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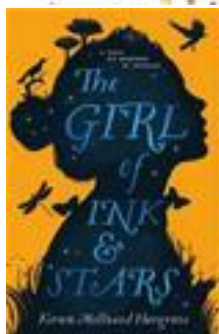
Summer Reading Suggestions



We are all Made of Molecules
Nielsen, Susin

Thirteen-year-old Stewart and mean-girl Ashley must find common ground when his dad moves in with his new girlfriend, Ashley's mum, whose gay ex-husband lives in their guest house.

AR Book Level: 4.7



The Girl of Ink and Stars
Millwood Hargrave, Kiran

When a mysterious death shakes her island community, thirteen-year-old Isabella, daughter to the island's only mapmaker, joins a party of explorers who go into the forest in search of answers.

AR Book Level: 4.7



A Dangerous Crossing
Mitchell, Jane

Based on the harrowing real-life experiences of Syrian families, this is the story of Ghalib and his family who are forced to leave Syria in search of a safe place to live.

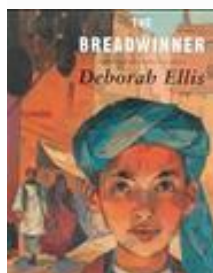
AR Book Level: 4.1



How to Look for a Lost Dog
Martin, Ann M.

When Rose's dog Rain goes missing during a storm, the implications for her family are greater than any of them imagined.

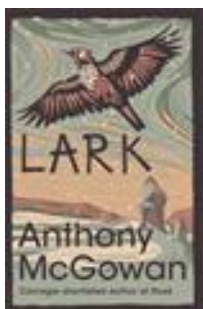
AR Book Level: 4.3



The Breadwinner
Ellis, Deborah

When Parvana's father is arrested and taken away, Parvana and her mother and sisters face starvation; under Taliban law women and girls must not leave the house alone. In desperation, Parvana pretends to be a boy to save her family.

Book Level 4.5



Lark
McGowan, Anthony

Things are getting tense at home for Nicky and Kenny as they wait for a visit from their mum. To escape, they go for a walk on the moors with their dog. However, the walk turns deadly when they are caught in a blizzard

Book Level 4.3



Timesnatch
Swindells, Robert

Kizzy and Frazer's physicist mum has invented a time machine to travel into the past, snatch an extinct plant or animal and bring it back to the present. But a sinister organisation has learned of the machine and wants to use it.

Book Level 4.3



The Colour of the Sun
Almond, David

A boy has been killed in Davie's little Tyneside town and Davie thinks he might know who did it. But as the day goes on, the real and imaginary start to merge - will Davie's world ever be the same?

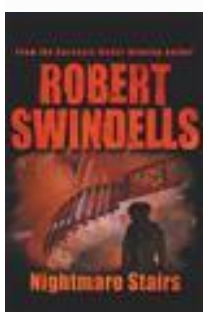
Book Level 4.1



Once
Gleitzman, Morris

After living in a Catholic orphanage for nearly four years, a naive Jewish boy runs away and embarks on a journey across Nazi-occupied Poland to find his parents. Book #1. Contains graphic descriptions of violence.

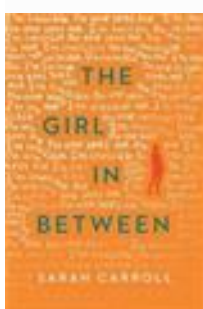
Book Level 4.1



Nightmare Stairs
Swindells, Robert

Every night Kirsty dreams of falling down steep, narrow stairs. Then she discovers that her grandma died falling down the stairs. When she delves into the past, she uncovers a terrible secret.

Book Level 4.1



The Girl in Between
Carroll, Sarah

A homeless girl and her mum take shelter in an abandoned mill in the center of a big city, but when developers make plans to knock the mill down, everything changes, prompting the girl to wonder what kind of ghosts are haunting both the mill and Ma.

Book Level 4



The Goose Road
House, Rowena

In 1916, Angélique embarks on an arduous journey across France accompanied by a flock of Toulouse geese. Can she save her family's farm?

Book Level 4.5



Jemima Small Versus the Universe
Winter, Tamsin

Jemima Small is funny and smart, but the word "big" is ruining her entire life. Can she find her time to shine?

Book Level 4.8



The Harder They Fall
Rai, Bali

When Cal's mum decides to 'rebalance' the family with a stint as volunteers at a local foodbank, Cal inadvertently discovers new kid Jacob's secret, but Jacob doesn't want anyone to know...

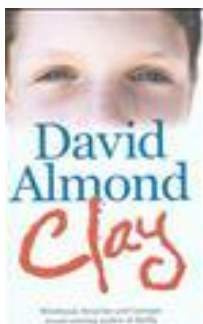
Book Level 3.2



The Pavee and the Buffer Girl
Dowd, Siobhan

When Jim's family halt at Dundray, the town is an unfriendly place. Bullying, name-calling and a new school to navigate without a word of reading. Then Jim meets Kit, who shows him how to survive. But everyday prejudice threatens to uproot their lives.

Book Level 4



Clay
Almond, David

The developing relationship between teenager Davie and a mysterious new boy in town morphs into something darker and more sinister when Davie learns first hand of the boy's supernatural powers.

Book Level 3.2



Taking Flight
Wilkinson, Sheena

When Declan's mother is admitted to hospital following an overdose, Declan goes to live with his aunt Colette and cousin Vicky. He gets to see a different way of life and realises he loves horses.

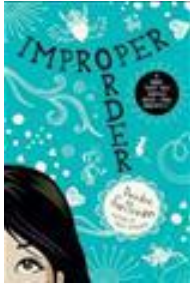
Book Level 3.7



Star by Star
Wilkinson, Sheena

It's 1918 and Stella has lost her suffragette mother to the flu pandemic that is sweeping Europe. Stella wants to change the world - but she can't do it all by herself.

Book Level 4.7



Improper Order
Sullivan, Deirdre

Can Prim defeat the evil Karen, find True Love without losing her best friend and get to be a cruciverbalist?

Book Level 6



Prim Improper
Sullivan, Deirdre

Primrose Leary, age 13. Likes: her pet rat, sausage sandwiches and her best friend Joel. Dislikes: human statues, living with her dad and not having her mum around anymore.

Book Level 6



Verdigris Deep
Hardinge, Frances

Three friends fall prey to the demands of the Well Witch when they trespass in her wishing well and steal some coins.

Book Level 6.3



Fly by Night
Hardinge, Frances

Mosca Mye and her homicidal goose, Saracen, travel to the city of Mandelion on the heels of smooth-talking con-man, Eponymous Clent.

Book Level 7.1



The Lie Tree
Hardinge, Frances

When Faith's father dies under mysterious circumstances it is up to her to uncover the truth with the help of one of her father's plants: a tree that feeds on lies.

Book Level 6.4



Alone on a Wide Wide Sea
Morpurgo, Michael

Orphaned in WWII, a young boy is separated from his sister and sent to Australia. There he survives a brutal existence on a farm, finds a new family, and becomes a boat builder.

Book Level 5.2



Noughts and Crosses
Blackman, Malorie

In Callum's world the white noughts are second-class citizens and the black Crosses are highly revered and perceived as the superior race. Callum is a nought and his best friend, Sephy, is a Cross and the daughter of a powerful politician. Book #1

Book Level 4



Coraline
Gaiman, Neil

Coraline has moved house and is intrigued by a bricked-up door which appears to lead nowhere. One day, she opens the door to find the bricks have vanished. Inquisitive, she goes through the door and enters a world where things are not quite as they seem.

Book Level 5.1



One
Crossan, Sarah

Grace and Tippi go to school for the first time after a life spent being homeschooled. Soon they are forced to make a difficult decision.

Book Level 5.2



The Paper & Hearts Society
Powrie, Lucy

After suffering bullying at her previous school, Tabby is reluctant to try to make new friends. But when she learns of a newly formed book club and meets Olivia, Ed, Cassie and Henry - its members - she realises she has found "her people". Book #1

Book Level: 5.1



Railhead
Reeve, Philip

Zen is just a petty thief, but his life changes when the mysterious Raven asks him to steal something from one of the safest places in the galaxy. Book #1

Book Level 6.1



Picture Me Gone

Rosoff, Meg

Twelve-year-old Mila travels with her father to upstate New York to visit friends and family, who may lead them to clues to the whereabouts of her father's best friend, who has gone missing.

Book Level 4.8



Z for Zachariah

O'Brien, Robert C.

This novel is about the aftermath of nuclear devastation.

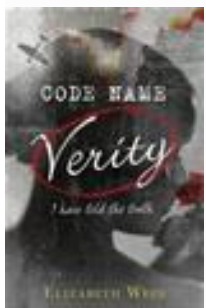
Book Level 5.6



Animal Farm

Orwell, George

Politically minded farm animals spark a revolution against their human master and establish a new government that fails because of a corrupt leader tempted by greed and power.



Code Name Verity

Wein, Elizabeth

In 1943, a British fighter plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France and the survivor tells a tale of friendship, war, espionage, and great courage as she relates what she must do to survive while keeping secret all that she can.

Book Level: 6.5