



Summer Reading Recommendations

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH - Robert C. O'Brien

Animal Fantasy - AR level - 5.1

Simply put, this is a story about a widowed mother mouse who needs to help her family. It's charming and exciting enough, but it all becomes deeper as she involves herself with the one group that can help her--The Rats of NIMH.

Here the story becomes a stunning fantasy and a close look at how people (vermin or human) act and think. In some ways it's a social commentary, but first and foremost it is just an incredible story.

By: Emily Taylor

Piper Reed, Navy Brat - Kimberly Holt

Realistic Fiction - AR Level 3.5

This is about Piper Reed who moves every two weeks because her dad keeps getting transferred in the military. Piper's older sister throws tantrums because just as she is making friends, they have to move. I like this book because the sister's tantrums are hilarious.

By: Grace Turner

The Tale of Despereraux - Kate Di Camillo

Animal Fiction - AR Level 4.7

The Tale of Desperaux is filled with tall tales and adventures. I love it because it is packed with mystery and adventure through all times and places. It is dramatic and action packed.

By: Blair Fix

Danny the Champion of the World - Roald Dahl

Realistic Fiction - AR Level 4.7

This book has astonishing character development. The story is mostly about poaching and the keeper. When you are reading this book, you feel like you are Danny.

By: Sawyer Lucas - Griffin

Scarlett the Garnet Fairy - Daisy Meadows**Fantasy - AR Level - 4.0**

Scarlett the Garnet Fairy is about Kirstie and Rachel who try to save Fairyland. They have to find Scarlett's garnet before Jack Frost's goblins do. Scarlett's powers are down so she has to touch her wand to the garnet. If you love fairies, you'll love this book!

By: Megan Haag

FableHaven series - Brandon Mull**Fantasy - AR Level - 4.8**

The *FableHaven* series are books about a mysterious preserve of giant, tiny, ferocious, savage, and some of the time, friendly creatures. The main characters, Kendra and Seth have to face dangers together and alone. I like these books because they explain made up creatures, which I like.

By: Aaron Scher

Septimus Heap series - Angie Sage**Fantasy - AR Level- 6.5**

The Septimus Heap books involve magic only known by the characters. They struggle through times of fear. Septimus has to fight off enemies who wish to take over and is forced to go on a life-threatening quest. I like these books because they are a whole new way to see history and magic.

By: Aaron Scher

Hatchet - Gary Paulsen**Adventure Fiction - AR Level - 5.7**

Hatchet is about a 13 year old boy flying to see his dad in Canada. The plane goes down in the middle of the Canadian wilderness and Brian is left to live on his own with only the hatchet his mother gave him. This is a great book and it is very exciting.

By: Jack Cornish

Frindle - Andrew Clements**Realistic Fiction - AR Level - 5.4**

Frindle is an exciting story about a boy who calls a pen a frindle. When he becomes famous for selling frindle, who knows what will happen next. I like this book because it's really funny.

By: Ebby Randall

Dragonrider - Cornelia Funke

Fantasy - AR Level - 4.9

This is a great story for kids who love adventure or fantasy. This book is about a boy, a dragon, a man, and a brownie who travel to the Himalayas to find a new place to live. During their journey they find terrible danger.

By: Griffin Miller

Where the Red Fern Grows - Wilson Rawls

Realistic Fiction - AR Level - 4.9

I love this book because it has lots of events that are both sad and happy with a lot of suspense. This book is about a boy from a poor family who saves his money so he can buy two hunting dogs.

By: Griffin Miller

The Odyssey Series - The One Eyed Giant - Mary Pope Osborne

Greek Myth - AR Level - 4.8

The Odyssey is a great adventure series by Homer, the blind poet. It is about the great journey of Odysseus, king of Ithaca. The only way to get back is to get help from the Greek gods. This is a wonderful series that I think you should read. It is going to be the best series you have ever read.

By: Abby Walker

Underneath - Kathy Appelt

Animal Fiction - AR Level - 5.2

The Underneath is a very exciting action filled tale about a calico cat and an old hound who must remain underneath a porch to avoid becoming alligator bait. There is tons of adventure involving animals including a hundred foot alligator. This is an enjoyable book for both genders and all ages.

By: Emery Rheam

Matilda - Roald Dahl

Fantasy - AR Level - 5.0

Matilda is a genius whose family dislikes her. Matilda has always been left behind until she attends school with Miss Honey. Matilda has to help get rid of the Trunchbull, the school's headmistress. I like this book because Matilda is adventurous. When you read this book it will bring many different feelings.

By: Emery Rheam

No Flying in the House - Betty Brock**Fantasy - AR Level - 4.5**

This book is about Annabel who finds out she has flying powers. She has to make an important choice – whether to keep her powers or live a normal life. If she chooses a normal life, Annabel will keep her three-inch dog, Gloria and see her parents again. I think this book is very interesting and exciting.

By: Rachel Ablondi

Green Dog, A Mostly True Story - Suzanne Staples**Realistic Fiction - AR Level - 5.3**

Green Dog is about Suzanne who wants a dream dog. She wants a tan and black dog whose name is Jeff. One day that dog shows up just to cause a lot of trouble. There are a lot of mini adventures in this book.

By: Rachel Ablondi

The Harry Potter Series - J.K. Rowling**Fantasy -**

This is a fantastic series about a boy who finds out that his powers can possibly save the world from the darkest threat in wizard and witch history. Harry Potter receives a letter in the mail that will send him to a secret school where he must learn things that are beyond dreams. I like this series because it is a surprising and exciting fantasy about a whole new world.

By: Ebby Randall

The Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series - Jeff Kinney**Graphic Fiction - AR Level - 5.2**

This series is about a boy named Greg who thinks middle school is the worst idea ever. When he meets Holly Hills he has other ideas. This series is awesome. I recommend it for all genders and ages!

By: Abby Walker

The Magic Tree House Series - Mary Pope Osborne**Fantasy - AR Level 2.6**

The Magic Tree House books are fun, popular and make you feel it is real. When you finish, you want to go onto the next book. Since the books are a mix of genres, they are very interesting.

By: John Kim

The Cricket in Times Square - George Selden**Animal Fiction - AR Level - 4.9**

The Cricket in Times Square is excellent because it is an amazing story with happiness and worries. There are a lot of characters to make the book awesome. You might want to read the next book in the series, *Tucker's Countryside*.

By: John Kim

The Lightning Thief - Rick Riordan

Fantasy - AR Level - 4.7

In *The Lightning Thief*, Percy Jackson goes on a quest to find Zeus's master lightning bolt. *The Lightning Thief* is a truly amazing story of Greek Mythology. Rick Riordan is an awesome author who makes you smell, feel, taste, and all in all makes you be there.

By: Colby King

Eragon - Christopher Paolini

Fantasy - AR Level 5.6

In *Eragon*, the main character gets sucked into an exciting and scary quest of good versus evil. Eragon's quest is full of death and anger. Christopher Paolini did a wonderful job of describing the adventure.

By: Colby King

The Historian: A Novel - Elizabeth Kostova

Fantasy - AR Level - 7.3

The Historian is about a 16 year old girl's father and how he gets involved with Dracula. This is a long, thick book that is both scary and interesting.

By: Aaron Trauner

The 39 Clues Series - Rick Riordan

Mystery - AR Level - 4.3

This is a long series, but you get to learn about many countries and famous people. The *39 Clues* is about these kids that get stuck in a clue chase that leads to the greatest treasure known to mankind.

By: Aaron Trauner

Stargirl - Jerry Spinelli

Realistic Fiction - AR Level 4.2

A new girl comes to town. Normally that wouldn't be a big deal, but she is different, way different. The theme of the story is to be yourself.

By: Ainsley Pratt

Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat - Lynne Jonell

Fiction - AR Level - 4.7

A girl who is hardly noticed, is able to hear the class rat talk! This book is magical and wonderful. It is great for kids.

By: Ainsley Pratt

A Dog's Life - Ann Martin

Animal Fiction - AR Level 5.1

"Squirrel, a stray puppy, tells her life story, from her nurturing mother and brother to making her own way in the world, facing busy highways, changing seasons, and humans both gentle and brutal."

Swindle - Gordan Korman

Mystery - AR Level - 4.9

After unscrupulous collector S. Wendell Palomino cons sixth-grader Griffin Bing out of a valuable baseball card, Griffin puts together a band of misfits to break into Palomino's heavily guarded store and steal the card back.

Tangerine - Edward Bloor

Realistic Fiction - AR Level 4.3

Paul, who lives in the shadow of his football-hero brother, fights for his right to play soccer despite his near-blindness.

**The Extraordinary Adventures of Ordinary Boy Series - William Boniface
Fiction - AR Level - 6.1**

Ordinary Boy, the only resident of Superopolis without a superpower, uncovers and foils a sinister plot to destroy the town. Book #1

Ginger Pye - Eleanor Estes

Realistic Fiction - AR Level 6.0

The disappearance of a new puppy named Ginger and the appearance of a mysterious man in a mustard yellow hat bring excitement into the lives of the Pye children.

Heat - Mike Lupica

Fiction - AR Level 5.3

Pitching prodigy Michael Arroyo is on the run from social services after being banned from playing Little League baseball because rival coaches doubt he is only twelve years old, and he has no parents to offer them proof.

Jack on the Tracks - Jack Gantos

Realistic Fiction - AR Level - 5.1

Moving with his unbearable sister to Miami, Florida, Jack tries to break some of his bad habits but finds himself irresistibly drawn to things disgusting, gross, and weird.

Clementine - Sara Pennypacker

Realistic Fiction - AR Level 4.5

When sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building