



# SUMMER READING PICKS 2020 GRADES 3 » 5



## Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Chattanooga Public Library is proud to present its 2020 List of recommended Summer Reading Picks. Chosen by local expert librarians, these titles are great reads and are highly regarded in the book community, receiving many awards, excellent reviews and popular appeal. We hope that the 2020 List will help your family pick the best books for your child, grades K-12. All of the books on the List are available at your local library. Your local librarian can suggest additional titles.

Reading in the summer helps build on the skills obtained during the school year so that learning continues into the next grade year. We need the support and encouragement of families to ensure that all of our children become excellent readers.

## Happy Reading!

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## CLASSICS

### **The Mouse and the Motorcycle** by Beverly Cleary

A mouse makes friends with a boy at an inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling.  
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### **The BFG** by Roald Dahl

A Big Friendly Giant whisks Sophie away from the orphanage to save the world from mean giants.  
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### **From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler** by E.L. Konigsburg

Two children hide in a museum where they stumble upon a mystery.  
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### **The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe** by C.S. Lewis

Four siblings step through the back of a wardrobe into the magical land of Narnia.  
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## CLASSICS

### **The Borrowers** by Mary Norton

A family of tiny people live hidden in an English house.  
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### **Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters** by John Steptoe

Daughters with very different personalities travel to meet the Great King.  
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### **Charlotte's Web** by E.B. White

A lonely pig learns about love and friendship from a spider and a young girl.  
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## FANTASY & SCI-FI

### **Zoey and Sassafras: Dragons and Marshmallows** by Asia Citro

Zoey and her cat named Sassafras care for a sick dragon.  
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### **The Chicken Squad: The First Misadventure** by Doreen Cronin

Squirrel needs the Squad to solve a mystery. Does it have anything to do with the UFO in their yard?  
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### **The Storm Keeper's Island** by Catherine Doyle

Fionn and his sister are swept up in sinister magic on Arranmore Island.  
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### **The Lifters** by Dave Eggers

Two new friends discover a secret buried beneath their town which leads them on an epic adventure.  
**P | J Egg**

## FANTASY & SCI-FI

### **Rumple Buttercup** by Matthew Gray Gubler

An odd-looking monster learns about acceptance and love in his community.  
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### **Over the Moon** by Natalie Lloyd

Mallie disguises herself as a boy so that she can go on special missions on flying horses.  
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### **Fablehaven** by Brandon Mull

Kendra and Seth travel to a land of witches, trolls, fairies and other mystical creatures.  
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### **Nightbooks** by J.A. White

Captured by a witch, Alex must tell her stories in order to survive.  
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## HISTORICAL FICTION

### **Finding Langston** by Lesa Cline-Ransome

In 1946, an African American boy discovers the Chicago Public Library and the poetry of Langston Hughes.  
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### **Out of Left Field** by Ellen Klages

When she is told she can't play in Little League because she is a girl, Katy attempts to overturn the decision.  
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### **White Bird** by R. J. Palacio

In occupied France during World War II, a family hides a Jewish girl.  
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## HISTORICAL FICTION

### Planet Earth is Blue

by Nicole Panteleakos

Placed in a foster home, her new family recognizes an autistic child's talents.

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### Jasper and the Riddle of Riley's Mine

by Caroline Rose

During the Klondike Gold Rush, two brothers search for a lost mine.

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### I Survived the Great Molasses Flood, 1919

by Lauren Tarshis

A metal tank filled with molasses explodes and threatens the lives of the people of North Boston.

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### Front Desk

by Kelly Yang

Mia helps run the desk at the motel her parents manage while fighting injustices along the way.

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## MODERN REALISM

### A Boy Called Bat

by Elana K. Arnold

Bat cares for a baby skunk and wants to keep him for a pet.

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### Stella Diaz Has Something to Say

by Angela Dominguez

At school, Stella worries about her accent when making friends.

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## MODERN REALISM

### Song for a Whale

by Lynne Kelly

A deaf girl wants to help a whale who is unable to communicate with other whales.

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### I'm Ok

by Patti Kim

Ok Lee comes up with an idea to make money to help his mother pay the bills.

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### Jada Jones: Rock Star

by Kelly Starling Lyons

Jada and her classmates are grouped together for a science project.

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### The Season of Styx Malone

by Kekla Magoon

Two brothers befriend a clever, but troubled, teen.

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### Pay Attention, Carter Jones

by Gary Schmidt

Carter's whole life changes when an English butler arrives at his front door.

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### Other Words for Home

by Jasmine Warga

Jude and her mother escape Syria to live with relatives.

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## NONFICTION

### What Miss Mitchell Saw

by Hayley Barrett

Maria Mitchell discovers a comet and becomes the first American female astronomer.

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### Bonkers About Beetles

by Owen Davey

Award-winning science book about beetles.

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### Science You Can Eat

by Stefan Gates

Learn about food and try out new experiments.

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### The Lost Book of Adventure

by Teddy Keen (ed.)

An Unknown Adventurer takes you around the world in this survivalist notebook.

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### Beastly Puzzles

by Rachel Poliquin

Can you solve these brainteasers and puzzles?

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### DK Findout! Universe

by Giles Sparrow

Fabulous photographs and fascinating details about the universe.

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### The Atlas Obscura Explorer's Guide for the World's Most Adventurous Kid

by Dylan Thuras

Travel to 100 mysterious and weird-but-true places on Earth.

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## POETRY

### The Undefeated

by Kwame Alexander

Celebrate African Americans throughout history.

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### Up Verses Down: Poems, Paintings, and Serious Nonsense

by Calef Brown

Silly poems and characters abound in this poetry book.

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### Superlative Birds

by Leslie Bulion

Birds are the subject of this science book in verse.

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### Outside Your Window: A First Book of Nature

by Nicola Davies

Facts, poetry and illustrations make for a wonderful book about nature.

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### A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood

by Fred Rogers

The lyrics of Mister Rogers' favorite songs come alive in this illustrated collection.

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### The Day the Universe Exploded My Head

by Allan Wolf

Funny poems and facts about space.

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