

GRADE 3 AND UP

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?

Jazz Day: The Making of a Famous Photograph by Roxane Orgill
J/781.65/ORGILL,R

When *Esquire* magazine planned an issue to salute the American jazz scene, graphic designer Art Kane pitched a crazy idea: how about gathering a group of beloved jazz musicians and photographing them? Includes bios of several of the 57 musicians and a foldout of Art Kane's famous photograph.

Sitting Bull: Lakota Warrior and Defender of His People by S. D. Nelson
J/BIOGRAPHY/978.004/SITTING BULL/NEL

This is the riveting story of a true legend. Sometimes sad and brutal, it is anything but boring.

Watch Out for Flying Kids! : How Two Circuses, Two Countries, and Nine Kids Confront Conflict and Build Community by Cynthia Levinson
Y/BIOGRAPHY/796.476/LEVINSON,C

Circus Harmony in St. Louis works with suburban and inner-city kids, while Circus Galilee in Israel brings together Jews and Arabs. As the kids work together, they learn more about each other and that they're more alike than they are different.

In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse by Joseph Marshall
Y/FICTION/MARSHALL,J

Jimmy McClean is a Lakota boy who gets teased for his light hair and blue eyes. When he embarks on a journey with his grandfather he hears the story of Crazy Horse, one of the most important figures in American history, and learns more about his Lakota heritage and, ultimately, himself.

The Wolf Wilder by Katherine Rundell
Y/FICTION/RUNDELL,K

Feo loves her life helping her mother "wild" wolves—training former house pets of aristocrats to survive in the wild again. After some of their wolves are accused of killing the czar's elks, sadistic Gen. Mikail Rakov declares wolves to be vermin and takes her mother to Kresty Prison in the city. Feo must set off to save her. For fans of *Hatchet*, *White Fang* and *Watership Down*.

Reading Unbound: Why Kids Need to Read What They Want—and Why We Should Let Them

by Jeffrey Wilhelm, Michael Smith, Sharon Fransen
Y/372.409/WILHELM,K

Grown-ups, here's some reading to give you more information about our new book lists this summer, and why we're doing them this way. And make sure you stop by Info Services and ask them to help you find your next great read; don't let your kids have all the fun!

The books on this list were chosen by Arlington Heights Memorial Library Youth Services staff and Library Media Center staff from School District 25. Visit the library's website, ahml.info, for more great reading ideas.

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UP, UP & AWAY
SUPERHERO SUMMER
AT THE LIBRARY

Fact and fiction to make you see the world in a different way

These are stories that will surprise you, delight you, keep you guessing and spark your imagination.

Read from the beginning of the list when you're short on time but still want a good story. Read from the end of the list when you're up for a more textually and thematically challenging experience.

Not every book on every list will be right for your child. If you have questions about any title, please see Kids' World staff for guidance.

Finders Keepers by Keiko Kasza

PICTURE/PLAY/KASZA,K

A hat is not just a hat in these woods! From tree branch to stream to flower patch—wherever the hat lands, someone knows exactly what to do with it and exclaims, “Finders, keepers!” But this red hat doesn't stay in one place for long.

The Bear Ate Your Sandwich by Julia Sarcone-Roach

PICTURE/ANIMALS/SARCONE-ROACH,J

A tall tale about how a little girl's sandwich was eaten by a bear—or was it?

The Whisper by Pamela Zagarenski

PICTURE/PLAY/ZAGARENSKI,P

A girl in a red hood borrows a book from her teacher. As she runs home, she doesn't notice the words escaping from the pages. At home, she's disappointed, thinking the book lacks a story. Then she hears the whisper: “You can imagine the words...the stories....There are never any rules...imagining just is.”

Where's the Baboon?: A 2-in-1 Book Game by Michaël Escoffier

PICTURE/PLAY/ESCOFFIER,M

It's a story! It's a game! It's both! Discover hidden words in animal names. Also check out *Take Away the A* if you love punny books like this one!

Ideas are All Around by Philip Christian Stead

PICTURE/PLAY/STEAD,P

Where do ideas come from? As an author and his dog enjoy a walk, you'll see that ideas truly are all around.

Have You Seen Elephant? by David Barrow

PICTURE/PLAY/BARROW,D

Elephant wants to play hide and seek. You can play too, but you'll have to try your best—he's VERY good!

The Cow Who Climbed a Tree by Gemma Merino

PICTURE/PLAY/MERINO,G

Tina the cow believes the sky's the limit and that nothing's impossible. But her fellow cows aren't so sure, and when Tina tells them she met a dragon during one of her tree climbing adventures, they decide her nonsense has gone too far...or maybe not far enough. For fans of *Where the Wild Things Are* and *The Story of Ferdinand*.

The Only Child by Guojing

E/GN/GUOJING

A little girl—lost and alone—follows a mysterious stag deep into the woods, and, like Alice down the rabbit hole, she finds herself in a strange and wondrous world. Home is very far away. How will she get back?

The White Cat and the Monk: A Retelling of the Poem “Pangur Bán”

by Jo Ellen Bogart

PICTURE/ANIMALS/BOGART,J

A monk and his cat lead their simple lives together, learning from books and each other.

Curious Critters: Volume Two by David FitzSimmons

E/591.97/FITZSIMMONS,D

This book is part of a series with beautiful photographs of common and rare animals with short descriptions told from the animal's perspective.

The Secret Subway by Shana Corey

E/388.42/COREY,S

From an acclaimed author and a *New York Times* Best Illustrated artist comes the fascinating, little-known—and true!—story of New York City's first subway. A great story for history buffs and aspiring engineers alike. For fans of *Balloons Over Broadway*.

The Most Wonderful Thing in the World by Vivian French

PICTURE/PLAY/FRENCH,V

What is the most wonderful thing in the world? The answer might surprise—and delight—you in this fairy-tale story of wonder.

Elephant Man by Mariangela Di Fiore

J/BIOGRAPHY/362.196/MERRICK,J/DI F

Disfigured in childhood by a rare disease, Joseph is rejected by his family, bullied in the streets, and ridiculed at his job. Joseph seems to encounter misfortune at every turn, but eventually finds friendship with a kind doctor.

Dare the Wind by Tracey E. Fern

J/BIOGRAPHY/387.5/CREESY,E/FER

Ellen Prentiss wanted to follow in her sea captain papa's footsteps, so he gave her sailing lessons. As soon as she met a man who loved sailing like she did, she married him. Ellen Prentiss then navigated her husband's clipper ship and set the world record for speed along the route around Cape Horn, “racing to get passengers and cargo to the Gold Rush.”

Tricky Vic: The Impossibly True Story of the Man Who Sold the Eiffel Tower

by Greg Pizzoli

J/BIOGRAPHY/364.163/MILLER,R/PIZ

Robert Miller moved to Paris hoping to be an artist. A con artist, that is. Anyone want to buy a tower?

Why?: Over 1,111 Answers to Everything by Crispin Boyer

J/031/BOYER,C

For fans of *Weird But True* books, here are thousands of questions and answers to keep your curiosity satisfied.

The Imaginary by A. F. Harrold

J/FICTION/HARROLD,A

Amanda's best friend is her imaginary friend, Rudger. But when Amanda is in a car accident and doesn't have time for Rudger, he starts to fade. And then there's the evil Mr. Bunting, a hunter of imaginaries...and the rumor is that he eats them. For fans of *Coraline* and Roald Dahl.

These books can be found under the author's last name. Some of these titles may be available in another format. Please ask for help at the Kids' World Desk.