

Summer Reading

The 2011 Big Summer Booklist from Reading Rockets

The days are longer, the air is warmer, and it's time to think about vacations. Whether or not you leave your home, you can go on an adventure when you open a book! Try several of the suggestions here – some books are funny, others fantastic; some authors find the stories in real life – and tell them in pictures and words.

For kids 0–3 years old

Have You Seen Duck? by Janet Holmes & Jonathan Bentley

Hello, Baby Beluga by Darrin Lunde

I Like Vegetables by Lorena Siminovich

I Spy with My Little Eye by Edward Gibbs

Kitten's Summer by Eugenie Fernandes

My Farm Friends by Wendell Minor

Oliver by Christopher Franceschelli

One, Two, Buckle My Shoe: A Counting Nursery Rhyme by Slaina Yoon

The Rain Train by Elena de Roo

Shout! Shout It Out! by Denise Fleming

For kids 3–6 years old

Bats at the Ballgame by Brian Lies

Bee & Bird by Craig Frazier

The Bear Who Shared by Catherine Rayner

Bring on the Birds by Susan Stockdale

The Cazuela That the Farm Maiden Stirred by Samantha Vamos

Click by Kelly DiPucchio & Matthew Myers

Cloudette by Tom Lichtenfield

Jam & Honey by Melita Morales

Just Fine the Way They Are: From Dirt Roads to Rail Roads to Interstates by Connie Nordhielm Wooldridge

The Loopy Coop Hens by Janet Morgan Stoeke

Max & Ruby's Bedtime Book by Rosemary Wells

Me...Jane by Patrick McDonnell

My Wild Sister & Me by Iris Wewer

New Red Bike! by James Ransome

Perfect Square by Michael Hall

Pirate vs. Pirate: The Terrific Tale of a Big, Blustery Maritime Match by Mary Quattlebaum

Silly Lilly in What Will I Be Today? by Agnes Rosenstiehl

This Is the Game by Diane Shore & Jessica Alexander

Three Hens and a Peacock by Lester Laminack

Where's Walrus? by Stephen Savage

While You Are Sleeping by Durga Bernhard



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Especially for kids 6–9 years old

Almost Zero: A Dyamonde Daniel Book
by Nikki Grimes

Birds of a Feather by Jane Yolen

Calendar Mysteries: June Jam by Ron Roy

Daisy Dawson at the Beach by Steve Voake

Guyku: A Year of Haiku for Boys by Bob Raczka

I Feel Better with a Frog in My Throat: History's Strangest Cures by Carlyn Beccia

If I Never Forever Endeavor by Holly Meade

Inkblot: Drip, Splat, and Squish Your Way to Creativity by Margaret Peot

Keena Ford and the Secret Journal Mix-up
by Melissa Thomson

Labracadabra by Jessica Nelson &
Karen Leigh Hopkins

Magic at the Bed and Biscuit by Joan Carris

Orlando, FL: Cool Stuff Every Kid Should Know
by Kate Boehm Jerome

Polar Bears by Mark Newman

Seabird in the Forest: The Mystery of the Marbled

Murrelet by Joan Dunning

Stink and the Ultimate Thumb-Wrestling Smackdown by Megan McDonald

The Trouble with Chickens by Doreen Cronin

Watch Me Grow! A Down-to-Earth Look at Growing Food in the City by Deborah Hodge

The Yellow House by Blake Morrison

Zapato Power: Freddie Ramos Springs into Action
by Jacqueline Jules

Audio books

There are lots of audio books in many formats that are just right to take along on a family vacation. Regardless of the format you listen to them in, audio books can be stories shared. Try these to get started!

26 Fairmont Avenue written and read by Tomie dePaola

Emily's Fortune by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor, read by Lee Adams

Freckle Juice and The One in the Middle Is a Green Kangaroo by Judy Blume, read by Laura Hamilton

The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick, read by Jeff Woodman

The Mercy Watson Collection: Volume 1
by Kate DiCamillo, read by Ron McLarty

Magic Tree House Collection: Books 1-8
written and read by Mary Pope Osborne

Nate the Great Collected Stories: Volume 1
by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat, read by John Lavelle

Rabbit Ears Treasury of World Tales, Volume Two: The White Cat and The Fool and the Flying Ship
by Rabbit Ears, read by Robin Williams & Emma Thompson

Stink: Solar System Superhero by Megan McDonald, read by Nancy Cartwright

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