Need suggestions for beach reading or books to bring to summer camp? We’ve hand-picked our top ten in each age range, all published 2013–2014, that are ideal for the season.
Picture Books
(Fiction and Nonfiction)

Suggested grade level for all entries: PS–2

Splash, Anna Hibiscus! by Atinuke; illus. by Lauren Tobia (Kane Miller)

Journey by Aaron Becker; illus. by the author (Candlewick) Caldecott Honor Book

Mr. Tiger Goes Wild by Peter Brown; illus. by the author (Little, Brown)

Gaston by Kelly DiPucchio; illus. by Christian Robinson (Atheneum)

Locomotive by Brian Floca; illus. by the author (Jackson/Atheneum) Caldecott Medal Winner, Sibert Honor Book

Flora and the Flamingo by Molly Idle; illus. by the author (Chronicle) Caldecott Honor Book

Firefly July: A Year of Very Short Poems selected by Paul B. Janeczko; illus. by Melissa Sweet (Candlewick)

Niño Wrestles the World by Yuyi Morales; illus. by the author (Porter/Roaring Brook) Belpé Illustrator Medal

Parrots over Puerto Rico by Susan L. Roth and Cindy Trumbore; illus. by Susan L. Roth (Lee & Low) Sibert Medal Winner

Mr. Wuffles! by David Wiesner; illus. by the author (Clarion) Caldecott Honor Book

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Early Readers and Younger Fiction

Suggested grade level for all entries: K–3

Big Bad Wolf and Itsy Bitsy Spider [Urgency Emergency!] by Dosh Archer; illus. by the author (Whitman)

The Miniature World of Marvin & James [Masterpiece Adventures] by Elise Broach; illus. by Kelly Murphy (Ottaviano/Holt)

Dog Days [Carver Chronicles] by Karen English; illus. by Laura Freeman (Clarion)

Fortunately, the Milk by Neil Gaiman; illus. by Skottie Young (Harper/HarperCollins)

The Year of Billy Miller by Kevin Henkes; illus. by the author (Greenwillow) Newbery Honor Book

Ling & Ting Share a Birthday by Grace Lin; illus. by the author (Little, Brown)

The Big Wet Balloon by Liniers; illus. by the author (Toon/Candlewick)

Lulu and the Cat in the Bag by Hilary McKay; illus. by Priscilla Lamont (Whitman)

The Watermelon Seed by Greg Pizzoli; illus. by the author (Hyperion) Geisel Medal Winner

A Big Guy Took My Ball! by Mo Willems; illus. by the author (Hyperion) Geisel Honor Book
Intermediate Fiction and Nonfiction
Suggested grade level for all entries: 4–6

_The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp_ by Kathi Appelt; illus. by Jennifer Bricking (Atheneum)

_Doll Bones_ by Holly Black; illus. by Eliza Wheeler (McElderry) Newbery Honor Book

_Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures_ by Kate DiCamillo; illus. by K. G. Campbell (Candlewick) Newbery Medal Winner

_From Norvelt to Nowhere_ by Jack Gantos (Farrar)

_The Thing About Luck_ by Cynthia Kadohata; illus. by Julia Kuo (Atheneum) National Book Award Winner

_Bluffton: My Summers with Buster_ by Matt Phelan; illus. by the author (Candlewick)

_Romeo Blue_ by Phoebe Stone (Levine/Scholastic)

_One Came Home_ by Amy Timberlake (Knopf) Newbery Honor Book

_How I Became a Ghost: A Choctaw Trail of Tears Story_ by Tim Tingle (Roadrunner)

_The Dolphins of Shark Bay_ [Scientists in the Field] by Pamela S. Turner; photos by Scott Tuason (Houghton)
Middle School Fiction and Nonfiction

Suggested grade level for all entries: 6–8

**Outside In** by Sarah Ellis (Groundwood)

**If I Ever Get Out of Here** by Eric Gansworth; illus. by the author (Levine/Scholastic)

**The Clockwork Scarab** [Stoker & Holmes] by Colleen Gleeson (Chronicle)

**The Mad Potter: George E. Ohr, Eccentric Genius** by Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan (Porter/Roaring Brook) *Sibert Honor Book*

**Go: A Kidd’s Guide to Graphic Design** by Chip Kidd; illus. by the author (Workman)

**Far Far Away** by Tom McNeal (Knopf)

**Cress** [Lunar Chronicles] by Marissa Meyer (Feiwel)

**The Cracks in the Kingdom** [Colors of Madeleine] by Jaclyn Moriarty (Levine/Scholastic)

**When I Was the Greatest** by Jason Reynolds (Atheneum)

**Counting by 7s** by Holly Goldberg Sloan (Dial)
High School Fiction and Nonfiction

Suggested grade level for all entries: 9 and up

He Said, She Said by Kwame Alexander (Amistad/HarperTeen)

All the Truth That's in Me by Julie Berry (Viking)

If You Could Be Mine by Sara Farizan (Algonquin)

Maggot Moon by Sally Gardner; illus. by Julian Crouch (Candlewick) Printz Honor Book

March: Book One by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin; illus. by Nate Powell (Top Shelf) Coretta Scott King Author Honor Book

We Were Liars by E. Lockhart (Delacorte)

Fangirl by Rainbow Rowell (St. Martin's Griffin)

Midwinterblood by Marcus Sedgwick (Roaring Brook) Printz Medal Winner

Rose Under Fire by Elizabeth Wein (Hyperion)

Boxers & Saints by Gene Luen Yang; illus. by the author; color by Lark Pien (First Second/Roaring Brook)
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