

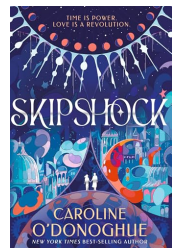
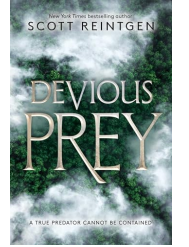
# Transit Middle School Summer Reading List 2026

Summer reading is optional - but encouraged!

Here are a few recommendations by Ms. Gorski!

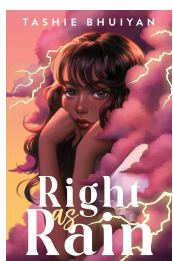
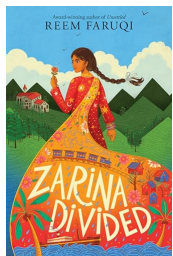
## FANTASY

- *The Wand Keepers: A Sky Full of Dragons* by Tiffany McDaniel (Grades 3-6)
- *Nell O'Dell Hates Quests* by Emily B. Martin (Grades 4-6)
- *Chronicles of Whetherwhy: The Age of Enchantment* by Anna James (Grades 4-6)
- *The Whisperwicks: The Labyrinth of Lost and Found* by Jordan Lees (Grades 4-6)
- *Wilderlore: The Accidental Apprentice* by Amanda Foody (Grades 4-6)
- *Story Thieves* by James Riley (Grades 4-6)
- *The Undead Fox of Deadwood Forest* by Aubrey Hartman (Grades 4-7)
- *Secrets of the Snakestone* by Piu DasGupta (Grades 4-7)
- *The Missing Magic of Sparrow Xia* by Leia Ham (Grades 4-7)
- *The Memory Spinner* by C.M. Cornwell (Grades 4-7)
- *The Luck Uglies* by Paul Durham (Grades 5-8)
- *The Aftermyth* by Tracy Wolff (Grades 5-8)
- *The Vanished Kingdom: Peter Nimble and His Fantastic Eyes* by Jonathan Auxier (Grades 5-8)
- *The Tale of Plagues and Perfumes* by Jake Halpern (Grades 6-8)
- *The Witching Wind* by Natalie Lloyd (Grades 5-8)
- *The Troubled Girls of Dragomir Academy* by Anne Ursu (Grades 5-8)
- *The Unwanteds* by Lisa McMann (Grades 5-8)
- *Mark of the Thief* by Jennifer A. Nielsen (Grades 6-9)
- *Until the Clock Strikes Midnight* by Alechia Dow (Grades 8-12)
- *A Curious Kind of Magic* by Mara Ruthorford (Grades 8-12)
- *Six Crimson Cranes* by Elizabeth Lim (Grades 8+)
- *Graceling* by Kristin Cashore (Young Adult)
- *The Lies of Alma Blackwell* by Amanda Glaze (Young Adult)
- *Devious Prey* by Scott Reintgen (Young Adult)
- *Never Ever After* by Sue Lynn Tan (Young Adult)
- *Little Thieves* by Margaret Owen (Young Adult)
- *A Forgery of Fate* by Elizabeth Lim (Young Adult)
- *The Rose Bargain* by Sasha Peyton Smith (Young Adult)
- *His Face is the Sun* by Michelle Jabes Corpora (Young Adult)
- *Skipshock* by Caroline O'Donoghue (Young Adult)
- *Deathly Fates* by Tesia Tsai (Young Adult)
- *These Shattered Spires* by Cassidy Ellis Salter (Young Adult)
- *Children of Blood and Bone* by Tomi Adeyemi (Young Adult)
- *The Demon King: A Seven Realms Novel* by Cinda Williams Chima (Young Adult)
- *The House of Saphir* by Marissa Meyer (Young Adult)
- *Forging Silver into Stars* by Brigid Kemmerer (Young Adult)



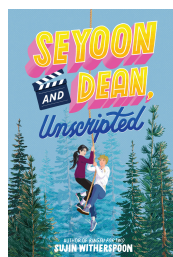
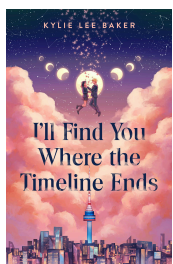
## REALISTIC FICTION

- *Growing Home* by Beth Ferry (Grades 2-5)
- *The Lemonade War* by Jacqueline Davies (Grades 3-5)
- *Wombat Waiting* by Katherine Applegate (Grades 4-6) - **POETRY**
- *Ruby on the Outside* by Nora Raleigh Baskin (Grades 4-6)
- *The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise* by Dan Gemeinhart (Grades 4-6)
- *Wilderness Hacks* by Joslin Brorsen (Grades 4-7)
- *Holding on for Dear Life* by Dusti Bowling (Grades 4-7)
- *The Anxious Exile of Sara Salt* by Gabrielle Prendergast (Grades 4-7)
- *Some of Us Are Brave* by Saadia Faruqi (Grades 4-7)
- *Octopus Moon* by Bobbie Pyron (Grades 4-8) - **POETRY**
- *All the Blues in the Sky* by Renee Watson (Grades 4-8) - **POETRY**
- *Zarina Divided* by Reem Faruqi (Grades 4-8) - **POETRY**
- *24 Hours in Nowhere* by Dusti Bowling (Grades 5-7)
- *Birdy* by N. West Moss (Grades 5-8)
- *The Trouble with Heroes* by Kate Messner (Grades 5-8) - **POETRY**
- *Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus* by Dusti Bowling (Grades 5-8)
- *My So-Called Family* by Gia Gordon (Grades 5-8)
- *Born Behind Bars* by Padma Venkatraman (Grades 5-8)
- *The Tenth Mistake of Hank Hooperman* by Gennifer Choldenko (Grades 5-8)
- *When Tomorrow Burns* by Tae Keller (Grades 5-8)
- *The Hero's Guide to Summer Vacation* by Pablo Cartaya (Grades 6-8)
- *This Could All Go Bad* by Spencer Hall (Grades 7-10)
- *Sparrow* by Sarah Moon (Grades 7-10)
- *The Secret Astronomers* by Jessica Walker (Grades 8-12)
- *Far from the Tree* by Robin Benway (Young Adult)
- *Right as Rain* by Tashie Bhuiyan (Young Adult)
- *A List of Cages* by Robin Roe (Young Adult)
- *Highly Illogical Behavior* by John Corey Whaley (Young Adult)
- *I Am Not Jessica Chen* by Ann Liang (Young Adult)
- *All the Bright Places* by Jennifer Niven (Young Adult)



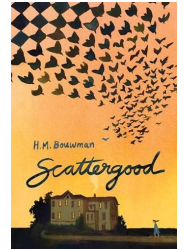
## ROMANCE

- *The Wish Switch* by Lynn Painter (Grades 4-8)
- *Well, That Was Awkward* by Rachel Vail (Grades 6-8)
- *Along for the Ride* by Sarah Dessen (Grades 8-12)
- *Love, Canter, Action* by Katie Gilbert (Young Adult)
- *Well, That Was Unexpected* by Jesse Q. Sutanto (Young Adult)
- *I'll Find You Where the Timeline Ends* by Kylie Lee Baker (Young Adult)
- *On the Fence* by Kasie West (Young Adult)
- *Lemons and Lies* by Alexis Castellanos (Young Adult)
- *Eliza, from Scratch* by Sophia Lee (Young Adult)
- *I Could Give You the Moon* by Ann Liang (Young Adult)
- *What to Say Next* by Julie Buxbaum (Young Adult)
- *Seyoon and Dean, Unscripted* by Sujin Witherspoon (Young Adult)



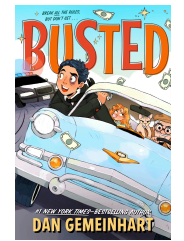
## HISTORICAL FICTION

- *Eyes on the Sky* by Kasper Kramer (Grades 4-6)
- *A Place to Hang the Moon* by Kate Albus (Grades 4-7)
- *The List of Unspeakable Fears* by J. Kasper Kramer (Grades 4-7)
- *Westfallen* by Ann Brashares (Grades 4-7)
- *The Lions' Run* by Sara Pennypacker (Grades 4-8)
- *The Nine Moons of Han Yu and Luli* by Karina Yan Glaser (Grades 4-8)
- *Scattergood* by H.M. Bouwman (Grades 4-8)
- *Each and Every Spark* by Claire Swinarski (Grades 5-8)
- *A Sea of Lemon Trees* by Maria Dolores Aguila (Grades 5-8) - **POETRY**
- *The Blood Years* by Elana K. Arnold (Young Adult)
- *The Grove* by Brooks Whitney Phillips (Young Adult)
- *As Long as the Lemon Trees Grow* by Zoulfa Katouh (Young Adult)



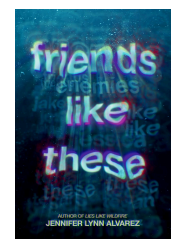
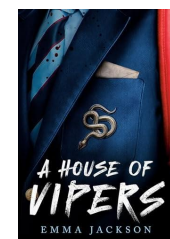
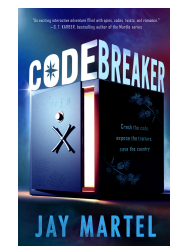
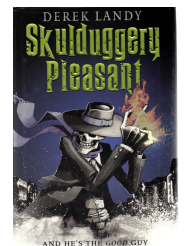
## HUMOR FICTION

- *The Terrible Two* by Mac Barnett (Grades 4-6)
- *Murder at the Museum: Montgomery Bonbon* by Alasdair Beckett-King (Grades 4-7)
- *Busted* by Dan Gemeinhart (Grades 4-7)
- *Confessions of a Class Clown* by Arianne Costner (Grades 4-8)
- *Old School* by Gordon Korman (Grades 5-8)
- *King of Nothing* by Nathanael Lessore (Grades 7-12)



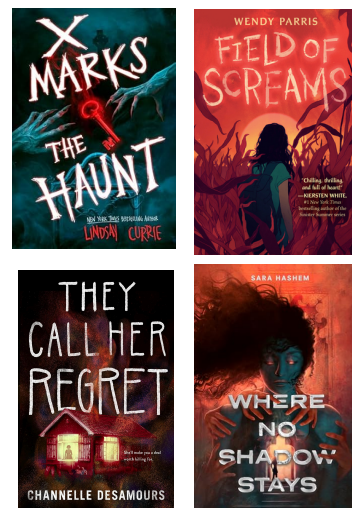
## MYSTERY & THRILLER FICTION

- *The Great Pet Heist* by Emily Ecton (Grades 3-6)
- *Secrets of the Broken House* by Taryn Souders (Grades 4-7)
- *A Perfect Mistake* by Melanie Conklin (Grades 4-7)
- *The Sherlock Society* by James Ponti (Grades 4-7)
- *Malamander* by Thomas Taylor (Grades 5-7)
- *Murder is Bad Manners* by Robin Stevens (Grades 5-7)
- *Rialto* by Kate Milford (Grades 5-8)
- *Skulduggery Pleasant* by Derek Landy (Grades 6+)
- *Beth is Dead* by Katie Bernet (Grades 7-12)
- *Codebreaker* by Jay Martel (Grades 8-12)
- *The Summer She Went Missing* by Chelsea Ichaso (Young Adult)
- *Little White Lies* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes (Young Adult)
- *All the Hidden Monsters* by Amie Jordan (Young Adult)
- *Friends Like These* by Jennifer Lynn Alvarez (Young Adult)
- *A House of Vipers* by Emma Jackson (Young Adult)
- *The Reappearance of Rachel Price* by Holly Jackson (Young Adult)
- *A Deadly Inheritance* by Kelley Armstrong (Young Adult)
- *The Wilde Trials* by Mackenzie Reed (Young Adult)



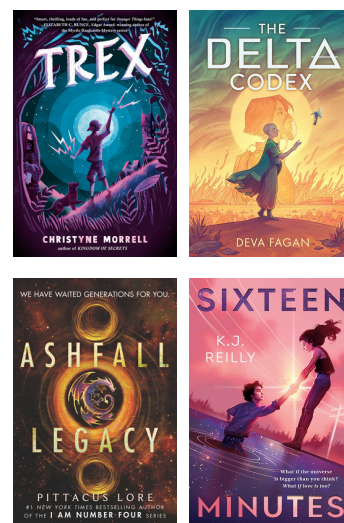
## SCARY FICTION

- *Wish Monster* by J.A. White (Grades 4-7)
- *Not Quite a Ghost* by Anne Ursu (Grades 4-7)
- *The Cursed Moon* by Angela Cervantes (Grades 4-7)
- *Mystery James Digs Her Own Grave* by Ally Russell (Grades 4-8)
- *X Marks the Haunt* by Lindsay Currie (Grades 4-8)
- *It Came from the Trees* by Ally Russell (Grades 5-8)
- *Field of Screams* by Wendy Parris (Grades 5-8)
- *Everlost* by Neal Shusterman (Grades 8-12)
- *They Call Her Regret* by Chanelle Desamours (Young Adult)
- *Where No Shadow Stays* by Sara Hashem (Young Adult)
- *Don't Let the Forest In* by CG Drews (Young Adult)
- *The Silenced* by Diana Rodriguez Wallach (Young Adult)



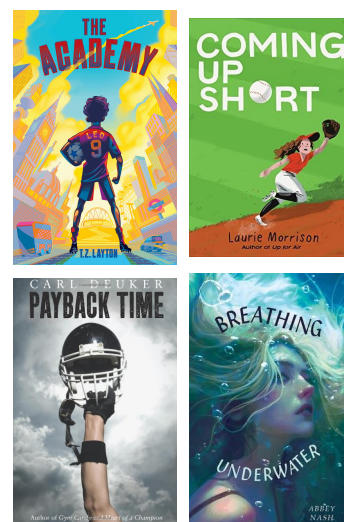
## SCIENCE FICTION

- *The Lion of Mars* by Jennifer L. Holm (Grades 4-6)
- *The Second Life of Snap* by Erin Entrada Kelly (Grades 4-6)
- *Trex* by Christyne Morrell (Grades 4-6)
- *The Experiment* by Rebecca Staed (Grades 4-6)
- *The Delta Codex* by Deva Fagan (Grades 5-8)
- *Last Day on Mars* by Kevin Emerson (Grades 5-8)
- *Anna-Jane and the Endless Summer* by Paige Classey (Grades 6-8)
- *Star Wars: Lost Stars* by Claudia Gray (Grades 6+)
- *Ashfall Legacy* by Pittacus Lore (Grades 7+)
- *Sixteen Minutes* by K.J. Reilly (Young Adult)
- *I Am Number Four* by Pittacus Lore (Young Adult)
- *Cinder* by Marissa Meyer (Young Adult)
- *Red Star Rebels* by Amie Kaufman (Young Adult)
- *Coldwire* by Chloe Gong (Young Adult)
- *The Dividing Sky* by Jill Tew (Young Adult)
- *Nyxia* by Scott Reintgen (Young Adult)
- *Skyward* by Brandon Sanderson (Young Adult)



## SPORTS FICTION

- *The Academy* by T.Z. Layton (Grades 3-5)
- *On Thin Ice* by Jessica Kim (Grades 4-7)
- *Select* by Christie Matheson (Grades 4-8)
- *Hidden Truths* by Elly Swartz (Grades 5-8)
- *Last Man Out* by Mike Lupica (Grades 5-8)
- *Heat* by Mike Lupica (Grades 5-8)
- *Shaken* by James Preller (Grades 5-8)
- *Coming Up Short* by Laurie Morrison (Grades 6-8)
- *The Running Dream* by Wendelin Van Draanen (Grades 7-10)
- *Payback Time* by Carl Deuker (Young Adult)
- *Breathing Underwater* by Abbey Lee Nash (Young Adult)
- *Rez Ball* by Byron Graves (Young Adult)



## NONFICTION & BIOGRAPHIES

- *Unfathomable* by Mary Boone (Grades 4-8)
- *How the Ghost Army Hoodwinked Hitler* by Rebecca Siegel (Grades 5-8)
- *Thank You for Coming to My Ted Talk* by Chris Anderson (Grades 6-10)
- *Whale Eyes* by James Robinson (Grades 6-10)
- *Destination Moon* by Richard Maurer (Grades 7-12)
- *Death in the Jungle* by Candace Fleming (Grades 7+)



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