

# Summer Reading List

with the help of prominent children's book illustrators.

**by James Sturm**

TOON Books, 2016, ISBN: 9781943145096

Ape and Armadillo learn that achieving world domination is a lot less fun without your best friend at your side.

**Edited by Ellen Oh**

Crown Books, 2017, ISBN: 9781101934593

Ten authors celebrate diversity through tales of Bigfoot, basketball, girl pirates, and more in a highly readable, relatable short-story collection.

**by Cynthia DeFelice**

Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2015, ISBN: 9780374324278

Friends Wyatt and Augie spend an unplugged summer in the woods, building a fort and protecting a disabled boy from bullies.

**by Ashley Bryan**

Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books, 2016, ISBN: 9781481456906

Bryan breathes life into eleven slaves (listed as property on a document from 1828 that he purchased in an estate sale) through his exquisite portraits and narrative poetry.

**by Jennifer L. Holm**

Random House, 2016, ISBN: 9780553510362

In Depression era Key West, Beans Curry and his barefoot gang of friends try various

schemes to

make easy

money in this

laugh-out-loud historical novel.

**by Nikki Grimes**

WordSong, 2016, ISBN: 9781629797403

Overweight sci-fi nerd Garvey knows he can never be the athlete his father wants him to be, but maybe—just maybe—he might be able to find his own path when he joins the school chorus.

**by Robbie Robertson,**

**illustrated by David Shannon**

Abrams, 2015, ISBN: 9781419712203

A powerful introduction to the story of Hiawatha, the Mohawk who translated the message of unity from the Peacemaker, unifying the five nations of Iroquois.

**by Roxane Orgill, illustrated**

**by Frances Vallejo**

Candlewick Press, 2016, ISBN: 9780763669546

This collection of poetry focuses on the process art designer Art Kane went through in order to photograph what was to become the iconic 1958 photo of American jazz greats on a stoop in Harlem.

**by Juana Medina**

Candlewick Press, 2016, ISBN: 9780763672089

A little girl growing up in Bogotá is determined to learn English before her trip to the U.S. and her visit to Spaceland.

**by Tracey Baptiste**

Algonquin, 2015, ISBN: 97811616204143

Eleven-year-old Corinne must call on her courage and an ancient magic to stop an evil spirit and save her island home.

**by Max Brallier, illustrated by**

**Douglas Holgate**

Viking, 2015, ISBN: 9780670016617

Described as *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* meets *The Walking Dead*, this postapocalyptic graphic novel is sure to delight summer readers as Jack Sullivan holes up in his tree house for as long as he can.

**by Monica Brown, illustrated**

**by Angela Dominquez**

Little, Brown, 2015, ISBN: 9780316258364

Sports-loving Lola accidentally injures a classmate during a recess soccer game and resolves to win back her spot on the field—and her friends—by demonstrating what good sportsmanship is all about.

**by Louise Erdrich**

HarperCollins, 2016, ISBN: 9780060577933

Twin brothers Makoons and Chickadee travel across the plains in search of buffalo with their family in the 1860s.

**by Sharon Creech**

HarperCollins, 2016, ISBN: 9780062415240

When Reena found out she was moving to Maine, she pictured lighthouses and lobsters, not a neighbor with a zany cow named Zora.

**by Ben Clanton**

Tundra Books, 2016, ISBN: 9781101918715

A narwhal and a jellyfish strike up an unlikely friendship and have adventures under the sea.

**by Jacqueline Davies**

HarperCollins/Katherine Tegen Books, 2016, ISBN: 9780062369888

Maggie, aspiring scientist and hacker, and Lena, a talented artist, team up to add a little mystery and mischief to the last days of Odawahaka Middle School.

**by Adele Griffin, illustrated**

**by Mike Wu**

Scholastic, 2016, ISBN: 9780545732796

Follow Oona Oodlethunk on her adventures in prehistoric times as she tries to find the perfect pet.

**by Sara Pennypacker,**

**illustrated by Jon Klassen**

Balzer + Bray, 2016, ISBN: 9780062377012

Peter leaves home to reunite with his beloved pet fox, Pax.

**by Kate DiCamillo**

Candlewick Press, 2016, ISBN: 9780763681173

Raymie prepares for a local beauty pageant in the hopes of getting the attention of her father and becomes friends with her quirky competitors.

**by Olugbemisola Rhuday-Vernick**

Balzer + Bray, 2016, ISBN: 9780062414250

Two girls who are both named Naomi find themselves at odds when their parents begin to date.

**by Kelly Jones, illustrated by**

**Katie Kath**

Knopf Books, 2015, ISBN: 9780385755528

When she and her family move to a farm, Sophie discovers some unique chickens that need more than just care and feeding.

**by Bob Raczka**

Roaring Brook Press, 2016, ISBN: 9781626722361

Raczka offers a collection of twenty-one concrete poems that are a surefire way to draw the attention of young readers and inspire readers.

