The 2010 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 kids 0–3 years old

**Colors, Numbers, Letters** by Leo Lionni
**Daddy Calls Me Doodlebug** by J.D. Lester
**Feeding the Sheep** by Leda Schubert
**Kitten’s Spring** by Eugenie Fernandes
**Let’s Save the Animals** by Frances Berry
**My Little Baby** by Begin Smart
**Counting Duckies** by Begin Smart
**Sleepy ABC** by Margaret Wise Brown
**Sweet Dreams Lullaby** by Betsy Snyder
**What About Bear?** by Suzanne Bloom
**What Shapes Do You See?** by Begin Smart
**What Color Is Your Apple?** by Begin Smart

For kids 3–6 years old

**Alligators and Crocodiles** by Gail Gibbons
**A Beach Tail** by Karen Lynn Williams
**Foo, the Flying Frog of Washtub Pond** by Belle Yang
**Big Chickens Go to Town** by Leslie Helakoski
**Easy as Pie** by Cari Best
**Ella Kazoo Will Not Brush Her Hair** by Laura Krauss Melmed
**Forever Friends** by Carin Bergen
**Hip Hop Dog** by Chris Raschka
**I Love Bugs** by Emma Dodd
**Inch by Inch** by Leo Lionni
**Let’s Say Hi to Friends Who Fly!** by Mo Willems
**Cat the Cat Who Is That?** by Mo Willems
**Little Rabbit and the Meanest Mother on Earth** by Kate Klise
**Looking Closely Around the Pond** by Frank Serafina
**Love-a-Duck** by Alan James Brown
**Miss Brooks Loves Books! (And I Don’t)** by Barbara Bottner
¡Muu, Moo! Rimas de animales/Animal Nursery Rhymes** by Alma Flor Ada & F. Isabel Campoy
**My Garden** by Kevin Henkes
**Roly Poly Pangolin** by Anna Dewdney

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For kids 3–6 years old (continued)

Shrek! by William Steig
A Sick Day for Amos McGee by Philip Stead
Tiger and Turtle by James Rumford
Tracks of a Panda by Nick Dowson
The Very Fairy Princess by Julie Andrews & Emma Walton Hamilton
What If? by Laura Vaccaro Seeger

Especially for kids 6–9 years old

Andy Shane Hero at Last by Jennifer Jacobson
Babymouse Burns Rubber by Jennifer Holm and Matthew Holm
Butterflies & Moths by Nic Bishop
Crocodile Safari by Jim Arnosky
Ben and Me: An Astonishing Life of Benjamin Franklin by His Good Mouse Amos by Robert Lawson
Black Jack: The Ballad of Jack Johnson by Charles Smith, Jr.
Calvin Coconut: Dog Heaven by Graham Salisbury
Chester’s Masterpiece by Melanie Watt
The Cool Crazy Crickets Club by David Elliott
Cool Crazy Crickets to the Rescue by David Elliott
Everybody Was a Baby Once and Other Poems by Allan Ahlberg & Bruce Ingman
Face to Face with Manatees by Brian Skerry
Face to Face with Butterflies by Darlyne Murawski
Five Children and It by E. Nesbit
Ivy & Bean: Doomed to Dance by Annie Barrows
Mirror Mirror: A Book of Reversible Verse by Marilyn Singer
Muddy as a Duck Puddle & Other American Similes by Laurie Lawlor
Ocean Soup: Tide-Pool Poems by Stephen Swinburne

Especially for kids 6–9 years old (continued)

Once Upon a time: Traditional Latin American Tales/ Habia una vez: Cuentos tradicionales Latino Americanos retold by Reuben Martinez
She Sang Promise: The Story of Betty Mae Jumper Seminole Tribal Leader by Jan Annino
The Shocking Truth About Energy by Loreen Leedy
Sojourner Truth’s Step-Stomp Stride by Andrea Davis Pinkney & Brian Pinkney
Weird but True! 300 Outrageous Facts by National Geographic
Zapato Power: Freddie Ramos Takes Off by Jacqueline Jules

Audio books

Don’t forget to pack a few audio books. You can borrow or download these and many more from your local library or purchase them online or at your book-store. Remember, audio books are a great way to share books with others as you “read with your ears!”

Alvin Ho Collection: Books 1 and 2: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things and Allergic to Camping, Hiking, and Other Natural Disasters by Lenore Look, read by Everette Plen
A Dog on His Own by Mary Jane Auch, read by Willliam Dufris
Dominic by William Steig, read by Peter Thomas
Mary Poppins by Pamela Travers, read by Sophie Thompson
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin, read by Janet Song

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