

cooking competition. What will the kids cook up? How will they all get along on- and off-camera? Which junior chef will have the grit--and maybe the grits--to make it through each challenge? And which junior chef will have to hang their apron up for good? Bonus: Includes real cooking techniques for the aspiring young chef!

◆ ***Broken Pride (Bravelands series)*** by Erin Hunter. HarperCollins. For generations, the animals of the African plains have followed a single rule only kill to survive. But when an unthinkable act of betrayal shatters the peace, the fragile balance between predators and prey will rest in the paws of three unlikely heroes.

◆ ***Quicksand Pond*** by Janet Taylor Lisle. Atheneum Books for Young Readers Quicksand Pond. It's where, legend has it, people disappear. It's where scrappy Terri Carr lives with her no-good family. And it's where Jessie is reluctantly spending her summer vacation. The two become fast friends. But a tragedy that occurred many decades ago has had lingering effects. And the more Jessie learns, the more she begins to question her new friendship—and herself.

◆ ***My Brigadista Year*** by Katherine Paterson. Candlewick Press Vermont author Katherine Paterson traces a young teen's coming-of-age journey from a sheltered life to a singular mission: teaching fellow Cubans of all ages to read and write, while helping with the work of their daily lives and sharing the dangers posed by counterrevolutionaries hiding in the hills nearby. Inspired by true accounts, the novel includes an author's note and a timeline of Cuban history.

◆ ***Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth*** by Frank Cottrell Boyce. Walden Pond Press/HarperCollins Prez knows that the best way to keep track of things is to make a list. That's important when you have a grandfather who is constantly forgetting. And it's even more important when your grandfather can't care for you anymore and you have to go live with a foster family out in the country. Prez and new friend/alien/dog Sputnik set out on a journey to compile the most important list Prez has ever made--and discover just what makes our world so remarkable.

◆ ***Patina*** by Jason Reynolds. Atheneum Books for Young Readers. Patina, or Patty, runs like a flash. She runs for many reasons--to escape the taunts from the kids at the fancy-schmancy new school she's been sent to. She runs from the reason WHY she's not able to live with her "real" mom any more. But can you ever really run away from any of this?

## Grades 9-12

◆ ***Love, Hate and Other Filters*** by Samira Ahmed. Soho Teen. Maya Aziz is torn between worlds. There's the proper one her parents expect for their good Indian daughter: a good school, an arranged marriage. And the world of her dreams: going to film school, living in NYC, pursuing the boy she's liked for ages. When a terrorist attack occurs, the prime suspect happens to share her last name. In an instant, Maya's community becomes unrecognizable, and her life changes forever.

◆ ***Landscape with Invisible Hand*** by M. T. Anderson. Candlewick Press. When the vuvv first landed, it came as a surprise to aspiring artist Adam and the rest of planet Earth — but not necessarily an unwelcome one. Can it really be called an invasion when the vuvv generously offered free advanced technology and cures for every illness imaginable? As it turns out, yes.

◆ ***Waste of Space*** by Gina Damico. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. Cram ten hormonal teens into a spaceship and blast off: that's the premise for the ill-conceived reality show Waste of Space. The kids who are cast know everything about drama--and nothing about the fact that the production is fake. But then, suddenly, all communication is severed. Trapped and paranoid, the kids must figure out what to do when this reality show loses its grip on reality.

◆ ***A Hope More Powerful Than the Sea*** by Melissa Fleming. Flatiron Books An eye-opening true story of Doaa, a Syrian girl whose life was upended by her country's brutal civil war. She flees to Europe to seek safety and an education, but four days after setting sail on a smuggler's dilapidated fishing vessel along with five hundred other refugees, their boat is struck and begins to sink. This is the moment when Doaa's struggle for survival really begins

◆ ***Turtles All the Way Down*** by John Green. Dutton Books for Young Readers. Sixteen-year-old Aza never intended to pursue the mystery of fugitive billionaire Russell Pickett, but there's a hundred-thousand-dollar reward at stake and her Best and Most Fearless Friend, Daisy, is eager to investigate. So together, they navigate the short distance and broad divides that separate them from Russell Pickett's son, Davis.

◆ ***Dread Nation*** by Justina Ireland. Balzer + Bray An America both foreign and familiar--a country on the brink, at the explosive crossroads where race, humanity, and survival meet. Jane McKeene was born two days before the dead began to walk the battlefields of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. This historical "what if" story is perfect for fans of The Walking Dead.

◆ ***The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue*** by Mackenzi Lee. Katherine Tegen Books. Henry "Monty" Montague doesn't care that his roguish passions are far from suitable for the gentleman he was born to be. Embarking on his grand tour of Europe with best friend and secret crush Percy, his quests for pleasure and vice lead to a harrowing adventure.

◆ ***Warcross*** by Marie Lu. G.P. Putnam's Sons. For the millions who log in every day, Warcross isn't just a game—it's a way of life. Teen hacker Emika works as a bounty hunter, tracking down Warcross players who bet on the game illegally. But when Emika hacks into the opening game of the international Warcross Championships—and accidentally glitches herself into the action—she becomes an overnight sensation. But soon she uncovers a sinister plot, with major consequences for the entire Warcross empire.

◆ ***Wires and Nerves Volumes 1 and 2*** by Marissa Meyer. Feiwel & Friends. When rogue packs of wolf-hybrid soldiers

threaten the tenuous peace alliance between Earth and Luna, Iko takes it upon herself to hunt down the soldiers' leader. She is soon working with a handsome royal guard who forces her to question everything she knows about love, loyalty, and her own humanity. With appearances by Cinder, Cress, Scarlet, Winter, and the rest of the Rampion crew, these graphic novels are a must-have for fans of the bestselling Lunar series.

◆ ***One of Us is Lying*** by Karen M. McManus. Delacorte/Random House. On Monday afternoon, five students at Bayview High walk into detention. Before the end of detention, one is dead. And according to investigators, his death wasn't an accident. On Monday, he died. But on Tuesday, he'd planned to post juicy reveals about all four of his high-profile classmates, which makes all four of them suspects in his murder. Or are they the perfect patsies for a killer who's still on the loose?

◆ ***The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime That Changed Their Lives*** by Dashka Slater. Farrar Straus Giroux. One teenager in a skirt. One teenager with a lighter. One moment that changes both of their lives forever. If it weren't for the 57 bus, Sasha and Richard never would have met. Each day, their paths overlapped for a mere eight minutes. But one afternoon on the bus ride home from school, a single reckless act left Sasha burned, and Richard charged with hate crimes and facing life imprisonment.

◆ ***Dear Martin*** by Nic Stone. Crown Books for Young Readers. Honor student Justyce goes driving with his best friend, Manny, windows rolled down, music turned up—way up, sparking the fury of a white off-duty cop beside them. Words fly. Shots are fired. Justyce and Manny are caught in the crosshairs.

◆ ***The Epic Crush of Genie Lo*** by F. C. Yee. Amulet Books. The struggle to get into a top-tier college consumes fifteen 15-year-old Genie's every waking thought. But when she discovers she's an immortal who's powerful enough to bash through the gates of Heaven with her fists, her perfectionist existence is shattered.

◆ ***Girl Code: Gaming, Going Viral, and Getting It Done*** by Andrea Gonzales and Sophie Houser. HarperCollins Publishers. Two teenage tech phenoms who met at Girls Who Code summer camp teamed up to create a viral video game, and ended up becoming world famous. Get ready for an inside look at the tech industry, the true power of coding, and some of the amazing women who are shaping the world. The book also includes bonus content to help you start coding!



## Summer Reading for Kids 2018

These books have been selected by VSLA (Vermont School Library Association) Teacher Librarians, and are recommended for summer reading for children and young adults. For more recommendations, see your school or public librarian.

### 2018 Award Winners

Caldecott Medal—for most distinguished American picture book: ***Wolf in the Snow*** written and illustrated by Matthew Cordell. Feiwel and Friends.

Newbery Medal—for most outstanding contribution to children's literature: ***Hello, Universe*** by Erin Entrada Kelly. Greenwillow Books.

Robert F. Sibert Award—for most distinguished informational book: ***Twelve Days in May: Freedom Ride 1961*** by Larry Dane Brimmer. Calkins Creek, an imprint of Highlights.

Coretta Scott King Author Award—recognizing an African American author of outstanding books: ***Piecing Me Together*** by Renée Watson. Bloomsbury Children's Books.

Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award—recognizing an African American illustrator of outstanding books: ***Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets*** illustrated by Ekua Holmes; written by Kwame Alexander with Chris Colderly and Marjory Wentworth. Candlewick Press.

Theodor Seuss Geisel Award—for most distinguished beginning reader: ***Charlie & Mouse*** by Laurel Snyder and illustrated by Emily Hughes. Chronicle Books.

Michael L. Printz Award—for excellence in literature written for young adults: ***We Are Okay*** by Nina LaCour. Dutton Books for Young Readers.

#### Vermont Red Clover Award Books:

The Red Clover Award promotes the reading and discussion of the best of contemporary picture books. 2018-2019 Master list available at: [tinyurl.com/redcloveraward2018](http://tinyurl.com/redcloveraward2018)

#### Vermont Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award:

The Dorothy Canfield Children's Book Award, first given in 1957, honors excellence in children's literature targeted for readers grades 4-8. 2018-2019 Master list available at: [tinyurl.com/dcfaward2018](http://tinyurl.com/dcfaward2018)

#### Green Mountain Book Award:

A Vermont reader's choice award for students in grades 9-12. 2018-2019 Master list available at: [tinyurl.com/gmba2018](http://tinyurl.com/gmba2018)



## Kindergarten - 4th Grade Picture Books and Emergent Readers

◆ ***On a Magical Do-Nothing Day*** by Beatrice Alemagna. HarperCollins. “All I want to do on a rainy day like today is play my game. My mom says it’s a waste of time, but without my game, nothing is fun! On the other hand, maybe I’m wrong about that...” A picture book with startlingly beautiful words and pictures that will spur imagination and a break from boredom and screen time.

◆ ***Noodleheads See the Future*** by Tedd Arnold, Martha Hamilton and Mitch Weiss. Holiday House. Noodlehead brothers Mac and Mac determine that Meatball can see the future. What they really want in their future is for Mom to bake them a cake. But they don’t want to oblige her request to dig holes for her garden. A wacky easy reader story, based upon traditional folktale motifs.

◆ ***Give Bees a Chance*** by Bethany Barton. Viking Books. Bethany Barton’s interactive cartoon-style illustrations and hilarious narrator mean this book is full of facts and fun. With bees officially on the endangered animals list, it’s more important now than ever to get on board with our flying, honey-making friends. Kirkus Reviews says, “Even the most bee-phobic readers will have a hard time resisting this swarm of humor and fact.”

◆ ***Glow: Animals with Their Own Night-lights*** by W.H. Beck. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. Why be afraid of the dark when there is so much to see? Whether it’s used to hunt, hide, find a friend, or escape an enemy, bioluminescence—the ability to glow—is a unique adaptation in nature. In this fun and fascinating nonfiction picture book, join world-renowned photographers and biologists on their close encounters with the curious creatures that make their own light.

◆ ***King & Kayla and the Case of the Missing Dog Treats*** by Dori Hillestad Butler. Peachtree Publishers. King, a lovable golden retriever, helps his human girl solve a mystery. Kayla made peanut butter treats for Jillian’s new puppy Thor. But now the treats are missing. Who could have taken them?

◆ ***Grand Canyon*** by Jason Chin. Roaring Brook Press. Rivers wind through earth, cutting down and eroding the soil for millions of years, creating a cavity in the ground 277 miles long, 18 miles wide, and more than a mile deep known as the Grand Canyon.

◆ ***Big Cat, Little Cat*** by Elisha Cooper. Roaring Brook Press. There was a cat who lived alone. Until the day a new cat came... And so a story of friendship begins, following the two cats through their days, months, and years until one day, the older cat has to go. And he doesn’t come back. A deceptively simple story of love, loss and moving on.

◆ ***La Princesa and the Pea*** by Susan Middleton Elya. G.P. Putnam’s Sons. The Princess and the Pea gets a fresh twist in this charming bilingual retelling. El príncipe knows this girl is the one for him, but, as usual, his mother doesn’t agree. The queen has a secret test in mind to see if this girl is really a princess, but the prince might just have a sneaky plan, too...

◆ ***Yaffa and Fatima: Shalom, Salaam*** by Fawzia Gilani-Williams. Kar-Ben Pub. Two neighbors, one Jewish, one Muslim, have always been best friends. When they both fall on hard times, can they find a way to help each other? In Fawzia Gilani’s picture book retelling of this traditional folktale which has both Jewish and Arab origins, differences are not always causes for conflict and friendship can overcome any obstacle.

◆ ***Cinnamon*** by Neil Gaiman. Harper Collins. A talking tiger is the only one who may be able to get a princess to speak in this beautiful picture book set in a mythic India by the Newbery Medal-winning Neil Gaiman. This stunning picture book will transport readers to another time and place and will delight parents and children alike.

◆ ***The Boy and the Whale*** by Mordicai Gerstein. Roaring Brook Press. A boy and his father discover a whale tangled in their only fishing net. While the man worries about losing their net, the boy worries about the whale. When the whale blinks an enormous eye, the boy knows that he has to try to save the creature, no matter how dangerous doing so may be. Inspired by a real-life whale rescue.

◆ ***Snail and Worm Again*** by Tina Kugler. HMH Books. The dynamic duo of Snail and Worm are back for more fun and giggles in three new comic shorts brimming with quirky humor and unflappable friendship. At turns clever and sweet, these laugh-out-loud stories are perfect for readers coming out of their own shells and making the transition between picture books and chapter books.

◆ ***I See a Cat (I Like to Read series)*** by Paul Meisel. Holiday House. When a housebound dog spies a cat, a bird, and other animals outside a glass door, he is excited: I see a cat. I see a bird. I see a squirrel. When the dog’s beloved boy comes home from school, the two pals get up close and personal with all the backyard wildlife! Simple text and engaging illustrations will inspire confidence in new readers.

◆ ***The Banana-Leaf Ball: How Play Can Change the World*** by Katie Smith Milway. CitizenKid. A young East African boy named Deo lives alone in the Lukole refugee camp in Tanzania. With scarce resources at the camp, bullies have formed gangs to steal what they can, and have begun targeting Deo. Then one day a coach gathers all the children to play soccer. As Deo and the other boys get drawn into the game, everything begins to change. Includes information about Benjamin, the Burundi boy who inspired the story.

◆ ***Dude!*** by Aaron Reynolds. Roaring Brook Press. Dude! You have to read this book. It’s totally about this platypus and this beaver who are friends. They want to go surfing but dude, there’s this shark who’s in the ocean, too. But don’t worry. This shark approaches and you’ll never guess what happens... A hilarious, gnarly summer adventure picture book.

◆ ***Listen: How Pete Seeger Got America Singing*** by Leda Schubert. Roaring Brook Press. In this gorgeously written and illustrated tribute to legendary musician and activist Pete Seeger, Vermont author Leda Schubert highlights major musical events in Mr. Seeger’s life as well important moments of his fight against social injustice. From singing sold-out

concerts to courageously standing against the McCarthy-era finger-pointing, Pete Seeger’s life is celebrated.

◆ ***My Kite is Stuck! and Other Stories*** by Salina Yoon. Bloomsbury. Loud and in-charge Big Duck, quiet and clever Little Duck, and friendly and gentle Porcupine return in another delightful trio of stories. These three friends may be different, but they always find a way to have lots of fun.

◆ ***What to Do with a Box*** by Jane Yolen, illustrated by Chris Sheban. Creative Editions. If you give a child a box, who can tell what will happen next? It may become a library or a boat. It could set the scene for a fairy tale or a wild expedition. The most wonderful thing is its seemingly endless capacity for magical adventure.

## Middle Grades

◆ ***The Wild Robot Escapes*** by Peter Brown. Little, Brown. Shipwrecked on a remote, wild island, Robot Roz learned from the unwelcoming animal inhabitants and adapted to her surroundings—but can she survive the challenges of the civilized world and find her way home to Brightbill and the island? A heartwarming and action-packed sequel to *The Wild Robot*, about what happens when nature and technology collide.

◆ ***Maker Lab Outdoors: 25 Super Cool Projects*** by Jack Challoner. DK. Projects focus on Earth and the environment, plants and animals, weather, water, and physics, bringing science learning home and into the backyard. Young scientists can build a wormery and learn about compost, crack rocks with water and learn about freezing and thawing, build and launch a water rocket to see Newton’s laws in action, and more. A step-by-step activity guide requiring only household materials.

◆ ***Giant Squid*** by Candace Fleming. Roaring Brook Press. One of the most elusive creatures in the world, the elusive Giant Squid hide beyond reach deep within the sea, forcing scientists to piece together their story from those clues they leave behind: an injured whale’s ring-shaped scars indicate an encounter with a giant squid, a piece of beak broken off in a whale’s belly; a flash of ink dispersed as a blinding defense to allow the squid to escape—these fragments of proof were all we had...until a giant squid was finally filmed in its natural habitat just three years ago. Discover this amazing creature!

◆ ***The Candymakers*** by Wendy Maas. Little, Brown. Four children have been chosen to compete in a national competition to find the tastiest confection in the country. Who will invent a candy more delicious than the Oozing Crunchorama or the Neon Lightning Chew? This sweet, charming, and cleverly crafted story, told from each contestant’s perspective, is filled with mystery, friendship, and juicy revelations.

◆ ***How to (Almost) Ruin Your Summer*** by Taryn Souders. Sourcebooks Jabberwocky. Chloe McCorkle knew a summer camp where you had to learn a career was a bad idea. She tried to tell her parents, but they just had to go on vacation to Alaska and ship her off for two weeks. It’s not ideal, but she’s going to try to make the best of it. She might even learn some

skills that will help her make money for the new bike she’s been eyeing. But Chloe quickly discovers there’s only one area at which she excels; she manages to get more demerits than anyone else in camp.

◆ ***Cardboard*** by Doug TenNapel. GRAPHIX. Cam’s down-and-out father gives him a cardboard box for his birthday and he knows it’s the worst present ever. So to make the best of a bad situation, they bend the cardboard into a man and to their astonishment, it comes magically to life. But the neighborhood bully, Marcus, warps the powerful cardboard into his own evil creations that threaten to destroy them all! A fast-paced graphic novel adventure.

◆ ***Echo Echo : Reverso Poems about Greek Myths*** by Marilyn Singer. Dial Books. What happens when you hold up a mirror to poems about Greek myths? You get a brand-new perspective on the classics! And that is just what happens in *Echo Echo*, the newest collection of reverso poems from Marilyn Singer. Read one way, each poem tells the story of a familiar myth; but when read in reverse, the poems reveal a new point of view.

## Grades 5-8

◆ ***Amal Unbound*** by Aisha Saeed. Nancy Paulsen Books. The compelling story of a Pakistani girl’s fight to regain her life and education after being forced to leave school and work as an indentured servant to repay her family’s debts. Amal realizes she will have to find a way to work with others if they are ever to exact change in a cruel status quo, and if Amal is ever to achieve her dreams.

◆ ***Posted*** by John David Anderson. Walden Pond Press. When cell phones are banned at Branton Middle School, Frost and his friends come up with a new way to communicate: leaving sticky notes for each other all around the school. It catches on and soon all the kids in school are leaving notes. A sticky-note war erupts and the pressure to choose sides mounts. When new girl Rose arrives at school, Frost must choose what is really important to him.

◆ ***Brave*** by Svetlana Chmakova. Yen Press. In his daydreams, Jensen is the biggest hero that ever was, saving the world and his friends on a daily basis. But middle school reality: math is hard, getting along with friends is hard...Even finding a partner for the class project is a big problem when you always get picked last. Jensen has always played the middle school game one level at a time, but suddenly, someone’s cranked up the difficulty setting.

◆ ***Real Friends*** by Shannon Hale. First Second/Roaring Brook Press. Shannon and Adrienne have been best friends ever since they were little. But one day, Adrienne starts hanging out with Jen, the most popular girl in class and the leader of a circle of friends called The Group. Everyone in The Group wants to be Jen’s #1, and some girls would do anything to stay on top . . .

◆ ***Lights, Camera, Cook! (Next Best Junior Chef series)*** by Charise Mericle Harper. HMH Books. It’s “lights, camera, cook!” for four tween contestants about to enter a televised