

Reading Recommendations for Sixth Grade

Happy Summer! Please choose two books from the list below and one book of your own choosing to read over the summer. We pored over many books and made our selections from the Archdiocese, Reading Olympics Reading lists and also included a few of our favorites. Have fun perusing, choosing and diving into the books of your choice. Remember, “You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book.” -Dr. Seuss

***A Handful of Stars* by Cynthia Lord:** When Lily's blind dog, Lucky, slips his collar and runs away across the wide-open blueberry barrens of eastern Maine, it's Salma Santiago who manages to catch him. ©2017 Grade Level 5-7

***How We Got to the Moon: The People, Technology, and Daring Feats of Science Behind Humanity's Greatest Adventure* by John Rocco** The Moon landing is one of the most ambitious, thrilling, and dangerous ventures in human history. This book tells the stories of the 400,000 unsung heroes--the engineers, mathematicians, seamstresses, welders, and factory workers--and their innovations and life-changing technological leaps forward that allowed NASA to achieve this unparalleled accomplishment. Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Award ©2020 - Grade Level 5-6

Indian No More: Regina finds a whole new world in her neighborhood on 58th Place. She's never met kids of other races, and they've never met a real Indian. Best Books of 2019, American Indians in Children's Literature ©2019 Grade Level 6-8

***Isabel Feeney, Star Reporter* by Beth Fantaskey:** It's 1920s Chicago—the guns-and-gangster era of Al Capone—and it's unusual for a girl to be selling the Tribune on the street corner. But ten-year-old Isabel Feeney is unusually obsessed with being a news reporter. ©2017 Grade Level 5-7

***Merci Suarez Changes Gears* by Meg Medina:** Merci Suarez knew that sixth grade would be different, but she had no idea just how different. For starters, Merci has never been like the other kids at her private school in Florida, because she and her older brother, Roli, are scholarship students. 2019 Newbery Medal ©2018 Grade Level 5-7

***The Night Diary* by Veera Hiranandani:** Half-Muslim, half-Hindu twelve-year-old Nisha seldom speaks and writes to her dead mother in a night diary. It's 1947, and her country (India) was just split into two countries: Pakistan and India. For the family's safety, they have to take a dangerous journey to a new home. 2019 Newbery Honor Book ©2019 Grade Level 5-7

Pay Attention, Carter Jones by Grey D. Schmidt: Carter Jones suddenly has an English butler who insists on helping his family during a time of grief: teaching and letting Carter drive the huge family car and taking over the school soccer field so everyone can play cricket, among other absurd and humorous events. ©2020 Grade Level 5-7

All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team is a 2020 nonfiction children's book by American author Christina Soontornvat. It describes the 2018 Tham Luang cave rescue. The book received positive reviews from critics and was awarded a Newbery Honor and a Sibert Honor in 2021.

Shootout by Mike Lupica: What happens when a star player ends up on the worst team? He either learns to lose or he stops playing the game he loves. ...

Stargazing by Jen Wang: Moon is everything Christine isn't. She's confident, impulsive, artistic . . . and though they both grew up in the same Chinese-American suburb, Moon is somehow unlike anyone Christine has ever known.

Life in the Ocean: The Story of Oceanographer Sylvia Earle: Sylvia Earle first lost her heart to the ocean as a young girl when she discovered the wonders of the Gulf of Mexico in her backyard. As an adult, she dives even deeper. Whether she's designing submersibles, swimming with the whales, or taking deep-water walks, Sylvia Earle has dedicated her life to learning more about what she calls "the blue heart of the planet." With stunningly detailed pictures of the wonders of the sea, *Life in the Ocean* tells the story of Sylvia's growing passion and how her ocean exploration and advocacy have made her known around the world.

Pie by Sarah Weeks: When Alice's Aunt Polly, the Pie Queen of Ipswich, passes away, she takes with her the secret to her world-famous pie-crust recipe. Or does she? In her will, Polly leaves the recipe to her extraordinarily fat, remarkably disagreeable cat, Lardo . . . and then leaves Lardo in the care of Alice.

When you Trap a Tiger by Tae Keller: *When You Trap a Tiger* is a 2020 children's book by Tae Keller. The novel tells the story of a biracial girl, Lily, who learns about her heritage when her family moves in with Lily's Korean grandmother.

<p>Authors to look for: <i>Gary Paulsen</i> <i>Kwami Alexander</i> <i>Alan Gratz</i> <i>Kate DiCamillo</i></p>	<p>Popular Book Series: <i>Harry Potter</i> <i>I Survived...</i> <i>Hunger Games</i></p>
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