

# GRADES 3 - 5 • 2020 Summer Book List

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## SINGLE BOOKS



### *Jaclyn Hyde*

by Annabeth Bondor-Stone

Jaclyn is an eighth grader who feels the pressure from everyone to be perfect. Whenever she gets a bad grade on a paper, report card, or even if she dislikes the result of her art project, Jaclyn hides the imperfect evidence in her garage.

One day Jaclyn and her friends search for her escaped pet rabbit and end up at a creepy old abandoned house. At the house, Jaclyn finds a recipe in an old lab called Perfect Potion. Jaclyn takes the recipe home,

stirs it up and, drinks it hoping that this potion will make her truly perfect.

Suddenly a mean and nasty monster who creates chaos everywhere she goes appears. Where did she come from? She came from the potion - it's Jaclyn! The Perfect Potion transformed Jaclyn into Jackie, a creature who will do ANYTHING to make sure everyone around her is not perfect. Read Jaclyn Hyde to find out what chaotic things happen.



### *The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise*

by Dan Gemeinhart

Five years. That's how long Coyote and her father, Rodeo, have lived in a converted school bus named Yager. They travel aimlessly across the country, with no end in sight. Everything they need is on that bus; everything they want may be over the next horizon.

Their life is wild and free with little rhyme or reason. There are very few rules that Coyote and Rodeo follow, but some things are absolute "no-goes". When they got on the road, they shed their lives, names, and

memories, shoving it so far down that any mention of home or their pre-bus lives is to be avoided at all costs.

With no cellphone, Coyote occasionally uses payphones to check in with her grandma back home. One summer day her grandma tells her about a beloved park scheduled to be demolished, one that holds a secret so important that it sets Coyote on a desperate course. She must trick Rodeo into going back home in four days - a 3,600 mile trip from Florida to Washington state - triggering a road trip that will upend their lives and break the only rules they've bothered following. "No-goes" all around. Read this book to find out if Coyote succeeds.



### *The Season of Styx Malone*

by Kekla Magoon

It's the summer and Caleb and Bobby Gene Franklin have big plans, most of them taking place in the woods behind their house in Sutton, Indiana. Their summer doesn't start out the way they planned though when they end up with a large sack full of fireworks. Then they meet their new neighbor, Styx Malone, who is older than them and so very cool. Together they begin a plan to trade one small thing for something better again and again until they get

their ultimate summer prize, a moped! However, the boys soon realize that they are in over their heads and maybe Styx Malone isn't everything he seems to be, but could it already be too late?



### *The Unteachables*

by Gordon Korman

Welcome to Greenwich Middle School's class SCS-8 (Self-Contained Special Eighth Grade Class), also known as the Unteachables, students that no teacher wants to teach. Your teacher will be Mr. Ribbit...eh...I mean Mr. Kermit. Meet some of your fellow students: Parker the farm boy who can't read, the always angry Aldo, Elaine (rhymes with pain), Barnstorm the football player, sleep-deprived artist Rahim, Mateo the fantasy world expert, and Kiana who doesn't even

belong in this class - the school has no record of her at all.

Find a seat anywhere and relax, Mr. Kermit only hands out worksheets and does crossword puzzles, counting down the days until he's eligible for early retirement. He was involved with a huge cheating scandal years ago; it wasn't his fault, but he was blamed for allowing it to happen. He's been just phoning it in ever since, patiently waiting for his last day of teaching. The superintendent of schools has plans to derail Mr. Kermit before he retires and save the school district from having to pay him his pension. Can his class of misfits help? Will he even notice if they try? And what happens when the school finally realizes that Kiana shouldn't be there at all? Find out in *The Unteachables*.



### *We're Not from Here*

by Geoff Rodkey

The human race must find another place to live when Earth becomes uninhabitable. Having evacuated to a space station on Mars, the remaining people must try to find a planet that will support human life; they are running out of oxygen, food, and water. When humankind is finally invited to live on a planet named Choom, it takes nearly 20 years for the space ship carrying them to get there. During that time the insect-like life forms, or Zhuri, that dominate the

planet have changed governing forces. Seen as too violent, the humans are no longer welcome. After much negotiation Lan's mom, Amora, convinces the Zhuri to allow one family to enter as a test. Lan's mom, dad, and sister Ila are selected for that mission.

The Zhuri, who claim to be non-violent, protest the human immigrants by covering the families transport with revolting smelling spit-like goo. Terrified, the family must find a way to be accepted, the future of humanity depends on it.

Lan befriends two members of subspecies on the planet. First there is Krik named Ezger; a Krik is described as, "a fuzzy little green werewolf with bulging muscles, red eyes, and an enormous mouth with double rows of razor-sharp gray teeth". Second is an Ororo named Marf; an Ororo is described as "a giant, white-blue marshmallow with sleepy dark eyes". The unlikely friends help the family learn why they are not being accepted even after being invited to Choom. The culture on the planet is scary; one species, the Nug, had previously existed on the planet but had been eliminated by the "non-violent" Zhuri. Will Lan's family find a way to fit in and become valuable to the Zhuri? Read and find out if the human race survives on the planet Choom.

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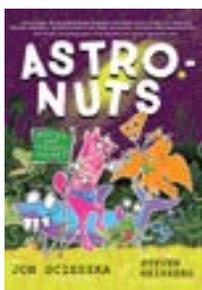


**Camp**  
by Kayla Miller

Olive is sure she'll have the best time at summer camp with her friend Willow, but while Olive makes quick friends with the other campers, Willow struggles to form connections and latches on to the only person she knows, Olive. It's s'more than Olive can handle! The stress of being Willow's living security blanket begins to wear on Olive and before long the girls aren't just fighting, they may not even be friends by the time camp is over. Will the two be able to patch things up before the final lights out?

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*Camp* is for those readers who have been to an overnight camp or who have always wanted to. The illustrations are so colorful and welcoming and really show what each character is feeling. It's a great book about friendship, independence, and learning a lot about yourself!



**Astro-nuts: Mission One. The Plant Planet**  
by Jon Scieszka

The astronuts are a very, very, very well kept secret of the NNASA (Not-NASA) and are kept hidden in a nose on Mount Rushmore. When Earth has reached its limits because of global warming, these four very strange and unique creatures are sent into space on a mission to find a new home for humans. They have two weeks to find a new planet, which might seem tight, but they run into a possible planet right away. However, things may not be as friendly as they seem.



**Stargazing**  
by Jen Wang

When Moon and her mother move next door, Christine isn't sure what to feel. Moon is very different from Christine and from anybody she knows. Christine later learns she has more in common with Moon than she ever imagined. Soon they are sharing their favorite music, nail polish, and secrets. When Moon's world turns upside down, can Christine step up to be the friend that Moon needs?



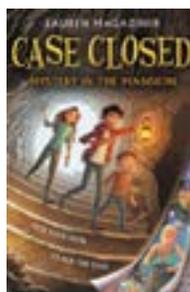
## BOOK SERIES

**Closed Case Series** by Lauren Magaziner

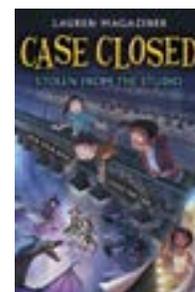
If you enjoy choose your own adventure books, you will love the Case Closed series. Instead of choosing where to go next, you get to choose which clue to follow, or which suspect to interview, or even solve riddles and puzzles to progress to the next clue.

Book one, *Mystery in the Mansion*, is about Carlos Serrano, his best friend Eliza, and his little brother Frank. When Carlos's mom gets sick, he has to help her solve a case, so she doesn't lose her detective agency. There will be tricky riddles, hidden secrets, and plenty of impossible choices! You pick the path, you crack the case!

**Books Included in the Series**



*Mystery in the Mansion*



*Stolen from the Studio*

**City of Ghosts Series** by Victoria Schwab

After falling from her bike and dropping 20 feet off a bridge into a nearly frozen river, Cassidy Blake almost drowned. Her rescuer and new best friend has a most unusual ability; he is not "bound by the laws of corporeality", he is a ghost. When Cassidy's author parents get a deal for a TV series, the family has an adventure in Scotland. It is there that they learn more about Cassidy's ability to cross over to the other side. Cassidy meets another "inbetweener" named Lara who fills her in on what her real purpose should be: sending ghosts who are stuck on to their destiny. Legends, ghosts, history, and family take you on the adventure of a lifetime in *City of Ghosts*.

**Books Included in the Series**



*City of Ghosts*



*Tunnel of Bones*