

Children's Reading List – Summer 2026 – List 1

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Fiction

The Little House Series (Books 1-5), Laura Ingalls Wilder
The Little House Series (Books 1-9), Laura Ingalls Wilder
Encyclopedia Brown (4-Book Set), Donald J. Sobol
The Boxcar Children Mysteries (Books 1-4), G. C. Warner
I Am Rebel, Ross Montgomery
The Bletchley Riddle, Ruta Sepetys and Steve Sheinkin
Stuart Little, E. B. White
Charlotte's Web, E. B. White
The Wild Robot (3-Book Series), Peter Brown
Molly's Manger, Malissa Chapin
See You Later, Alligator, Sally Hapgood
Heidi (Abridged Classic), Johanna Spyri
Mercy Watson Series (6 Books), Kate DiCamillo
3 Adventures on Deckawoo Drive, Kate DiCamillo
3 More Adventures on Deckawoo Drive, Kate DiCamillo

History / Biographies / Nonfiction

The Story of Carrie ten Boom, Jennifer T. Kelley
Dewey the Library Cat: A True Story, Vicki Myron
My Very First Cookbook (Little Chef Books), D. Kartes
Day by Day Kid's Bible, Karyn Henley
A Day in the Life (8-Book Series), Multiple Authors
Some Writer! The Story of E. B. White, Melissa Sweet
National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book (22 Books)
Mistakes That Worked, Charlotte F. Jones
The Kid Who Invented the Popsicle, Don Wulffson
Amelia Earhart (Movers and Shakers Series), Mary Nhin
Winston Churchill (Illustrated Biography), N. Damon
At Home Science Experiments for Kids, Chloe Campbell
Our Flag (A Golden Book), Carl Memling
The 50 States (10-Book Series), Gabrielle Balkan
Amy Carmichael (Do Great Things for God Series), Beless

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Summer Reading Ideas

- *Lead by example. Tell your child(ren) how much you enjoy what you are currently reading.
- *Establish a *brief* "reading break" each day. (Reading should never be used as punishment.) Try to read at the same time each day, and if possible, in the same location: a reading chair, outside under a tree, at bedtime.
- *Celebrate each page/chapter/book as your child completes it (stickers on a chart; a special activity or treat).
- *Talk to your child about what they are reading. Ask which character they like best; ask them to share one thing they learned in that day's reading; ask why their friend would/would not like the same book.

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