

**Summer Reading Challenge Book List**  
**Rising Third Grade 2026**

BOOK TITLE	LEVEL	AUTHOR
<b>CLASSICS</b>		
20,000 Leagues Under the Sea	Classic Starts	Jules Verne
A Bear Named Trouble		Marion Dane Bauer
A Boy, A Mouse, and a Spider		Barbara Herkert
A Little Princess	Classic Starts	Frances Hodgson Burnett
Aesop's Fables	Great Ill. Classics	Aesop
Anne of Avonlea	Classic Starts	Lucy Maud Montgomery
Arabian Nights	Classic Starts	Martin Woodside
Around the World in 80 Days	Great Ill. Classics	Jules Verne
Ask Albert Einstein		Lynne Barasch
Baby Island		Carol Ryne Brink
Balto and the Great Race	Stepping Stones True Stories	Elizabeth Kimmel
Because of Winn Dixie		Kate DiCamillo
Big Susan		Elizabeth Orton Jones
Black Beauty	Classic Starts	Anna Sewell
Black Ships Before Troy: The Story of the Iliad		Rosemary Sutcliff
Brightly of the Grand Canyon		Marguerite Henry
Children's Book of Heroes		William Bennett
City: A Story of Roman Planning & Construction		David Macaulay
D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths		Ingri and Edgar D'Aulaire
Great Expectations	Usborne Young Reading	Charles Dickens
Grimm's Fairy Tales	Classic Starts	Brothers Grimm
Gulliver's Travels	Great Ill. Classics	Jonathan Swift
Heidi	Classic Starts	Johanna Spyri
Honey Cake	Stepping Stones History	Joan Betty Stuchner
Jenny and The Cat Club		Esther Averill
Justin Morgan Had a Pony		Marguerite Henry
King of the Wind	Newbery Medal	Marguerite Henry
Louisa: The Life of Louisa May Alcott		Yona Zeldis McDonough
Nest for Celeste		Henry Cole
Oliver Twist	Classic Starts	Charles Dickens
One Day in the Desert	Trophy Chapter Book	Jean Craighead George
One Day in the Prairie	Trophy Chapter Book	Jean Craighead George
Owls in the Family		Farley Mowat
Pagoo		Holling C. Holling
Peter Pan	Great Ill. Classics	J.M. Barrie
Pinocchio	Classic Starts	Carlo Collodi
Poetry for Young People: Robert Louis Stevenson		Frances Schoonmaker
Pollyanna	Classic Starts	Eleanor H. Porter
Pompeii	Usborne Young Reading	Karen Ball
Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm	Classic Starts	Kate Douglas Wiggin
Riding the Pony Express		Clyde Robert Bulla

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Stuart Little		E.B. White
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	Classic Starts	Mark Twain
The Adventures of Robin Hood	Classic Starts	Howard Pyle
The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes	Great Ill. Classics	A. Conan Doyle
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer	Classic Starts	Mark Twain
The Bears on Hemlock Mountain	Ready for Chapters	Alice Dalgliesh
The Call of the Wild	Classic Starts	Jack London
The Canada Geese Quilt		Natalie Kinsey-Warnock
The Count of Monte Cristo	Great Ill. Classics	Alexandre Dumas
The Courage of Sarah Noble	Trophy Chapter Book	Alice Dalgliesh
The Hunchback of Notre Dame	Classic Starts	Victor Hugo
The Hundred Dresses	Newbery Honor	Eleanor Estes
The Journey of the One and Only Declaration of Independence		Judith George
The Jungle Book	Classic Starts	Rudyard Kipling
The Last of the Mohicans	Great Ill. Classics	James Fenimore Cooper
The Prince and the Pauper	Great Ill. Classics	Mark Twain
The Red Badge of Courage	Classic Starts	Stephen Crane
The Secret Garden	Great Ill. Classics	Frances Hodgson Burnett
The Story of Anne Frank	DK Readers, Level 3	Brenda Ralph Lewis
The Story of King Arthur and His Knights	Classic Starts	Howard Pyle
The Swiss Family Robinson	Classic Starts	Johann David Wyss
The Three Musketeers	Great Ill. Classics	Alexandre Dumas
The Time Machine	Classic Starts	H.G. Wells
The Trojan Horse	Step into Reading Level 5	Emily Little
The Usborne Book of Greek Myths		various
The Wanderings of Odysseus		Rosemary Sutcliff
The War of the Worlds	Classic Starts	H.G. Wells
The Wind in the Willows	Classic Starts	Kenneth Grahame
Treasure Island	Classic Starts	Robert Louis Stevenson
<b>SERIES BOOKS (any title in series)</b>		
A to Z Mysteries		Ron Roy
Adventures of Wilder Good		S.J. Dahlstrom
American Girl or American Girl Mysteries		various
Bonny's Big Day		James Herriot
Catwings		Ursula K. LeGuin
Childhood of Famous Americans		various
Classic Starts		various
Dear America		various
Dorling Kindersley Readers	Level 3, 4	various
Encyclopedia Brown		Donald Sobol
Ginger Pye	Newbery Medal	Eleanor Estes
Grandma's Attic		Arleta Richardson

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Great Illustrated Classics		various
Hank the Cowdog		John Erickson
Hardy Boys		Franklin Dixon
Indian in the Cupboard		Lynne Banks
My America		various
National Park Mystery Series		Aaron Johnson
Ramona Quimby		Beverly Cleary
Shiloh	Newbery Medal	Phyllis Naylor
Step into Reading	Level 4	various
Stepping Stones Classics		various
Sugar Creek Gang		Paul Hutchens
The Boxcar Children		Gertrude Warner
The Littles		John Peterson
The Milly-Molly-Mandy Storybook		Joyce Brisley
The Mouse and the Motorcycle		Beverly Cleary
The Nancy Drew Notebooks		Carolyn G. Keene
The Royal Diaries series		various
Treasury of Illustrated Classics		various
Usborne Illustrated Classics (Dickens, Princes & Princesses)		various
Usborne Young Reading		various
What was Pompeii?	any other title in What Was, What Is, or Where Is...? Series	various
Where the Sidewalk Ends		Shel Silverstein
Who Was Claude Monet?	any title in Who Was or Who Is...? Series	various
Winnie the Pooh		A.A. Milne
<b>ART &amp; MUSIC APPRECIATION</b>		
Getting to Know the World's Greatest Artists	Homer	Mike Venezia
Getting to Know the World's Greatest Artists	Renoir	Mike Venezia
Getting to Know the World's Greatest Artists	Sargent	Mike Venezia
Getting to Know the World's Greatest Composers	Beethoven	Mike Venezia
Getting to Know the World's Greatest Composers	Handel	Mike Venezia