



This is a “Titles Only” list for the [2013 Redeemed Reader Summer Reading Challenge](#). Use it for a quick reference to print and take to the library or to check off books or just to hang onto for future reference. Please refer to the [annotated list](#) for more details on age recommendations, brief plot summaries, and more. Some book titles are linked to their reviews on [Redeemed Reader](#) or [Literaritea](#). [MG=middle grades, ECB=Early Chapter Book, ER=Easy Reader, PB=Picture Book]

Official Read Along Titles:

1. [Around the World](#) by Matt Phelan (MG; graphic novel)
2. [The Middle of Somewhere](#) by J. B. Cheaney (MG; contemporary realistic fiction)
3. [Mr. Popper’s Penguins](#) by Richard Atwater (ECB/MG; humorous)
4. [Nate Saint: Operation Auca](#) (MG; biography)
5. [The Light Princess](#) by George MacDonald (MG; fairy tale)
6. [The Lightning Thief](#) by Rick Riordan (MG; fantasy)
7. [Where the Mountain Meets the Moon](#) by Grace Lin (MG; fantasy/folklore)

The Big 100 (and then some!)

Graphic Novel/Tour-the-World Stories

1. Mirror by Jeannie Baker (PB)
2. How to Make an Apple Pie and See the World by Marjorie Priceman (PB); see also How to Make a Cherry Pie and See the U.S.A. by Marjorie Priceman (PB)
3. The Adventures of Tintin by Herge (MG; graphic novel)
4. American Born Chinese by Gene Luan Yang (MG; graphic novel)
5. Cardboard and others by Doug TenNapel (MG; graphic novels)
6. What the World Eats and Material World by Peter Menzel (MG; photoessays)
7. Around the World in 80 Days by Jules Verne (MG; adventure)
8. Around the World in 100 Days by Gary Blackwood (MG; adventure)
9. Around the World by John Coy
10. The Romans: Gods, Emperors, and Dormice and Tales From Shakespeare and Hooray! Inventors all by Marcia Williams. (graphic novels)

Extension and Enrichment Titles

- **Picture Books:** Toot and Puddle by Holly Hobbie and so many more!
- **Easy Readers:** Dodsworth Series by Tim Egan; There's a Princess in the Palace and There's a Wolf at the Door by Zoe Alley (GN; fairy tale/folk tale revisions)
- **Related Novels:** Worst Case Scenario: Everest; Ten Plants that Shook the World by Gillian Richardson (MG, nonfiction, but very interesting)

U.S. Based Stories

1. Tour America: a Journey Through Poems and Art by Diane Siebert and Stephen T. Johnson
2. Missing on Superstition Mountain and Treasure on Superstition Mountain by Elise Broach (MG; contemporary mystery in Arizona)
3. Navigating Early by Claire Vanderpool (MG; historical fiction in Maine)
4. The Luck of the Buttons by Anne Ylvisaker (MG; Depression-era Iowa)
5. The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy by Jeanne Birdsall (MG; contemporary small town America)
6. Home Price and Centerburg Tales by Robert McCloskey (MG; old-fashioned small town America)
7. The Year We Were Famous by Carole Dagg (MG; historical cross country)
8. Lois Lenski's regional books: Strawberry Girl, Judy's Journey, Blue Ridge Billy, Prairie School, etc. (MG; historical regional America)
9. Little Britches by Ralph Moody (MG; historical fiction out West)
10. Tom Sawyer and The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain. (MG; historical fiction in South and MS River)

Extension and Enrichment Titles

- **Picture Books:** Robert McCloskey's picture books (Blueberries for Sal, Make Way for Ducklings, One Morning in Maine); Hit the Road, Jack by Robert Burleigh (picture book; good read aloud); Queen of the Falls by Chris Van Allsburg (Picture book, but for experienced

listeners/independent readers; Niagara Falls).

- **Easy Readers:** Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa by Erica Silverman (Western).
- **Related Novels:** On the Blue Comet by Rosemary Wells (MG), Ghetto Cowboy by G. Neri (MG, a touch edgier--better for older MG)

Animal Adventures--Mostly Funny

1. Winnie-the-Pooh stories by A. A. Milne
2. Owls in the Family by Farley Mowat (ECB/MG)
3. The Great Turkey Walk by Kathleen Karr (ECB/MG)
4. The Incredible Journey by Sheila Burnford (MG)
5. Mr. and Mrs. Bunny: Detectives Extraordinaire by Mrs. Bunny, translated from the Rabbit by Polly Horvath (MG)
6. Freddy the Pig Goes to the North Pole and others by Walter Brooks (MG)
7. The Story of Dr. Dolittle and The Voyages of Dr. Dolittle by Hugh Lofting (MG)
8. Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame (MG)
9. Secrets at Sea by Richard Peck (MG)
10. Seaman: the Dog Who Explored the West with Lewis and Clark by Gail Karwoski (MG)

*****Extension and Enrichment Titles*****

- **Picture Books:** Tacky the Penguin books by Helen Lester and illustrated by Lynn Munsinger; Little Pip books by Karma Wilson and illustrated by Jane Chapman; One Cool Friend by Tony Buzzeo and illustrated by David Small.
- **Easy Readers:** Fly Guy by Tedd Arnold, Elephant and Piggie by Mo Willems, Henry and Mudge by Cynthia Rylant, The Biggest Bear by Lynd Ward, Billy and Blaze books by C. W. Anderson
- **Early Chapter Books:** Mercy Watson series by Kate DiCamillo, Lulu and the Duck in the Park by Hilary McKay
- **Related Novels:** Paddington by Michael Bond. Babe by Dick King-Smith. Soldier Bear by Bibi Dumon Tak.

Christian Adventures

1. Through Gates of Splendor by Elisabeth Elliott (MG)
2. Man on a Mission: The David Hilmers Story by Rick Houston (MG)
3. Peace Child by Don Richardson
4. Pilipinto's Happiness: the Jungle Childhood of Valerie Elliott by Valerie Elliott Shepard (PB)
5. Star of Light by Patricia M. St. John (MG)
6. David Livingston: Africa's Trailblazer. Christian Heroes Series (MG)
7. The Prince's Poison Cup by R. C. Sproul (PB)
8. Dangerous Journey by Oliver Huntin (MG)
9. How God Used a Thunderstorm and Other Stories by Joel Beeke (MG)
10. Missionary biography series such as Trailblazers, Heroes of the Faith, etc.

Classic-style British and European Adventures

1. Hans Christian Andersen's original tales (many versions; Denmark)
2. The Grimm Brothers' original tales (many versions; note that some are violent; Germany)
3. Pinocchio by Carlo Collodi (MG; from Italy)
4. The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznik (MG; graphic novel set in France)
5. Pippi Longstocking by Astrid Lindgren (MG; Sweden)
6. The Magic Summer by Noel Streatfield (MG; Ireland)
7. Heidi by Joanna Spyri (MG; Switzerland)
8. Kidnapped and Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson (MG)
9. E. Nesbit's Stories (MG/British): Five Children and It, The Treasure Seekers, The Railway Children, The Enchanted Castle
10. Wild Boy: the Real Life of the Savage of Aveyron by Mary Losure (MG; France)

Extension and Enrichment Titles all of MacDonald's other fairy tales,

- **Picture Books:** Saint George and the Dragon and others by Trina Schart Hyman, Rapunzel and others by Paul O. Zelinsky, Hot Air: the (Mostly) True Story of the First Hot Air Balloon Ride by Marjorie Priceman, Madeleine by Ludwig Bemelmans, Mirette on the High Wire by Emily Arnold McCully, Streganona and others by Tomie DePaola
- **Easy Readers:** Dodsworth series (mentioned earlier); Little Tim and the Brave Sea Captain and others by Edward Ardizzone (PB, but work as easy readers); see also My Father's Dragon series by Ruth Stiles Gannett (ECB; good family read aloud; noted on "Out-of-this-world" Story list, also)
- **Related Novels:** The Princess and Curdie, The Princess and the Goblin, and The Lost Princess by George MacDonald, Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll, Hans Brinker and the Silver Skates by Mary Mapes Dodge, The Hawk That Dare Not Hunt By Day by Scott O'Dell (historical fiction about Bible translator William Tyndale), The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd (check the review for this one)

Out-of-this-World Stories

1. The Water Castle by Megan Frazer Blackmore (MG; "light" scifi; mostly realistic)
2. When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead (MG; "light" scifi; mostly realistic)
3. Peter Nimble by Jonathan Auxier (MG; rip-roaring classic-style fantasy; some violence, but nothing worse than Grimm Bros or classic style tales)
4. Cosmic, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Flies Again and CCBB and the Race Against Time by Frank Cottrell Boyce (MG). See also the original Chitty Chitty Bang Bang by Ian Fleming!
5. Journey to the Center of the Earth by Jules Verne
6. The Charlatan's Boy by Jonathan Rogers (MG; alternate world)
7. Peter Pan by J. M. Barrie (MG; fantasy)
8. Leepike Ridge by N. D. Wilson (MG; retelling of Odyssey)
9. Half Magic by Edward Eager (MG; fantasy)
10. The Little White Horse by Elizabeth Goudge (MG; fantasy in England)

Extension and Enrichment Titles

- **Picture Books:** Regards to the Man in the Moon by Ezra Jack Keats; How to Bicycle to the Moon to Plant Sunflowers by Mordecai Gerstein, The Way Back Home by Oliver Jeffers

- **Easy Readers:** Little Bear by Else Holmelund Minarik, My Father's Dragon series by Ruth Stiles Gannett
- **Related Novels:** 100 Cupboards series by N. D. Wilson (may be too scary for little ones). The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry. The Larklight series by Philip Reeve. The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster. The Prydain Chronicles by Lloyd Alexander. For upper middle grades and up: Megan Whalen Turner's Queen's Thief series. Till We Have Faces by C. S. Lewis.

Stories from Asia, Australia, and Africa

1. The Merchant and the Thief: an Indian Folktale by Ravi Zacharias (PB)
2. Anansi Stories such as Anansi and the Talking Melon
3. Snake and Lizard by Joy Cowley (ECB from Australia)
4. The White Elephant by Sid Fleischman (ECB set in old Siam)
5. Anna Hibiscus Series and The No. 1 Car Spotter Series by Atinuke (ECB; Africa)
6. Just So Stories and The Jungle Books, 1 and 2 by Rudyard Kipling (India)
7. Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai. (MG; Vietnam/America)
8. The Silver Shard by Linda Sue Park (MG; Korea)
9. Peak by Roland Smith (MG; Everest)
10. Heart of a Samurai by Margi Preus (MG; Japan)

Extension and Enrichment Titles

- **Picture Books:** Mrs. Harkness and the Panda by Alicia Potter and illustrated by Melissa Sweet (picture book; ages 4 and up), Stone Soup by Jon Muth (gorgeous illustrations and text give an Asian feel to this old tale; all ages); Bee-bim Bop by Linda Sue Park (about a traditional Korean dish); Zen Shorts by Jon Muth (note the author's note--a possible introduction for kids to other religions, but the story doesn't push it)
- **Easy Readers:** Ling and Ting: Not Exactly the Same by Grace Lin (about Chinese American twins); one of the Dodsworth books is set in Tokyo
- **Related Novels:** Starry River of the Sky by Grace Lin (companion to Where the Mountain Meets the Moon; features a boy protagonist); Tia and the Elephant by R. P. Harris (realistic contemporary fiction set in Thailand).

Adventures in the Americas (fiction and nonfiction--this particular list is still a work in progress and may change slightly during the next week)

1. The Lost World by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. (MG; South America)
2. Journey to the River Sea by Ibbotson (MG; Brazil)
3. Trapped: How the World Rescued 33 Miners from 2000 Feet Below the Chilean Desert, by Marc Aronson (MG; Chilean Mining disaster)
4. Anne of Green Gables series by L.M. Montgomery (MG; Prince Edward Island, Canada)
5. Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell (MG; island off coast of CA)
6. Have Fun, Anna Hibiscus! by Atinuke (ECB--mentioned in Asia/Africa section, but this volume takes place in Canada!)
7. The Call of the Wild by Jack London (MG, Far North)
8. The El Dorado Adventure by Lloyd Alexander (part of the Vesper Holly Series) (MG).
9. The Secret of the Andes by Ann Nolan Clark (MG)

10. Worst Case Scenario: Amazon

Extension and Enrichment Titles

- **Picture books:** Abuelita: a Mexican Cinderella by Tomie DePaola; The Quiet Place by Sarah Stewart and David Small (about a Mexican family who moves to U.S.)
- **Easy readers:** Pedro and His Burro by Alyssa Capucilli
- **Related Novels:** Summer of the Mariposas by Guadalupe Garcia McCall (MG, set in Mexico, see [Betsy's review](#) for a note on the "spirits" in this book). See also Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan (MG; takes place in U.S. but involves Mexican immigrants)

Adventure Series

We cannot vouch for every book in these series, but we've read enough of each to feel comfortable recommending them as fun summer reads.

1. Imagination Station Series (2nd grade and up; accessible to younger)
2. Magic Treehouse Series (2nd grade and up; accessible to younger)
3. American Girl Series (2nd grade and up; accessible to younger)
4. Flat Stanley: Worldwide Adventure Series by Jeff Brown (ECB; there is also a U.S. series).
5. The Deep Valley Books (Betsy-Tacy Series and others) by Maud Hart Lovelace. (Chapter books-middle grades)
6. The Wizard of Oz and others by Frank L Baum
7. **Stratemeyer Syndicate Series:** Nancy Drew, Hardy Boys, Bobbsey Twins, Tom Swift, etc. Similar series include Trixie Belden, Cherry Ames,
8. Encyclopedia Brown by Donald J. Sobol (MG) (see Nate the Great Series by Sharmat for newly independent readers and High Rise Private Eyes by Cynthia Rylant for emerging readers)
9. The Great Brain (MG)
10. The Final Four Mystery Series by John Feinstein (sports, adventure, ages 10 and up).

Nonfiction Adventure Tools (this list may also be tweaked in the coming weeks--but this is a good start!)

1. **Bird-watching:** Look Up! Bird-Watching in Your Own Backyard by Annette LeBlanc Cate
2. **Playing Outside:** [Go out and Play! Favorite Outdoor Games from Ka-Boom!](#) (no author; published by Candlewick)
3. **Knitting:** Kids Knitting by Melanie Fallick, and Kids Knit! by Sarah Bradberry.
4. **Cooking:** Pretend Soup, Salad People, Honest Pretzels and The Enchanted Broccoli Forest by Mollie Katzen (children's cookbooks focused on different ages). There are plenty of brightly photographed, visually appealing cookbooks to choose from at your library--just look through them and make sure they are actually realistic for your family's

skill level and tastes!

5. **Activities:** Dangerous Book for Boys and Daring Book for Girls
6. **Nature:** One Small Square Series ([Backyard](#) is a good one to start with)
7. **Atlas:** There are many to choose from here, such as the National Geographic Kids Beginner's World Atlas. Keep your eyes open for the Children's Atlas of God's World which is due out this summer.
8. **National Park Exploration:** National Park Passport Guides (the [kids' one](#) is great; there is a [grown-up one](#))
9. **Travel:** [Lonely Planet's Not-for-Parents Travel Book](#)
10. **Star-Gazing:** The Stars and Find the Constellations by H.A. Rey

*****Extension titles*****

- Start Your Own Business: [Better than a Lemonade Stand: Small Business Ideas for Kids:](#)