

Grades K-2 Summer Reading List 2021 Association for Library Service to Children

Baloney and Friends

by Greg Pizzoli

DISNEY-HYPERION, 2020

ISBN: 9781368054546

This funny graphic novel for beginning readers stars Baloney the pig alongside his friends Bizz (a bee), Peanut (a horse), and Krabbit (a very cranky rabbit).

Black Is a Rainbow Color

by Angela Joy, illustrated by Ekua Holmes

ROARING BROOK, 2020

ISBN: 9781626726314

There's no black in rainbows, but Black is more than a color. It's a culture. This picture book celebrates African American history and identity.

Carpenter's Helper

by Sybil Rosen, illustrated by Camille Garoche

SCHWARTZ & WADE, 2021

ISBN: 9780593123201

A sweet story about a girl and her family bonding while building a birdhouse in their home.

The Electric Slide and Kai

by Kelly J. Baptist, illustrated by Darnell Johnson

LEE & LOW, 2021

ISBN: 9781643790527

Kai's family is excited for his aunt's upcoming wedding, but since every family celebration means dancing, Kai's worried he will make a fool of himself on the dance floor again. A picture book celebration of family, love, and overcoming one's fears.

Eyes That Kiss in the Corners

by Joanna Ho, illustrated by Dung Ho

HARPERCOLLINS, 2021

ISBN: 9780062915627

A picture book filled with wonderful illustrations that encourage children to be proud of who they are and how they look.

A Hatful of Dragons: And More than 13.8 Billion Other Funny Poems

by Vikram Madan

WORDSONG, 2020

ISBN: 9781684371501

A silly collection of interactive poems and rhymes in a variety of formats with fun illustrations about mummies, dragons, and more!

I Am a Bird

by Hope Lim, illustrated by Hyewon Yum

CANDLEWICK, 2021

ISBN: 9781536208917

A little girl, riding on the back of her father's bike, is wary of the mysterious woman with a bag they pass. One day, she finds out what the bag is for, and her wariness grows into kinship.

Lift

by Minh Lê, illustrated by Dan Santat

DISNEY-HYPERION, 2020

ISBN: 9781368036924

Frustrated with her little brother taking over her job of pushing the elevator button, a girl takes a discarded button to transform her closet door into a magical elevator. In the process, she discovers that adventures are more fun when you share them.

Milo Imagines the World

by Matt de la Peña, illustrated by Christian Robinson

PUTNAM, 2021

ISBN: 9780399549083

While on the subway, Milo imagines different stories for the people he sees, but he soon realizes you can't tell who people really are just by their appearance.

A Place inside of Me: A Poem to Heal the Heart

By Zetta Elliott, illustrated by Noa Denmon

FARRAR, STRAUS AND GIROUX, 2020

ISBN: 9780374307417

A Black boy, shown all over his neighborhood, experiences a range of emotions: fear, pride, sorrow, and joy.

Sharuko: El arqueólogo peruano Julio C. Tello / Peruvian Archaeologist Julio C. Tello

by Monica Brown, illustrated by Elisa Chavarri

LEE & LOW, 2020

ISBN: 9780892394234

In this Spanish-English picture-book biography, readers find out about this Indigenous scientist who found skulls and artifacts in the mountains of Peru as a child and went on to become the founder of modern Peruvian archaeology.

Story Boat

by Kyo Maclear, illustrated by Rashin Kheiriyeh

TUNDRA BOOKS, 2020

ISBN: 9780735263598

Join a little girl and her younger brother as they leave behind the place they know as home and, along the way, make the best of times with what they find. A wonderful refugee story.

Try It! How Frieda Caplan Changed the Way We Eat

by Mara Rockliff, illustrated by Giselle Potter

BEACH LANE BOOKS, 2021

ISBN: 9781534460072

A look into Frieda Caplan's life of being a produce trailblazer, introducing new fruits and vegetables, like baby corn and kiwi, to the American diet.

We Laugh Alike / Juntos nos reímos: A Story That's Part Spanish, Part English, and a Whole Lot of Fun

by Carmen T. Bernier-Grand, illustrated by Alyssa Bermudez

CHARLESBRIDGE, 2021

ISBN: 9781623540968

Two groups of friends meet in the park, but one group only speaks English, and the other only

speaks Spanish. Watch how they play together and discover all sorts of similarities!

What about Worms!?

by Ryan T. Higgins

HYPERION, 2020

ISBN: 9781368045735

Tiger is big and brave—except when it comes to worms! When faced with a worm-themed book and then a big group of worms, he must try to overcome his fear.

Your Place in the Universe

by Jason Chin

HOLIDAY HOUSE, 2020

ISBN: 9780823446230

An introduction to size, scale, and distance that goes from comparing an eight-year-old's height with a stack of books to examining the vastness of the universe.

Zonia's Rain Forest

by Juana Martinez-Neal

CANDLEWICK, 2021

ISBN: 9781536208450

Explore Zonia's home, the Amazon rain forest, and learn as Zonia respects and protects the Peruvian wildlife and her heritage.