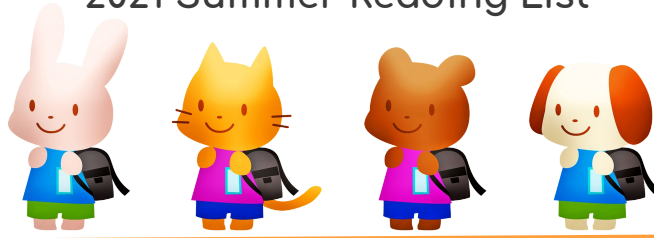


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2021 Summer Reading List

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Show Me Reader Awards Nominees 2021-2022

Ella McKeen Kickball Queen

By Beth Mills

When first-grader Ella, the undisputed kickball queen at school, is bested by new student Riya Patel, she throws a tantrum with her entire class watching.

Hair Love

By Matthew Cherry

A little girl's daddy steps in to help her arrange her curly, coiling, wild hair into styles that allow her to be her natural, beautiful self.

Hey, Dog

By Tony Johnston

A boy cares for, feeds, and helps an abused stray dog to learn to trust humans again.

If I Built A School

By Chris Van Dusen

Imaginative Jack describes the kind of school he would build -- one full of animals, with tubes to transport students directly to their classrooms, and library books that come alive.

Madeline Finn and the Shelter Dog

By Lisa Papp

When Madeline learns about animal shelters, she wants to do something to make the residents feel loved.

Meet Miss Fancy

By Irene Latham

A charming and significant story set prior to the Civil Rights movement about a boy who finds a way to challenge segregation laws.

Snack Attack!

By Terry Border

Although warned of the dangers lurking outside their packages, Cookie, Pretzel, and Cheese Doodle venture into the kitchen for fun but soon discover that Monster Kids are real.

Sulwe

By Lupita Nyong'o

When Sulwe's classmates make fun of her dark skin, she tries lightening herself to no avail, but her encounter with a shooting star helps her understand there is beauty in every shade.

The Donkey Egg

By J. Stevens, S. Crummel

After fast-talking Fox leaves Bear with a large, green egg, he spends weeks lovingly caring for it with the help of his neighbor Hare.

When Pencil Met Eraser

By K. Kilpatrick, L. Ramos

The true story of how Pencil and Eraser became the best of friends.

Building Block Award Nominees 2021

Bad Dog

By Mike Boldt

A little girl gets a cat as a new pet but insists it's a dog, even if it doesn't act very dog-like.

Bear Came Along

By Richard T. Morris

An assortment of animals living separate lives discover they need each other when they have a chance encounter on a river.

Crocodiles Need Kisses Too

By Rebecca Colby

An offbeat, upbeat ode to the world's not-so-cuddly creatures combines rhymes with illustrations to celebrate the loveable qualities of animals ranging from toothy crocodiles to roaring tigers.

I Want a Dog

By Jon Agee

A girl seeks her perfect pet at a wonderfully unusual animal shelter in this comical read-aloud. The shelter has an aardvark, a lizard, a goose, a weasel, and plenty more. But do they have a puppy?

One Red Sock

By Jennifer Sattler

When a little purple hippo cannot find the mate for her red sock, she tries everything in her sock drawer in order to be fashionable -- or at least to match.

Saturday

By Oge Mora

In this warm and tender story, join a mother and daughter on an up-and-down journey that reminds them of what's best about Saturdays; precious time together.

Stomp

By Ian Aurora

From stomping really fast to stomping while you wiggle all your toes, this interactive title promises to be an engaging and fun read-- perfect for group story times!

The Book Hog

By Greg Pizzoli

The Book Hog loves books; the way they look, the way they feel, and, the way they smell. There's only one problem; he can't read!

The Farm that Mac Built

By Tammi Sauer

The scarecrow from Old MacDonald's farm narrates an Animal Theater production of "The House that Jack Built," but animals that do not belong on a farm keep upstaging him.

The Pigeon HAS to Go to School

By Mo Willems

The pigeon must go to school, but frets about math, learning the alphabet, heavy backpacks, and what the teacher and other birds will think of him.

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The Bear in My Family

By Maya Tatsukawa

Living with a loud, messy, and bossy bear seems impossible, but it turns out they can be the best part of the family.

Black Is a Rainbow Color

By Angela Joy

Black is a color, but it is also much more. In this stunning anthem, a girl meditates on the meaning of *black*, especially Black as identity, community, history, and rich cultural tradition.

The Camping Trip

By Jennifer K. Mann

Ernestine goes on her first overnight camping trip. Hiking is tiring and swimming in the lake is scary, but Ernestine faces her fears and overcomes homesickness with her cousin's help.

Digging for Words: José Alberto Gutiérrez and the Library He Built

By Angela Burke Kunke

José Alberto Gutiérrez, a garbageman in Bogotá, Colombia, collects books along his route and creates a library for children in his neighborhood.

Evelyn Del Rey Is Moving Away

By Meg Medina

In a tender picture book that acknowledges loss and the power of friendship, two best friends spend one last afternoon playing together before Evelyn moves away.

Home Base:

A Mother-Daughter Story

By Nikki Tate

In parallel narratives, a girl and her mother work hard to achieve success in non-traditional roles as the girl tries out for the baseball team and the mother gets to work on a construction project.

I Talk Like a River

By Jordan Scott

A young person with a stutter feels isolated. His father helps him understand that his speech moves like the ebb and flow of the river, giving him a new understanding of his way of speaking.

Julián at the Wedding

By Jessica Love

Julian's artistic flare for fashion and innovation save the day at a wedding when his friend, Marisol, ruins her dress. This celebration of individuality and love welcomes all.

Khalil and Mr. Hagerty and the Backyard Treasures

By Tricia Springstubb

When neighbors Khalil and Mr. Hagerty search for buried treasure in the yard and garden one hot day, they find nothing. The next day, the friends secretly hide something for the other to find.

Lift

By Minh Lê

Iris loves to push the elevator buttons. When she takes a discarded button home, she discovers it opens doors to new worlds that she shares with her brother.

Me & Mama

By Cozbi A. Cabrera

Lyrical prose and captivating paintings chronicle a day in the life of a mother and daughter and celebrate their special bond.

Nana Akua Goes to School

By Tricia Elam Walker

Zura is worried about how her classmates will react to her Ghanaian Nana's tattoos on Grandparents Day, but Nana finds a way to show how special and meaningful they are.

'Ohana Means Family

By Ilima Loomis

In this cumulative rhyme in the style of *The House That Jack Built*, a family celebrates Hawaii and its culture while serving poi at a luau.

One Little Bag: An Amazing Journey

By Henry Cole

This wordless picture book follows the *lives* of a paper lunch bag and the boy who carries it to school.

Our Friend Hedgehog: The Story of Us

By Lauren Castillo

A friendship of two animals is challenged when a storm separates them and Hedgehog must find his friend, Mutty, with the help of compassionate forest creatures.

Outside In

By Deborah Underwood

This picture book explores the ever-present lure of the outdoors as it appears at our windows and tempts us with sounds and fragrances, even as we spend most of our time inside.

Overground Railroad

By Lesa Claine-Ransome

A girl tells the story of her family's train journey from North Carolina to New York City as part of the Great Migration.

A Polar Bear in the Snow

By Mac Barnett

Follow a magnificent polar bear through a fantastic world of snow and shockingly blue sea.

Prairie Days

By Patricia MacLachlan

An ode to the amazing sights only the prairie can provide, this simple, quiet story is an accurate reflection of life outside the city limits.

Salma the Syrian Chef

By Danny Ramadan

Salma misses her mother's smile and laughter and hopes making her favorite Syrian dish will bring back her smile. When preparing the dish doesn't go as planned, Salma's community comes together to help finish the dish and celebrate her success.

See the Cat:

Three Stories About a Dog

By David LaRochelle

In a laugh-out-loud story that keeps instructing readers to "see the cat," Max the Dog must interact with the text to prove to the narrator and a cast of zany characters that he is indeed canine.

Snail Crossing

By Corey R. Tabor

The reciprocal story of a snail and some helpful ants as they attempt to cross a busy street.

Southwest Sunrise

By Nikki Grimes

Unhappy about moving from New York City to New Mexico, a young boy explores his new home and marvels at the beauty of the desert landscape.

Sugar in Milk

By Thrity Umrigar

This clever picture book reaches back to an Ancient Persian legend to help a young immigrant girl have the courage to make friends in her new country.

Swashby and the Sea

By Beth Ferry

Swashby has retired to a quiet life by his beloved sea. When a girl and her granny move in nearby, his lifestyle changes--for the better.

The Three Billy Goats Buenos

By Susan Middleton

This twisted fairytale skillfully weaves Spanish vocabulary into an empathetic retelling of a classic.

Ty's Travels: Zip, Zoom!

By Kelly Starling Lyons

With the help of a new friend, Ty beats the temptation to give up and masters the use of his brand-new scooter.

¡Vamos! Let's Go Eat

By Raúl Gonzalez

Little Lobo and his sidekick Bernabé fetch lunch for his friends ahead of the Lucha Libre 5000 amid a vibrant community of food truck vendors.

We Are Water Protectors

By Carole Lindstrom

An indigenous girl explains why water is sacred and that the "Black Snake" (pipelines) will destroy the earth. She takes up a rallying cry to defend water and the planet.

What About Worms!?

By Ryan T. Higgins

Tiger is big, brave, and not afraid of anything—except worms; and the worms are just as afraid of him...until they come across a book and learn more about tigers!

Where's Baby?

By Anne Hunter

Can you find baby fox? Readers will enjoy following father's journey as he looks over, under, around, and into things, discovering all sorts of other animals, until he finally gets a hint from mother fox.

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The Dogwood Titles & Best of Titlewave

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Bloom Boom!

By April Pulley Sayre
Discover the magic--and the science--behind spring flower blooms with this companion to the celebrated Raindrops Roll, Best in Snow, and Full of Fall.

Brave Ballerina

By Michelle Meadows
An illustrated biography of the life of ballet dancer, choreographer, and teacher, Janet Collins.

Claude: The True Story of a White Alligator

By Emma Bland Smith
A nonfiction picture book about Claude the albino alligator at the California Academy of Sciences.

Clever Hans

By Kerri Kokias
Clever Hans was a horse who could answer questions about math, music, clocks, and more. Studying how he did it led to the development of the double-blind study.

Commotion in the Ocean

By Giles Andreae
This delightful collection of poems includes fun rhymes about the creatures who live in and around the ocean.

Crossings: Extraordinary Structures for Extraordinary Animals

By Katy S. Duffield
This powerful picture book explores wildlife crossings around the world and how they are helping save thousands of animals every day.

Dark was the Night: Blind Willie Johnson's Journey to the Stars

By Gary Golio
The moving story of Blind Willie Johnson--the legendary Texas musician whose song, *Dark Was the Night*, was included on the Voyager I space probe's Golden Record.

Dream Big, Little One

By Vashti Harrison
Featuring 18 trailblazing black women in American history, *Dream Big, Little One* is the irresistible board book adaptation of *Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History*.

Eat your Rocks, Croc!

By Jess Keating
Dr. Sugar Glider, a small Australian possum, travels around the world (even underwater) dispensing good advice to animals with problems, including a crocodile with a stomach ache, a stressed out meerkat mom, and a male praying mantis looking for a date--while avoiding being eaten.

Fabulous Frogs

By Martin Jenkins
Huge frogs, tiny frogs, hairy frogs, and flying frogs hop through the pages of this colorful nonfiction book.

Flash and Gleam: Light in Our World

By Khoa Le
The soft glow of a candle, the blink of a firefly, a burst of fireworks--light is everywhere in our world. Rhyming text and luminous illustrations follow four children as they experience many different forms of light.

Flower Talk: How Plants Use Color to Communicate

By Sara Levine
This new book features a cantankerous talking cactus as a narrator, revealing to readers why plants use the colors of their flowers to communicate with animals.

Hello, Neighbor!

By Matthew Cordell
Kindness, caring, and reliance on our neighbors are more important now than ever before. We all need more Mister Rogers in our lives.

Holi Colors

By Rina Singh
Experience Holi with every color of the rainbow! This Hindu celebration, known as the festival of colors and the festival of love, signifies the end of winter, the arrival of spring, and the victory of good over evil.

If You Take Away the Otter

By Susannah Buhrman-Deever
What happens to an entire habitat when a single element is depleted by hunters? Through striking illustrations, the role of sea otters over time in the Pacific Coast of North America is explored in detail.

I'm Trying to Love Rocks

By Bethany Barton
The fourth totally awesome, funny, and incredibly informative book in the *I'm Trying to Love...* book series! Bethany Barton introduces readers to geology and why rocks matter.

Packs: Strength in Numbers

By Hannah Salyer
A full-color, exquisitely illustrated celebration of animals who live in packs, herds, pods, and more. Packs shows how togetherness and teamwork help many creatures thrive.

Moonshot

By Brian Floca
A newly expanded edition combines simple text and vibrant illustrations to introduce a new generation of young science enthusiasts to the history-making Apollo 11 moon landing.

One Is A Lot

By Muon Van
Introduces readers to a different way of appreciating numbers, asking them to reconsider their notions of the smallest numbers 0, 1, and 2. A lyrical, philosophical book that shows readers how the value of numbers depends on perspective.

Shapes

By Shelley Rotner
Stunning photographs by a National Geographic photographer invite children to look around and find a world of circles, triangles, squares, and much more. Beautifully photographed, a diverse group of children explore the unexpected shapes of everyday sights and objects.

She Leads

By June Smalls
Text and illustrations follow the empowering journey of an elephant matriarch as she leads her family through the wilds of Africa, with facts about African elephants.

Sing with Me: Canta Conmigo

By Jose-Luis Orozco
Come along and sing with me! Sing along to your child's favorite songs, from *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star* to *The Wheels on the Bus*, in English and in Spanish. Accompanied by joyful, charming illustrations.

The Most Beautiful Thing

By Kao Kalia Yang
In a story infused with familial love and respect, a Hmong girl reflects on childhood with her grandmother. Kalia helps care for her, and over the years, her grandmother offers her reassurance, stories, and love.

The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read

By Rita Lorraine Hubbard
Mary Walker was born into slavery in 1848. After a lifetime of hard work, and as the remaining survivor of her family, she realizes a goal of learning to read at 116 years of age.

The Cat Man of Aleppo

By I. Latham & K. Shamsi-Basha
War-torn Aleppo is given hope from Mohammad Alaa Aljaleel's humanitarian efforts to care for the deserted cats in the city.

The True Adventures of Esther the Wonder Pig

By Steve Jenkins
Esther the Wonder Pig was adopted as a teacup pig, but her dads, Steve and Derek, quickly find that she's actually a full-size pig who is far too big for their little apartment, so the family expands to a full-size farm with Esther and all her animal friends.

What Do You Do If You Work At The Zoo?

By Steve Jenkins & Robin Page
Children are introduced to the important work of zookeepers in protecting animals under their care, depicting such lesser-known jobs as playing soccer with rhinos and trimming elephant toenails.

Whose Footprint Is That?

By Kelsey Oseid
A nonfiction guessing game that explores the connections between an animal, its tracks, and its habitat.

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