**Smart Choices for Summer Reading**

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| **Some of the Greatest Fantasy Series to Keep Us Reading Over the Summer** |
| **Title** | **Level/s** | **Author** |
| The Werewolf Club Series | L  | David Pinkwater |
| Unicorn’s Secret Series  | M  | Kathleen Duey |
| Secrets of Droon  | M-O  | Tony Abbott |
| Time Warp Trio  | P  | John Sciezka |
| Dragon Slayer’s Academy  | N-P  | Kate McMullan |
| Spiderwick Chronicles  | Q-R  | Black and DiTerlizzi |
| The Edge Chronicles  | R-U | Stewart and Riddell |
| City of Ember Series  | R-U | Jeanne DuPrau |
| Deltora Quest  | R-T | Emily Rodda |
| Warriors  | R-S | Eric Hunter |
| Narnia  | T | C.S. Lewis |
| Rowan of Rin  | T | Emily Rodda |
| Animorphs  | T-U | K.A. Applegate |
| Gregor Series  | V | Suzanne Collins |
| Series of Unfortunate Events  | V | Lemony Skicket |
| Artemis Fowl  | W | Eoin Colfer |
| Percy Jackson and the Olympians  | W | Rick Riordan |
| The Dark is Rising  | X | Susan Cooper |
| Redwall  | Y-Z | Brian Jacques |
| Harry Potter  | V-Z | J.K. Rowling |
| The Golden Compass  | Y-Z | Phillip Pullman  |
| Dragons of Pern  | Adult  | Anne McCaffrey |

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| **If You Like to Be Scared or Horrified!** |
| **Title** | **Level/s** | **Author** |
| Goosebumps Series | O-R  | R.L.Stine |
| Dripping Fang Series  | P-Q | Dan Greenberg |
| Edgar and Ellen Series  | Q-S | Charles Ogden |

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| **If You’re Developing a Passion for Historical Fiction****Check Out These:**  |
| **Title** | **Level/s** | **Authors** |
| Dear America Series | Q-S  | various authors |
| American Girl Series | Q-R  | various authors |
|  |  | Titles by Katherine Patterson, Avi, Karen Hesse, Gary Paulsen, and Jerry Spinelli |

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| **If You’re Getting Interested in Graphic Novels** |
| Pokemon |
| Uh-Gi-Oh |
| Naruto |
| Amulet |

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| **If You Like Solving Mysteries, Check Out These** |
| Babysitter’s Club |
| Boxcar Mysteries |
| 39 Clues |
| A Series of Unfortunate Events |
| Sisters Grimm |
| Theodore Boone |

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| **If You Like to Stick With An Author, These Authors Have Written A Lot!** |
| **Author** | **Titles** |
| Judy Blume  |  Fudge, Are You There God, Forever... |
| Dan Greenberg  | Zack Files, Dripping Fang… |
| Emily Rodda | Deltora, Rowan of Rin… |
| Gary Paulsen  |  Hatchet, Nightjohn, Soldier’s Heart… |
| Kate DiCamillo | Because of Winn Dixie, Mercy Watson… |
| John Sciezka  | Time Warp Trio, Jack Truck… |
| Jerry Spinelli | Fourth Grade Rats, Wringer, Maniac Magee |

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| **If You’re Interested in Exploring Social Issues:** |
| **Themes** | **Titles** |
| **Kids with Differences** | My Name is Brian, El Deafo, Wonder, Rules, A Mango-Shaped Space, Fish in a Tree, Mockingbird |
| **Immigrant Experience** | Inside Out and Back Again, Esperanza Rising, It Aint So Awful Falafel, Save Me a Seat, Seedfolks |
| **Gender Identity** | George, Gracefully Grayson, The Pants Project, I Am Jazz, Riding Freedom |

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|  **Nonfiction Journals That are Particularly Print-Rich, Include Complex Texts, and Are Engaging** |
| **Title** | **Level/s** | **Topic** |
| *Click*  | grades K - 2 | Introduces fascinating science topics  |
| *Ranger Rick*  | grades 2 - 4 | Includes several-page spreads on an endangered animal or other natural science topic  |
| *Zoobooks* | grades 3 - 8 | These expository books are each dedicated to a single animal  |
| *Cobblestone*  | grades 5 - 7 | Focuses on American history  |
| *Dig* | grades 4 - 8 | Archaeology for kids and each issue is themed  |
| *National Geographic for Kids* | grades 1 - 3 and grades 4 - 6 | Focuses on nature and science that come in two levels |
| *Sports Illustrated for Kids*  | grades 3 - 6 | Covers issues, players and teams, with an emphasis on achievement stories  |
| *Junior Scholastic* | grades 4 - 7 | Provides coverage of news issues and investigative journalism |

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| **If You Need Good Book Lists:**  |
| [www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org) American Library Association lists the Newbury Awards, Caldecott Medals, newest young adult fiction |
| <http://weneeddiversebooks.org/> lists books by social issues, and has if you liked...then read...lists |

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