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 2015–2016 and ideal for the season.
**Picture Books**

Suggested grade level for all entries: PS–2

*Surf’s Up* by Kwame Alexander, illus. by Daniel Miyares (North-South)

*Thunder Boy Jr.* by Sherman Alexie, illus. by Yuyi Morales (Little, Brown)

*Trombone Shorty* by Troy “Trombone Shorty” Andrews, illus. by Bryan Collier (Abrams) 2016 Caldecott Honor Book, Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award Winner

*The Airport Book* written and illus. by Lisa Brown (Porter/Roaring Brook)

¡*Olinguito, de la A a la Z! / Olinguito, from A to Z!* Descubriendo el bosque nublado / Unveiling the Cloud Forest written and illus. by Lulu Delacre (Children’s Book Press/Lee & Low)

*Drum Dream Girl: How One Girl’s Courage Changed Music* by Margarita Engle, illus. by Rafael López (Houghton) 2016 Pura Belpré Illustrator Award Winner

*Waiting* written and illus. by Kevin Henkes (Greenwillow) 2016 Caldecott Honor Book, Geisel Honor Book

*I Hear a Pickle: (and Smell, See, Touch, and Taste It, Too!)* written and illus. by Rachel Isadora (Paulsen/Penguin)

*Tiptoe Tapirs* written and illus. by Hanmin Kim, trans. from the Korean by Sera Lee (Holiday)

*Flutter & Hum / Aleteo y Zumbido: Animal Poems / Poemas de Animales* written and illus. by Julie Paschkis (Holt)

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Early Readers and Primary Grades

Suggested grade level for all entries: 1–3

*Out of the Woods: A True Story of an Unforgettable Event* written and illus. by Rebecca Bond (Ferguson/Farrar)

*Slickety Quick: Poems About Sharks* by Skila Brown, illus. by Bob Kolar (Candlewick)

*Flop to the Top!* written and illus. by Eleanor Davis and Drew Weing (TOON)

*Amazing Places* poems selected by Lee Bennett Hopkins, illus. by Chris Soentpiet and Christy Hale (Lee & Low)


*Ling & Ting: Together in All Weather* written and illus. by Grace Lin (Little, Brown)

*Written and Drawn by Henrietta* written and illus. by Liniers (TOON) 2016 Batchelder Honor Book

*Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World’s Most Famous Bear* by Lindsay Mattick, illus. by Sophie Blackall (Little, Brown) 2016 Caldecott Medal Winner

*Wet Cement: A Mix of Concrete Poems* by Bob Raczka (Roaring Brook)

*Funny Bones: Posada and His Day of the Dead Calaveras* written and illus. by Duncan Tonatiuh (Abrams) 2016 Sibert Medal Winner, Pura Belpre Illustrator Honor Book
Intermediate
Suggested grade level for all entries: 4–6

**Raymie Nightingale** by Kate DiCamillo (Candlewick)

**George** by Alex Gino (Scholastic) *2016 Stonewall Book Award Winner*

**Sunny Side Up** by Jennifer L. Holm and Matthew Holm, illus. by Matthew Holm, color by Lark Pien (Graphix/Scholastic)

**Upside-Down Magic** by Sarah Mlynowski, Lauren Myracle, and Emily Jenkins (Scholastic)

**The Octopus Scientists: Exploring the Mind of a Mollusk** [Scientists in the Field series] by Sy Montgomery, photos by Keith Ellenbogen (Houghton)

**Jazz Day: The Making of a Famous Photograph** by Roxane Orgill, illus. by Francis Vallejo (Candlewick)

**Fuzzy Mud** by Louis Sachar (Delacorte)

**Hoodoo** by Ronald L. Smith (Clarion) *2016 CSK/John Steptoe New Talent Author Award Winner*

**What Are You Glad About? What Are You Mad About?: Poems for When a Person Needs a Poem** by Judith Viorst, illus. by Lee White (Dlouhy/Atheneum)

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Middle School
Suggested grade level for all entries: 6–8

*Booked* by Kwame Alexander (Houghton)

*The Trouble in Me* by Jack Gantos (Farrar)

*The Lie Tree* by Frances Hardinge (Amulet/Abrams)

*To Catch a Cheat* by Varian Johnson (Levine/Scholastic)

*Shadows of Sherwood: A Robyn Hoodlum Adventure* by Kekla Magoon (Bloomsbury)

*Baba Yaga’s Assistant* by Marika McCoola, illus. by Emily Carroll (Candlewick)

*Ten Days a Madwoman: The Daring Life and Turbulent Times of the Original “Girl” Reporter Nellie Bly* by Deborah Noyes (Viking)

*The Nest* by Kenneth Oppel, illus. by Jon Klassen (Simon)

*The Hired Girl* by Laura Amy Schlitz (Candlewick) 2016 Scott O’Dell Award Winner, Sydney Taylor Book Award Winner

*Goodbye Stranger* by Rebecca Stead (Lamb/Random)
High School
Suggested grade level for all entries: 9 and up

Stonewall: Breaking Out in the Fight for Gay Rights by Ann Bausum (Viking)


I Crawl Through It by A. S. King (Little, Brown)

Burn Baby Burn by Meg Medina (Candlewick)

My Seneca Village by Marilyn Nelson (Namelos) 2016 L.A. Times Book Prize

All American Boys by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely (Dlouhy/Atheneum) 2016 Walter Dean Myers Award, Coretta Scott King Author Honor Book

Carry On: The Rise and Fall of Simon Snow by Rainbow Rowell (St. Martin’s Griffin)

Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War by Steve Sheinkin (Roaring Brook) 2015 National Book Award Finalist, 2016 YALSA Nonfiction Award Winner

Nimona written and illus. by Noelle Stevenson (HarperTeen) 2015 National Book Award Finalist

The Emperor of Any Place by Tim Wynne-Jones (Candlewick)
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