

Summer Reading Suggestions – Picture Books/Primary



2022-23 Primary Virginia Reader Choice Award Nominees

Hugo and the Impossible Thing by Renee Smith
In My Mosque by M.O. Yuksel
Marsha is Magnetic by Beth Ferry
Mel Fell by Corey Tabor
My Bed: Enchanting Ways to Fall Asleep Around the World by Rebecca Bond
Saturdays are for Stella by Candy Wellins
Someone Builds the Dream by Lisa Wheeler
The Chicken Who Couldn't by Jan Thomas
The Suitcase by Chris Naylor-Ballesteros
Watercress by Andrea Wang

Classics:

- *Any Book by Dr. Seuss
- *Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale by John Steptoe
- *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka
- *Joseph Had a Little Overcoat by Simms Taback
- *Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
- *Strega Nona by Tomie dePaola
- *Officer Buckle and Gloria by Peggy Rathmann
- *Grandfather's Journey by Allen Say
- *Amelia Bedelia by Peggy Parish
- *Paul Bunyan: A Tall Tale by Steven Kellogg
- *Harold and the Purple Crayon by Crockett Johnson
- *The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter
- *The Mitten by Jan Brett
- *The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats
- *Martin's Big Words by Doreen Rappaport
- *One Grain of Rice by Demi
- *Madeline by Ludwig Bemelmans
- *Yo! Yes? by Chris Raschka
- *Lon Po Po: A Red-Riding Hood Story from China by Ed Young
- *When Sophie Gets Angry by Molly Bang
- *Bad Case of Stripes by David Shannon
- *The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds

New Favorites:

- *Actual Size by Steve Jenkins
- *Book Fiesta!: Celebrate Children's Day/Book Day; Celebramos El día de los niños/El día de los libros by Pat Mora
- *The Lion & the Mouse by Jerry Pinkney
- *John, Paul, George and Ben by Lane Smith
- *Zoom by Robert Munsch
- *Dad, Jackie and Me by Myron Uhlberg
- *Locomotive by Brian Floca
- *Enemy Pie by Derek Munson
- *Drawn Together by Minh Le
- *Zen Shorts by Jon J. Muth
- *Henry's Freedom Box by Ellen Levine
- *Each Kindness by Jacqueline Woodson
- *Pancho Rabbit and the Coyote: A Migrant's Tale by Duncan Tonatiuh
- *Once I Ate a Pie by Patricia MacLachlan
- *Boxes for Katje by Candace Fleming
- *Martin's Big Words by Doreen Rappaport
- *Any book by Mo Willems
- *Ada Twist, Scientist by Andrea Beaty
- *Mother Bruce by Ryan Higgins
- *Crown: an Ode to the Fresh Cut by Derrick Barnes
- *Mango, Abuela, and Me by Meg Medina
- *Malala's Magic Pencil by Malala Yousafzai

Additional Resources:

- Prince William Public Library: <https://www.pwcva.gov/department/library/Youth-overview>
- Scholastic's 100 Greatest Books for Kids: <https://www.scholastic.com/100books/index.html>
- New York Public Library 100 Great Children's Books: <http://www.nypl.org/childrens100>
- Read Kiddo Read: <https://kids.jamespatterson.com/landing-page/read-kiddo-read/>
- Multicultural Children's Book Day: <https://multiculturalchildrensbookday.com/multicultural-reading-resources/diversity-book-lists-for-kids/diversity-books-by-genre/diverse-picture-books/>
- Amazon 100 Children's Books to Read in a Lifetime: <https://www.amazon.com/b?ie=UTF8&node=9660210011>

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Summer Reading Suggestions – Elementary/Intermediate Readers

2022-23 Elementary Virginia Reader Choice Award Nominees

Allergic by Megan Wagner Lloyd
Before the Ever After by Jacqueline Woodson
Butterfly for a King by Susan Roth
Don't Check Out This Book by Kate Klise
Exquisite: The Poetry and Life of Gwendolyn Brooks by Suzanne Slade
JD and the Great Barber Battle by J Dillard
Ruby in the Sky by Jeanne Zulick Ferruolo
Skunk and Badger by Amy Timberlake
The Elephant's Girl by Celesta Rimington
The Silver Arrow by Lev Grossman

Classics:

- *Betsy-Tacy series by Maud Heart Lovelace
- *Winnie the Pooh by A.A. Milne
- *Nate the Great by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
- *Fantastic Mr. Fox by Roald Dahl
- *Where the Side Walk Ends by Shel Silverstein
- *Magic School Bus series by Joanna Cole
- *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume
- *Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
- *Frindle by Andrew Clements
- *From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg
- *Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine
- *The Secret Garden by Francis Hodgson Burnett
- *Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo
- *Charlotte's Web by E.B. White
- *The Whipping Boy by Sid Fleischman
- *Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli
- *Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary
- *Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
- *Little House series by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- *Becoming Naomi Leon by Pam Munoz Ryan
- *Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices by Paul Fleischman

New Favorites:

- *Mercy Watson series by Kate DiCamillo
- *Zita the Spacegirl/Mighty Jack by Ben Hatke
- *World According to Humphrey by Betty Birney
- *Lawn Boy by Gary Paulsen
- *Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies
- *Scientists in the Field series by Various Authors
- *Clementine by Sara Pennypacker
- *Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- *Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin by Liesl Shurtliff
- *The Animal Book by Steve Jenkins
- *Origami Yoda Series by Tom Angleberger
- *Princess in Black by Shannon and Dean Hale
- *Rules by Cynthia Lord
- *Winners Take All by Fred Bowen
- *Homework Machine by Dan Gutman
- *One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate
- *Zayd Saleem, Chasing the Dream by Hena Khan
- *Juana and Lucas by Juana Medina
- *Hilo series by Judd Winick
- *Millicent Min, Girl Genius by Lisa Yee
- *Alvin Ho by Lenore Look
- * I Survived by Lauren Tarshis
- * Secret Coders by Gene Luen Yang

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- Read Kiddo Read: www.readkiddoread.com
- Amazon 100 Children's Books to Read in a Lifetime: <http://www.amazon.com/b?ie=UTF8&node=9660210011>
- Book and a Hug: <https://abookandahug.com/>

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Summer Reading Suggestions – Middle Grade/Intermediate Readers



2022-23 Middle School Virginia Reader Choice Award Nominees:

Amari and the Night Brothers by B.B. Alston
Blackbird Girls by Anne Blankman
Black Brother, Black Brother by Jewell Parker Rhodes
The Canyon's Edge by Dusti Bowling
Free Lunch by Rex Ogle
Ground Zero by Alan Gratz
It's the End of the World As I Know It by Matthew Landis
King and the Dragonflies by Kacen Callender
To Night Owl from Dogfish by Holly Goldberg Sloan
When Stars Are Scattered by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed

Classics:

- *The Giver by Lois Lowry
- *A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle
- *Westing Game by Ellen Raskin
- *Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt
- *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis
- *A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park
- *Watsons Go to Birmingham – 1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis
- *Long Way from Chicago by Richard Peck
- *Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson
- *Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery
- *True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi
- *Catherine, Called Birdy by Karen Cushman
- *Julie of the Wolves by Jean Craighead George
- *My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George
- *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor
- *The Birchbark House by Louise Erdich
- *Devil's Arithmetic by Jane Yolen
- *Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan
- *Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko
- *Hoot by Carl Hiaasen
- *Chasing Vermeer by Blue Balliett

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- Read Kiddo Read: www.readkiddoread.com
- We Need Diverse Books: <https://diversebooks.org/resources-old/where-to-find-diverse-books/>
- Amazon 100 Children's Books to Read in a Lifetime: <https://www.amazon.com/b?ie=UTF8&node=9660210011>
- Book and a Hug: www.abookandahug.com
- NPR 100 Must Reads for Kids 9-14: <https://www.npr.org/2013/08/05/207315023/the-ultimate-backseat-bookshelf-100-must-reads-for-kids-9-14>
- Nerdy Book Club Blog: <https://nerdybookclub.wordpress.com/>

New Favorites:

- *Wonder by R.J. Palacio
- *Kiranmala and the Kingdom Beyond series by Sayantani DasGupta
- *One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia
- *Three Times Lucky by Sheila Turnage
- *Locomotion and Peace, Locomotion, Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson
- *Ungifted by Gordon Korman
- *How to Build a Museum: Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture by Tonya Bolden
- *Crossover by Kwame Alexander
- *Merci Suárez Changes Gears by Meg Medina
- *Faithful Spy: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the plot to kill Hitler by John Hendrix
- *One for the Murphys by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
- *Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins
- *How They Croaked by Georgia Bragg
- *Dreadful Tale of Prosper Redding by Alexandra Bracken
- *Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai
- *Awkward, Brave and Crush by Svetlana Chmakova
- *The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

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Summer Reading Suggestions – High School/Advanced Readers

2022-23 High School Virginia Reader Choice Award Nominees

All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team by Christina Soontornvat

Dragon Hoops by Gene Luen Yang

Elatsoe by Darcie Little Badger

Furia by Yamile Mendez

Hold Back the Tide by Melinda Salisbury

Not So Pure and Simple by Lamar Giles

The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

This is My America by Kim Johnson

This Light Between Us: A Novel of World War II by Andrew Fukuda

You Should See Me in a Crown by Leah Johnson



Classics:

- *Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
- *To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
- *Any play by William Shakespeare
- *Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Arthur Conan Doyle
- *Homecoming by Cynthia Voigt
- *Time Machine by H.G. Wells
- *The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald
- *Animal Farm by George Orwell
- *Lord of the Flies by William Golding
- *Brave New World by Aldous Huxley
- *Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
- *Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank
- *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams
- *A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens
- *The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton
- *Hobbit and Fellowship of the Ring by J.R.R. Tolkien
- *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
- *Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan
- *The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros
- *Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card
- *Monster by Walter Dean Myers

New Favorites:

- *Book Thief by Markus Zusak
- *Code Name Verity by Elizabeth Wein
- *Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys
- *Gabi, a Girl in Pieces by Isabel Quintero
- *The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
- *I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai and Christina Lamb
- *Wicked History series by Various Authors
- *Vincent and Theo by Deborah Heiligman
- *Made to Stick, Switch, and Decisive by Chip&Dan Heath
- *Birthmarked by Caragh O'Brien
- *An Ember in the Ashes by Sabaa Tahir
- *Scythe by Neal Shusterman
- *My Lady Jane by Hand, Ashton and Meadows
- *Fault in Our Stars by John Green
- *Sun is Also a Star by Nicola Yoon
- *Crank by Ellen Hopkins
- *Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon
- *Secret Keeper by Mitali Perkins
- *American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang
- *To All the Boys I've Loved Before by Jenny Han
- *Solo by Kwame Alexander
- *Dumplin' by Julie Murphy

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- Amazon 100 Books to Read in a Lifetime: <http://www.amazon.com/b?node=8192263011>
- 2018 Nerdy Book Award YA: <https://nerdybookclub.wordpress.com/2019/01/02/the-2018-nerdies-young-adult-fiction-part-one-announced-by-a-chapter-of-book-nerds/>
- Reading Rants: <http://www.readingrants.org/about/>
- NPR Your Favorites: 100 Best-Ever Teen Novels: <https://www.npr.org/2012/08/07/157795366/your-favorites-100-best-ever-teen-novels>

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