Need suggestions for beach reading or books to bring to summer camp? Here are our top ten books for different age ranges—including fiction, nonfiction, and poetry—all published 2014–2015 and ideal for the season.

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Picture Books

Suggested grade level for all entries: PS–2

*Sam & Dave Dig a Hole* by Mac Barnett; illus. by Jon Klassen (Candlewick) 2015 Caldecott Honor Book

“My Bike” by Byron Barton; illus. by the author (Greenwillow)

*Flashlight* by Lizi Boyd; illus. by the author (Chronicle)

*Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt de la Peña; illus. by Christian Robinson (Putnam)

*Wolfie the Bunny* by Ame Dyckman; illus. by Zachariah OHora (Little, Brown)

*The Farmer and the Clown* by Marla Frazee; illus. by the author (Beach Lane/Simon)

*The Hula-Hoopin’ Queen* by Thelma Lynne Godin; illus. by Vanessa Brantley-Newton (Lee & Low)

*Water Rolls, Water Rises / El agua rueda, el agua sube* by Pat Mora; illus. by Meilo So (Children’s Book Press/Lee & Low)

*The Bear Ate Your Sandwich* by Julia Sarcone-Roach; illus. by the author (Knopf)

*Star Stuff: Carl Sagan and the Mysteries of the Cosmos* by Stephanie Roth Sisson; illus. by the author (Roaring Brook)

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Early Readers and Primary Grades
Suggested grade level for all entries: 1–3

*The Case of the Weird Blue Chicken: The Next Misadventure* [Chicken Squad series] by Doreen Cronin; illus. by Kevin Cornell (Atheneum)

*Poem Depot: Aisles of Smiles* by Douglas Florian; illus. by the author (Dial)

*Tales of Bunjitsu Bunny* by John Himmelman; illus. by the author (Holt)

*My Heart Is Laughing* by Rose Lagercrantz; illus. by Eva Eriksson; trans. from the Swedish by Julia Marshall (Gecko)

*Ling & Ting: Twice as Silly* by Grace Lin; illus. by the author (Little, Brown)

*Murilla Gorilla and the Hammock Problem* by Jennifer Lloyd; illus. by Jacqui Lee (Simply Read)

*Pigsticks and Harold and the Incredible Journey* by Alex Milway; illus. by the author (Candlewick)

*Detective Gordon: The First Case* by Ulf Nilsson; illus. by Gitte Spee; trans. from the Swedish by Julia Marshall (Gecko)

*Completely Clementine* by Sara Pennypacker; illus. by Marla Frazee (Disney-Hyperion)

*Neighborhood Sharks: Hunting with the Great Whites of California’s Farallon Islands* by Katherine Roy; illus. by the author (Macaulay/Roaring Brook) 2015 Sibert Honor Book

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**Intermediate**

Suggested grade level for all entries: 4–6

*Hypnotize a Tiger: Poems About Just About Everything*
by Calef Brown; illus. by the author (Ottaviano/Holt)

*Park Scientists: Gila Monsters, Geysers, and Grizzly Bears in America's Own Backyard*
[Scientists in the Field series] by Mary Kay Carson; photos by Tom Uhlman (Houghton)

*The Madman of Piney Woods*
by Christopher Paul Curtis (Scholastic)

*The Key That Swallowed Joey Pigza*
by Jack Gantos (Farrar)

*Rain Reign*
by Ann M. Martin (Feiwel) 2015 Schneider Family Book Award Winner

*The Turtle of Oman*
by Naomi Shihab Nye; illus. by Betsy Peterschmidt (Greenwillow)

*Adventures with Waffles*
by Maria Parr; illus. by Kate Forrester; trans. from the Norwegian by Guy Puzey (Candlewick)

*Nuts to You*
by Lynne Rae Perkins; illus. by the author (Greenwillow)

*Tricky Vic: The Impossibly True Story of the Man Who Sold the Eiffel Tower*
by Greg Pizzoli; illus. by the author (Viking)

*Gone Crazy in Alabama*
by Rita Williams-Garcia (Amistad/HarperCollins)

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Middle School

Suggested grade level for all entries: 6–8

*The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander (Houghton) 2015 Newbery Medal Winner, Coretta Scott King Author Award Honor Book

*The Cabinet of Curiosities: 36 Tales Brief & Sinister* by Stefan Bachmann, Katherine Catmull, Claire Legrand, and Emma Trevayne; illus. by Alexander Jansson (Greenwillow)

*El Deafo* by Cece Bell; illus. by the author (Amulet/Abrams) 2015 Newbery Honor Book

*The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, and the Fall of Imperial Russia* by Candace Fleming (Schwartz & Wade/Random House) 2015 Sibert Honor Book, YALSA Nonfiction Award Finalist

*Roller Girl* by Victoria Jamieson; illus. by the author (Dial)

*The Death of the Hat: A Brief History of Poetry in 50 Objects* selected by Paul B. Janeczko; illus. by Chris Raschka (Candlewick)

*The Great Greene Heist* by Varian Johnson (Levine/Scholastic)

*Egg & Spoon* by Gregory Maguire (Candlewick)

*This One Summer* by Mariko Tamaki; illus. by Jillian Tamaki (First Second/Roaring Brook) 2015 Caldecott Honor Book, Printz Honor Book

*Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson (Paulsen/Penguin) 2015 Coretta Scott King Author Award Winner, Newbery Honor Book, Sibert Honor Book, 2014 National Book Award Winner

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High School

Suggested grade level for all entries: 9 and up

*Dreaming in Indian: Contemporary Native American Voices* ed. by Lisa Charleyboy and Mary Beth Leatherdale (Annick)

*The Truth Commission* by Susan Juby (Viking)

*Glory O’Brien’s History of the Future* by A. S. King (Little, Brown)

*Please Excuse This Poem: 100 New Poets for the Next Generation* ed. by Brett Fletcher Lauer and Lynn Melnick (Viking)

*Hold Me Closer: The Tiny Cooper Story* by David Levithan (Dutton)

*March: Book Two* by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin; illus. by Nate Powell (Top Shelf)

*The Boy in the Black Suit* by Jason Reynolds (Atheneum)

*X: A Novel* by Ilyasah Shabazz with Kekla Magoon (Candlewick)

*Just Call My Name* by Holly Goldberg Sloan (Little, Brown)

*The Walls Around Us* by Nova Ren Suma (Algonquin)

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