

Summer Reading Ideas

2015 - Grade 7

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.

El Deafo by Cece Bell (2014)

Going to school can be tough. But going to school and making new friends while wearing a bulky hearing aid strapped to your chest? That requires superpowers!

Lincoln's Grave Robbers by Steve Sheinkin (2012)

This dramatic account of the 1875 attempt to steal the 16th president's body describes how a counterfeiting ring plotted to ransom Lincoln's body to secure the release of their imprisoned ringleader and how a fledgling Secret Service and an undercover agent conducted a daring election night sting.

Chuck Close: Face Book by Chuck Close (2012)

Artist Chuck Close introduces children to his art, shows the processes he uses in his studios and answers questions about his life and the challenges -- physical and mental -- he has faced.

All the Broken Pieces by Ann E. Burg (2009)

Two years after being airlifted out of Vietnam in 1975, Matt Pin is haunted by the terrible secret he left behind and, now, in a loving adoptive home in the United States, a series of profound events forces him to confront his past.

Chomp by Carl Hiaasen (2012)

When the difficult reality television star of "Expedition Survival" disappears in the Florida Everglades while using wildlife from a refuge run by Wahoo Crane's family, Wahoo and his classmate Tuna set out to find him while avoiding Tuna's gun-happy father.

I, Emma Freke by E.J. Atkinson (2010)

Growing up with her free-spirited mother and old-world grandfather, 12-year-old Emma has always felt out of place, but when she attends the family reunion her father's family holds annually she is in for some surprises.

Okay for Now by Gary D. Schmidt (2011)

As a 14-year-old who just moved to a new town, with no friends, an abusive father and a louse for an older brother, Doug has all the stats stacked against him until he finds an ally in Lil Spicer. Together they find a safe haven in the local library, are inspired by Audubon's bird plates and appear on Broadway.

Dead End in Norvelt by Jack Gantos (2011)

In historic Norvelt, PA, 12-year-old Jack spends the summer of 1962 grounded for various offenses until he is assigned to help an elderly neighbor. Underage driving, history lessons, typewriting and countless bloody noses become part of

Tuesdays at the Castle by Jessica Day George (2011)

When the king and queen are ambushed while traveling, it is up to Princess Celie--the castle's favorite--with her secret knowledge of its never-ending twists and turns, to protect their home and save their kingdom.

Counting by 7s by Holly Goldberg Sloan (2013)

Twelve-year-old genius and outsider Willow Chance must figure out how to connect with other people and find a surrogate family for herself after her parents are killed in a car accident.

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