

6th Grade Summer Reading

The Best Man by Richard Peck

Archer has four important role models in his life--his dad, his grandfather, his uncle Paul, and his favorite teacher, Mr. McLeod. When Uncle Paul and Mr. McLeod get married, Archer's sixth-grade year becomes one he'll never forget. Humor/Realistic fiction.

The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their difficult, not-so-caring mother.

Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk

Twelve-year-old Annabelle must learn to stand up for what's right in the face of a violent new bully who targets people Annabelle cares about, including a homeless World War I veteran. Historical fiction.

Full of Beans by Jennifer Holm

Meet Turtle's cousin, Bean! Ten year-old Beans Curry, a member of the Keepsies, the best marble playing gang in Depression-era Key West, Florida, engages in various schemes to earn money.

Ghost by Jason Alexander

Ghost wants to be the fastest sprinter on his elite middle school track team, but his past is slowing him down. Ghost. Lu. Patina. Sunny. Four kids from wildly different backgrounds that are explosive when they clash. But they are also four kids chosen for an elite middle school track team—a team that could qualify them for the Junior Olympics if they can get their acts together. They all have a lot to lose, but they also have a lot to prove, not only to each other, but to themselves.



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Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper

The story of a brilliant girl who cannot speak or write. Melody is not like most people. She cannot walk or talk, but she has a photographic memory; she can remember every detail of everything she has ever experienced. She is smarter than most of the adults who try to diagnose her and smarter than her classmates—the very same classmates who dismiss her as mentally challenged, because she cannot tell them otherwise. But Melody refuses to be defined by cerebral palsy. And she's determined to let everyone know it...somehow. Realistic fiction.

Rain, Reign by Ann M. Martin

Rose Howard is obsessed with homonyms. She's thrilled that her own name is a homonym, and she purposely gave her dog Rain a name with two homonyms, which, according to Rose's rules of homonyms, is very special. When a storm hits their town, rivers overflow, the roads are flooded, and Rain goes missing. Rose's father shouldn't have let Rain out. Now Rose has to find her dog, even if it means leaving her routines and safe places to search.

Pax by Sara Pennypacker

After being forced to give up his pet fox Pax, a young boy named Peter decides to leave home and get his best friend back. Pax and Peter have been inseparable ever since Peter rescued him as a kit. But one day, the unimaginable happens: Peter's dad enlists in the military and makes him return the fox to the wild. At his grandfather's house, three hundred miles away from home, Peter knows he isn't where he should be—with Pax. He strikes out on his own despite the encroaching war, spurred by love, loyalty, and grief, to be reunited with his fox.

Bubonic Plague by Gail Jarrow

In March 1900, San Francisco's health department investigated a strange and horrible death in Chinatown. A man had died of bubonic plague, one of the world's deadliest diseases. But how could that be possible? 'Bubonic Panic' tells the true story of America's first plague epidemic. Non-fiction.

Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Ally's greatest fear is that everyone will find out she is as dumb as they think she is because she still doesn't know how to read. A novel for anyone who has ever thought there was something wrong with them because they didn't fit in. Everybody is smart in different ways. Realistic fiction.

Save Me a Seat by Sarah Weeks

Ravi has just moved to the United States from India and has always been at the top of his class; Joe has lived in the same town his whole life and has learning problems--but when their lives intersect in the first week of school they are brought together by a common enemy (the biggest bully in their class) and the need to take control of their lives. Realistic fiction.

The Thing about Jellyfish by Ali Benjamin

After her best friend dies in a drowning accident, Suzy is convinced that the true cause of the tragedy must have been a rare jellyfish sting- things don't just happen for no reason. Suzy lost her longtime best friend twice: first at the beginning of sixth grade, when Franny shifted away from her and into a clique of "pretty girls," and then during the following summer, when Franny drowned at the beach. Entering seventh grade and burdened by painful memories that she can neither express nor forget, Suzy almost entirely stops talking for many months. She becomes fascinated with jellyfish and intent on linking Franny's drowning to a sting.

Night of the Howling Dogs by Graham Salisbury

On the big island of Hawaii, Dylan's Scout troop hikes down into an ancient volcano. It's peaceful. But there's a problem: Louis Domingo- bully.

Some Writer! by Melissa Sweet

A celebration of the life and work of New Yorker writer and children's-book author E.B. White. In an illustrated biography, Sweet unspools the life of author E.B. White (1899-1985) in scrapbook-style pages. The book is full of photos, letters and excerpts from White's most famous works, making it a treasure trove for *Charlotte's Web* fans and aspiring writers everywhere. Drop everything and read this book! Biography

The Wild Robot by Peter Brown

Can a robot survive in the wilderness? When robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island. She has no idea how she got there or what her purpose is--but she knows she needs to survive. After battling a fierce storm and escaping a vicious bear attack, she realizes that her only hope for survival is to adapt to her surroundings and learn from the island's unwelcoming animal inhabitants. As Roz slowly befriends the animals, the island starts to feel like home--until, one day, the robot's mysterious past comes back to haunt her.

Ms. Bixby's Last Day by John David Anderson

Everyone knows there are different kinds of teachers. The boring ones, the mean ones, the ones who try too hard, the ones who stopped trying long ago. The ones you'll never remember, and the ones you want to forget. Ms. Bixby is none of these. She's the sort of teacher who makes you feel like school is somehow worthwhile. Topher, Brand, and Steve know this better than anyone. And so when Ms. Bixby unexpectedly announces that she won't be able to finish the school year, they come up with a risky plan—more of a quest, really—to give Ms. Bixby the last day she deserves.

Other Choices We Recommend

The Phantom Tollbooth
Where the Red Fern Grows
Black Ships before Troy: Iliad
My Side of the Mountain
The White Mountains
Island of the Blue Dolphins
One Crazy Summer
The Secret of Platform 13
The Crossover (*Newbery Winner*)
Bomb: Race to Steal and Build World's
Most Dangerous Weapon (NF)
Counting By 7's
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh
Lincoln's Grave Robbers (NF)
Waiting for the Magic (*Lexile 420*)
Gorilla Dawn

Norton Juster
Wilson Rawls
Rosemary Sutcliff
Jean Craighead George
John Christopher
Scott O'Dell
Rita Williams-Garcia
Eva Ibbotson
Kwame Alexander
Steve Sheinkin

Holly Goldberg Sloan
Robert C. O'Brien
Steve Sheinkin
Patricia MacLachlan
Gill Lewis