Here are some ideas to help you choose a book to enjoy this summer.

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*** = Award winner  (RR) = Recommended for Reluctant Readers

Realistic Fiction

*** Loser or Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli
*** Olive’s Ocean by Kevin Henkes
The Juvi Three, Schooled, Swindle or Zootbreak by Gordon Korman
*** Moon Over Manifest by Clare Vanderpool
The Truth About Twinkie Pie by Kat Yeh
(RR) Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life series by James Patterson
*** Monster or others by Walter Dean Myers
(RR) Dork Diaries series by Rachel Renée Russell
*** Rules by Cynthia Lord
Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
Out of my Mind by Sharon Draper
Mockingbird by Katheryn Erskine
8th Grade Superzero by Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich
The Girls by Amy Kloss Goldman
Ticket to India by N.H. Senzai

Mystery/Thriller

*** Three Times Lucky by Sheila Turnage
(RR) Alex Rider series by Anthony Horowitz
*** The House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer
*** The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman
(RR) Ashes series by Ilisa J. Bick
(RR) Unwind series by Neal Shusterman
Collected Short Stories of Sherlock Holmes by Arthur Conan Doyle
And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie
Chomp by Carl Hiassen
Fuzzy Mud by Louis Sachar
(RR) Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library
The Screaming Staircase (Lockwood and Co. series) by Jonathan Stroud

Graphic Novels

(RR) Bone series by Jeff Smith
Amulet: The Stone Keeper by Kazu Kibuishi
*** El Deafo by Cece Bell
(RR) The Dumbest Idea Ever by Jimmy Gownley
Rollergirls by Victoria Jamieson 2016 Newbery
Awkward by Svetlana Chmakova
Real Friends by Shannon Hale
Invisible Emmie by Terri Libenson
Brave by Svetlana Chmakova

Animal Fiction

*** The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate
*** The Call of the Wild by Jack London
(RR) Silverwing by Kenneth Oppel
A Dog’s Life: The Autobiography of a Stray by Ann M. Martin
No More Dead Dogs by Gordon Korman

Science Fiction

(RR) Maximum Ride series by James Patterson
(RR) Illuminae by Amie Kaufman & Jay Kristoff
*** Cinder series by Marissa Meyer
The Martian Chronicles by Ray Bradbury
(RR) I Am Number Four series (Lorien Legacies) by Pittacus Lore
*** Ender's Game series by Orson Scott Card
*** Incarceron by Catherine Fisher
Gone by Michael Grant

Sports Fiction

Swagger by Carl Dueker
(RR) Fantasy League, Travel Team, The Underdogs, , or The Big Field by Mike Lupica
Jackie and Me by Dan Gutman
Baseball Genius series by Tim Green and Derek Jeter
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**Survival/Outdoor Adventure**

(RR) **Peak** by Roland Smith

**Explorer** by Kathleen Rundell

**Hatchet** by Gary Paulsen

*** **The Living** by Matt de la Peña

**Kensuke's Kingdom** by Michael Morpurgo

**Fantasy**

*** **Harry Potter** series by J.K. Rowling

**The Grimm Legacy** by Polly Shulman

(RR) **Gregor the Overlander** series by Suzanne Collins

*** **The Lightning Thief** series by Rick Riordan

*** **The Scorpio Races** by Maggie Stiefvater

**The Iron Trial** by Holly Black & Cassandra Clare

**Shadow and Bone** by Leigh Bardugo

(RR) **Ranger's Apprentice** series by John Flanagan

**The False Prince** (Ascendance Trilogy) by Jennifer Nielson

**Aru Shah and the End of Time** by Roshani Chokshi

**Dystopian Fiction**

*** (RR) **The Hunger Games** series by Suzanne Collins

*** **Divergent** series by Veronica Roth

*** **Matched** series by Allie Conde

**Red Queen** series by Victoria Aveyard

(RR) **The Maze Runner** series by James Dashner

(RR) **Legend** series by Marie Lu

**The Testing** series by Joelle Charbonneau

*** **The City of Ember** series by Jeannine DuPrau

**Life As We Knew It** series by Susan Beth Pfeiffer

*** **Shipbreaker** (then *Drowned Cities*) by Paolo Bacigalupi

*** **The Eleventh Plague** by Jeff Hirsch

**Among the Hidden** series by Margaret Peterson Haddix

**The Scorpion Rules** by Erin Bow

**Historical Fiction**

*** **Dead End in Norvelt** series by Jack Gantos

*** **To Kill a Mockingbird** by Harper Lee

**Walking to the Bus-riding Blues** by Harriet Gilmet Robinet

*** **The Devil's Arithmetic** by Jane Yolen

*** **Number the Stars** by Lois Lowry

**My Brother Sam is Dead** by Collier and Collier

*** **Fever 1793** by Laurie Halse Anderson

**Prisoner B-3087** by Alan Gratz

**Milkweed** by Jerry Spinelli

*** **One Crazy Summer** by Rita Williams-Garcia

**Little Women** by Louisa May Alcott

**The Adventures of Tom Sawyer** by Mark Twain

**Stella** by Starlight by Sharon Draper

**Inside Out and Back Again** by Thanhha Lai

**Non-Fiction**

*** (RR) **Bomb: The Race to Build – and Steal the World’s Most Dangerous Weapon** by Steve Sheinkin

(RR) **How They Choked: Failures, Flops, and Flaws of the Awfully Famous** by Georgia Bragg

*** **A Black Hole is NOT a Hole** by Carolyn Cinami DeCristofano

**D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths** by Indri D'Aulaire and Edgar Paren D'Aulaire

**Science in Ancient Rome** by Jacqueline L. Harris

**Abraham Lincoln & Frederick Douglass: The Story Behind an American Friendship** by Russell Freedman

**Brown Girl Dreaming** by Jacqueline Woodson

**Blood, Bullets, and Bones** by Bridget Heos