



Cartersville Middle School

Suggested Summer Reading List

2022

Summer is here - time to relax with a few great books! The books listed are suggested books that represent a cross section of quality and entertaining choices, but students are not restricted to this list. Our wish is that students and parents regard this list as a helpful guide for all readers. Research shows that students who read regularly score higher on vocabulary-related sections of standardized tests. More importantly, people who read regularly open themselves to an expansive world of ideas, magic, wonder, and information that enhances every day.

Take time to browse through the lists, and you will find plenty of books that are "just right" for you. All the books and authors have been chosen because they come highly recommended and have been well reviewed. If you cannot locate a particular book, other books by these authors are also recommended. We hope that many of the titles and authors spark interest. Have a great summer, and... don't forget to read!

Happy Reading!

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Tips to Make Summer Reading Happen

- ❖ **CHOICE:** Let your kids choose the books that they read.
- ❖ **LIBRARY:** Use the Bartow Public Library. Let your kids go WILD and check out lots of books!
- ❖ **TIME:** Kids need opportunities for reading. So, make sure they're not filling all their time with TV, video games, and iPhone time.
- ❖ **TECHNOLOGY:** Don't forget about audiobooks, Kindles, iPads, and Nook reading. Ebooks and audiobooks count as reading, too.
- ❖ **READABILITY:** Make sure your child is reading books that he or she can actually comprehend. During and after reading, ask your child to tell you a little bit about the story.
- ❖ **COZY READING SPACE:** Kids LOVE a Cozy Book Nook. It doesn't have to be fancy but it does need to involve the kids. Find a corner - those work best. Let your child add pillows, lamps, books, a headlamp or flashlight, and create a special space.
- ❖ **DOWNTIME:** Kids Need Margins Just Like We Do. We all need unscheduled time to rest and relax. Kids especially. Remember to make time during the day for rest and reading.

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This list is also accessible on our website:

<https://www.cartersvilleschools.org/cms>



Graphic Novels

- ***When Stars Are Scattered*** by Victoria Jamieson & Omar Mohamed
- ***Class Act*** by Jerry Craft
- ***Brave*** by Svetlana Chmakova
- ***Catherine's War*** by Julia Billet
- ***Sunny Makes a Splash*** by Jennifer Holm

Humor

- ***Wink*** by Rob Harrell
- ***The Last Last Day of Summer*** by Lamar Giles
- ***Strange Case of the Origami Yoda*** by Tom Angleberger
- ***Middle School: The Worst Years of my Life*** by James Patterson and Chris Tebbetts
- ***My Life as a Coder*** by Janet Tashjian

Realistic Fiction

- ***Starfish*** by Lisa Fipps
- ***From the Desk of Zoe Washington*** by Janae Marks
- ***Before the Ever After*** by Jacqueline Woodson
- ***Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus*** by Dusti Bowling
- ***Santiago's Road Home*** by Alexandra Diaz

Action & Adventure

- ***96 Miles*** by J.L. Esplin
- ***The Canyon's Edge*** by Dusti Bowling
- ***City Spies*** by James Ponti
- ***Charlie Thorne and the Last Equation*** by Stuart Gibb
- ***Scar Island*** by Dan Gemeinhart

Mystery & Suspense

- ***Scratch Scratch*** by Lindsay Currie
- ***Coraline*** by Neil Gaiman
- ***Lockwood & Co The Screaming Staircase*** by Jonathan Stroud
- ***A Tale of Dark and Grimm*** by Adam Gidwitz
- ***Doll Bones*** by Holly Black

Historical Fiction

- ***Sweep*** by Jonathan Auxier
- ***Allies*** by Alan Gratz
- ***Becoming Muhammad Ali*** by James Patterson & Kwame Alexander
- ***Show Me a Sign*** by Ann Clare LeZotte
- ***The War That Saved My Life*** by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Fantasy

- ***Bloom*** by Kenneth Oppel
- ***The Adventurers Guild*** by Zach Loran Clark & Nick Eliopoulos
- ***The Girl Who Drank the Moon*** by Kelly Barnhill
- ***Barren Grounds: The Misewa Saga*** by David A. Robertson
- ***Steelheart*** by Brandon Sanderson

Non-Fiction

- ***Tornado Terror*** by Lauren Tarshis
- ***The Beekeepers: How Humans Changed the World of Bumble Bees*** by Dana L. Church
- ***Endurance: My Year in Space and How I Got There*** by Scott Kelly
- ***The Hill We Climb: an Inaugural Poem for the Country*** by Amanda Gorman
- ***All Thirteen: the Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team*** by Christina Soontornvat