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 Dyamond Daniel** by Nikki Grimes

**Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11** by Brian Floca

**Naming Liberty** by Jane Yolen

**A Puffin’s Year** by Katherine Zecca

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

**Stink-O-Pedia: Super Stinky 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

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**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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