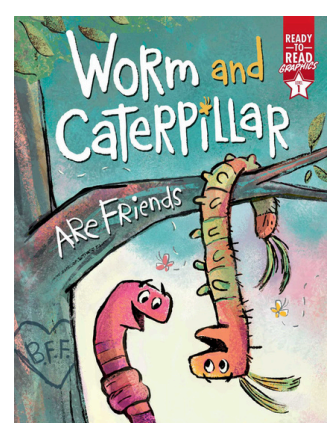
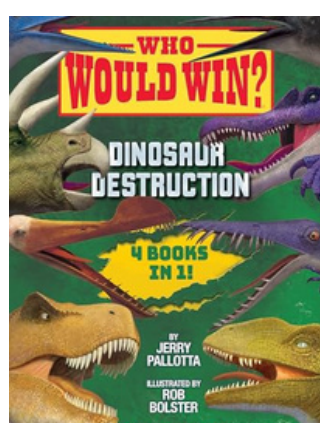
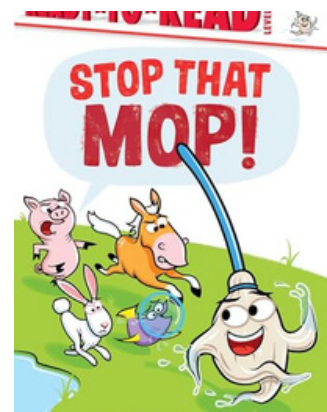
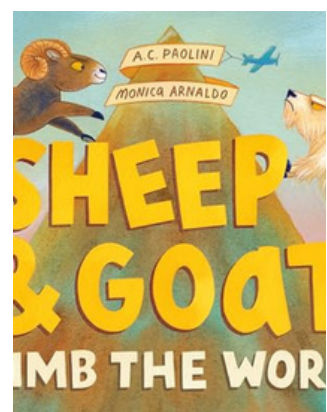
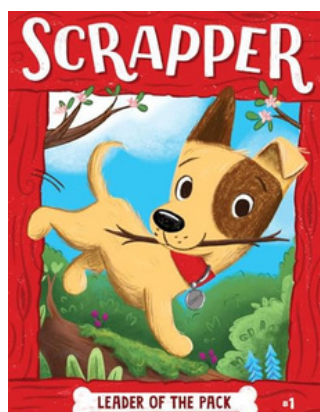
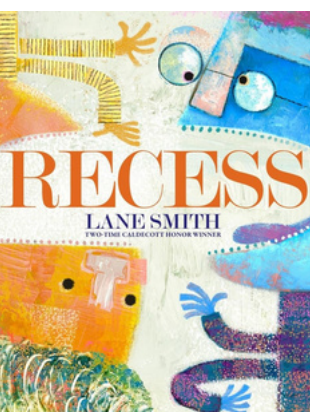
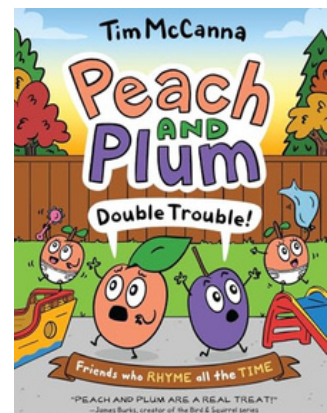
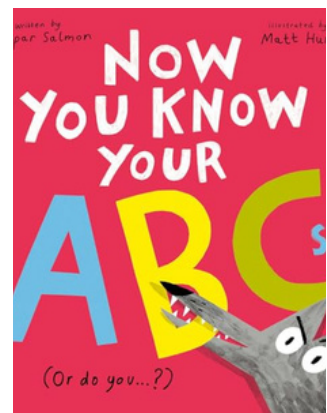
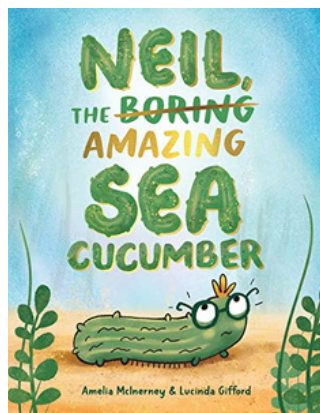
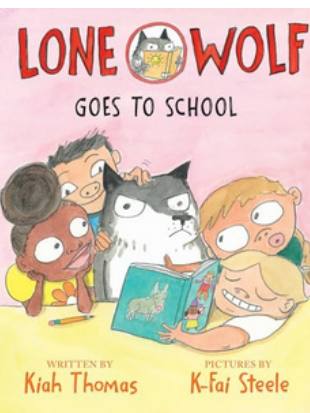
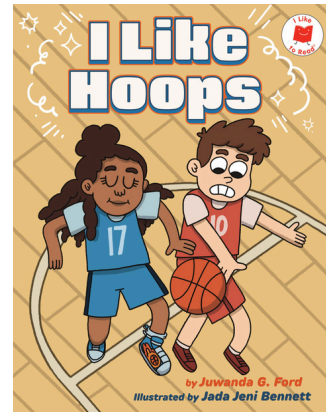
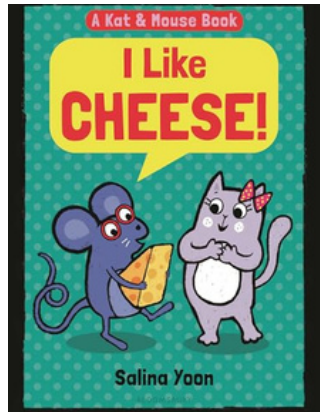
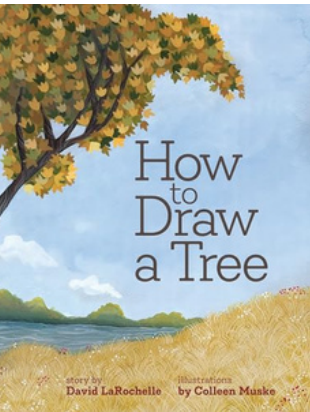
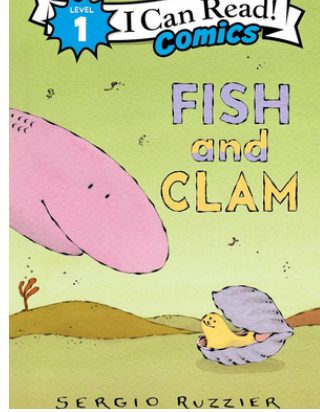
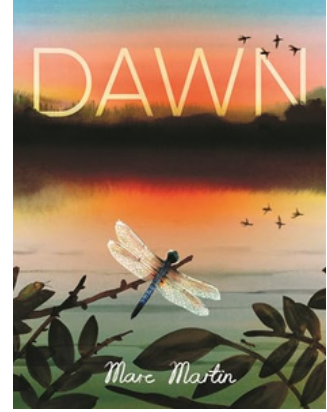
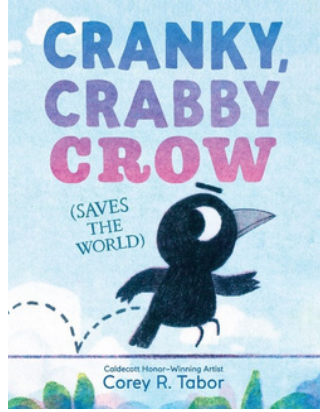
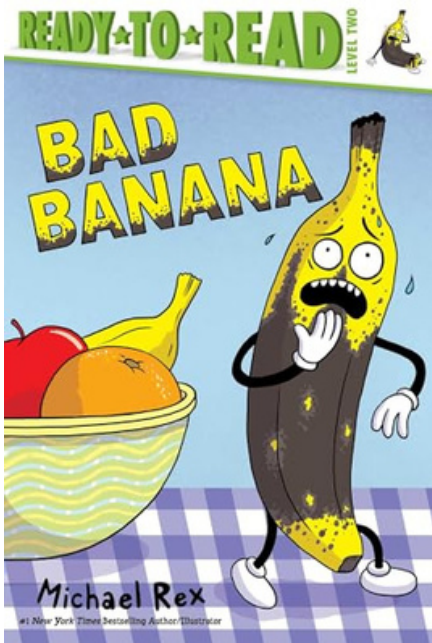


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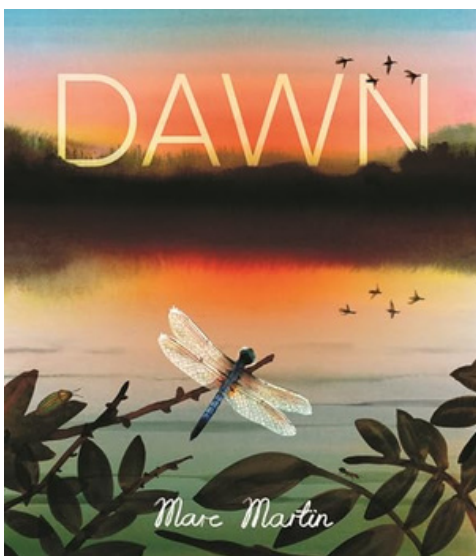
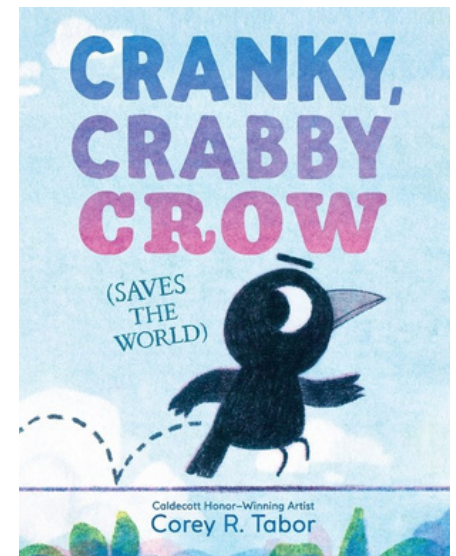


Bad Banana by Michael Rex

Wow, that's one bad banana. Look at it—it's soft. It's squishy. Its yellow peel has lots of spots! Could there be hope for a banana like that?

Cranky, Crabby Crow by Corey R. Tabor

Cranky, crabby Crow does *not* want to play with Squirrel or do loop-de-loops with Hummingbird. He doesn't have time for Rat or Bat. From high atop a telephone pole, Cat warns Crow that he will soon be all alone if he turns his friends away with his very cranky "kaw!" one more time. But, unbeknownst to all, Crow has bigger, world-saving fish to fry—he must protect planet Earth from an asteroid headed our way!

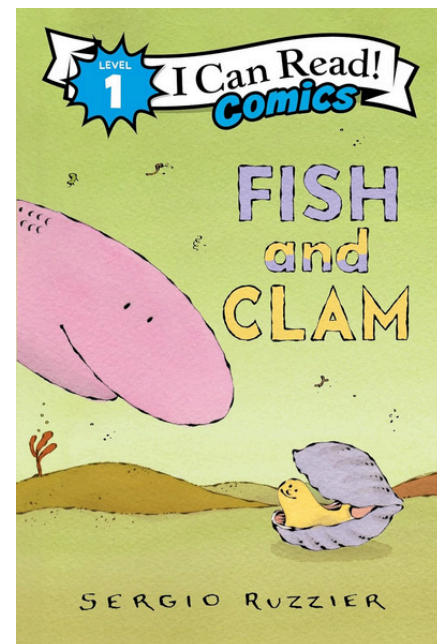


Dawn by Marc Martin

As the sun slowly rises, many things happen in a small window of time. The world comes alive with the actions of animals, plants, clouds, and sky. A deer drinks, an owl wakes, a dandelion shimmers in the light. A ladybug climbs, a fish jumps, birds call in a chorus. Geese fly away in formation. A flower blooms.

Fish and Clam by Sergio Ruzzier

Fish loves his pebble collection, but he wishes for more so he goes on a journey to find some. What he doesn't expect is to make a new friend along the way!



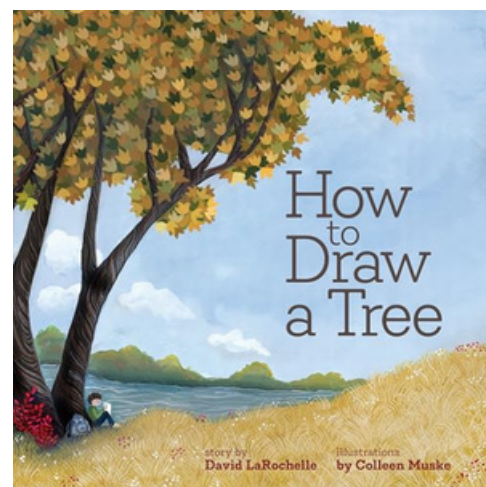
Gunnar the Viking's Great Pizza Adventure by Diego Vaisberg

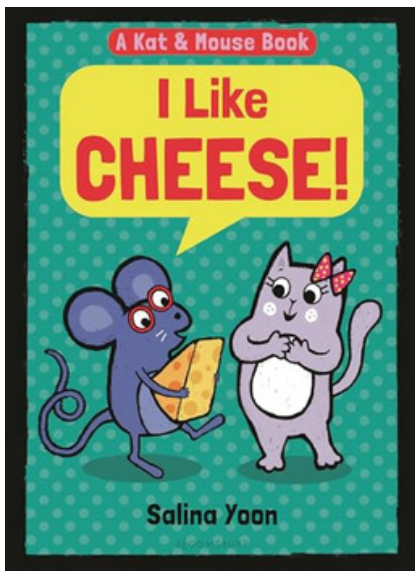
In a rugged northern village, there lived a brave Viking warrior named Gunnar. Deep down, Gunnar had a secret: He felt something was missing from his life.



How to Draw a Tree by David LaRochelle, illustrated by Colleen Muske

Would you like to draw a tree? Here's how. First you'll need to make friends with your tree. Feel it. Smell it. Listen to it. Look at your tree from close up and far away. Notice all the things that make your tree special, from the shape of its leaves to the variety of colors hidden within.



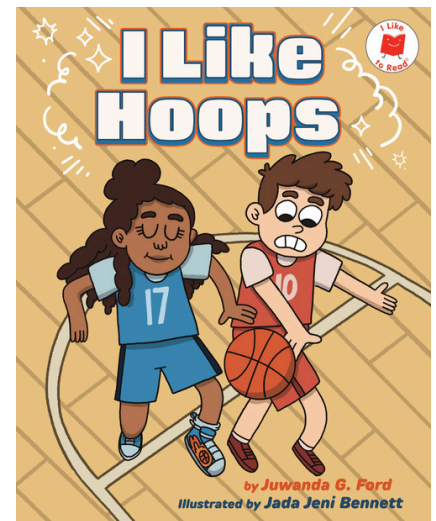


I Like Cheese! by Salina Yoon

Kat and Mouse are opposites: Kat is spontaneous and creative, and Mouse likes routine—and cheese. While Kat's lunchtime is always an adventure, Mouse, on the other hand, has cheese *every day*. Kat wonders: doesn't Mouse ever get bored of cheese?! Mouse wonders: does Kat ever get bored of *me*?! Can this duo find a lunch that fits their friendship?

I Like Hoops! by Juwanda G. Ford, illustrated by Jada Jeni Bennett

A close game of basketball, played by a diverse group of first and second graders, is full of suspense, joy—and good sportsmanship too!



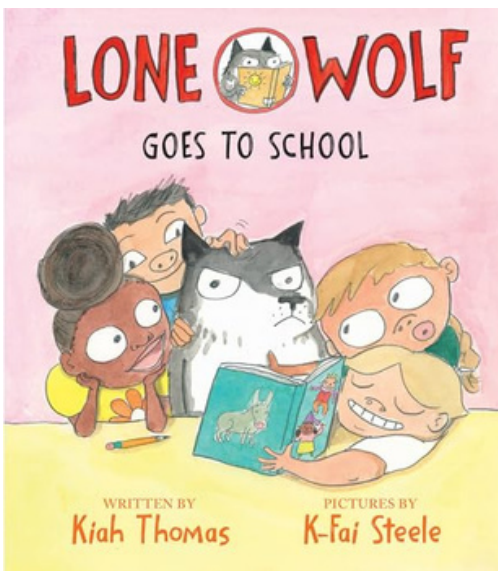
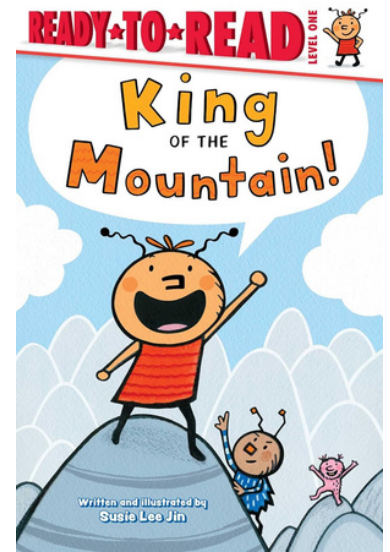
Jump for Joy by Karen Gray Ruelle, illustrated by Hadley Hooper

For as long as she can remember, Joy has wanted a dog. It doesn't matter what kind: big, little, spotted, curly. She wants one so fiercely, she makes dogs out of snow, seashells, or whatever's at hand! Little does Joy know that her perfect dog friend is just around the corner—wishing just as fiercely for a kid—and waiting to be discovered.



King of the Mountain! by Susie Lee Jin

All the fleas want to be king of the mountain and race to the top—until the mountain starts to move! They discover their mountain is a small part of a world that is bigger than the fleas ever imagined. Could it be some things are more important than being first?

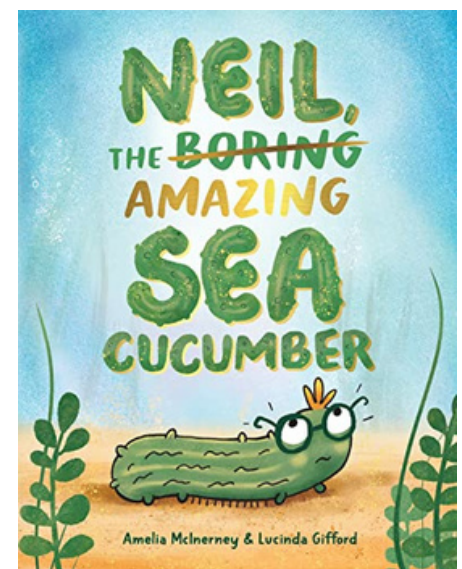


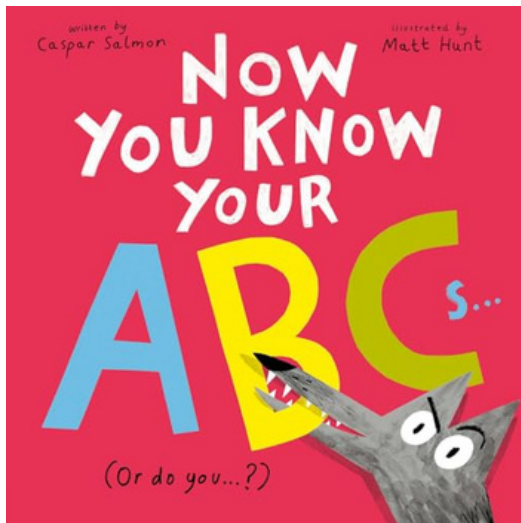
Lone Wolf Goes to School by Kiah Thomas,
illustrated by K-Fai Steele

Oscar the Grouch meets Frog & Toad in this hilarious illustrated early reader series about a cranky wolf on a quest to be left alone.

Neil, the Amazing Sea Cucumber by Amelia McInerney,
illustrated by Lucinda Gifford

With deadpan humor and a one-of-a-kind hero, this wryly clever picture book introduces the most exciting sea cucumber you'll ever meet . . . even if he's the ONLY sea cucumber you'll ever meet!





Now You Know Your ABCs... by Caspar Salmon,

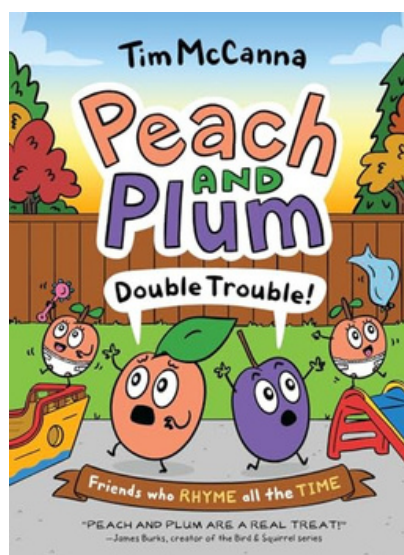
illustrated by Matt Hunt

You know your ABCs, right? GREAT! A is for apple, B is for ball, C is for castle . . . you get it. But is it really that easy? What if D is for dog, but that dog in the picture is actually a wolf in disguise? And that wolf starts chasing you through all the other letters?

Orris and Timble: The Beginning by Kate DiCamillo,

illustrated by Carmen Mok

Orris the rat lives alone in an old barn surrounded by his treasures, until the day his solitude is disrupted by a sudden flutter of wings and a loud screech. A small owl has gotten caught in a trap in the barn. Can Orris “make the good and noble choice” and rescue the owl, despite the fact that owls and rats are natural enemies?



Peach and Plum: Double Trouble! by Tim McCanna

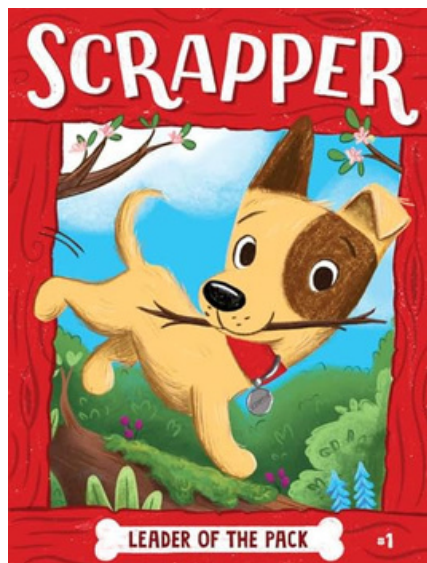
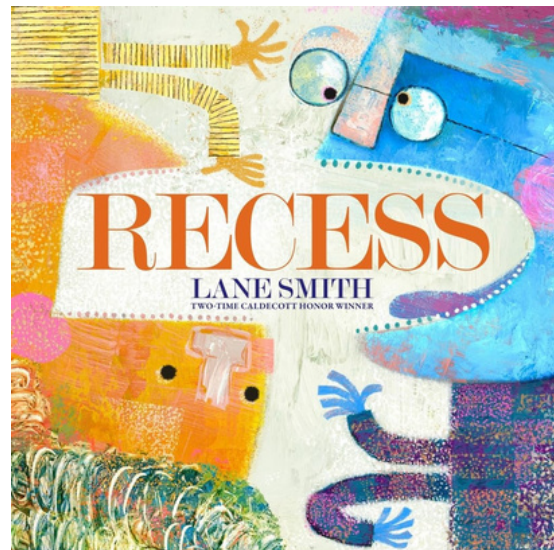
Peach and Plum are up to their stems with a bushel of new problems, from babysitting troublesome twins to helping a trio of lost ducklings find their way back home. These five short stories and five mini-comics will have newly independent readers hungry for more.

Recess by Lane Smith

School is where you go to learn. It is fun.

But sometimes you need a little break from all the fun. That is why there is recess. But what if it's not recess time? No problem! You can have a Now Recess, a Really-Need-a-Break Recess, a Wherever-You-Are Recess.

It doesn't matter what you call it. Just make sure you shout it: RECESS!

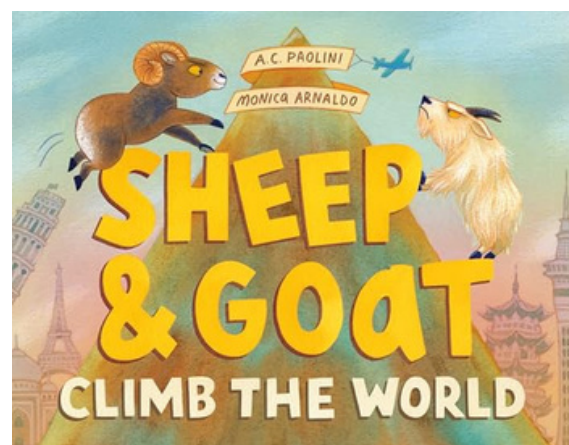


Scrapper by Cam Higgins, illustrated by Ariel Landry
Scrapper loves swimming with his best puppy friend, Bo, and playing fetch with his human family. But most of all, Scrapper loves going on adventures in the forest! He's even the proud founder of Camp Monster-Finder. Now all he needs is some new friends to join his pack...and maybe find a monster or two along the way!

Sheep & Goat Climb the World by A. C. Paolini,

illustrated by Monica Arnaldo

Join Sheep and Goat on this action-packed, zany journey, where they'll learn that friendship can be even more exciting than winning! Get ready for heart-pounding action, hilarious moments, and the ultimate twist in the climb of a lifetime.



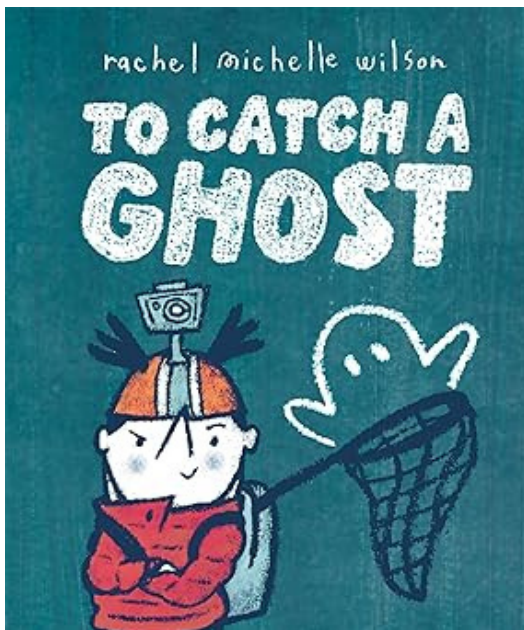
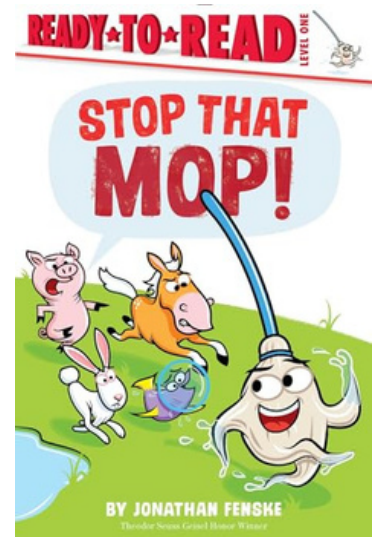


The Shindig Is Coming! by Charise Mericle Harper

After receiving an urgent mountaintop message from the blue jay, Mouse proclaims to all the woodland creatures: “The Shindig is coming!” The entire forest is soon abuzz with everyone asking the same question: What is a shindig? Meetings are held. Assumptions are made. Honey cake is served. Finally Bear declares the answer. A shindig is a party, which is just like a meeting only fun. Problem solved! . . . Or is it?

Stop That Mop! by Jonathan Fenske

Meet a mop. The mop does not want to mop the slop. See the mop run away. Can anyone stop this mop?



To Catch a Ghost by Rachel Michelle Wilson

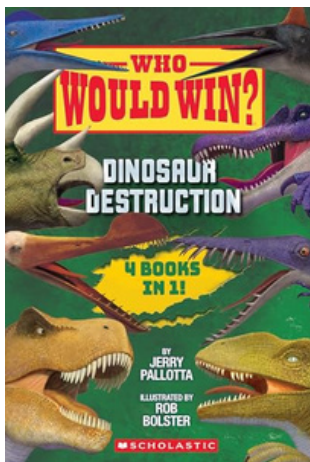
Bringing nothing to show and tell is like wearing shoes without socks. It stinks. So, when all you got is nothing, you need to catch yourself a something. And if you’ve got gumption, that something could be a ghost.



Vacation by Ame Dyckman, illustrated by Mark Teague
Bat, Cat, and Rat decide they need a vacation, but planning a trip is no picnic. Conflicts, compromise, and some well-meaning pranks ensue as prep work brings out the trio's mischievous side.

What Makes a Bird? by Megan Pomper, illustrated by Maia Hoekstra

In this evocative picture book, a child wanders through nature with one question: what makes a bird a bird? Is it feathers? What about a beak? Could it be wings? With each possible answer, more questions arise. If laying eggs makes a bird a bird, what about turtles, snakes, or fish?

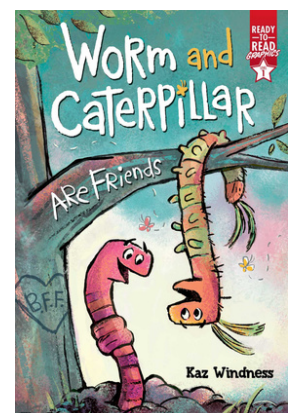


Who Would Win? Dinosaur Destruction by Jerry Pallotta, illustrated by Rob Bolster

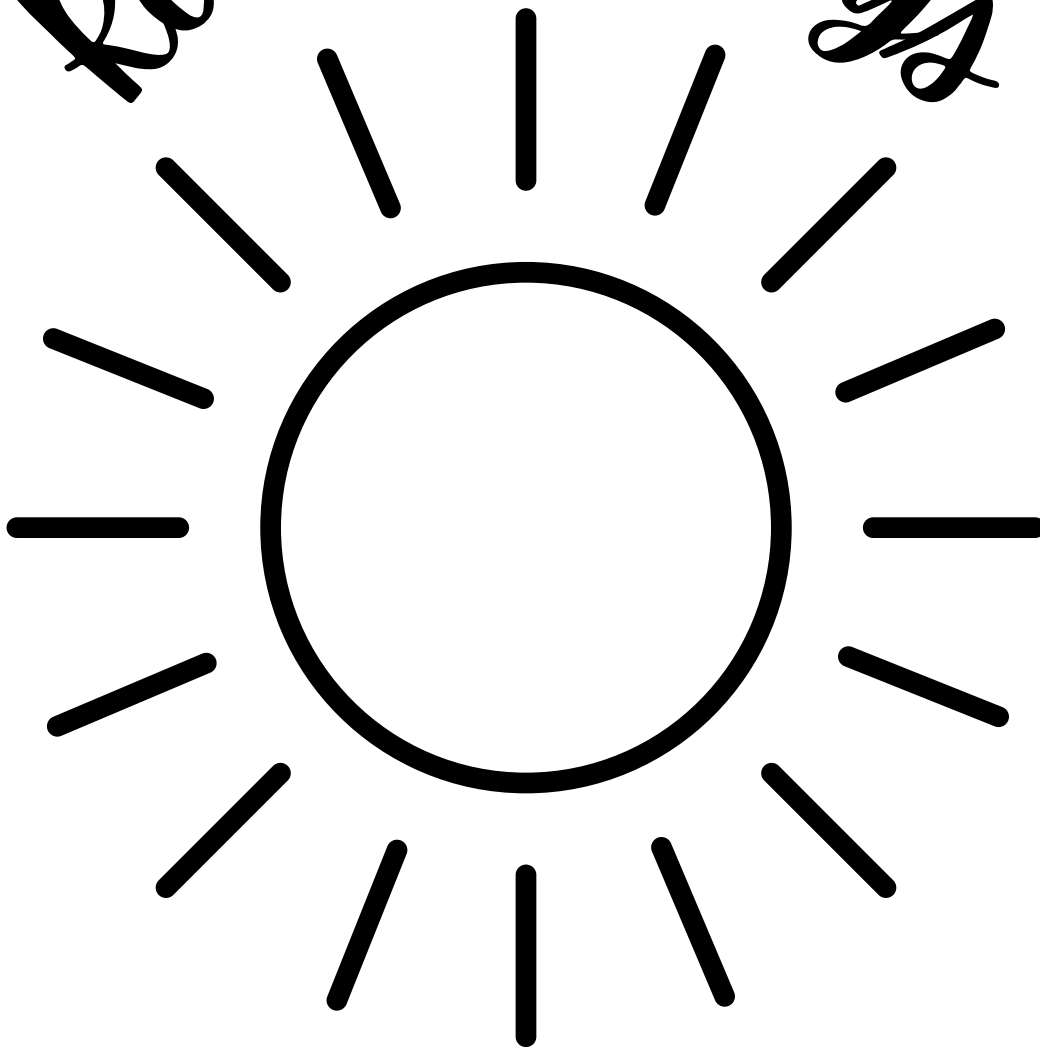
The collection features a range of prehistoric battles to satisfy all kinds of dinosaur fans, including *Triceratops vs. Spinosaurus*, *Tyrannosaurus Rex vs. Velociraptor*, *Ultimate Pterosaur Rumble*, and *Ultimate Dinosaur Rumble*.

Worm and Caterpillar Are Friends by Kaz Windness

Worm and Caterpillar are friends—best friends. Worm loves how they are just alike, but Caterpillar has a feeling there is a big change coming. Then Caterpillar disappears for a while and comes back as Butterfly. Will Butterfly and Worm still be friends?



Reading Logs

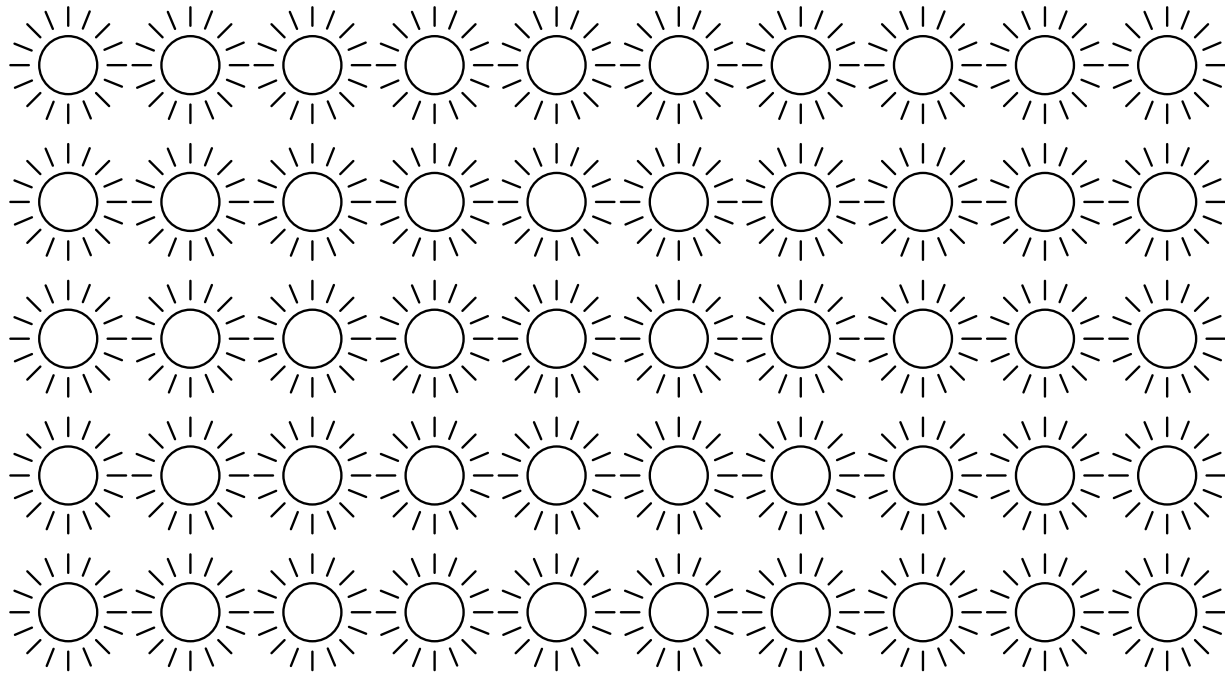


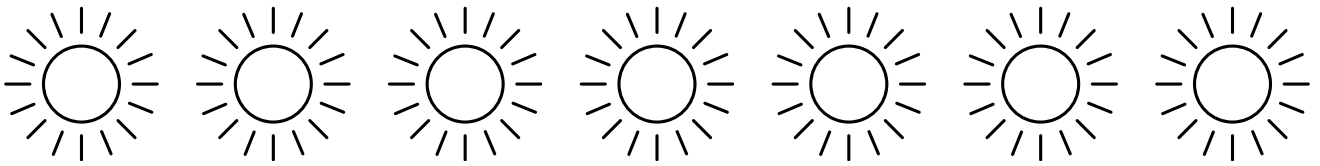
SUMMER READING LOG

Keep track of all the great books you read this summer and rate how much you loved them!

Title

Rating





GOAL: 25 BOOKS

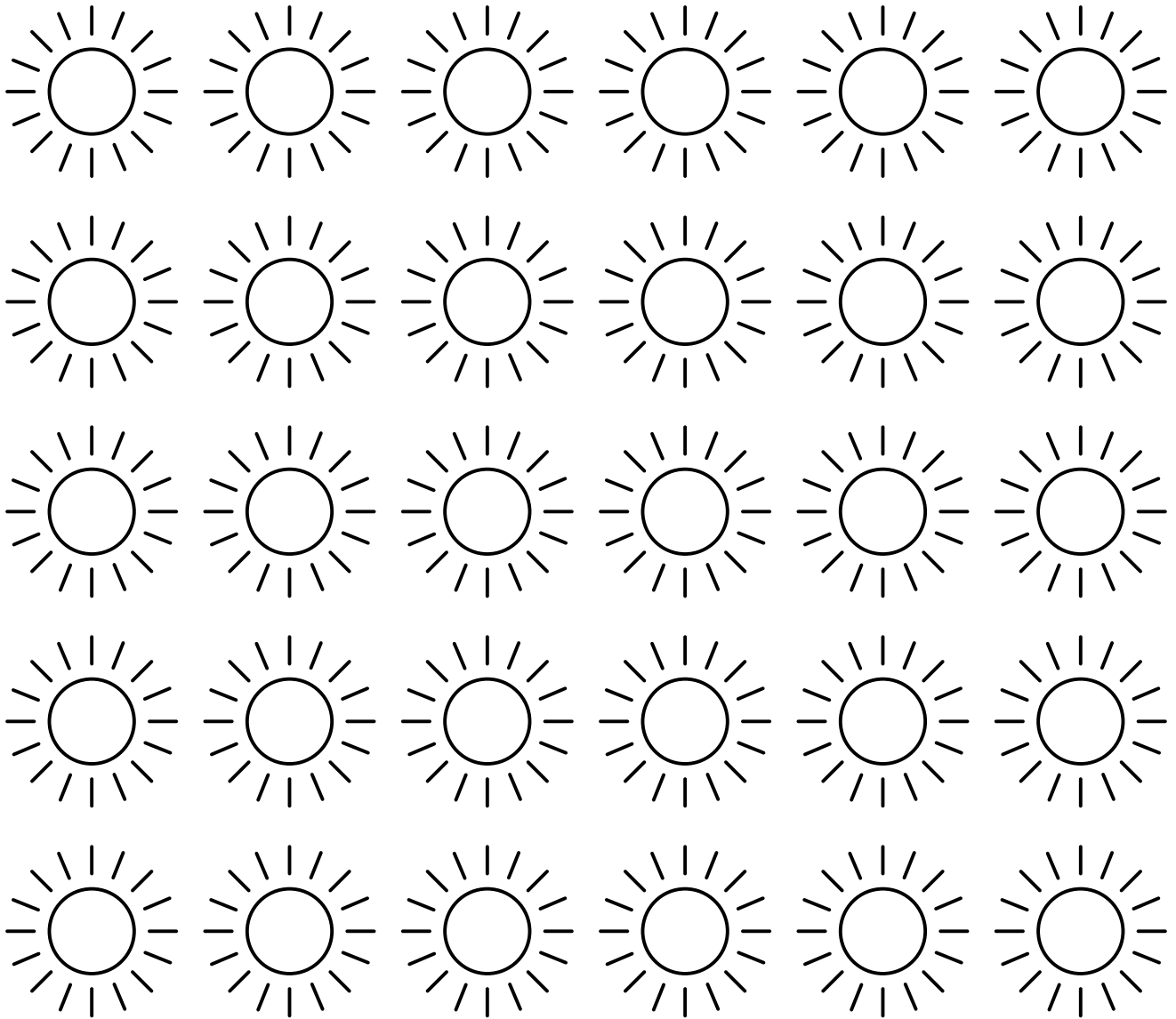
Why not try reading all 25 books in the Literacious Summer Reading Guide!
Color in a box for each title you read this summer!

1	2	3	4	5
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MONTHLY TRACKER

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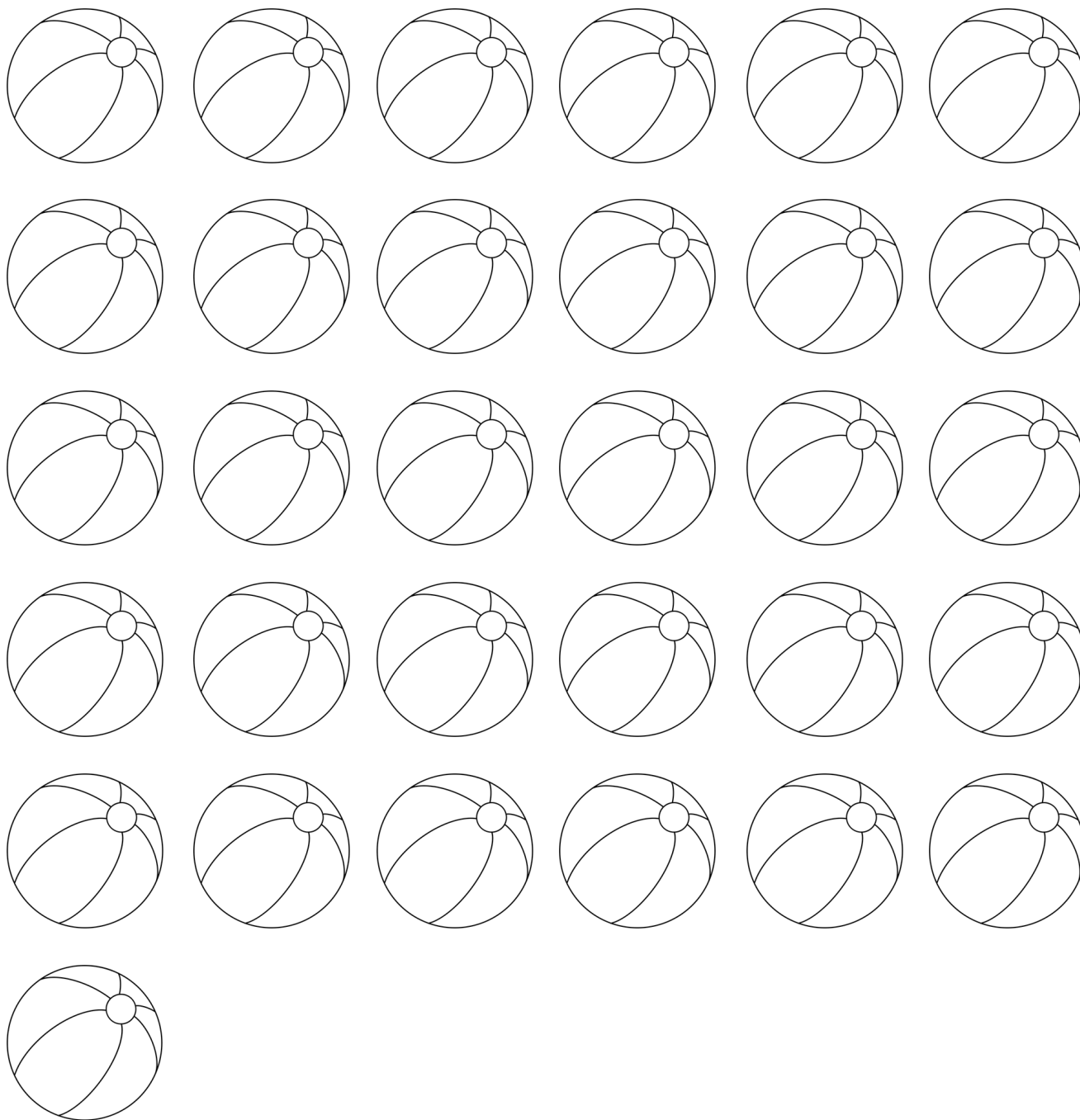
Read for 20 minutes each day in June. Track your progress by coloring in a sun for each day you read.



MONTHLY TRACKER

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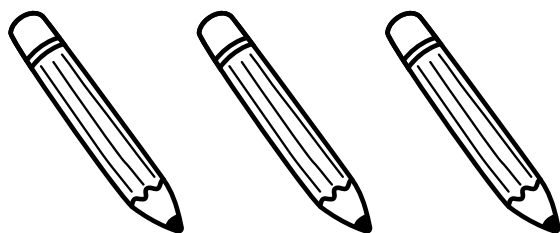
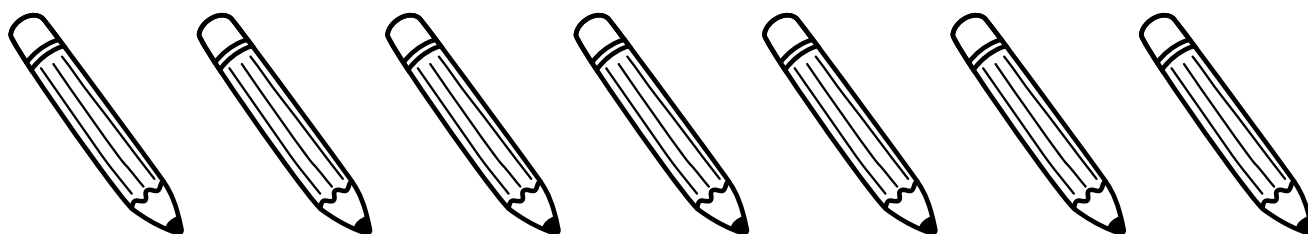
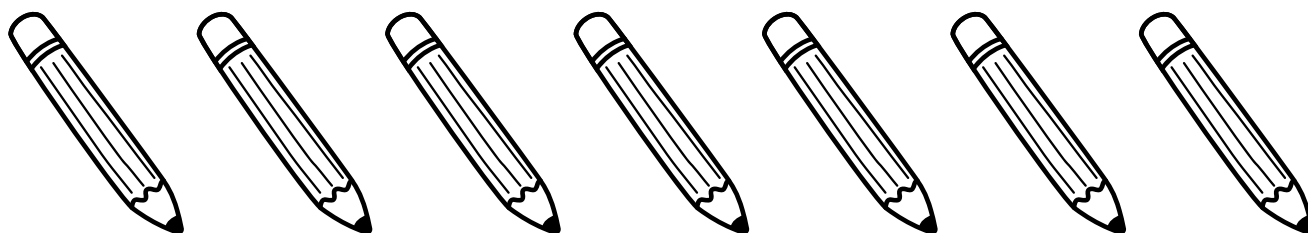
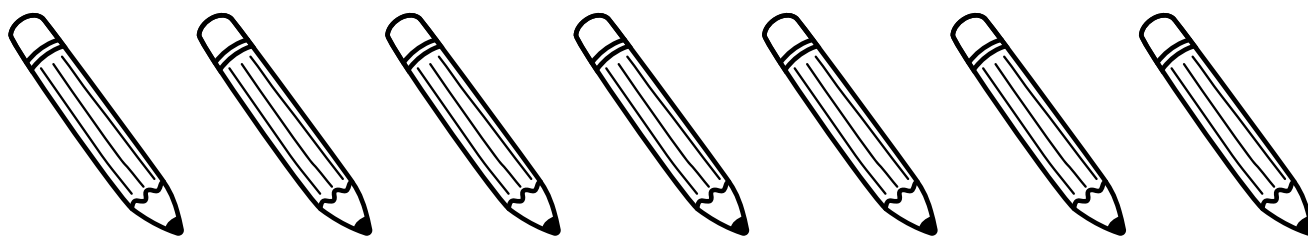
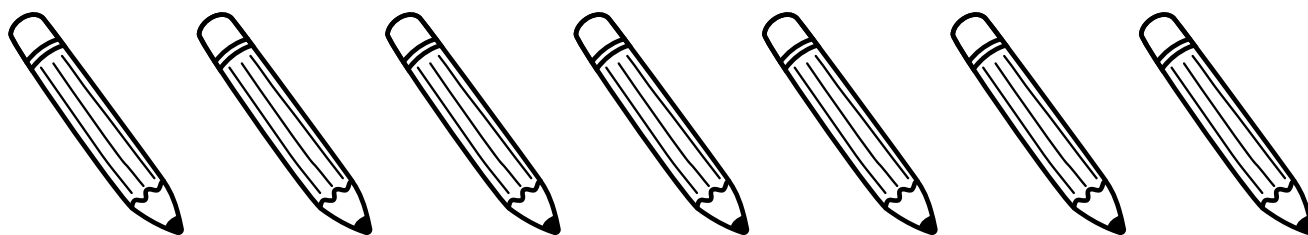
Read for 20 minutes each day in July. Track your progress by coloring in a beach ball for each day you read.



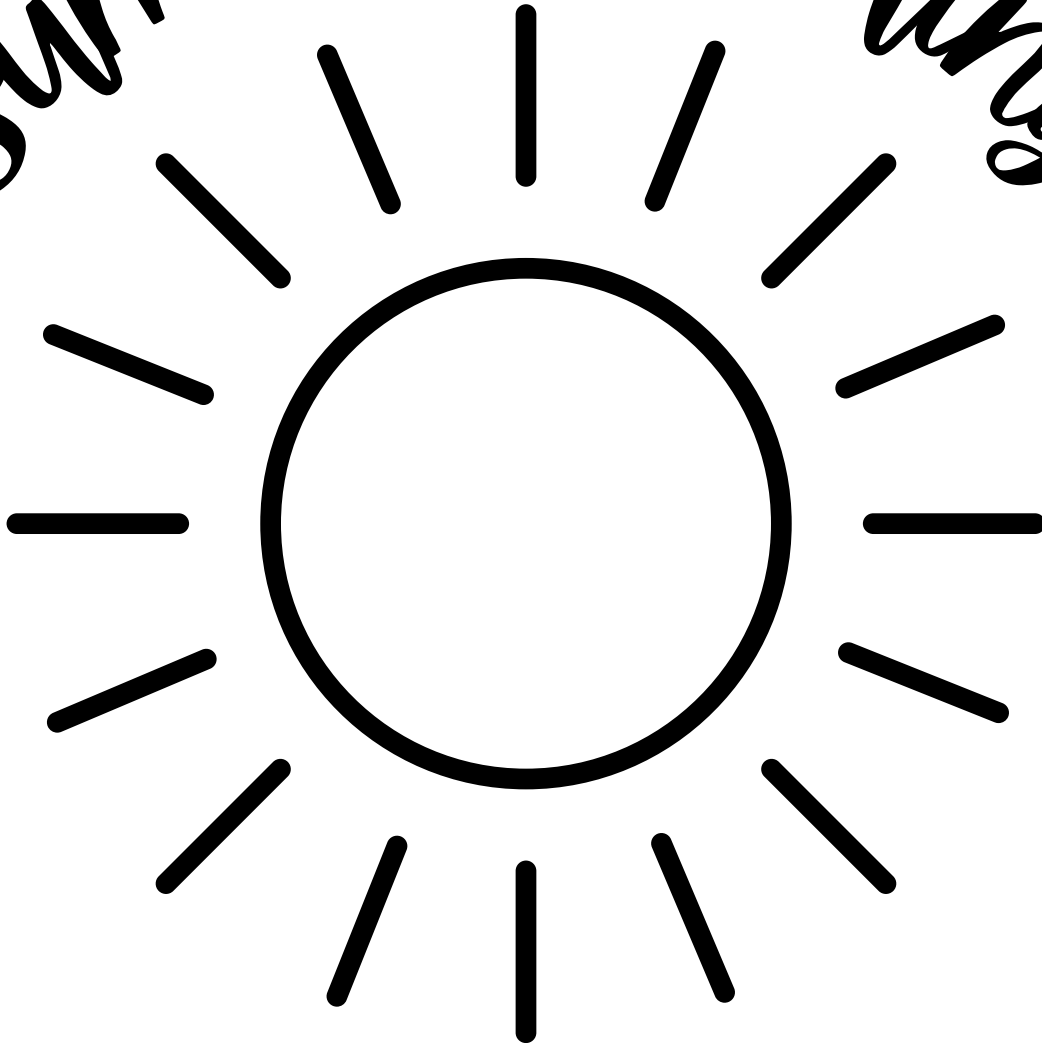
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Read for 20 minutes each day in August. Track your progress by coloring in a pencil for each day you read.

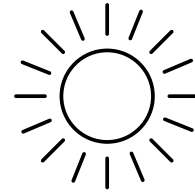
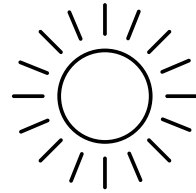
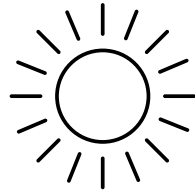
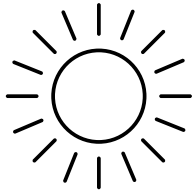


Summer Reading



Activities

SUMMER BINGO



SEND A LETTER TO A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND	READ A BOOK SET IN THE DESERT	READ A BOOK ABOUT SUMMER CAMP	READ A STORY ABOUT YOUR FAVORITE ANIMAL
RIDE YOUR BIKE OR TAKE A WALK AROUND TOWN	READ A BOOK ABOUT GOING BACK TO SCHOOL	DESCRIBE YOUR PERFECT VACATION	READ A BOOK WITH A YELLOW COVER
SPEND SOME TIME READING OUTSIDE	DRAW A SUMMER PICTURE	READ A BOOK ABOUT YOUR FAVORITE SPORT	READ A BOOK ABOUT A SUMMER HOLIDAY
READ A BOOK ABOUT CAMPING	READ A BOOK SET NEAR WATER	PLAY OUTSIDE TODAY	COOK A SUMMER INSPIRED RECIPE

Rainbow CHALLENGE

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Read the rainbow and choose books with covers that are each color of the rainbow. You can color in each square and also write down the titles too!



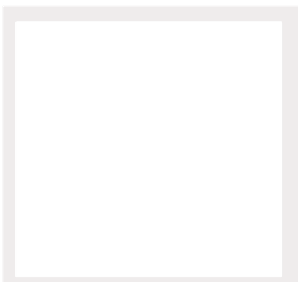
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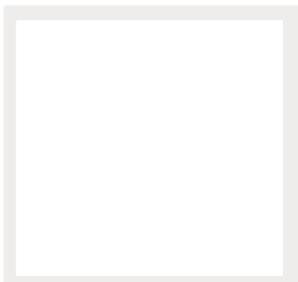
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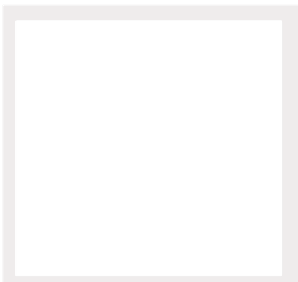
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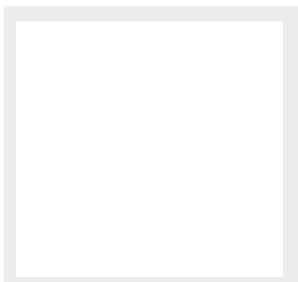
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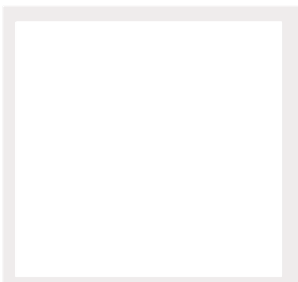
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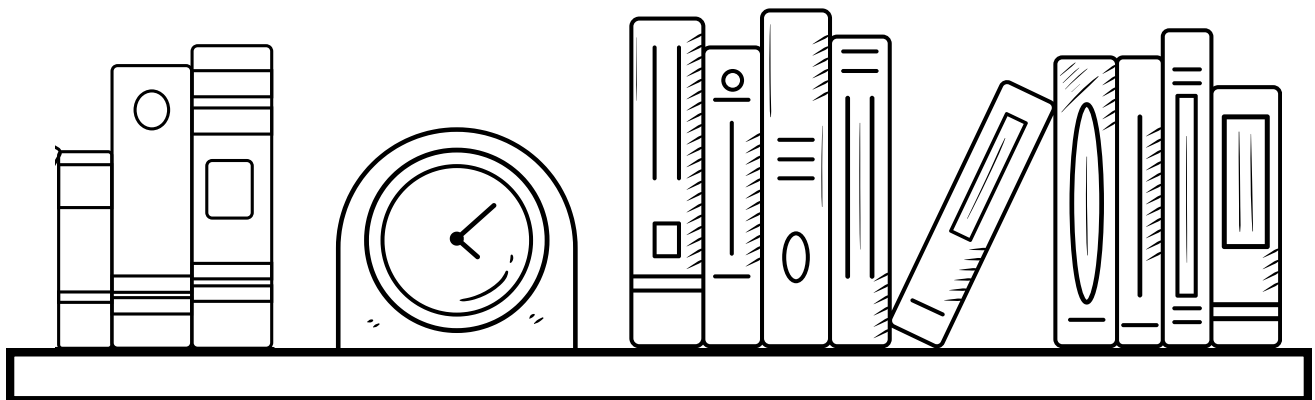
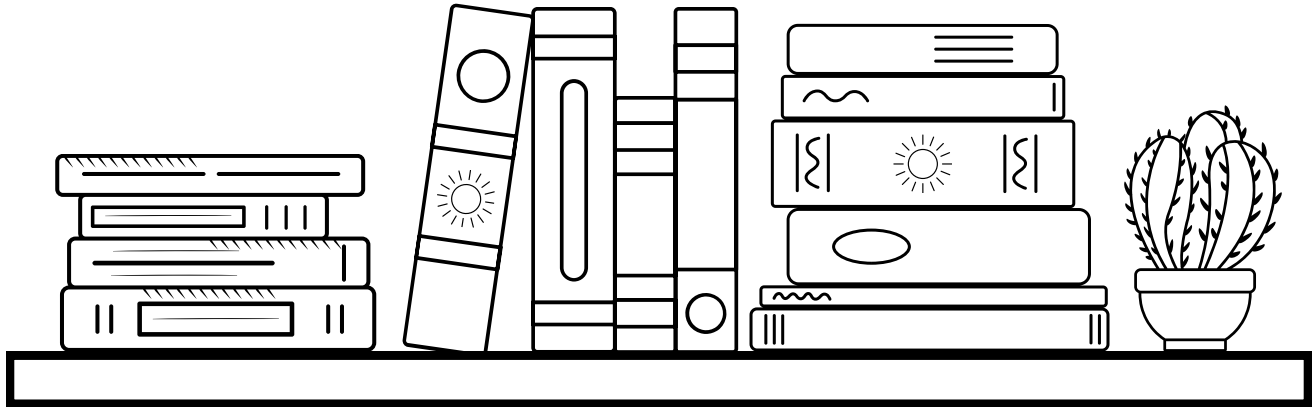
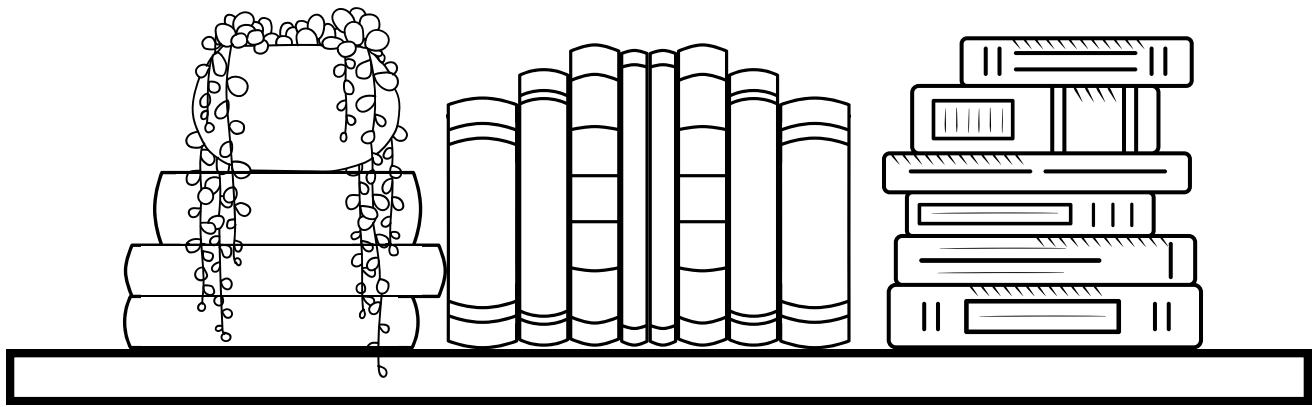
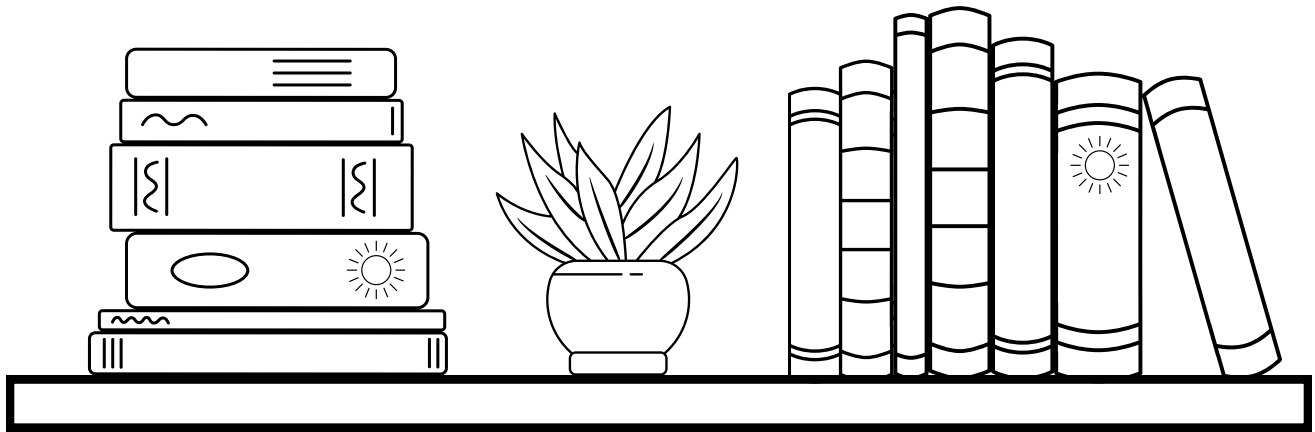


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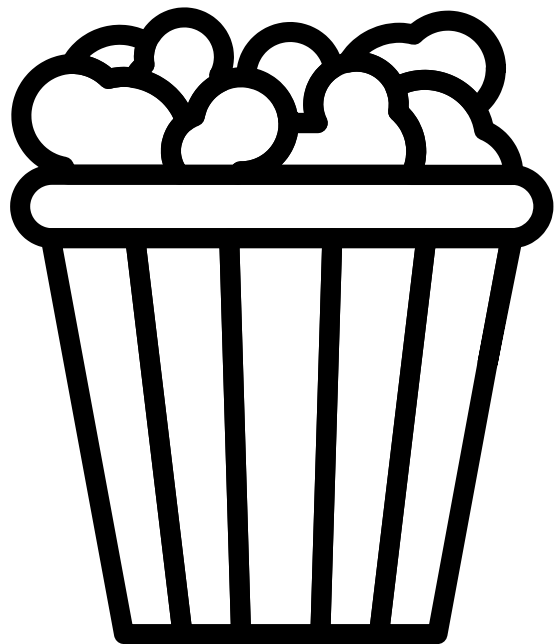
My Bookshelf



Book & Movie CHALLENGE

Create your own book and movie (or TV series) club. Read the book and then see the movie or TV series. You can use the list below or find even more great book & movie adaptations. Which version did you like better?

- *Matilda* by Roald Dahl
- *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* by Jeff Kinney
- *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* by Brian Selznick (Movie Name: *Hugo*)
- *The Bad Guys* by Aaron Blabey
- *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* by Judi Barrows
- *Llama Llama Red Pajama* by Anna Dewdney (Movie Name: *Llama Llama*)
- *Jumanji* by Chris Van Allsburg
- *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll (Movie Name: *Alice in Wonderland*)
- *Charlotte's Web* by E. B. White
- *How to Train Your Dragon* by Cressida Cowell
- *Ramona* by Beverly Cleary
(Movie Name: *Ramona and Beezus*)
- *Clifford the Big Red Dog* by Norman Bridwell
- *The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson
- *Lyle, Lyle Crocodile* by Bernard Waber
- *Eloise* by Kay Thompson
- *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* by Beatrix Potter
(Movie Name: *Peter Rabbit*)
- *The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss
- *The Story of Ferdinand* by Munro Leaf
(Movie Name: *Ferdinand*)
- *A Bear Called Paddington* by Michael Bond
(Movie Name: *Paddington*)
- *The Borrowers* by Mary Norton
(Movie Name: *The Secret World of Arrietty*)



JUST FOR FUN!

A special challenge you won't find anywhere else! This includes reading challenges and other fun things to do, check off as many things as you can!

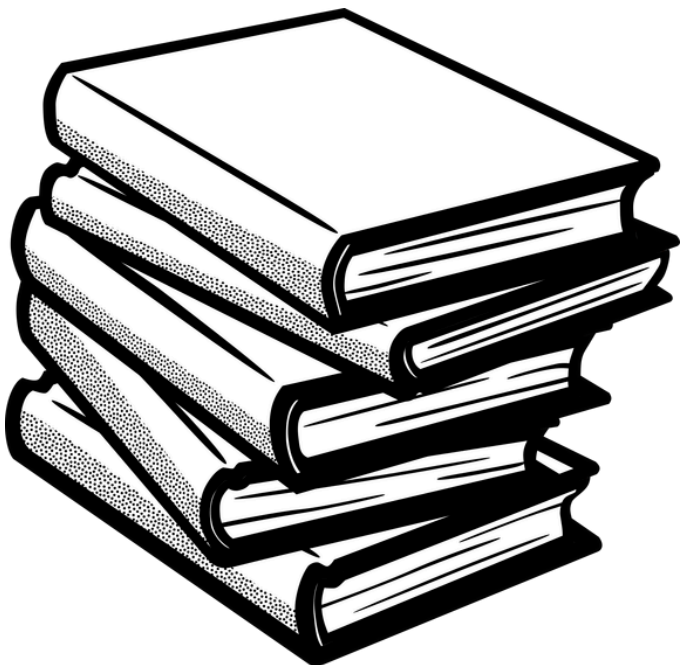
- Write a book review for your latest book
- Read a book about a character who is different from you
- Write a letter to your favorite author or draw a picture for your favorite illustrator
- Read a magazine
- Spend some time in the kitchen baking or cooking a new recipe
- Read a book with a cover of your favorite color
- Write a letter to your favorite author
- Create your very own reading nook for a special place to read
- Read a book set in your state or by an author from your state
- Read a book recommended to you by someone special

HOW TO

ASK FOR BOOK SUGGESTIONS

Asking for help can sometimes be a little scary, but with a few easy steps, you'll be finding even more great books to read with suggestions from teachers, librarians, booksellers, and even friends! Librarians love to talk about books and make suggestions! Don't be afraid to ask for help.

- **Step 1:** Figure out what it is you're looking for.
- **Step 2:** Find the right words to ask for help.
- **Step 3:** Ask!
- **Step 4:** Review the suggestions.
- **Step 5:** Pick your favorite(s). Don't be afraid to ask for more choices if you haven't found something that grabs your attention. Explain why they aren't what you're looking for and give more information to find better choices.



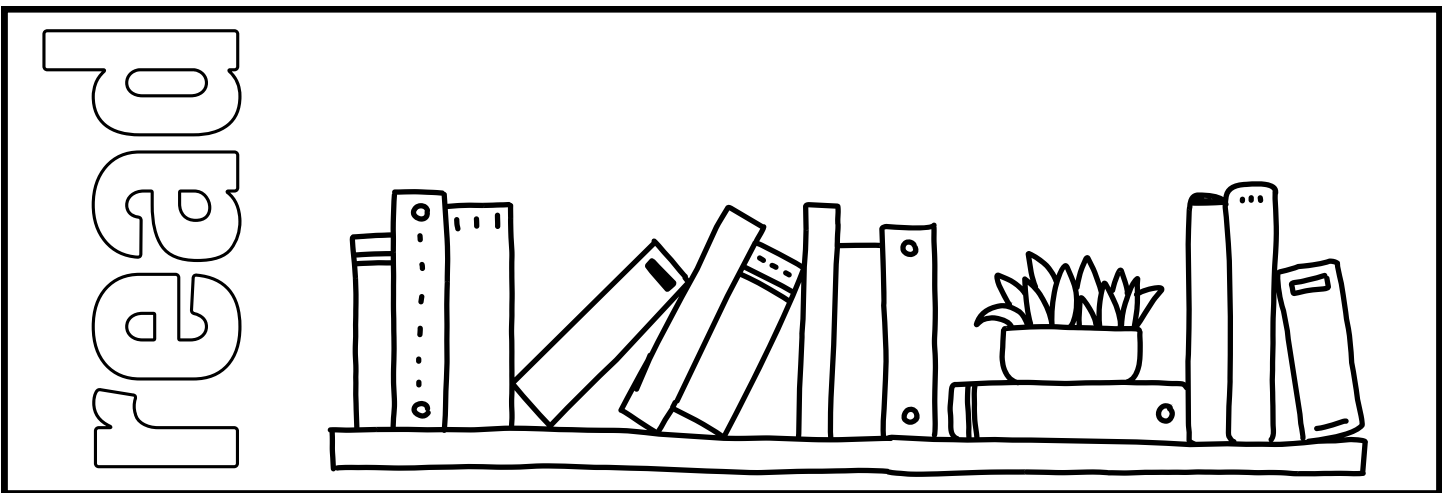
A QUICK EXAMPLE

Let's say you love the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series and you're looking for another series that is similar.

Your question would be something like, "Do you have any series that are similar to *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*? My favorite thing about the Wimpy Kids books is that they have illustrations and are funny to read."

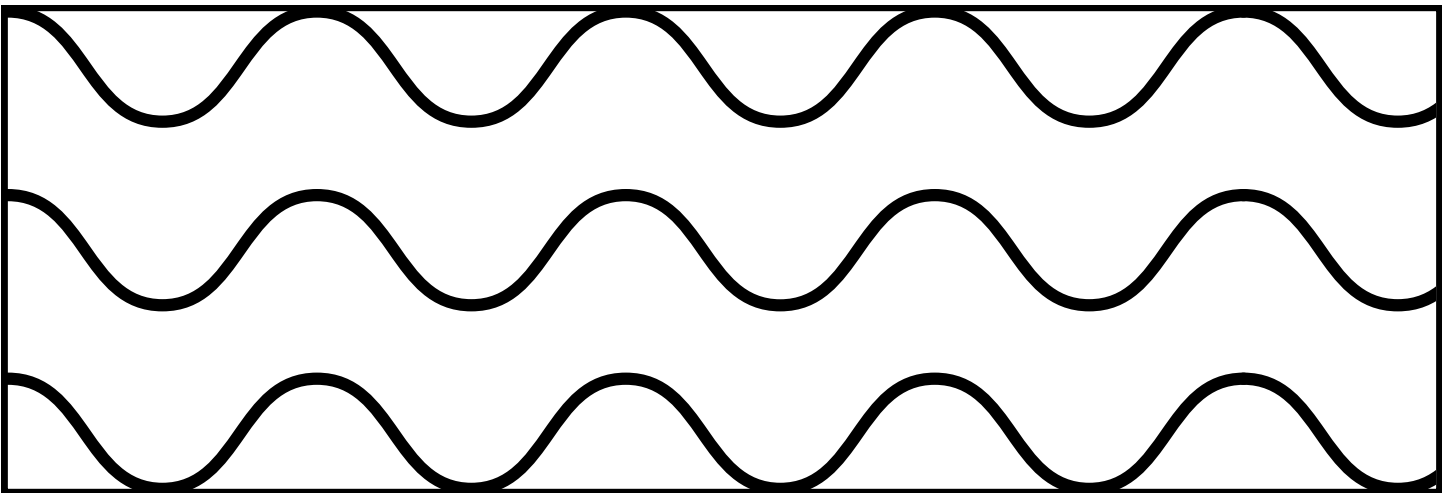
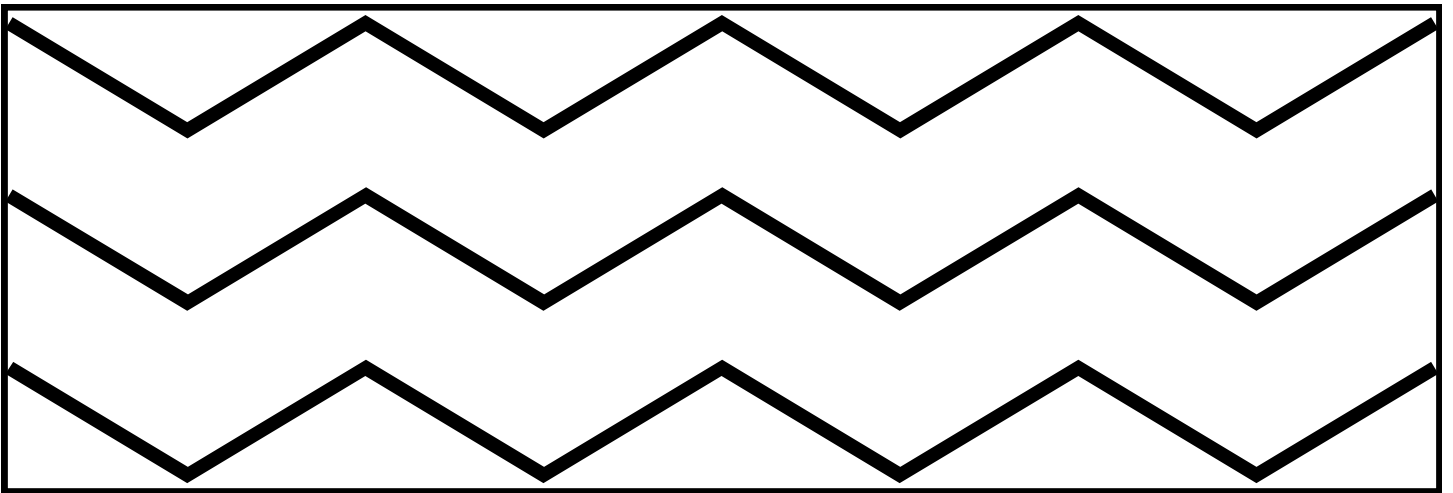
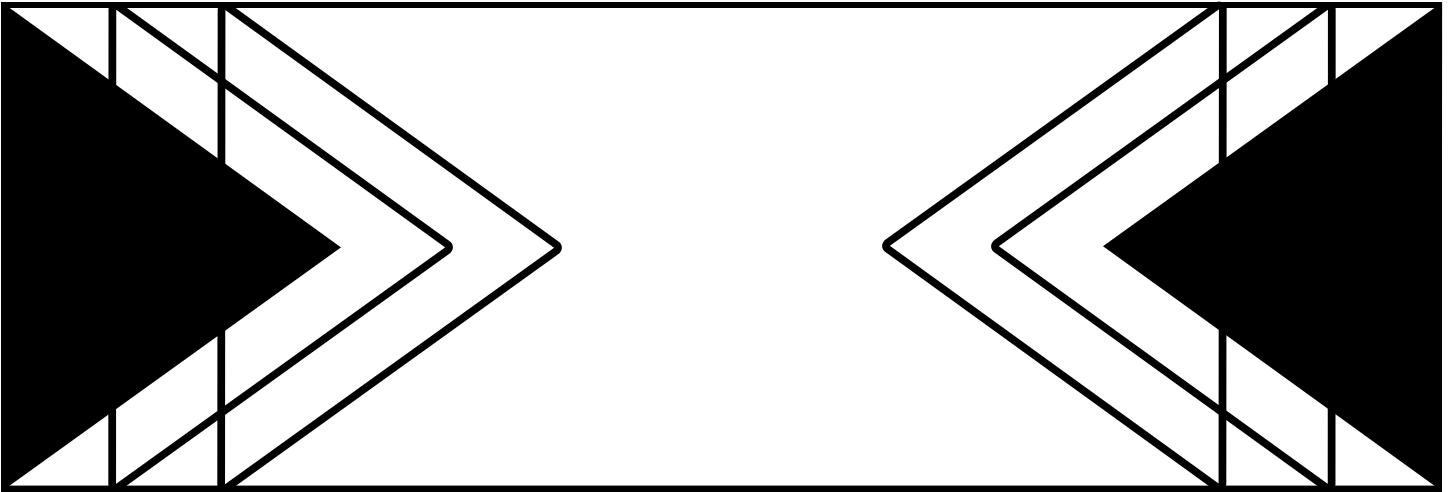
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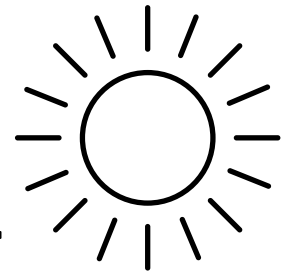
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SUMMER READING LIST



- **Bad Banana** by Michael Rex
- **Cranky, Crabby Crow** by Corey R. Tabor
- **Dawn** by Marc Martin
- **Fish and Clam** by Sergio Ruzzier
- **Gunnar the Viking's Great Pizza Adventure** by Diego Vaisberg
- **How to Draw a Tree** by David LaRochelle, illustrated by Colleen Muske
- **I Like Cheese!** by Salina Yoon
- **I Like Hoops!** by Juwanda G. Ford, illustrated by Jada Jeni Bennett
- **Jump for Joy** by Karen Gray Ruelle, illustrated by Hadley Hooper
- **King of the Mountain!** by Susie Lee Jin
- **Lone Wolf Goes to School** by Kiah Thomas, illustrated by K-Fai Steele
- **Neil, the Amazing Sea Cucumber** by Amelia Tonta, illustrated by Lucinda Gifford
- **Now You Know Your ABCs...** by Caspar Salmon, illustrated by Matt Hunt
- **Orris and Timble: The Beginning** by Kate DiCamillo, illustrated by Carmen Mok
- **Peach and Plum: Double Trouble!** by Tim McCanna
- **Recess** by Lane Smith
- **Scrapper** by Cam Higgins, illustrated by Ariel Landry
- **Sheep & Goat Climb the World** by A. C. Paolini, illustrated by Monica Arnoldo
- **The Shindig Is Coming!** by Charise Mericle Harper
- **Stop That Mop!** by Jonathan Fenske
- **To Catch a Ghost** by Rachel Michelle Wilson
- **Vacation** by Ame Dyckman, illustrated by Mark Teague
- **What Makes a Bird?** by Megan Pomper, illustrated by Maia Hoekstra
- **Who Would Win? Dinosaur Destruction** by Jerry Pallotta, illustrated by Rob Bolster
- **Worm and Caterpillar Are Friends** by Kaz Windness