



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

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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.

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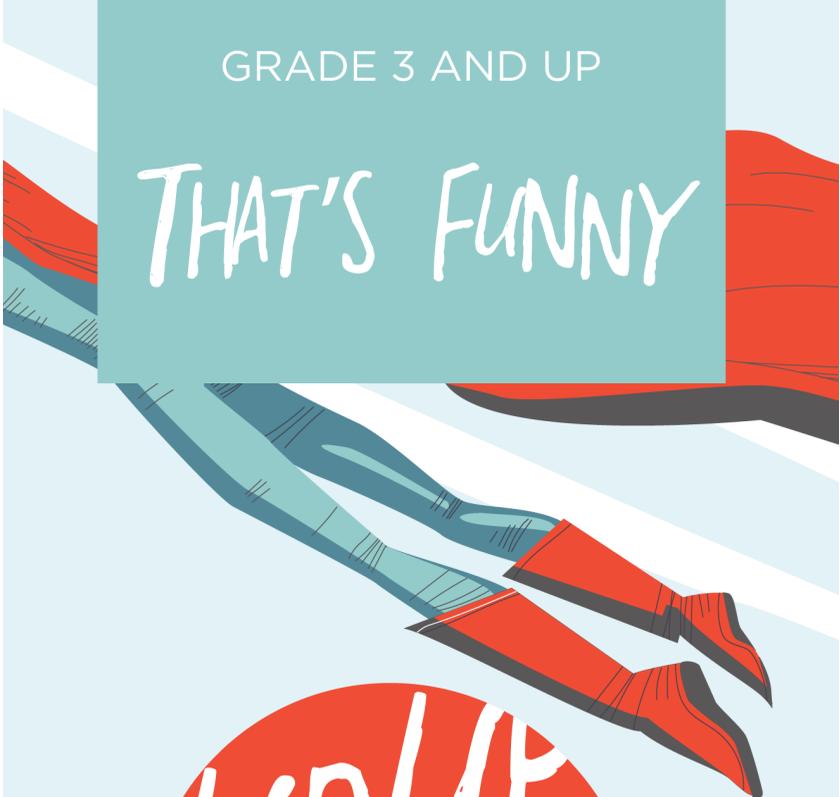
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& AWAY

SUPERHERO SUMMER
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Books to make you laugh

Whether you want a belly laugh or just a smile,
these books have you covered.

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.

Poo in the Zoo by Steve Smallman

PICTURE/PLACES/SMALLMAN,S

"There was tiger poo, lion poo, prickly porcupine poo, plummeting giraffe poop that landed with a splat. Dollops of gnu poo, bouncy kangaroo poo, a trail of drippy droppings from a fat wombat!" Zoo keeper Bob is exhausted from keeping up with all the poo in the zoo, and you'll be exhausted after laughing through this delightful book.

Mom, There's a Bear at the Door by Sabine Lipan

PICTURE/PLAY/LIPAN,S

A mother is surprised when her son tells her that there is a bear standing outside their door. How did the bear get all the way from his cave in the forest to their eleventh-floor apartment? And what is it doing here in the middle of the city?

Roger is Reading a Book by Koen Van Biesen

PICTURE/PLAY/VAN BIESEN,K

All Roger wants is some peace and quiet so he can read his book. Unfortunately, the girl in the apartment next door has hobbies of her own—very loud hobbies! But when Roger gives the girl a book of her own, she discovers that reading can be just as much fun as playing basketball or banging a drum.

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 Sandwich Thief by André Marois

J/GN/MAROIS,A

Marin's parents make him the best sandwiches, and every day brings a new, even more delicious sandwich for him to enjoy. Life is great until the day someone steals his most beloved taste sensation: ham-cheddar-kale. This makes Marin hangry, and he won't rest until he brings the sandwich thief to justice.

Rocket and Groot: Stranded on Planet Strip Mall! by Tom Angleberger

J/FICTION/MARVEL

After battling deadly space piranhas in Sector 7 of the Cosmos, Rocket and Groot crash-land on a planet made entirely of strip malls. More fun from the hilarious duo of talking raccoon and his best friend, a tree.

The Bolds by Julian Clary

Y/FICTION/CLARY,J

Mr. and Mrs. Bold are just like you and me except for one slight difference: they're hyenas. Very funny hyenas. For fans of *The Dunderheads*, *Timmy Failure* and *Amelia Bedelia*.

Appleblossom the Possum by Holly Goldberg Sloan

J/FICTION/SLOAN,H

Appleblossom is curious about many things including monsters and humans. When she falls down a monster's chimney, her scattered possum family must come together to find her before the humans do.

Terrible Two Series

The Terrible Two and **The Terrible Two Get Worse** by Mac Barnett and Jory John

J/FICTION/BARNETT,M

Miles Murphy is not happy to be moving to Yawnee Valley. In his old school, everyone knew him as the town's best prankster, but Yawnee Valley already has a great prankster. If Miles is going to take the title, he is going to have to raise his game. It's an epic war of trickery until the two finally decide to join forces and pull off the biggest prank ever seen, a prank so huge that it would make the members of the International Order of Disorder proud.

Fluffy Bunnies Books

Attack of the Fluffy Bunnies and **The Schnoz of Doom** by Andrea Beaty

J/SF/BEATY,A

Killer bunnies from outer space! Parents obsessed with Spam desserts! (Spam desserts? Gross!) Do yourself a favor and read *Attack of the Fluffy Bunnies* aloud (or ask a friendly librarian to read some to you). Make sure the ellipses (that's the fancy word for three periods in a row...) go DUN DUN DUN in your loudest voice. You won't regret it, I promise. Spam desserts on the other hand...

Jacky Ha-Ha by James Patterson

J/FICTION/PATTERSON,J

With her irresistible urge to tell a joke in every situation—even when she really, really shouldn't—12-year-old Jacky Ha-Ha loves to make people laugh. But no matter how much fun Jacky has, she can't seem to escape her worries. So one starlit night, she makes a promise to keep her family together, even if she has to give up the one thing that makes her happy. But can she stop being Jacky Ha-Ha, if that's who she really is?

Cold Cereal Saga

Cold Cereal, **Unlucky Charms** and **Champions of Breakfast** by Adam Rex

Y/FICTION/REX,A

The *Cold Cereal Saga* takes Arthurian legend and Irish folklore and sets them in the modern world with a huge cast of characters, several subplots and lots of humor. For fans of Percy Jackson, *Artemis Fowl* and *A Tale Dark and Grimm*.

What book makes you laugh? Add it here!

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.