

# Summer Reading List for Fourth and Fifth Grades

## What is the Summer Slide?

The summer slide is a decline in reading ability and other academic skills that can occur over the summer months when school isn't in session.

*"Skills that are learned, also need to be practiced to ensure ongoing proficiency in the skill."* [All About Learning Press Summer Slide](#)

*"The study showed that kids lose significant knowledge in reading and math over summer break, which tends to have a snowball effect as they experience subsequent skill loss each year."* [Scholastic Parents How to prevent your kids from summer slide](#)

Brown Girl Dreaming	by Jacqueline Woodson
The Dreamer	by Pam Munoz Ryan
One Crazy Summer	by Rita Williams-Garcia
Geeks, Girls and Secret Identities	by Mike Jung
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon	by Grace Lin
Breadcrumbs	by Anne Ursu
Rain Reign	by Ann M. Martin
Harlem: A Poem	by Walter Dean Myers
Rules	by Cynthia Lord
Love, Amalia	by Alma flor Ada
Bud, Not Buddy	by Christopher Paul Curtis
The One and Only Ivan	by Katherine Applegate
Inside Out & Back Again	by Thanhha Lai
How Tía Lola Came to Visit Stay	by Julia Alvarez
Love that Dog	by Sharon Creech
Zita the Spacegirl	by Ben Hatke
Flora & Ulysses	by Kate DiCamillo
Property of the Rebel Librarian	by Allison Varnes
The First Rule of Punk	by Celia Pérez
The Witch Boy	by Molly Ostertag
Roller Girl	by Victoria Jamieson
Crenshaw	by Katherine Applegate
Finding Mighty	by Sheela Chari
Mango Delight	by Fracaswell Hyman
The Hero Two Doors Down	by Sharon Robinson
Ghost	by Jason Reynolds
Room to Dream	by Kelly Yang