

# Summer recommended reads!

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### Grades K-1

*A IS FOR AXOLOTL* By Catherine Macoral

A rhyming, ABC adventure picture book that introduces readers to the most unique animals from around the world.

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*FLUBBY WILL NOT GO TO SLEEP* By J.E. Morris

Flubby, the cute but aloof cat, refuses to hit the hay...

*MAGIC RAMEN* By Andrea Wang

An illustrated story of how Momofuku Ando invented instant ramen.

*KNIGHT OWL* By Christopher Denise

A determined Owl builds strength and confidence in this medieval picture book about the real mettle of a hero: wits, humor, and heart.

*MAGIC: ONCE UPON A FARAWAY LAND* By Mirelle Ortega

Growing up on a pineapple farm in Mexico, a young girl discovers the magic in everyday transformations that take place around her.

*HOT DOG* By Doug Salati

A summery picture book about mindfulness, featuring an overheated– and overwhelmed– canine in need of sea, sand, and fresh air.

*SOMEWHERE IN THE BAYOU* By Jarrett Pumphrey & Jerome Pumphrey

Rat, Squirrel, Rabbit, and Mouse want to cross the bayou, but next to the log they are considering as a bridge is a sneaky tail, which may be attached to someone dangerous.

## Grades 2-3

*LITTLE POLAR BEAR RESCUE (SERIES)* By Rachel Delahaye

When she is magically transported to the bitter cold and snow of the Canadian Arctic, Forest Club must reunite a polar bear cub with his family.

*FAUJA SINGH KEEPS GOING* By Simran Jeet Singh

The inspiring true story of Fauja Singh, who broke world records to become the first one hundred-year-old to run a marathon.

*OLD ROCK (IS NOT BORING)* By Deb Pilutti

Tall Pine, Spotted Beetle, and Hummingbird are certain that being a rock is boring until Old Rock shares what he has seen and done since he first flew out of a volcano.

*THE ANIMAL TOOLKIT* By Steve Jenkins & Robin Page

This picture book teaches young readers all about what makes a tool a tool-and the remarkable ways animals use them to interact with the world.

*DRAGON MASTERS (SERIES)* By Tracey West

A fully-illustrated early chapter book series filled with dragons, wizards, magic, and more!

*FARMHOUSE* By Sophie Blackall

Written as one long sentence with lyrical, song-like language and evocative illustrations, Blackall lovingly pays tribute to the family that lived in an old farmhouse.

*YASMIN (SERIES)* By Saadia Faruqi

Yasmin is a spirited second-grader who's always on the lookout for those "aha" moments to help her solve life's little problems.

*PRESS START (SERIES)* By Thomas Flintham

The Press Start series tells the story of a suburban youth in a videogame world who discovers his adventurous, if berserk, destiny when he's recruited by an ill-tempered ninja and a tough-as-nails space soldier to save the world.

## Grades 4-5

*IF THE WORLD WERE 100 PEOPLE: A VISUAL GUIDE TO OUR GLOBAL VILLAGE* By Jackie McCann

If we could shrink the world down to just 100 people, what could we learn about the human race? What would we look like? This book answers all of these questions and more!

*ANIMALS LOST & FOUND: STORIES OF EXTINCTION, CONSERVATION AND SURVIVAL* By Jason Bittel

Discusses animals throughout history and in the present--those lost to extinction, ones thought to be lost but have been found, and those that are the focus of conservation efforts around the world

*THE LAST MAPMAKER* By Christina Soontornvat

Joining an expedition to chart the southern seas, twelve-year-old mapmaker's assistant Sai realizes she's not the only one on board harboring secrets.

*MAIZY CHEN'S LAST CHANCE* By Lisa Yee

Eleven-year-old Maizy Chen visits her estranged grandparents, who own and run a Chinese restaurant in Last Chance, Minnesota.

*SWIM TEAM* By Johnnie Christmas

With Etta's training and a lot of hard work, Bree suddenly finds her swim-crazed community counting on her to turn the school's failing team around.

*THIRST* By Varsha Bajaj

A heroic girl in Mumbai fights for her belief that water should be for everyone. Minni lives in the poorest part of Mumbai, where access to water is limited to a few hours a day and the communal taps have long lines.

*NATHAN HALE'S HAZARDOUS TALES (SERIES)* By Nathan Hale

Graphic novels that tell the thrilling, shocking, gruesome, and TRUE stories of American History.

*THE TRYOUT* By Christina Soontornvat

As one of the only Asian Americans in her school, Christina confronts both well-meaning ignorance and cruel racism, but in middle school fitting in is important, which is why she and her best friend Megan are both excited and nervous to try out for the popular cheerleading squad.