

# Just Read, Florida! 2014 Summer Recommended Reading List

## Grades K-3

**A Day in the Life of Murphy**, Alice Provensen  
**A Drop of Water: A Book of Science and Wonder**, Walter Wick  
**Actual Size**, Steve Jenkins  
**Ants**, Melissa Stewart  
**Ape Escapes!: And More True Stories of Animals Behaving Badly**, Aline Alexander Newman  
**Aunt Flossie's Hats**, Elizabeth Fitzgerald Howard  
**Benny and Penny in the Big No-No!** Geoffrey Hayes  
**Big Wolf and Little Wolf**, Nadine Brun-Cosme  
**Buffy the Burrowing Owl**, Betty Gilbert  
**Buster**, Denise Fleming  
**Charlotte's Web**, E.B. White  
**Chicka Chicka ABC**, Bill Martin and John Archambault  
**Chicken Soup with Rice, A Book of Months**, Maurice Sendak  
**Christian, the Hugging Lion**, Justine Richardson and Peter Parnell  
**Count Down to Fall**, Fran Hawk  
**Daddy & I**, Eloise Greenfield  
**Deep in the Swamp**, Donna Bateman  
**Diary of a Worm**, Doreen Cronin  
**Dino-Dinners**, Mick Manning and Brita Granstrom  
**Discovery in the Cave**, Mark Dubowski  
**Flat Stanley**, Jeff Brown  
**Fly Danny, Fly**, Chip Gilbertson, Gina Restivo, and Michelle Kendrick  
**Frog and Toad Together**, Arnold Lobel  
**Gracias \*Thanks**, Pat More  
**Hi! Fly Guy**, Tedd Arnold  
**Hot City**, Barbara Joosse  
**How People Learned to Fly**, Fran Hodgkins and True Kelley  
**How to Eat Fried Worms**, Thomas Rockwell  
**I Always, Always Get My Way**, Thad Krasnesky  
**Jitterbug Jam**, Barbara Jean Hicks  
**Leaf Jumpers**, Carole Gerber  
**Little Skink's Tail**, Janet Halfmann  
**Market Day**, Eve Bunting  
**Miss Nelson Is Missing!**, Harry Allard  
**My Name is Yoon**, Helen Recorvits  
**No, David!**, David Shannon  
**Ocean Hide and Seek**, Jennifer Evans Kramer  
**Polar Slumber**, Dennis Rockhill  
**Poppleton in Winter**, Cynthia Rylant  
**River of Dreams: The Story of the Hudson River**, Hudson Talbott  
**She Sang Promise: The Story of Betty Mae Jumper, Seminole Tribal Leader**, J.G. Annino  
**Sheep in a Jeep**, Nancy Shaw  
**The BFG**, Roald Dahl  
**The Chicken Sisters**, Laura Joffe Numeroff  
**The Napping House**, Audrey and Dan Wood  
**The Secret Olivia Told Me**, N. Joy  
**The Story of Ruby Bridges**, Robert Coles  
**The Very Hungry Caterpillar**, Eric Carle  
**Twas the Day Before Zoo Day**, Catherine Ipcizade  
**What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?**, Steve Jenkins and Robin Page  
**Wonder Horse**, Emily Arnold McCully

## Grades 4-5

**A Faraway Island**, Annika Thor  
**A History of US**, Joy Hakim  
**A Nest for Celeste: A Story About Art, Inspiration, and the Meaning of Home**, Henry Cole  
**Alice's Adventures in Wonderland**, Lewis Carroll  
**AQUIFERioius**, Margaret Ross Tolbert  
**Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshal**, Vaunda Micheaux Nelson  
**Bud, Not Buddy**, Christopher Paul Curtis  
**Chasing Redbird**, Sharon Creech  
**Dare to Dream!** Carl Sommer  
**Discovering Mars**, Melvin Berger  
**Do Not Open: An Encyclopedia of the World's Best-Kept Secrets**, John Farndon  
**Dog Diaries: Secret Writings of the WOOF Society**, Betsy Byars, Betsy Duffey, and Laurie Myers  
**Eidi**, Bodil Bredsdorff  
**Elijah of Buxton**, Christopher Paul Curtis  
**Extreme Pets!** Jane Harrington  
**Heroes for My Son**, Brad Meltzer  
**Hurricanes: Earth's Mightiest Storms**, Patricia Lauber  
**Inside Out & Back Again**, Thanhha Lai  
**Island of the Blue Dolphins**, Scott O'Dell  
**Jason and Elihu**, Shelley Frazer Mickle  
**Just Being Audrey**, Margaret Cardillo  
**Life Under Ice**, Mary M. Cerullo  
**My Side of the Mountain**, Jean Craighead George  
**Number the Stars**, Lois Lowry  
**Princess Academy**, Shannon Hale  
**Quest for the Tree Kangaroo**, Sy Montgomery  
**Riddle-iculous Math**, Joan Holub  
**Sarah, Plain and Tall**, Patricia MacLachlan  
**Search for the Shadowman**, Joan Lowery Nixon  
**See What You Can Be: Explore Careers That Could Be for You!** Diane Heiman, and Liz Suneby  
**The Birchbark House**, Louise Erdrich  
**The Black Stallion**, Walter Farley  
**The Indian in the Cupboard**, Lynne Reid Banks  
**The Underneath**, Kathi Appelt  
**Where the Mountain Meets the Moon**, Grace Lin  
**Whittington**, Alan Armstrong  
**Who Has Seen the Wind?** Christina G. Rossetti  
**Zlateh the Goat**, Isaac Bashevis Singer

## Grades 6-8

**A Long Walk to Water: Based on a True Story**, Linda Sue Park  
**A Long Way from Chicago**, Richard Peck  
**Any Which Wall**, Laurel Snyder,  
**Artemis Fowl: the Arctic Incident**, Eoin Colfer  
**Breaking Stalin's Nose**, Eugene Yelchin  
**Bridge to Terabithia**, Katherine Paterson  
**Carver, a Life in Poems**, Marilyn Nelson  
**Dead End in Norvelt**, Jack Gantos  
**Dragonwings**, Laurence Yep  
**Eragon**, Christopher Paolini  
**Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini**, Sid Fleischman

**Esperanza Rising**, Pam Munoz Ryan  
**Fire From the Rock**, Sharon Draper  
**Flush**, Carl Hiaasen  
**Football Genius**, Tim Green  
**Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott**, Freedman, Russell  
**Gifted Hands: The Story of Ben Carson**, Ben Carson  
**Heart of a Samurai**, Margi Preus  
**Hugo Cabret**, Brian Schnick  
**Little Women**, Louisa May Alcott  
**Lockdown**, Walter Dean Myers  
**Lost in the River of Grass**, Ginny Rorby  
**Magnificent Voyage: An American Adventurer on Captain James Cook's Final Expedition**, Laurie Lawlor  
**Mockingbird, (Mok'ing;buerd)**, Kathryn Erkin  
**Moon over Manifest**, Clare Vanderpool  
**Old Yeller**, Fred Gipson  
**One Crazy Summer**, Rita Williams-Garcia  
**Peter and the Starcatchers**, Dave Barry & Ridley Pearson  
**Saving the Ghost of the Mountain: An Expedition Among Snow Leopards in Mongolia**, Sy Montgomery and Nic Bishop  
**Scat**, Carl Hiaasen  
**Slob**, Ellen Potter  
**Tasting the Sky: A Palestinian Childhood** Ibtisam Barakat  
**The Anybodies**, N.E. Bode,  
**The Lightning Thief**, Rick Riordan  
**The Lost Hero**, Richard Riordan  
**The Man Who Went to the Far Side of the Moon: The Story of Apollo 11 Astronaut Michael Collins**, Bea Uusma Schyffert  
**The Road Not Taken**, Robert Frost  
**The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle**, Avi  
**The Trumpet of the Swan**, E.B. White  
**The View from Saturday**, E.L. Konigsburg  
**The Wednesday Wars**, Gary D. Schmidt  
**The Wright Sister: Katharine Wright and Her Famous Brothers**, Richard Maurer  
**Treasure Island**, Robert Louis Stevenson  
**Twelve Rounds to Glory: The Story of Muhammed Ali**, Charles R. Smith  
**Wangari's Tree of Peace**, Jeanette Winter  
**When the Wolves Returned: Restoring Nature's Balance in Yellowstone**, Dorothy Hinshaw Patent  
**Where the Red Fern Grows**, Wilson Rawls  
**Wild Things**, Clay Carmichael

## Grades 9-12

**A Separate Peace**, John Knowles  
**Allegiant**, Veronica Roth  
**All Quiet on the Western Front**, Erich Maria Remarque  
**Bunheads**, Flack, Sophie  
**Cloaked**, Alex Flinn  
**Cookie & Me**, Mary Jane Ryals  
**Divergent**, Veronica Roth  
**Ender's Game**, Orson Scott Card  
**Florida Cowboys**, Carlton Ward Jr.  
**Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story**, Ben Carson  
**Imaginary Enemy**, Julie Gonzalez  
**Insurgent**, Veronica Roth  
**Kon-Tiki: Across the Pacific by Raft**, Thor Heyerdahl  
**Looking for the New Deal**, Elna C. Green

**Marcelo in the Real World**, Francisco Stork  
**Money Hungry**, Sharon Flake  
**Monster**, Walter Dean Myers  
**Music Was It: Young Leonard Bernstein**, Susan Goldman Rubin  
**Night**, Elie Wiesel  
**November Blues**, Sharon Draper  
**Pilgrim in the Land of Alligators: More Stories about Real Florida**, Jeff Klinkenberg  
**Poof: A Play**, David Auburn  
**Resurrecting Lazarus, Texas**, Nathan Barber  
**Reubin O'D. Askew and the Golden Age of Florida Politics**, Martin A. Dyckman  
**Silent Spring**, Rachel Carson  
**Solomon**, Marilyn B. Shaw  
**Southern Comforts: Rooted in a Florida Place**, Sudy Cauthen  
**Sugar Changed the World: A Story of Magic, Spice, Slavery, Freedom and Science**, Marc Aronson and Marina Budhos  
**Taken**, Edward Bloor  
**The Book Thief**, Markus Zusak  
**The Diving Bell and the Butterfly: A Memoir of Life in Death**, Jean-Dominique Bauby  
**The Everglades, River of Grass**, Marjorie Stoneman Douglas  
**The First Hollywood Florida and the Golden Age of Silent Filmmaking**, Shawn Bean  
**The Great Wide Sea**, M. H. Herlong  
**The Hot Zone: A Terrifying True Story**, Richard Preston  
**The House on Mango Street**, Sandra Cisneros  
**The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism, & Treachery**, Steve Sheinkin  
**The Old Man and the Sea**, Ernest Hemingway  
**The Real Question**, Adrian Fogelin  
**The Shakespeare Stealer**, Gary Blackwood  
**The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference**, Malcolm Gladwell  
**The Yearling**, Marjorie K. Rawlings  
**Things Fall Apart**, Chinua Achebe  
**Through Her Eyes**, Jennifer Archer  
**We Beat the Street: How a Friendship Pact Led to Success**, Sampson Davis, George Jenkins, Rameck Hunt, and Sharon Draper  
**Wheels of Change: How Women Rode the Bicycle to Freedom (With a Few Flat Tires Along the Way)**, Sue Macy  
**When You Reach Me**, Rebecca Stead  
**Whispers from the Bay**, John Tkac  
**Written in Bone: Buried Lives of Jamestown and Colonial Maryland**, Sally M. Walker

You may also find more selections for Middle and High School readers at [www.justreadflorida.com](http://www.justreadflorida.com) under the Student Section – For Teens, by Teens recommended reading.

Below are a few websites that will provide reading levels for many of the books listed above. Please feel free to use one of these to find a reading level or use any similar tool that may be available to you. Librarians and teachers are also experts in helping pair students with appropriate books.

- AR BookFinder: <http://www.arbookfind.com/default.aspx>
- Lexile Find a Book: <http://www.lexile.com/search/filters/results/>
- Scholastic Book Wizard: <http://www.scholastic.com/bookwizard/>
- If a reader tackles a book above his or her reading level, consider what additional instruction or lower-level reading resources might help.
- Ask the reader to keep track of unknown words within the book, and look them up together.
- Take turns reading aloud to each other to help process the information into smaller portions.