

Sylvan Learning Recommended Summer Reading List

Grades K-2

Sports

- *Brothers at Bat: The True Story of an Amazing All-Brother Baseball Team*, By Audrey Vernick
- *Clorinda Plays Baseball!*, By Robert Kinerk
- *Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Babe Ruth Baseball*, By David A. Adler

Adventure

- *The Adventures of a Plastic Bottle: A Story About Recycling*, By Alison Inches
- *Transformers Dark of the Moon: Optimus Prime's Friends and Foes*, By Kirsten Mayer
- *Where the Wild Things Are*, By Maurice Sendak

Education

- *My Book about Me*, By Dr. Seuss, Roy McKie
- *Book Fiesta!: Celebrate Children's Day/Book Day—Celebremos El día de los niños/El día de los libros: A Bilingual Picture Book*, By Pat Mora
- *Marco Goes to School*, By Roz Chast

Innovators

- *Goodnight iPad: A Parody for the Next Generation*, By Ann Droyd
- *My First Human Body Book*, By Patricia J. Wynne
- *Disney Pixar Storybook Collections*, By Annie Auerbach
- *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Young Readers Edition*, By William Kamkwamba
- *Planting a Rainbow*, By Lois Ehlert

Arts

- *Sign Language: My First 100 Words*, By Michiyo Nelson
- *Where on Earth?*, By Dorling Kindersley Publishing Staff
- *Here's a Little Poem: A Very First Book of Poetry*, By Jane Yolen, Andrew Fusek Peters
- *Press Here*, By Hervé Tullet
- *Opuestos: Mexican Folk Art Opposites in English and Spanish*, By Cynthia Weill
- *Mousterpiece*, By Jane Breskin Zalben

History

- *Looking at Lincoln*, By Maira Kalman
- *Electric Ben: The Amazing Life and Times of Benjamin Franklin*, By Robert Byrd
- *Helen's Big World: The Life of Helen Keller*, By Doreen Rappaport

Movies

- *The Man in the Moon (Guardians of Childhood)*, By William Joyce
- *Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs*, By Judi Barrett
- *Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa: The Junior Novel*, By J.E. Bright

Sports

- *Sports Illustrated Kids 1st and 10: Top 10 Lists of Everything in Football*, By Sports Illustrated for Kids
- *The Everything Kids' Soccer Book: Rules, techniques, and more about your favorite sport!*, By Deborah W. Crisfield
- *Extreme Sports*, By John Crossingham, Bobbie Kalman
- *Combat Sports*, By Clive Gifford
- *A Nation's Hope: The Story of Boxing Legend Joe Louis*, By Matt de la Peña
- *Hothead*, By Cal Ripken Jr., Kevin Cowherd

Adventure

- *Camp Out!: The Ultimate Kids' Guide*, By Lynn Brunelle
- *Adventurers: 20th Century Lives*, By Jane Bingham
- *How to Be a Spy Kid*, By Kate Egan
- *The Mostly True Adventures Of Homer P. Figg*, By Rodman Philbrick
- *How to be a Detective*, By Dan Waddell

Education

- *Ocean Sunlight: How Tiny Plants Feed the Seas*, By Molly Bang, Penny Chisholm
- *The Everything Kids' Science Experiments Book: Boil Ice, Float Water, Measure Gravity-Challenge the World Around You!* (Everything Kids Series), By Tom Robinson

Innovators

- *Profiles #3: Tech Titans*, By Carla Killough McClafferty
- *The Kid Who Invented the Popsicle: And Other Surprising Stories About Inventions*, By Don L. Wulffson
- *Robotics: Discover the Science and Technology of the Future with 20 Projects*, By Kathy Ceceri
- *Marvelous Mattie: How Margaret E. Knight Became an Inventor*, By Emily Arnold McCully

Arts

- *13 Artists Children Should Know*, By Angela Wenzel
- *The Art of Healthy Eating – Kids*, By Maria Emmerich
- *An Eye for Color: The Story of Josef Albers*, By Natasha Wing
- *Uh-oh, Leonardo!: The Adventures of Providence Traveler*, By Robert Sabuda

History

- *Car Science*, By Richard Hammond
- *Election!: A Kid's Guide to Picking Our President* (2012 Edition), By Dan Gutman
- *The Boy Who Invented TV: The Story of Philo Farnsworth*, By Kathleen Krull
- *The Boston Tea Party*, By Russell Freedman
- *If You Lived at the Time of the American Revolution*, By Kay Moore

Movies

- *How to Train Your Dragon*, By Cressida Cowell
- *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, By Jeff Kinney
- *Mr. Popper's Penguins*, By Richard Atwater, Florence Atwater
- *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, By C.S. Lewis
- *Harry Potter Literary Series*, By J.K. Rowling

Sports

- *LeBron James: The Rise of a Star*, By David Lee Morgan Jr.
- *How Did I Get Here?: The Ascent of an Unlikely CEO*, By Tony Hawk
- *A History of Rugby*, By Paul Morgan
- *Sports Illustrated Kids 3D Sports Blast!*, By David E. Klutho
- *The Batboy*, By Mike Lupica
- *The Go-for-Gold Gymnasts: Balancing Act*, By Dominique Moceanu, Alicia Thompson
- *Mystery at the Olympics: Rush for the Gold*, By John Feinstein
- *Tangerine*, By Edward Bloor

Adventure

- *My Life as a Stuntboy*, By Janet Tashjian, Jake Tashjian
- *How to Take the Grrr Out of Anger*, By Elizabeth Verdick, Marjorie Lisovskis
- *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, By Mark Twain
- *The Jungle Books*, By Rudyard Kipling
- *My Side of the Mountain*, By Jean Craighead George
- *The Impossible Rescue: The True Story of an Amazing Arctic Adventure*, By Martin W. Sandler

Education

- *A Smart Girl's Guide to Starting Middle School*, By Julie Williams Montalbano
- *Writing Magic: Creating Stories that Fly*, By Gail Carson Levine
- *See You Later, Procrastinator! (Get It Done)*, By Pamela Espeland, Elizabeth Verdick
- *Confucius: The Golden Rule*, By Russell Freedman

Innovators

- *Schooled*, By Gordon Korman
- *Where's My Stuff?: The Ultimate Teen Organizing Guide*, By Samantha Moss, Lesley Schwartz
- *New Junior Cookbook*, By Better Homes and Gardens
- *Battlefield of the Mind for Teens: Winning the Battle in Your Mind*, By Joyce Meyer
- *Invincible Microbe: Tuberculosis and the Never-Ending Search for a Cure*, By Jim Murphy, Alison Blank
- *Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream*, By Tanya Lee Stone
- *Spilling Ink: A Young Writer's Handbook*, By Anne Mazer, Ellen Potter

Arts

- *Independence Day Origami*, By Ruth Owen
- *Acting for Young Actors: The Ultimate Teen Guide*, By Mary Lou Belli, Dinah Lenney
- *Poetry for Young People: Langston Hughes*, By David Roessel, Arnold Rampersad
- *Chuck Close: Face Book*, By Françoise Mouly
- *Talking with Artists: Volume Two*, By Pat Cummings
- *The Secret Life of Logos: Behind the Design of 80 Great Logos*, By Leslie Cabarga
- *Wideness & Wonder: The Life and Art of Georgia O'Keeffe*, By Susan Goldman Rubin

History

- *Who Is Bill Gates? (Who was...?)*, By Patricia Brennan Demuth
- *The History of Moviemaking: Animation and Live-Action, from Silent to Sound, Black-And-White to Color*, By Sheila Keenan
- *The 100: A Ranking Of The Most Influential Persons In History*, By Michael H. Hart
- *Abraham Lincoln & Frederick Douglass: The Story Behind an American Friendship*, By Russell Freedman
- *Iceberg, Right Ahead!: The Tragedy of the Titanic*, By Stephanie Sammartino McPherson

Movies

- *Eragon*, By Christopher Paolini
- *War Horse*, By Michael Morpurgo
- *The Hobbit*, By J.R.R. Tolkien
- *Holes*, By Louis Sachar
- *Tuck Everlasting*, By Natalie Babbitt
- *A Wrinkle in Time*, By Madeleine L'Engle

Sports

- *The Football Coaching Bible*, By American Football Coaches Association
- *Sports in American History: From Colonization to Globalization*, By G. Gems, L. Borish, G. Pfister
- *Curveball: The Year I Lost My Grip*, By Jordan Sonnenblick
- *Muhammad Ali: His Life and Times*, By Thomas Hauser
- *The Final Four*, By Paul Volponi
- *Boy21*, By Matthew Quick
- *Throw Like a Girl: How to Dream Big and Believe in Yourself*, By Jennie Finch, Ann Killion
- *Swimming to Antarctica: Tales of a Long-Distance Swimmer*, By Lynne Cox

Adventure

- *Looking for Alaska*, By John Green
- *The Things They Carried*, By Tim O'Brien
- *Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mt. Everest Disaster*, By Jon Krakauer
- *Peak*, By Roland Smith

Education

- *The Secrets of College Success*, By Lynn F. Jacobs, Jeremy S. Hyman
- *Speak*, By Laurie Halse Anderson
- *Do You! 12 Laws to Access the Power in You to Achieve Happiness and Success*, By R. Simmons, C. Morrow
- *Salt Sugar Fat: How the Food Giants Hooked Us*, By Michael Moss
- *A Short History of Nearly Everything*, By Bill Bryson
- *How to Succeed in High School and Prep for College*, By Phyllis Zimmler Miller, M.B.A.
- *Hippocrates: Father of Medicine*, By Herbert Goldberg

Innovators

- *The Fault in Our Stars*, By John Green
- *Perfect*, By Ellen Hopkins
- *Never Fall Down*, By Patricia McCormick
- *The Victorian Internet: The Remarkable Story of the Telegraph and the Nineteenth Century's On-line Pioneers*, By Tom Standage
- *The Boy Who Harnessed The Wind: Creating Current of Electricity and Hope*, By W. Kamkwamba, B. Mealer
- *The Book of Styling: An Insider's Guide to Creating Your Own Look*, By Somer Flaherty
- *Steve Jobs: The Man Who Thought Different*, By Karen Blumenthal

Arts

- *The Color Purple*, By Alice Walker
- *Broadway Musicals Show by Show*, By Stanley Green and Cary Ginell
- *How to Write a Movie in 21 Days: The Inner Movie Method*, By Viki King
- *Plot & Structure*, By James Scott Bell
- *Art Explained: The World's Greatest Paintings Explored and Explained*, By Robert Cumming
- *Jane Austen: A Life Revealed*, By Catherine Reef
- *Raggin' Jazzin' Rockin': A History of American Musical Instrument Makers*, By Susan VanHecke

History

- *A Short History of the World*, By H. G. Wells
- *America the Beautiful: Rediscovering What Made This Nation Great*, By Ben Carson, M.D.
- *The Wave*, By Todd Strasser
- *The Book Thief*, By Markus Zusak
- *The Forgotten 500: The Untold Story of the Men Who Risked All for the Greatest Rescue Mission of World War II*, By Gregory A. Freeman
- *Ghost Soldiers: The Epic Account of World War II's Greatest Rescue Mission*, By Hampton Sides

Movies

- *The Secret Life of Bees*, By Sue Monk Kidd
- *Where the Heart Is*, By Billie Letts
- *Life of Pi*, By Yann Martel
- *The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game*, By Michael Lewis
- *The Hunger Games*, By Suzanne Collins