

KMS Grade 6 Suggested Summer Reading

The following list offers **suggestions, not requirements**, for **incoming sixth graders** looking for great books to read during the summer months. All students are encouraged to read at least two free choice books over the vacation.



***Amari and the Night Brothers* by B.B. Alston - Fantasy**

Amari Peters has never stopped believing her missing brother, Quinton, is alive. Not even when the police told her otherwise, or when she got in trouble for standing up to bullies who said he was gone for good. So when she finds a ticking briefcase in his closet, containing a nomination for a summer tryout at the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs, she's certain the secretive organization holds the key to locating Quinton—if only she can wrap her head around the idea of magicians, fairies, aliens, and other supernatural creatures all being real.

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Hide and Seeker* by Daka Hermon- Horror; **student recommendation for our summer reading list!*

Something is wrong with twelve-year-old Zee, who has returned after a year's absence; nobody knows where he was or what happened to him, but now he is distracted and violent, freaking out when he sees his friends, Justin, Nia, and Lyric, playing an odd game of hide-and-seek, and talking wildly about some danger that is approaching--and soon his friends are pulled into a shadowy world ruled by a monstrous, shape-shifting Seeker, forced to play a terrifying game of hide-and-seek where they will have to confront their worst nightmares in order to find their way home.

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Scary Stories for Young Foxes* by Christian McKay Heidicker - Short Stories; **2020 Newbery Honor Book*

The haunted season has arrived in the Antler Wood. No fox kit is safe. When Mia and Uly are separated from their litters, they discover a dangerous world full of monsters. In order to find a den to call home, they must venture through field and forest, facing unspeakable things that dwell in the darkness: a zombie who hungers for their flesh, a witch who tries to steal their skins, a ghost who hunts them through the snow . . . and other things too scary to mention.

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The Road to Wherever by John Ed Bradley - Realistic Fiction

After eleven-year-old June Ball's dad disappears without so much as a goodbye note, June's mother sends him on the road with his adult cousins, mechanics Thomas and Cornell Ball. The Balls are "Ford Men"; their calling in life is to restore old Ford cars—and only Ford cars—that no longer run. And so begins a summer traveling the highways and byways of America, encountering busted-up Fairlanes, Thunderbirds, and Rancheros. They also encounter the cars' owners, who sometimes need fixing up, too. June doesn't understand his cousins' passion for all things Ford. But at every turn, June realizes that this journey is about more than giving neglected classic cars some much-needed TLC—there's room to care for the broken parts of humans, too.



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Unplugged by Gordon Korman - Humorous/Adventure Fiction; **Great Stone Face Nominee 2021-2022**

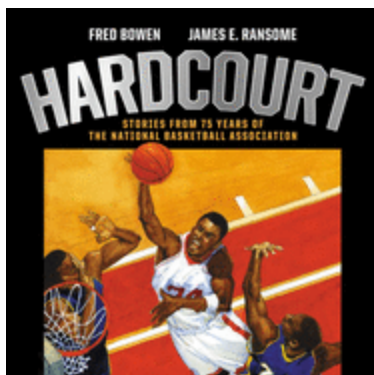
As the son of the world's most famous tech billionaire, spoiled Jett Baranov has always gotten what he wanted. So when his father's private jet drops him in the middle of the Arkansas wilderness, at a place called the Oasis, Jett can't believe it. He's forced to hand over his cell phone, eat grainy veggie patties, and participate in wholesome activities with the other kids, who he has absolutely no interest in hanging out with.

As the weeks go on, Jett starts to get used to the unplugged life and even bonds with the other kids over their discovery of a baby-lizard-turned-pet, Needles. But he can't help noticing that the adults at the Oasis are acting really strange.

Jett is determined to get to the bottom of things, but can he convince everybody that he is no longer just a spoiled brat who is making trouble?



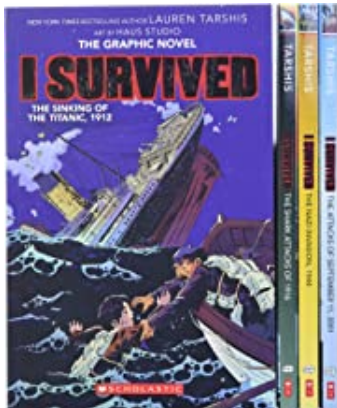
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Hardcourt: Stories from 75 Years of the National Basketball Association by Fred Bowen - Non-Fiction

Follow basketball from its humble beginnings as a casual indoor pastime played in gyms and colleges through its evolution for seventy-five years of hardcourt history. The NBA gained legions of fans thanks to the introduction of rules like the three-point line and the twenty-four second clock, and teams such as the Harlem Globetrotters, who paved the way for desegregated teams. Discover the story of the legendary Olympic Dream Team of 1992 and beloved players like Larry Bird, Magic Johnson, Michael Jordan, and LeBron James, along with the early game-changers who made basketball what it is today.

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I Survived...Graphic Novels based on the series by Lauren Tarshis
These graphic novels are perfect for ***I Survived*** fans as well as any reader interested in stories of disaster and survival, or who wants an action-packed experience of the events that have shaped history.

I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic, 1912

George Calder must be the luckiest kid alive. He and his little sister, Phoebe, are sailing with their aunt on the Titanic, the greatest ship ever built! But one night while George is off exploring, a terrible boom shakes the entire boat. George has always gotten out of trouble before. Can he survive this nightmare?

I Survived the Shark Attacks of 1916

Chet Roscow is finally feeling at home in his uncle's little New Jersey town. He has three new friends, and they love cooling off in the creek on hot summer days. One afternoon, Chet spots a gray fin in the creek, but it must be his imagination. It's impossible he's about to come face-to-face with a killer shark... right?

I Survived the Nazi Invasion, 1944

It's been years since the Nazis invaded Max Rosen's home country of Poland. All the Jewish people, including Max's family, have been forced to live in a ghetto. One day, Max and his sister, Zena, make a daring escape into the nearby forest, where they are rescued by Jewish resistance fighters. But soon, grenades are falling all around them. Can Max and Zena survive the fallout of the Nazi invasion?

I Survived the Attacks of September 11, 2001 (*I Survived Graphic Novel #4*): Hoping to get some advice from his firefighter uncle, eleven-year-old Lucas skips school one beautiful September morning and takes the train into Manhattan. But just as Lucas arrives at the firehouse, everything changes and nothing will ever be the same again.

j GRAPHIC NOVEL I SURVIVED

***Ground Zero* by Alan Gratz - Historical Fiction - student recommendation for our summer reading list! Great Stone Face Nominee 2021-2022**

September 11, 2001, New York City: Brandon is visiting his dad at work, on the 107th floor of the World Trade Center. Out of nowhere, an airplane slams into the tower, creating a fiery nightmare of terror and confusion. And Brandon is in the middle of it all. Can he survive -- and escape?

September 11, 2001, Afghanistan: Reshmina has grown up in the shadow of war, but she dreams of peace and progress. When a battle erupts in her village, Reshmina stumbles upon a wounded American soldier named Taz. Should she help Taz -- and put herself and her family in mortal danger? Two kids. One devastating day. Nothing will ever be the same.

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