

Summer Reading Ideas

2016 - Grade 8

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.

March:Book 1 (2013) & ***March:Book 2*** (2015)

Congressman John Lewis' graphic novel style memoir of the Civil Rights Movement.

Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War by Steve Sheinkin (2015)

Captivating nonfiction investigation of the Pentagon Papers.

The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion and the Fall of Imperial Russia by Candace Fleming (2014)

True story of the Romanovs—an intimate portrait of Russia's last royal family and a gripping account of its undoing.

A Time to Dance by Padma Venkataraman (2014)

A novel about spiritual awakening, the power of art, and above all, the courage and resilience of the human spirit.

The Great Trouble: A Mystery of London, the Blue Death, and a Boy Called Eel by Deborah Hopkinson (2013)

Equal parts medical mystery, historical novel, and survival story about the 1854 London cholera outbreak.

Booked by Kwame Alexander (2016)

Soccer, family, love, and friendship take center stage as Nick wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress a girl.

Titanic:Voices from the Disaster by Deborah Hopkinson (2012)

Real accounts from survivors and witnesses to the Titanic tragedy.

As Easy as Falling Off the Face of the Earth by Lynne Rae Perkins (2010)

A teen boy encounters one comedic calamity after another when his train strands him in the middle of nowhere, and everything comes down to luck.

Shooting Kabul by N.H. Senzai (2010)

Escaping from Taliban-controlled Afghanistan, eleven-year-old Fadi and his family immigrate to the San Francisco Bay Area.

Goodbye Stranger by Rebecca Stead (2015)

Back in 5th grade Bridge, Tabitha and Emily made a pact. Never to fight, ever. Now, two years later, they're still best friends, but other things are changing.

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