

# Summer Reading Ideas

2015 - Grade 6

The books included on this list are recommended by library professionals. However, not every book is appropriate for every child. Parents should take an active role in helping children choose books appropriate to their interests and maturity level.

## ***Smile*** by Raina Telgemeier (2010)

Raina just wants to be a normal sixth grader. But one night she trips and falls, severely injuring her two front teeth. What follows is a long and frustrating journey with the on-again, off-again braces, surgery, embarrassing headgear, and even a retainer with fake teeth attached.

## ***You Wouldn't Want To Be Series***

These interesting books describe exactly what your life would be like if you found yourself in any of these historical situations. Title examples include *You Wouldn't Want to be a Crusader!*, *You Wouldn't Want to be Joan of Arc!*, and *You Wouldn't Want to be in a Medieval Dungeon!*

## ***Superman vs the Ku Klux Klan*** by Rick Bowers (2012)

This engrossing book chronicles the creation of Superman comics and its surprising effectiveness in combating prejudice.

## ***Mountain Dog*** by Margarita Engle (2013)

When his mother is sent to jail 11-year-old Tony goes to live with his forest ranger great-uncle in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, where Tony experiences

## ***The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate*** by Jacqueline Kelly (2009)

Growing up with six brothers in rural Texas in 1899, 12-year-old Callie realizes that her aversion to needlework and cooking disappoints her mother. She prefers to study the natural world with her grandfather, which leads to an important discovery.

## ***Out of My Mind*** by Sharon M. Draper (2010)

Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a way to speak for the first time.

## ***Countdown*** by Deborah Wiles (2010)

As eleven-year-old Franny Chapman deals with drama at home and with her best friend in 1962, she tries to understand the larger problems in the world after President Kennedy announces that Russia is sending nuclear missiles to Cuba. Features historic quotations and photographs.

## ***One Crazy Summer*** by Rita Williams-Garcia (2010)

After traveling from Brooklyn to Oakland in 1968 to spend a month with the mother they barely know, eleven-year-old Delphine and her two younger sisters arrive to a cold welcome as they discover that their mother, a dedicated poet and printer, is resentful of the intrusion of their visit.

## ***The False Prince*** by Jennifer A. Nielsen (2012)

A devious nobleman engages four orphans in a brutal contest to be selected to impersonate the king's long-missing son in an effort to avoid civil war.

## ***Three Times Lucky*** by Sheila Turnage (2012)

Washed ashore as a baby in tiny Tupelo Landing, North Carolina, Mo LoBeau, now eleven, and her best friend Dale turn detective when the amnesiac Colonel, owner of a café and co-parent of Mo with his cook, Miss Lana, seems implicated in a murder.

Book descriptions from World Cat, Alexandria and original by librarian.