

# Summer Reading List

## GRADES 6-8

**As Brave as You**  
by Jason Reynolds  
Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books, 2016, ISBN: 9781481415903

Being sent to the country for the summer is culture shock for Genie and his older brother, but it offers an opportunity to get to know Grandpop and uncovers some dark family secrets.

**Beetle Boy**  
by M. G. Leonard, illustrated by Julia Sarda

Scholastic/Chicken House, 2016, ISBN: 9780545953460  
A giant talking beetle and cast of crazy characters help Darkus search for his missing father, a famous entomologist. *First in a series.*

**Booked**

by Kwame Alexander  
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2016, ISBN: 9780544570986  
The thrill of a soccer tournament, the pressure of family expectations, the social minefield of crushes and bullies, and the beauty of words are all explored in this exciting, extraordinary novel in verse.

**The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club**  
by Phillip Hoose  
Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2015, ISBN: 9780374300227

A group of teenagers in Denmark resist the Nazi invasion of their country and inspire others to follow suit in this award-winning nonfiction book.

**Dream On, Amber**  
by Emma Shevah, illustrated by Helen Crawford-White  
Sourcebooks/Jabberwocky, 2015, ISBN: 9781492622505  
Amber's father left when she was little, so now she fills in the frustrating gap in her life with imagined conversations to help her deal with art projects, bullies, and little sisters.

**Fatal Fever: Tracking Down Typhoid Mary**  
by Gail Jarow  
Calkins Creek, 2015, ISBN: 9781620915974  
Learn about this dreaded disease that ravaged our country early in the twentieth century in this nonfiction title that reads like a medical mystery.

**Fearsome Creatures of the Lumberwoods**  
by Hal Johnson, illustrated by Tom Mead  
Workman Publishing, 2015, ISBN: 9780761184614  
This reworking of American tall tales features stories of fearsome legendary creatures of the wooded wilds of early North America, including the snailgoster, the hodag, and the hoop snake, with glow-in-the-dark illustrations.

France to escape persecution and save their land.

**In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse**  
by Joseph Marshall, illustrated by James Mark Yellowhawk  
Abrams, 2015, ISBN: 9780451475404

Jimmy McClean and his grandfather go on a road trip together in order for the boy to learn about his Lakota heritage.

**Listen, Slowly**  
by Thanhà Lai  
HarperCollins, 2015, ISBN: 9780062229182

Mai must spend her summer vacation in Vietnam with her grandmother (Ba). While there, Mai learns more about her family, while Ba learns what happened to her husband during the war.

**Lost in the Sun**

by Lisa Graff  
Philomel Books, 2015, ISBN: 9780399164064  
Trent blames an unfortunate event for his misfortunes and tries to turn things around. He is able to make that turn when he meets Fallon, and together they help him find the healing and redemption he seeks.

**Mark of the Thief**  
by Jennifer A. Nielsen  
Scholastic, 2015, ISBN: 9780545561549

Nic, a slave in the mines of ancient Rome, escapes after discovering a magical amulet. *First in a series.*

**Masterminds**  
by Gordon Korman  
Balzer + Bray, 2015, ISBN: 9780062299963

**Rhythm Ride: A Road Trip through the Motown Sound**  
by Andrea Davis Pinkney  
Roaring Brook Press, 2015, ISBN: 9781596439733

A narrative history of the Motown record label: the business, the music, the people, and the historical, political, and cultural context of its times.

**Roller Girl**  
by Victoria Jamieson

Dial, 2015, ISBN: 9780525429678  
The summer before the start of junior high, Astrid notices her BFF is drifting away and Roller Derby camp is proving tougher than she had thought. Is she tough enough to lose one as she works hard on the other?

**Samurai Rising**

By Pamela S. Turner, illustrated by Gareth Hinds  
Charlesbridge, 2016, ISBN: 9781580895842  
An epic tale of warriors and rebellion reveals how Minamoto Yoshitsune became the greatest samurai in Japanese history.

**Short**

by Holly Goldberg Sloan  
Dial, 2017, ISBN: 9780399186219

Sensitive about her height, Julia gains new perspective and self-acceptance when she is cast as a munchkin in a summer stock theater production of *The Wizard of Oz*.

After living in a perfect town his whole life, Eli discovers there are secrets that will change everything. *First in a series.*

**Me & Miranda Mullaly**  
by Jake Gerhardt  
Viking, 2016, ISBN: 9780451475404

Three boys all trying to gain the attention of the same girl become rivals in this hilarious tale of misunderstandings.

**Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War**  
by Steve Sheinkin  
Roaring Brook Press, 2015, ISBN: 9781596439528

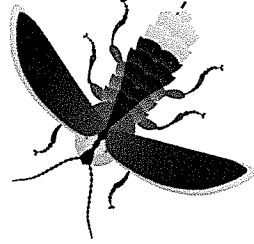
From the Oval Office to the editor's office of the *New York Times*, Sheinkin tells a gripping tale of government secrecy and manipulation that is still relevant today.

**One Last Word: Wisdom from the Harlem Renaissance**  
by Nikki Grimes, illustrated by Cozbi Cabrera  
Bloomsbury, 2017, ISBN: 9781619635548

Grimes evokes the emotion of the Harlem Renaissance through original poetry inspired by greats of the era.

**Presenting Buffalo Bill: The Man Who Invented the Wild West**  
by Candace Fleming  
Roaring Brook Press, 2016, ISBN: 9781596437630

A lively, visually detailed look at not only the life of "Buffalo Bill" Cody but also the history of his traveling show, which shaped America's view of the western frontier.



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