



# Summer Reading Suggestions 2010

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## PICTURE BOOKS (EVERYBODY BOOKS)

Crum, Shutta. **Thunder Boomer** (2009)

A farm family scurries for shelter from a violent thunderstorm that brings welcome relief from the heat and also an unexpected surprise.

Crow, Kristyn. **Middle Child Blues** (2009)

A boy named Lee sings about all the miserable aspects of being a middle child.

Lowery, Lois. **Crow Call** (2008)

Nine-year-old Liz accompanies the stranger who is her father, just returned from the war, when he goes hunting for crows in Pennsylvania farmland.

Hayes, Geoffrey. **Benny and Penny in the Big No-No!** (2009)

Two mice meet their new neighbor and discover that she is not as scary as they feared.

Rash, Andy. **Are you a horse?** (2009)

Roy receives a saddle for his birthday, and sets out in search of a horse to use it on.

Ziefert, Harriet. **My Forever Dress** (2009)

Grandma sews an environmentally friendly party dress for her granddaughter that can be recycled as the young girl grows.

Long, Loren. **Otis** (2009)

When a big new yellow tractor arrives, Otis the friendly little tractor is cast away behind the barn, but when trouble occurs, Otis is the only one who can help.

Brown, Peter. **The Curious Garden** (2009)

Liam discovers a hidden garden and with careful tending spreads color throughout the gray city.

Alexander, Claire. **Small Florence: piggy pop star!** (2010)

Florence, a young pig, is too shy to sing in front of her sisters, but gathers her courage at a singing competition when they lose their nerve.

Crowley, Ned. **Nanook and Pryce: gone fishing** (2009)

Two friends, Nanook and Pryce, spend a day ice fishing near their Eskimo village.

De Seve, Randall. **The Duchess of Whimsy: an absolutely delicious fairytale** (2009)

The Duchess of Whimsy has absolutely no interest in the Earl of Norm until he makes a sandwich that causes her to look at him in an entirely different way.

Fucile, Tony. **Let's do Nothing** (2009)

Young friends Frankie and Sal, believing they have "done it all," decide to do nothing for a while, but Frankie has a little trouble with the concept and it is not long before the boys realize there is no way to do nothing.

### **YOUNGER READERS**



McMullan, Kate. **Pearl and Wagner: one funny day** (2009)

April Fools' Day turns into a bad day for Wagner the mouse when his best friend, Pearl the rabbit, and other children and adults at school play tricks on him.

Durand, Hallie. **Dessert first** (2009)

Third-grader Dessert's love of treats leads to a change in her large family's dinner routine, then an awful mistake, and later a true sacrifice after her teacher, Mrs. Howdy Doody, urges students to march to the beat of their own drums.

Vernon, Ursula. **Dragonbreath** (2009)

Danny Dragonbreath and his friend Wendell get an up-close underwater tour of the Sargasso Sea from Danny's sea-serpent cousin, encountering giant squid and mako sharks--and learn about standing up to bullies in the process.

Schertle, Alice. **Look Out, Jeremy Bean** (2009)

Collects three adventures of shy Jeremy Bean and his unusual problem solving skills; and features "Jeremy Bean's Collection," "Jeremy Bean and the Dust Bunny," and "Jeremy Bean's St. Patrick's Day."

Yee, Wong Herbert. **Mouse and Mole: fine feathered friends** (2009)

When spring arrives, Mole and Mouse find a unique way to bird watch.

Carris, Joan. **Wild Time at the Bed and Biscuit** (2009)

Ernest the mini-pig does his best to help the other animals at Grandpa Bender's boarding house get along and have fun, but the arrival of a hyper Scottish terrier puppy who wants to be a fox disrupts life.

Hicks, Betty. **Scaredy-cat Catcher** (2009)

When Rocky, a talented catcher who was injured during the previous baseball season by an out-of-control runner, develops a reflex that keeps him from tagging the runner out, Rocky's friends--and his dog Chops--help him overcome his fear.



### **OLDER READERS**

Lin, Grace. **Where the Mountain Meets the Moon** (2009)

Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish, and then joins a dragon that cannot fly on a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon in hopes of bringing life to Fruitless Mountain and freshness to Jade River.

Cabot, Meg. **Stage Fright (Allie Finkle's Rules for Girls)** (2009)

Nine-year-old Allie has rules for everything and is even writing her own rule book, but her world is turned upside-down when she learns that her family is moving across town, which will mean a new house, school, best friend, and plenty of new rules.

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. **Faith, Hope and Ivy June** (2009)

During a student exchange program, seventh-graders Ivy June and Catherine share their lives, homes, and communities, and find that although their lifestyles are total opposites they have a lot in common.

Goodwin, Vincent. **Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's The Adventure of the Speckled Band** (2010)

Retold in graphic novel form, Sherlock Holmes comes to the aid of a client whose sister's dying words referred to a mysterious speckled band.

Gibson, Sarah P. **The Truth about Horses, Friends and My Life as a Coward** (2008)

As she fearfully begins learning to ride and manage the horses she never wanted her family to own, Sophie Groves also begins to acquire friends on the Maine island she calls home.

DiTerlizzi, Tony. **Kenny & the Dragon** (2008)

Kenny Rabbit tries to save his friend, the dragon, after he is labeled a community nuisance by the simple people of Roundbrook village, who arrange for the creature to be fought by St. George.

LaFevers, R.L. **Flight of the Phoenix** (2009)

Ten-year-old Nate is sent to live with a family cousin, the world's last beastologist, after his parents are declared lost at sea, but danger mounts when he is brought on an expedition to the Arabian Desert, gets lost, and must protect a newly hatched phoenix egg and rescue his guardian.

Daly, Niki. **Bettina Valentino and the Picasso Club** (2009)

A controversial new teacher at Bayside Preparatory School introduces the exciting world of art to aspiring artist Bettina Valentino and her fifth-grade classmates, encouraging them to see everyday life in a different way.

Haddix, Margaret. **Sent** (2009)

Jonah, Katherine, Chip, and Alex find themselves in 1483 at the Tower of London, and discover that Chip and Alex are Prince Edward V and Richard of Shrewsbury, imprisoned by Richard III; but trying to repair history without knowing what is supposed to happen proves challenging.

**NON-FICTION**



Stewart, Melissa. **Under the Snow** (2009)

Describes how different animals survive the long, cold winter months.

Mortenson, Greg. **Listen to the Wind** (2009)

A children's book that tells the story of Dr. Greg Mortenson's promise to build a school in a remote Himalayan village after the villagers saved his life.

Deedy, Carmen Agra. **14 Cows for America** (2009)

Presents an illustrated tale of a gift of fourteen cows given by the Maasai people of Kenya to the U.S. as a gesture of comfort and friendship in the wake of the attacks of September 11, 2001.

Hatkoff, Juliana. **Winter's Tail: how one little dolphin learned to swim again** (2009)

Recounts the true story of Winter, a dolphin who lost her tail and had to relearn how to swim using a specially-created prosthetic tail.

Pinkney, Andrea Davis. **Sojourner Truth's Step-stomp Stride** (2009)

Text and illustrations tell the life story and describe the work of African-American abolitionist and women's rights activist Sojourner Truth.

## **POETRY**



Scanlon, Elizabeth Garton. **All the World** (2009)

Follows a group of family members and friends through the course of a day as they learn the importance of all things great and small.

Lewis, J. Patrick. **Spot the Plot** (2009)

An illustrated collection of thirteen poems, each of which poses a riddle about a familiar story.

Ruddell, Deborah. **Whiff of Pine, a Hint of Skunk: a forest of poems** (2009)

An illustrated collection of whimsical poems about life in the forest through the seasons.

*“Giving Wings To Children’s Dreams”*