

## Live Oak Summer Reading: Fourth Grade

Enjoy this list of new and old favorites to read over the summer. Please read at least two books from the list. Choose books that you haven't read before that will challenge and interest you. You may select books from older or younger grade lists, which are available on the library page of the Family Tree. A green asterisk \* at the end of a description indicates a great family read-aloud.

These lists would not have been possible without the help of our former librarians, Jenny and Melissa. Be sure to think of them when you fall in love with a new book this summer!

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## FICTION

### FANTASY

**e Bob** by Wendy Mass and Rebecca Stead

When visiting her Australian Gran, Livy has a feeling she's forgotten something important about her first visit, five years earlier. She's right! Bob, a short, greenish creature has remained hidden in a guest room closet, and he remembers everything about their friendship, especially Livy's promise to help him find his way home. **LOS SFPL** \*

**e** The Boy Who Grew Dragons: **The Boy Who Lived With Dragons, The Boy Who Grew Dragons and three more** by Andy Shepherd

When Tomas discovers a strange old tree at the bottom of his grandfather's garden, he doesn't think much of it. But he takes the funny fruit from the tree back into the house and gets the shock of his life when a tiny dragon hatches. The tree is a dragon fruit tree, and Tomas now has his very own dragon. Hello Flicker! **LOS SFPL**

**e audio** Bravelands: **Broken Pride, Blood and Bone and two more** by Erin Hunter

From the author of *Warriors*, this epic adventure is told from three viewpoints: a lion cast out from his pride, an elephant who can read the bones of the dead, and a baboon rebelling against his destiny. When an unthinkable act shatters the peace, the fragile balance between predators and prey rests in the paws of three unlikely heroes. **LOS SFPL**

**Cardboard Kingdom, Roar of the Beast, and Snow and Sorcery** by Chad Sell

Organized and illustrated by Chad Sell, this series brings together multiple authors to tell the stories of a group of neighborhood children who unleash their imaginations to create a fantasy world of superheroes and sorcerers. As the series progresses, we learn more about who these children are in the real world and how this inspires their characters in the titular Cardboard Kingdom. Full of action and drama, this graphic novel has broad appeal.

**e audio** **The Cheshire Cheese Cat: A Dickens of a Tale** by Carmen Agra Deedy

Hoping to trade London's damp alleyways for the warmth of ye olde Cheshire Cheese Inn, Skilley strikes a bargain with Pip, a clever mouse. Skilley will protect the mice who live at the inn, and the mice will provide the alley-cat with the thing he desires most. But the pair soon find themselves drawn into a mystery that threatens the Inn, the Queen, and their friendship. [LOS](#)

[SFPL](#) \*

**Cress Watercress** by Gregory Maguire

It's a dangerous world for rabbits so when Papa doesn't return from a honey-gathering trip, the family suspects the worst. The family moves to a basement unit of a run-down oak tree apartment with an owl landlord, a nosy mouse super, rowdy squirrels, and songbirds who broadcast everyone's business. Can a dead tree full of annoying neighbors ever be home?

**Dog Squad** by Chris Grabenstein

Duke is not your average dog. Along with his crew, he fights crime and goes on claw-biting adventures helping dogs in peril in the hit streaming sensation--DOG SQUAD! Fred is a pretty average dog. He's scrappy. He's loveable. But he's not brave like his heroes on Dog Squad. When there's danger in real life, can Fred find the courage to step up and save the day?!

**e audio** **Firstborn** by Tor Seidler

Maggie the Magpie is dismayed to learn how silly most of her family are, so she strikes up friendships with other animals including a crow and a wolf. She has a front-row seat to their adventures: bringing down buffalo, raising a litter, avoiding capture, and learning that you must first be loyal to your own nature before you can be loyal to others. [SFPL](#)

**e** **Houdini and Me** by Dan Gutman

Eleven-year-old Harry Mancini is NOT Harry Houdini--the famous escape artist who died in 1926. But he DOES live in Houdini's old NYC home, and he definitely knows everything there is to know about Houdini's life. What happens when someone starts texting Harry, claiming to be Houdini communicating from beyond the grave? [SFPL](#)

**e audio** **The Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell and 5 more** by Chris Colfer

Twins Alex and Conner leave their world behind and enter a foreign land full of wonder and magic where they come face-to-face with fairy tale characters they grew up reading about. But after a series of encounters with witches, wolves, goblins, and trolls, they realize that getting back home is going to be harder than they thought. [LOS](#) [SFPL](#)

**e audio** **Love Sugar Magic: Dash of Trouble, Sprinkle of Spirits and A Mixture of Mischief** by Anna Meriano

Leonora's family bakery is famous for its treats celebrating the town's *Día de los Muertos* festival. Leo discovers her family has been keeping a big secret: they're brujas--witches of Mexican ancestry--who pour magic into everything that they bake. Leo is sure she has powers too and decides to try out just one little spell. What could possibly go wrong? [LOS](#)

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**Maya and the Robot** by Eve L. Ewing

When Maya's two besties are placed in a different fifth grade class, she worries about being alone. The shy girl finds a robot named Ralph in the back of a convenience store closet and uses her science skills to get him up and running. New friendships develop, but Maya soon learns that some people like Ralph for all the wrong reasons.

**e audio** Max & the Midknights: **Max and the Midknights, Battle of the Bodkins and The Tower of Time** by Lincoln Peirce

Max wants to be a knight, but that's highly unlikely in the kingdom of Byjovia, which has all sorts of strange rules and one truly evil ruler: King Gastly. But when Max joins up with a band of adventurers—the Midknights—everything starts to change (mostly for the better). The magic, adventure and hilarity continue in books 2 and 3 of this illustrated series. [SFPL](#)

**Once Upon a Camel** by Kathi Appelt

Zada won camel races for the royal Pasha of Smyrna, crossed treacherous oceans to new lands, led army missions, and outsmarted a pompous mountain lion. Now, Zada wanders the desert as the last camel in Texas. Two tiny kestrel chicks are nestled in her fur, and a mountain-sized dust storm is taking all of them on one grand adventure.

**The Sheep, the Rooster and the Duck: A Tale from the Age of Wonder** by Matt Phelan

Emile is happy just to be a caretaker at Ben Franklin's Paris château, but then the 10-year-old learns about a sinister plot. Three creatures offer to help him save Franklin and the world, but can he really trust a sheep, a rooster and a duck? Read *Mesmerized* (see *Nonfiction*) to learn more about the real-life characters found in this funny, illustrated story.

Story Pirates Presents: **Stuck in the Stone Age, Digging Up Danger and Quest for the Crystal Crown** by various authors

From the award-winning podcast comes an action-packed series. #1: A lab accident sends a janitor and a shy scientist back in time to the stone age. #2. Ghost loving Eliza suspects the supernatural when a mysterious plant vanishes. #3. A lost crystal crown is a hidden world's only hope when danger threatens. *Includes author tips on how to write your own adventures.*

**e** The Unicorn Quest: **Unicorn Quest, Secret in the Stone, and Fire in the Star** by Kamilla Benko

Claire worries about her older sister Sophie, who battled a mysterious illness last year. But things are back to normal as they move into Windermere Manor...until the sisters climb a strange ladder in a fireplace and enter a magical land. Scared, they return home, but when Sophie vanishes, Claire must find the courage to climb back up the ladder to find her. [LOS](#)  
[SFPL](#)

**e audio** Wilderlore: **The Accidental Apprentice and The Weeping Tide** by Amanda Foody

The last thing Barclay wanted was an adventure. But when he accidentally breaks his town's sacred rule: NEVER stray into the woods, he mistakenly bonds with a beast and is chased from town. Determined to break the bond and return home, Barclay's only hope is to team up with Viola, a local Lore Keeper, and embrace the adventure awaiting him. [SFPL](#)

**Willodeen** by Kathleen Applegate

Willodeen loves animals. Her favorites are the strange beasts known as "screechers." The villagers think they are evil pests, the opposite of the adorable and valuable hummingbears, whose migration draws tourists. When floods, fires and mudslides are followed by an absence of hummingbears, Willodeen uses a magical birthday gift to save the animals she loves.

**e audio** Wings of Fire: **The Dragonet Prophecy, The Lost Heir, and many more** by Tui T. Sutherland

The dragon tribes have been at war for generations, locked in an endless battle over an ancient, lost treasure. As part of an ancient prophecy, five dragonets are raised in a hidden cave and enlisted, against their will, to end the terrible war. Excitement and danger ensue when the select five escape their underground captors to look for their original homes. [LOS](#) [SFPL](#)

## **REALISTIC FICTION (25)**

**e** **Adventures With Waffles** by Maria Parr

Hardly a day passes without Trille and his neighbor Lena inventing some kind of adventure that often ends in trouble. Whether it's coaxing a cow onto a boat or sledding down the steepest and iciest hill with a chicken, there is always a thrill—and sometimes an injury—to be had. [LOS](#) [SFPL](#) \*

**e audio** All Four Stars: **All Four Stars, The Stars of Summer, Stars So Sweet** by Tara Dairman

Gladys has been cooking gourmet dishes since she was seven! Now she's 11, and after a crème brûlée accident (just a *small* fire), her parents have banned her from the kitchen. When she's hired to write restaurant reviews, it's the perfect way to stay involved with food. It does require sneaking into NYC and keeping her identity a secret! Easy as pie, right? [LOS](#) [SFPL](#)

**e audio** Ballpark Mysteries: **The Fenway Foul-up, The Pinstripe Ghost and 13 more** by David Kelly

Meet Mike and Kate, a pair of young sleuths, who solve mysteries set in ballparks across America. In book #1, the lucky bat of the Red Sox star slugger disappears. Can Kate and Mike figure out who pinched the bat before the Sox chalk up a loss? Don't miss book #7 set in San Francisco. [LOS](#) [SFPL](#)

**e audio** **The Boy at the Back of the Class** by Onjali Q. Raúf

When a new boy named Ahmed joins Alexa's class at her London school, the students have questions: Why does the new boy never go to lunch or recess with the other kids, and why doesn't he talk to anyone? Everyone has different theories, but when Alexa and her friends overhear adults saying that Ahmed is a refugee they befriend him and find a way to help. [SFPL](#)

**Charlotte's Web** by E.B. White

Fern knows being a farmer's child means never getting attached to the animals, but there is something remarkable about the littlest pig in the litter. Wilbur may be a runt but Fern and Charlotte, the spider that shares his stall, can see how special he is. With the help of a selfish rat, Fern and Charlotte are determined to save him. A classic not to be missed. \*

**e** Cilla Lee-Jenkins: **Future Author Extraordinaire, This Book is a Classic, The Epic Story** by Susan Tan

Cilla Lee-Jenkins is 50% Chinese, 50% Caucasian, and 100% destined for literary greatness, and she is on a tight deadline. Her baby sister is about to be born, and Cilla needs to become a bestselling author before her family forgets all about her. So she writes about what she knows best—herself! [SFPL](#)

**e audio** Comeback Kids: **Shoot-Out, Safe at Home, Long Shot, Hot Hand, & Two-Minute Drill** by Mike Lupica

A perfect series for sports lovers of all types. The first book, *Shoot Out* is about the one sport played by more kids across the country than any other: soccer. Jake has gone from a championship soccer team to last place. What happens when a star player ends up on the worst team? He either learns to lose or stops playing the game he loves. [LOS](#) [SFPL](#)

**Finally Seen and Finally Heard** by Kelly Yang

Ten year-old Lina Gao has grown up in China, separated from her parents and sister, who are trying to make a better life in the United States. She is understandably excited to join her family in Los Angeles, but she quickly learns that life in America is not as idyllic as her family has told her. Her family lives in a small apartment, her father works long hours, and the kids at school make fun of her broken English. Will Lina and her family overcome these obstacles to create their own American dream?

**e audio** **Full of Beans** by Jennifer L. Holm

Key West in July is stinking hot, and even if it weren't, ten-year-old Beans would be steaming mad. He's been cheated out of his earnings and needs a new scheme to get money to help out his folks. Good thing Beans is never short of plans. A heroic and hilarious story set during the Great Depression. For more adventures check out *Turtle in Paradise: The Graphic Novel*. [LOS](#) [SFPL](#) \*

**audio** **The Hard Pan: The Higher Power of Lucky, Lucky Breaks, and Lucky for Good** by Susan Patron

Lucky knows she's far from perfect, but that's true of many of the eccentric residents of Hard Pan, California, population 43. She loves life at the desert's edge and her caretaker Brigitte. But lately Brigitte seems homesick for France, and to avoid an orphanage where dogs won't be welcome, Lucky decides to run away with her beloved beagle. [SFPL](#) \*

**Marcus Makes a Movie and Marcus Makes It Big** by Kevin Hart and Geoff Rodkey

Marcus is NOT happy to be stuck in after-school film class—until he realizes he can turn the story of the cartoon superhero he's been drawing for years into an actual MOVIE! There's just one problem: he has no idea what he's doing! In book 2, he finds out that the only thing harder than making a movie is making a second one. \*

**e audio** **Number the Stars** by Lois Lowry

In this classic book, 10-year-old Annemarie and her best friend Ellen often think of life before the war. It's now 1943, and their hometown of Copenhagen is filled with Nazi soldiers. When the Jews of Denmark are "relocated," Ellen moves in with the Johansens and pretends to be one of the family. Soon Annemarie is asked to go on a dangerous mission to save Ellen's life. [LOS](#) [SFPL](#)

**Pawcasso** by Remy Lai

Every Saturday, Pawcasso trots into town with a basket to buy groceries for his family. Jo sees him and follows along. Soon she's mistaken for his owner. She tries to explain, until she realizes how much more interesting her life is as the dog's companion. But what starts as a little lie quickly grows bigger. Is Jo willing to spill the truth and risk her new friendships? *Graphic Novel*

**e** **The Real McCoys and The Real McCoys: Two's a Crowd** by Matthew Swanson

Moxie McCoy's best friend and detective partner has moved out of town, and the timing couldn't be worse. The world's best 4th-grade detective faces her biggest challenge! The school mascot

has been stolen. Moxie's brother has been accused and the evidence keeps pointing towards Moxie's best-friend-in-training. Can Moxie find the real culprit? [SFPL](#)

**e The Rhino in Right Field** by Stacy DeKeyser

Nick loves baseball and the local team is having a contest on Saturday that could change his life. There are two obstacles: his hard-working parents' insistence that he work Saturdays in their shop and Nick's history with the rhino in the outfield that has left him frozen with fear whenever a fly ball comes his way. [LOS](#) [SFPL](#)

**Saving Sorya: Chang and the Sun Bear** by Trang Nguyễn Sa

On the way home from school in Vietnam, Chang and a friend hear a terrible crying noise. They investigate and find a moon bear held captive. At that moment Chang decides to spend her life protecting wild animals. The only problem is no one thinks she can do it. This is the story of how she raised the sun bear Sorya and returned her to the wild. *Graphic Novel*

**Shirley and Jamila Save Their Summer** and **Shirley and Jamila's Big Fall** by Gillian Goerz

Jamila Waheed is expecting a lonely summer in her neighborhood--until she meets Shirley. Sure, Shirley's a little strange, but both girls need a new plan for the summer, and they might as well become friends. The girls soon become crime-solving partners, but their first case involving a missing gecko turns their summer and their new friendship upside down! *Graphic Novel*

**e audio Stay** by Bobbie Pyron

A girl named Piper and a dog named Baby: Both know what it is to not have a home. But when Baby disappears and her owner is hospitalized, Piper knows she needs to help bring the pair back together. But helping means finding the courage to trust herself and her new friends, no matter what anyone says about them—before Baby gets taken away for good.

**e audio** Pacey Lin: **The Year of the Dog, The Year of the Rat, Dumpling Days** by Grace Lin

Pacy has high hopes for the Year of the Dog, which in Chinese culture is a year for finding friends and finding yourself. The friend comes first: a new girl, Melody, whose family is also Taiwanese-American. Discovering what she wants to do with her life takes Pacey a little longer, but a contest helps show her the way. [SFPL](#) \*

**e Survivor Diaries: Overboard!, Avalanche!, Lost!, Dust Storm!** by Terry Lynn Johnson

Each book starts with a flashback, but quickly two friends find themselves alone when disaster strikes. With deadly obstacles to overcome, can they use their resources and ingenuity to reach safety? [LOS](#) [SFPL](#)

**e audio** Terrible Two: **Terrible Two** and *2 more* by Mac Barnett, Jory John and Kevin Cornell

Miles and Niles are great at being terrible. Their pranks bring joy to their classmates and embarrassment to those who need taking down: bullies, blowhards and pedants. Witty stories, laugh-out-loud dialogue, humorous line drawings, and even some profound philosophy make for an action-packed series. Let the battles begin. [LOS](#) [SFPL](#)

**e Titanic: Unsinkable, Collision Course, and S.O.S.** by Gordon Korman

Four young passengers face peril aboard the Titanic. Paddy is a stowaway, escaping a deadly past. Sophie's mother is delivered to the ship by police. Juliana's father's wealth can barely mask his madness. And Alfie is hiding a huge secret. Their lives are tied to the fate of the Titanic. The farther they get from shore, the more danger looms. [LOS](#)



**e audio** The Vanderbeekers: **The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street, The Vanderbeekers and the Hidden Garden, The Vanderbeekers to the Rescue** by Karina Yan Glaser

The Vanderbeekers have always lived in the brownstone on 141st Street. It's practically another member of the family. When a few days before the holidays their older, cranky landlord decides not to renew their lease, the five siblings (ages 4-12) have 11 days to do whatever it takes to stay. Let the hilarious adventures begin. [LOS](#) [SFPL](#) \*

**e** Wish: **Gaby Lost and Found, Allie, First at Last** and **Lety Out Loud** by Angela Cervantes  
Gaby loves volunteering at the local animal shelter, where she helps strays find their forever homes. But lately she has been feeling like a stray herself. She hopes her mom will return home soon, so that they can adopt Gaby's favorite shelter cat. When the cat's original owners turn up, Gaby worries that her plans for the perfect family are about to fall apart. [LOS](#) [SFPL](#)

**Wonderland** by Barbara O'Connor

Mavis is tired of moving from one town to the next. This time the 4th-grader and her mother are headed to Alabama. Mavis hopes that they will stay long enough to find a real friend. Her wish comes true when she meets the daughter of her mother's new employer. Though the girls are opposites, they share a common goal: Find a new dog for kind Mr. Duffy.

**e** Zayd Saleem, Chasing the Dream: **Power Forward, On Point, and Bounce Back** by Hena Khan

Zayd has serious hoop dreams. This 4th-grader is not just going to be a professional basketball player, he's going to be a star. The first Pakistani-American kid in the NBA. There are some challenges: He's a bit on the scrawny side and his parents want him to practice his violin instead of his jump shot. Can Zayd find the courage to chase his dream? [LOS](#) [SFP](#)

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## NONFICTION

**Baseball: Then to Wow, Football: Then to Wow, and Hockey Then to Wow** by Mark Bechtel

Baseball season is in full swing! Kids who love the game will love learning about just about every aspect of the game including details about players, umpires, minor league teams, statistics, and much more. Increase your knowledge about epic home-runs, hits and strikeouts. Expect the same kind of fascinating details in books about football and hockey.

**Chess: From First Moves to Checkmate** by Daniel King

Master one of the world's greatest games! Clear diagrams and illustrations guide beginners through the basic rules and moves, while puzzles, training exercises and strategy tips help more experienced players improve their game. Includes the fascinating history of chess as well as inspiring stories about the world's greatest players.

**e** **Chickenology: The Ultimate Encyclopedia** and **Pigology: The Ultimate Encyclopedia** by Barbara Sandri and Francesco Giubbilini

With a playful tone and irresistibly charming illustrations, both of these lively visual encyclopedias present animals in all of their glory. Enjoy sections on personality, courtship, anatomy, and intelligence. You'll also learn about different breeds and how to raise and care for these amazing animals. [SFPL](#)

**e Code Breaker, Spy Hunter: How Elizebeth Friedman Changed the Course of Two World Wars** by Laurie Wallmark

Elizebeth Friedman's work was classified Top Secret Ultra and only recently revealed. Find out how this brilliant American code breaker smashed Nazi spy rings, prevented countless deaths, took down gangsters, and created the CIA's first cryptology unit. This book explains how to do some basic code cracking and decipher hidden messages. [SEPL](#)

**Kid Legends: Kid Athletes, Kid Scientists, Kid Activists and 5 more** by David Stabler or Robin Stevenson

Before they were famous, they were kids, struggling with problems like bullies, homework, and annoying siblings. Ride along with kid legends of all kinds as you learn the paths they took to greatness. Inspiring anecdotes and cartoon-style illustrations reveal the childhood escapades of presidents, artists, authors, innovators, trailblazers, athletes, scientists, and activists.

**e ER Vets** by Donna M. Jackson

They can surgically remove an arrow from a cat's abdomen, repair a bird's broken wing, even save a tiny foal that is in a coma. Filled with full-color behind-the-scenes photographs, this book captures the drama, excitement, and courage of being an ER vet and offers important tips for pet owners. [SFPL](#)

**Into the Unknown** by Stewart Ross

Ready to relive some of the most daring voyages of all time? Unfold these spectacular cross sections and explore the world's most epic journeys. Beginning in 340 BC with Pytheas the Greek, and ending in 1969 with Neil Armstrong, this book profiles 14 intrepid explorers and explorations using fantastic detailed illustrations, maps, and diagrams.

**e Latinitas: Celebrating 40 Big Dreamers** by Juliet Menéndez

Discover how 40 influential Latinas became the women we celebrate today! From Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor to singer Selena Quintanilla to NASA's first virtual reality engineer, Evelyn Miralles, this is a book for aspiring artists, scientists, activists, and more. These women followed their dreams—and just might encourage you to follow yours! [SFPL](#)

**e Lost Cities** by Giles Laroche

What would it be like if you lived a thousand years ago and passed through the Hanging Gardens of Babylon on a walk, or gazed at the stars from your home in Mesa Verde? Ancient cities that once thrived have become lost to time, but in their ruins are clues as to what life was really like. This visually stunning guide unearths the secrets of the past. [SFPL](#)

**Mesmerized: How Ben Franklin Solved a Mystery that Baffled All of France** by Mara Rockliff

In the late 1700s, the French king wanted to know if the popular Dr. Mesmer could really cure diseases and control thoughts. To find out, he called upon America's Benjamin Franklin. Find out how Franklin exposed a hoax and helped establish the scientific method. Pair with *The Sheep, the Rooster & the Duck: A Tale from the Age of Wonder* (see Fiction).

**Moto and Me: My Year as a Wildcat's Foster Mom** by Suzi Eszterhas

Get up-close and personal with a tiny spotted wildcat (a serval) found abandoned in Kenya. The wildlife photographer who fostered him chronicles their year together with photos and text as Moto grows from a helpless kitten into a strong and confident cat able to manage on his own.



**e** Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales: **One Dead Spy, 9 more and the newest: Cold War Correspondent: A Korean War Tale** by Nathan Hale

In Hale's newest, learn about the Korean War and American journalist Marguerite Higgins. Trapped in enemy territory, she risked her life again and again to bring eyewitness accounts to the world. Be sure to check out other books in the series about equally fascinating people and historical events. All are packed full with history, humor and amazing details. *Graphic Novel*

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**Neighborhood Sharks: Hunting with the Great Whites of California's Farallon Islands** by Katherine Roy

A few miles off the SF coast, lives the ocean's largest and most famous predator: The Great White Shark. Every year a migration of seals lures them to the Farallon Islands. After 11 million years of evolution, they are massive, fast, and perfectly adapted to hunting. Learn all about our planet's most fearsome, fascinating, and least understood animals.

**e** **Nicky & Vera** by Peter Sis

In 1938, a young Englishman, Nicholas Winton, canceled a ski vacation and chose instead to help children in Prague escape from the Nazis during World War II. Fifty years later a chance discovery brought Winton's actions to light and reunited him with Vera, who was one of the girls he saved. [SFPL](#)

Outdoor School: **Rock, Fossil, and Shell Hunting, Animal Watching, and Hiking and Camping**

Make every day an adventure with these durable, interactive field guides that include activities to get you exploring and write-in sections to journal about experiences. Learn to find, identify and store rocks, fossils and shells. Discover how to spot, identify and track animals. Plan your next outdoor adventure with survival skills and gear.

**e** Superpower Field Guide: **Beavers, Moles, Ostriches and Eels** by Rachel Poliquin

Laugh-out-loud celebrations of animals that don't *seem* extraordinary but are actually truly amazing. Learn the superpowers hidden behind buck teeth, squinty eyes, and long slippery slimy fishy-things. Prepare to be amazed by these animals' arsenal of superfierce survival skills including telescopic vision, ever-flow lungs, double invisibility and shape-shifting.

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**e** **The Teachers March!: How Selma's Teachers Changed History** by Sandra Neil Wallace and Rich Wallace

Reverend Reese taught high school science—as well as freedom and equality. He led by example, organizing marches in Selma to push for voting rights for African Americans. He believed "If the teachers marched, people would notice, and change would come," Powerful illustrations help show how the actions of everyday citizens can drive change. [SFPL](#)

**e audio** **Team Moon: How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon** by Catherine Thimmesh

With direct quotes and stunning photographs, Thimmesh chronicles the Apollo 11 mission, the spaceflight that landed the first man on the moon in 1969. The book captures not only the sheer magnitude of the moon landing, but also the dedication, ingenuity, and perseverance of the greatest team ever—the team that put man on a rock in the sky. [SFPL](#)

**e** **The Triumphant Tale of the House Sparrow** by Jan Thornhill

Behold the most despised bird in human history! But there are amazing stories in the history of one of the most adaptable creatures on Earth. Beautiful illustrations trace the story of a bird that has traveled with humans across the globe: from mummies in Egypt and with Roman soldiers to Great Britain, spreading across America with the rise of railroads. [SFPL](#)

**e audio** **Zombie Makers: True Stories of Nature's Undead** by Rebecca L. Johnson

Are zombies real? No, but there are things that can take over the bodies and brains of innocent creatures, turning them into senseless slaves. Meet nature's zombie makers—including a fly-enslaving fungus, a suicide worm, and a cockroach-taming wasp—and their victims in electrifyingly gruesome detail. Not for the squeamish. [SFPL](#)