



3rd & 4th Grades Summer Book List

***The Amazing Life of Azaleah Lane* by Nikki Shannon Smith, illustrated by Mari Lobo (J SERIES AZALEAH 2020)**
Azaleah loved her class field trip to the zoo, and is looking forward to building a diorama of a tiger's natural habitat, but before she can even begin her task she has to solve the mystery of her younger sister's favorite missing stuffed animal because her family is too busy and Tiana is ready to throw a tantrum.

***Aven Green, Sleuthing Machine* by Dusti Bowling (J FICTION BOWLING 2021)**
Third-grader Aven Green has been solving mysteries for a whole month. But can this perceptive detective solve two cases at the same time? First her teacher's lunch bag disappears. Then Aven's great-grandma's dog goes missing. Fortunately, since Aven was born without arms, all the 'arm' cells went to her super-powered brain instead.

***A Bear Called Paddington* by Michael Bond (J FICTION BOND)**
Paddington Bear had traveled all the way from Peru when the Browns first met him in Paddington Station. Since then, their lives have never been quite the same... for ordinary things become extraordinary when a bear called Paddington is involved.

***A Boy Called Bat* by Elana K. Arnold (J FICTION ARNOLD)**
When his veterinarian mom brings home a stray baby skunk that needs rehabilitation before it can be placed in a wild animal shelter, Bixby, a boy on the autism spectrum, wants to care for the skunk permanently.

***Bug Boys* by Lauren Knetzger (J GRAPHIC NOVEL KNETZGER 2020)**
Beetle best friends Rhino-B and Stag-B spend days together exploring the world of Bug Village and that finds them touring spooky caves, helping a spider save a library, and protecting the community's honey supply.

***Can You Hear the Trees Talking?: Discovering the Hidden Life of the Forest* by Peter Wohlleben (J 582.16 WOH 2019)**
Discover the secret life of trees with this nature and science book for kids. It shares the mysteries and magic of the forest with young readers, revealing what trees feel, how they communicate, and the ways trees take care of their families.

***Catwad: It's Me* by Jim Benton (J GRAPHIC NOVEL BENTON 2019)**
Meet Catwad! He's blue, he's a bit of a grouch, and his best friend is a dim-witted cat named Blurmp who can see the bright side of anything. From pizza and computers, to love and happiness, this crabby tabby has a funny take on just about everything, and he's not afraid to share it.

***Chapter Two Is Missing!* by Josh Lieb, illustrated by Kevin Cornell (E STORIES LIEB 2019)**
Do not be alarmed, but the second chapter of this book appears to be missing! It was here a minute ago, but now it seems to have simply walked off. Not only that, but some of the punctuation has gone topsy-turvy, a bunch of letter Ms are hiding in Chapter 5, and Chapter 45 appears to be from another book entirely!

***Cranky Chicken* by Katherine Battersby (J GRAPHIC NOVEL BATTERSBY 2021)**

Cranky Chicken is, well, cranky. With one cranky eyebrow, cranky eyes, and even cranky, scratchy feet. But then one day, Cranky meets a very friendly worm named Speedy who wants nothing more than to be friends.

***The Crayon Man: The True Story of the Invention of Crayola Crayons* by Natascha Biebow, illustrated by Steven Salerno (J BIOGRAPHY BINNEY 2019)**

Here's the true story of an inventor who so loved nature's vibrant colors that he found a way to bring the outside world to children--in a bright green box for only a nickel! With experimentation, and a special knack for listening, Edwin Binney and his dynamic team at Crayola created one of the world's most enduring, best-loved childhood toys.

***Dinosaur Feathers* by Dennis Nolan (J 567.9 NOL 2019 / J 567.9 NOL 2021)**

Dinosaurs roamed the shores of Mesozoic seas. As time went on, dinosaurs grew, and grew, and grew. Until gradually, there were no dinosaurs left. But they didn't disappear completely. Some dinosaurs had feathers, which grew and grew...until all through the skies were hundreds of species of birds, which flew and flew.

***Dinosaur Lady: The Daring Discoveries of Mary Anning, the First Paleontologist* by Linda Skeers, illustrated by Marta Álvarez Miguéns (J BIOGRAPHY ANNING 2020)**

As a kid, Mary Anning loved hunting for fossils with her father. One day, that hobby led to an unexpected discovery: the skeleton of a creature no one had never seen before! Mary had unearthed the very first dinosaur fossil! Her find reshaped scientific beliefs about the natural world and led to the beginning of a brand new field of study: paleontology.

***Echo Echo: Reverso Poems about Greek Myths* by Marilyn Singer, illustrated by Josée Masse (J 811.54 SIN 2016)**

Read one way, each poem tells the story of a familiar myth; but when read in reverse, the poems reveal a new point of view! Readers will delight in uncovering the dual points of view in well-known legends!

***EngiNerds* by Jarrett Lerner (J FICTION LERNER)**

A member of a highly technical but socially awkward band of nerds is amazed when a member of his inner circle secretly constructs a personal robot for each of them, triggering riotous mayhem in the form of unexpected malfunctions.

***Everything Awesome About Sharks and Other Underwater Creatures* by Mike Lowery (J 597.3 LOW 2020)**

Discover this definitive, go-to book about everything AWESOME you EVER wanted to know about all things under the sea. Uncover a wealth of weird, wacky, and wild facts about sharks and underwater creatures, told in Mike Lowery's signature, acclaimed comic style with bright and energetic artwork, fresh framing devices, and hilarious jokes.

***Frindle* by Andrew Clements (J FICTION CLEMENTS)**

When he decides to turn his fifth grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.

***From an Idea to Lego: The Building Bricks Behind the World's Largest Toy Company* by Lowey Bundy Sichol**

Today, LEGO is one of the biggest toy companies in the world, but a long time ago, a Danish carpenter, Ole Kirk Christiansen, started with just an idea. Find out more about LEGO's origins, those famous bricks, and their other inventive toys and movie ventures in this illustrated nonfiction book!

***Glitch* by Sarah Graley (J GRAPHIC NOVEL GRALEY 2019)**

Izzy has an incredible secret -- she can enter the world of her new video game! She meets Rae, a robot who says Izzy is destined to save Dungeon City from the Big Boss. How is this possible?! And how can she fight for this virtual world when she's got a whole real life to keep up with: her family and her best friend, Eric.

***I Wish I Had a Wookiee and Other Poems for Our Galaxy* by Ian Doescher (J 811.54 DOE 2021)**

Inspired by the beloved world of Star Wars, this collection of over 75 whimsical and original poems is a celebration of childhood, creativity, imagination, and the early years of Star Wars fandom.

***J. D. and the Great Barber Battle* by J. Dillard (J FICTION DILLARD 2021)**

J.D. has a big problem--it's the night before the start of third grade and his mom has just given him his first and worst home haircut. When the steady stream of insults from the entire student body of Douglass Elementary becomes too much for J.D., he takes matters into his own hands and discovers that, unlike his mom, he's a genius with the clippers.

***Mac Undercover* by Mac Barnett (J FICTION BARNETT 2018)**

One day, Mac (smartest boy in his class in a small town in California) receives a telephone call from the Queen of England, recruiting him to find the crown jewels (well, actually just the Coronation Spoon) and so Mac embarks on his first adventure as a secret agent--with the assurance that the Queen will give him a note excusing him from school.

***Maybe Maybe Marisol Rainey* by Erin Entrada Kelly (J FICTION KELLY 2021)**

In her small Louisiana town, Marisol Rainey, who has a big imagination but is afraid of adventure and fun, must find a way to salvage her summer with her best friend and "maybe" find the courage to try new things.

***Mr. Wolf's Class* by Aron Nels Steinke (J GRAPHIC NOVEL STEINKE)**

Chronicles the everyday adventures of Mr. Wolf, a new teacher at Hazelwood Elementary school, and his class of wild and special students.

***The Penderwicks* by Jeanne Birdsall (J FICTION BIRDSALL)**

While visiting the estate of Arundel during their summer holiday, the Penderwick girls bask in the lush and beautiful environment where they explore a treasure-filled attic, play in a wondrous garden, dine on tasty homemade cookies, and make a new friend with the handsome owner's son.

***The Secret Explorers and the Lost Whales* by SJ King (J SERIES SECRET 2020)**

Meet The Secret Explorers! This group of brilliant kids comes together from all four corners of the globe to fix problems, solve mysteries, and gather knowledge all over the planet - and beyond. Whenever their help is needed, a special sign will appear on a door. They step through to the Exploration Station and receive their mission...

***"Smelly" Kelly and His Super Senses: How James Kelly's Nose Saved the New York City Subway* by Beth Anderson (J BIOGRAPHY KELLY 2020)**

James Kelly smelled EVERYTHING: rats in the shed; circus elephants a mile away; tomorrow's rain. His sense of smell was EXTRAORDINARY. In the New York City subway, James found his calling--and earned the nickname "Smelly" Kelly.

***Too Small Tola* by Atinuke (J FICTION ATINUKE 2021)**

Tola lives in an apartment in the busy city of Lagos, Nigeria, with her sister, Moji, who is very clever; her brother, Dapo, who is very fast; and Grandmommy, who is very bossy. Tola may be small, but she's strong enough to carry a basket brimming with groceries home from the market, and she's clever enough to count out Grandmommy's change.

***The Creature of the Pines* by Adam Gidwitz, illustrated by Hatem Aly (J FANTASY GIDWITZ 2018)**

Elliot and Uchenna are about to become part of a secret group of adventurers, The Unicorn Rescue Society, whose goal is to protect and defend the world's mythical creatures. Together with Professor Fauna, Elliot and Uchenna must help rescue a Jersey Devil from a duo of conniving, greedy billionaires, the Schmoke Brothers.

***Ways to Make Sunshine* by Renée Watson (J FICTION WATSON 2020)**

Ryan Hart can be and do anything. Her name means "king", that she is a leader, and she is determined to keep growing into the name her parents gave her. As even more changes and challenges come her way, Ryan always finds a way forward and shows she is a girl who knows how to glow.

***What Makes a Monster? Discovering the World's Scariest Creatures* by Jess Keating (J 591.6 KEA 2017)**

Some people think monsters are the stuff of nightmares--the stuff of scary movies and Halloween. But monsters can also be found right in your backyard. Animals like aye-ayes, goblin sharks and vampire bats may look scary, but they pose no threat to humans. Others, such as the prairie dog, seem innocent--*cute, even*--yet their behavior could give you goose bumps.