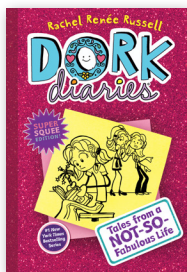


Summer Reads!



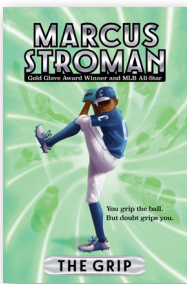
Not sure what book to pick up this summer? Need ideas for a great beach, pool, rainy day, or before-bed read? We've got you covered! Below is a list of titles in popular genres, plus a little about each of them. Get ready to get reading!

REALISTIC FICTION



Dork Diaries by Rachel Renee Russell:

Follow Nikki Maxwell as she chronicles her life through text and art — her move to a new school, her battles with queen bee MacKenzie, and her zany adventures with her BFFs Chloe and Zoey by her side.



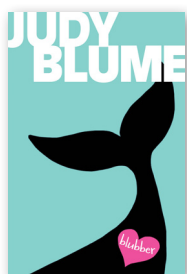
The Grip by Marcus Stroman:

In this semi-autobiographical story (Stroman is an MLB pitcher), a young baseball player learns that perfect games only come with practice — and some strikeouts. But young Marcus is determined to make it to the top, despite every coach telling him he's not tall enough to become a "real" pitcher.



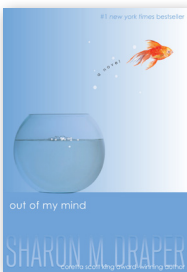
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret by Judy Blume:

Margaret Simon, almost 12, moves from New York City to New Jersey and is anxious to fit in with her new friends. When they form a secret club to talk about private subjects like boys, bras, and getting their first periods, Margaret is happy to belong. But the girls can't believe that Margaret doesn't have a religion. What they don't know is Margaret has her own special relationship with God.



Blubber by Judy Blume:

"Blubber is a good name for her," is what the note about Linda said. Jill didn't want to think about it and crumpled it up — but a boy grabbed the note and passed it around the classroom. Everyone in her fifth-grade class wanted to see how far they could go to tease Linda — and nobody, Jill least of all, expected things to end where they did.



Out of My Mind by Sharon M. Draper:

Eleven-year-old Melody is not like most people. She can't walk, talk, or write because she has cerebral palsy. She's the smartest kid in her whole school, but no one knows it. Most people dismiss her as mentally challenged because she can't tell them otherwise. But Melody refuses to be defined by her disability. And she's determined to let everyone know it...somehow.

FANTASY

Keeper of the Lost Cities by Shannon Messenger:

This first book in a series introduces Sophie, a 12-year-old who has never quite fit into her life. The reason? Sophie is a telepath and can read minds. She finds out she's also the key to a brand-new world — she just has to figure out how and why before the wrong person finds the answer first.



Wilderlore: The Accidental Apprentice by Amanda Foody:

Barclay Thorne, a mushroom farmer's apprentice, accidentally breaks his town's biggest rule: Never go into the forest, which supposedly has magical Beasts lurking in it. Barclay unwittingly forms a bond with a Beast and must set off on an adventure in the mysterious woods, making friends, entering a dangerous apprenticeship exam, and facing the legendary Beast of the Woods.



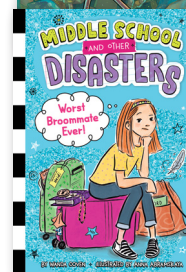
Dungeoneer Adventures by Ben Costa and James Parks:

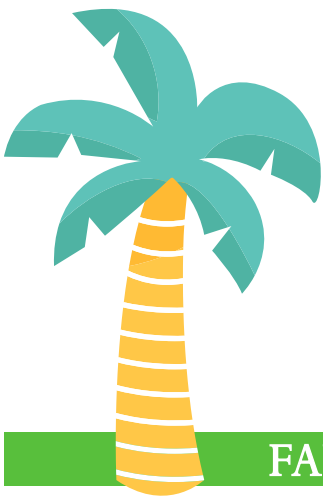
For Coop Cooperson, the only human at a school for future explorers, fitting in can be tough, but he's determined to pass the test for his Junior Dungeoneer Badge. He and his friends must rely on each other to find the final gauntlet in the fungal jungle. As future dungeoneers, they know to expect the unexpected, but *nothing* could prepare them for the adventure in store.



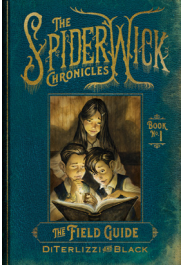
Middle School and Other Disasters: Worst Broommate Ever by Wanda Coven:

Witch-in-training Heidi Heckelbeck juggles magical mishaps and everyday mayhem when she starts middle school at Broomsfield Academy — the only school in the country that has secret classes for witches in training. Her first day takes a turn for the worst when Heidi discovers her roommate is her old rival. But when magic enters the mix, will the reluctant roommates go too far?

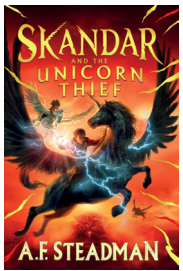




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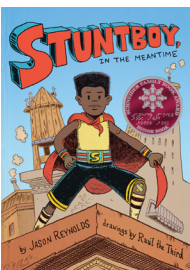


The Field Guide: Spiderwick Chronicles Book #1 by Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black: After finding a mysterious, handmade field guide in the attic of an old mansion, Jared, Simon, and Mallory, discover that there's a magical and maybe dangerous world existing parallel to their own — the world of faerie. The Grace children want to share their story, but the faeries will do everything possible to stop them.



Skandar and the Unicorn Thief by A.F. Steadman: Skandar Smith has always yearned to leave the Mainland and escape to the secretive Island, where wild unicorns roam free. He's spent years studying to become a unicorn rider. But on the day of the exam, his hopes are shattered...until Skandar receives a message that the Island is in peril and he must save it.

GRAPHIC NOVEL



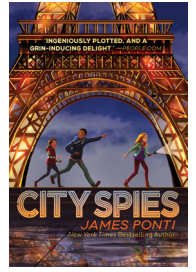
Stuntboy in the Meantime by Jason Reynolds: Portico Reeves is the greatest young superhero you've never heard of! His superpower is making sure all other superheroes — like his parents and two best friends — stay super. And safe. He does this secretly, so no one knows he's actually... Stuntboy!



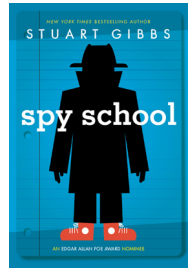
Barb and the Last Berzerker by Dan Abdo and Jason Patterson: Barb is a Berzerker, one of a group of warriors sworn to protect the land of Bailiwick from the monsters that plague it. But the warriors have met their match in the nefarious Witch Head, who uses a magical sword to take them captive. Only Barb is able to escape — now it's up to her to free her fellow warriors so they can stop Witch. Luckily, she's got her best friend, Porkchop the yeti, to help her.

ADVENTURE/MYSTERY

City Spies by James Ponti: In this first book, Sara Martinez is a hacker facing years in juvenile detention, until she's recruited to be a member of the City Spies, five kids from various parts of the world with unique skills that allow them to go places in the world of espionage where adults can't. Before she knows what she's doing, Sara is heading to Paris to hack an international youth summit... no one said saving the world was easy.



Spy School by Stuart Gibbs: When Ben Ripley is recruited to the CIA's Academy of Espionage, it's a dream come true. But Ben begins to wonder what he's doing there. Luckily, through a series of funny misadventures, Ben realizes he could actually become a halfway decent spy...if he can survive all the attempts being made on his life!



MY SUMMER READING NOTES

My summer reading goal:

Genre that I'd like to try:

Books I'd like to check out:

