy, Melody spends her days in a wheelchair, observing and listening--taking in tons of information, but unable to communicate. No one realizes the extent of Melody's knowledge and intellect until she begins using a computerized device that helps her communicate. This story reminds all of us to never judge a book by its cover including ourselves.

Sabotaged (Missing series #3) By Margaret Peterson Haddix. Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers. 2010.

After helping Chip and Alex survive 15th century London, Jonah and Katherine are summoned to help another missing child, Andrea, face her fate. Andrea is really Virginia Dare, from the Lost Colony of Roanoke. Jonah and Katherine are confident in their ability to help Andrea fix history, but when their journey goes dangerously awry, they realize that they may be in over their head.

Tall Story By Candy Gourlay. Random House Children's Books. 2011.

Andi is short. She wishes she could play on the basketball team, she wishes for her own bedroom and she wishes that her long-lost brother, Bernardo, could come and live in London where he belongs. When her wishes start to come true, her 8 foot brother comes home and our bittersweet story gets interesting.

Wingnut By M. J. Auch. Square Fish. 2008. Twelve-year-old Grady Flood and his mom, Lila, have been on the road ever since Grady's dad died seven years ago. When their old car breaks down, they find themselves stranded in rural Pennsylvania where Lila gets work as a cook and caretaker. There's nothing out of the ordinary in that, unless you factor in her new boss, Old Charlie Fernwald, a skilled mechanic and bird enthusiast, is definitely out of the ordinary. In fact, if Grady's not mistaken, Charlie is a certifiable "wing nut." For the time being, Grady figures, he can help Charlie with his birds and maybe even learn how to fix a car engine, but something goes terribly wrong.