

Grade 6 Summer Reading List

The books on this list have been chosen to appeal to a variety of interests and a range of reading and maturity levels. Parents may want to select reading material with their children.

Adventure Stories:

Peter and the Starcatchers by Dave Barry and R. Pearson

The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exup'ery

The Red Pyramid by Rick Riordan

Kidnapped, The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde
by Robert Louis Stevenson

Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift

The War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells

Classic Fiction:

Oliver Twist, David Copperfield, or other titles by Charles Dickens

Cheaper by the Dozen by Frank Gilbreth and Ernestine Carey

Tom Sawyer, Huckleberry Finn, and other titles by Mark Twain

Titles by Emily or Charlotte Bronte, Jane Austen, or Herman Melville

Modern Fiction:

Blue Heron, Nothing But the Truth, and other titles by Avi

Souder by William Armstrong

The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very
Interesting Boy by J. Birdsall

The Legend of Spud Murphy by E. Colfer

Free Baseball by Sue Corbett

Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech

Monkey Island One-Eyed Cat, and other titles by Paula Fox

My Side of the Mountain, The Cry of the Crow by Jean Craighead George

Double Identity by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Ida B...and Her Plans to Maximize Fun, Avoid Disaster, and (Possibly) Save the
World by K. Hannigan

The Clay Marble by Minfong Ho

Worth by A. LaFaye
A Summer to Die, Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
The Big Field by Mike Lupica
A Dog's Life: Autobiography of a Stray by A. M. Martin
Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
All of the Above: a Novel by Shelley Pearsall
Paint the Wind by Pam Munoz Ryan
The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart
Let the Circle Be Unbroken; Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor
Dacey's Song, Jackaroo, Tree by Leaf and other titles by Cynthia Voigt
H.I.V.E.: Higher-Institute of Villainous-Education by Mark Walden

Mystery:

Half Moon Investigations, The Legend of Spud Murphy by E. Colfer
The Hound of the Baskervilles, Sherlock Holmes mysteries
by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd

Animal Studies:

Shark Life: True Stories about Sharks and the Sea by P. Benchley
All Creatures Great and Small, and other titles by James Herriot
The Dolphins and Me by Don C. Reed
Walking with the Great Apes: Jane Goodall, Dian Fossey, Birute Galdikas
By Sy Montgomery

Anthropology and Archaeology:

The Secrets of Vesuvius: Exploring the Mysteries of an Ancient Buried City
by Sara C. Bisel
From the Beginning: The Story of Human Evolution by David Peters
Auks, Rocks, and the Odd Dinosaur: Inside Stories from the Smithsonian Museum
of Natural History by Peggy Thompson

Art:

The Impressionists by Steven Adams

The Magic Mirror of M. C. Escher by Bruno Ernst

Biography and Autobiography:

Tasting the Sky: A Palestinian Childhood by Ibtisam Barakat

The Triumph of Discovery: Four Nobel Women by Joan Dash

Wild Animals, Gentle Women by M. Facklam

Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini by Sid Fleischman

The Endless Steppe: Growing Up in Siberia by Esther Hautzig

Kids with Courage: True Stories about Young People Who Make a Difference
by Barbara Lewis

Stephen Hawking: Quest for a Theory of the Universe by Kitty Ferguson

Outward Dreams: Black Inventors and their Inventions by Jim Haskins

Rachel Carson: The Environmental Movement by John Henriksson

The Prince of Mathematics, Carl Friedrich Gauss by M. B. Tent:

Historical Fiction:

Beyond the Myth: The Story of Joan of Arc by Polly S. Brooks

My Brother Sam Is Dead by James and Christopher Collier

The Sacrifice by Kathleen Benner Duple

Johnny Tremain by Ester Forbes

Across Five Aprils by Irene Hunt

Weedflower by Cynthia Kadohata

Bread and Roses by Katherine Paterson

Heart of a Samurai by Margi Preus

Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan

Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy by Gary Schmidt

Shabanu, Daughter of the Wind by Suzanne Fisher Staples

Blitzcat, Echoes of War, The Kingdom by the Sea, The Machine Gunner
by Robert Westall

Counting on Grace by Elizabeth Winthrop

Science Fiction and Fantasy:

Prydain Chronicles by Lloyd Alexander
Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt
Martian Chronicles by Ray Bradbury
2010 by Michael Crichton
City of Ember by Jeanne Duprau
Redwall by Brian Jacques
Time Trilogy by Madeleine L'Engle
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH by R. O'Brien
Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson
Journey to the Center of the Earth by Jules Verne

History and Geography:

America Goes to War: 1941 by John Devaney
The Berlin Wall: How It Rose and Why It Fell by Doris Epler
Desert of Ice: Life and Work in Antarctica by W. John Hackwell

Mathematics:

Flatland: A Romance of Many Dimensions by Edwin Abbott
Fascinating Fibonacci by Trudi Garland
Mathematical Puzzles of Sam Loyd, More Mathematical Puzzles of Sam Loyd
by Sam Loyd
Mathematicians are People, Too (Two Volumes) by Luetta and Wilbert Reimer
The Number Devil by Hans Magnus Enzenberger

Science and Engineering:

Sports Science for Young People by George Barr
Industrial Minerals: How They Are Found by Robert Bates
Space: The Next 100 Years by Nicholas Booth
Silent Spring by Rachel Carson
Medicine in the Future by Mark Lambert
The Human Mind: How We Think and Learn by Thomas Metos

Poetry:

A New Treasury of Children's Poetry by Joanna Cole

Knock at a Star: A Child's Introduction to Poetry by X. J. and Dorothy Kennedy

Pizza, Pigs, and Poetry: How to Write a Poem, by Jack Perlutsky

Mythology and Folk Tales:

Great American Folklore by K. Battle

The People Could Fly: American Black Folk Tales by Virginia Hamilton

Tales of the Early World by Ted Hughes

Nota Bene: If you have already read the first book listed in a series, you may select a later volume in that series to read (as long as it is the first time you have read it.)