

# HKA Primary Library

## Summer Reading Suggestions

### 2019

**A starting point to discover some great books to read and enjoy**

Dear Primary School Students and Parents,

Here is a list of suggested titles for you to consider, as you get ready for summer reading. You can find additional resources such as what our students themselves are recommending on our [HKA PS Summer Reading Padlet](#) (an online bulletin board), which you can access through our [Primary Portal page](#) or the [Primary Library Blog](#). In addition, please consider visiting a public library and/or bookstore together to browse the shelves for more ideas, keeping in mind that having a say in what to read is the most powerful motivator for any reader.

The grade-level boundaries I have used are meant to be broad and mainly geared towards interest and not reading level since reading levels vary within grade-levels, as each reader develops at his/her own pace. Please keep in mind that books can be enjoyed in many different ways, depending on the reader's developmental stage and preferences, e.g. reading independently, sharing the reading, listening to a book that is read out loud (by a more experienced reader or an audio book narrator).

Happy Summer Reading!

With a big thank you for all the support shown to our library and program throughout the year and best wishes for a wonderful summer break,

Tanja

*(The brief title descriptions included below originate from [Goodreads](#) unless marked otherwise.)*

# Picture Books For Everyone

## *Hello Lighthouse (Sophie Blackall)*

“A new picture book that will transport readers to the seaside. Watch the days and seasons pass as the wind blows, the fog rolls in, and icebergs drift by. Outside, there is water all around. Inside, the daily life of a lighthouse keeper and his family unfolds as the keeper boils water for tea, lights the lamp’s wick, and writes every detail in his logbook.”

## *The Feather (Margret Wild)*

“This is a story about hope, kindness and redemption set in a grey dystopian world. When a great feather drifts from the leaden sky, two children recognize its extraordinariness and take it to the village for its protection. The villagers, however, want to encase it, upon which the feather loses its radiance. The children take it home and care for it through the night. In the morning it is again radiant, and when they set it free it leaves behind the first signs of blue sky and color. The ambiguous ending invites multiple interpretations about the effects of selflessness and kindness.”

## *Drawn Together (Minh Lê)*

“When a young boy visits his grandfather, their lack of a common language leads to confusion, frustration, and silence. But as they sit down to draw together, something magical happens-with a shared love of art and storytelling, the two form a bond that goes beyond words.”

## *How to Read a Book (Kwame Alexander)*

“A stunning new picture book from Newbery Medalist Kwame Alexander and Caldecott Honoree Melissa Sweet! This *New York Times* bestselling duo has teamed up for the first time to bring you *How to Read a Book*, a poetic and beautiful journey about the experience of reading.”

## *My Heart (Corinna Luyken)*

“From the author-illustrator of *The Book of Mistakes* comes a gorgeous picture book about caring for your own heart and living with kindness and empathy.

*My heart is a window. My heart is a slide. My heart can be closed...or opened up wide.*

Some days your heart is a puddle or a fence to keep the world out. But some days it is *wide open* to the love that surrounds you. With lyrical text and breathtaking art, *My Heart, My Heart* empowers all readers to listen to the guide within in this ode to love and self-acceptance.”

## *Dreamers (Yuyi Morales)*

“Yuyi Morales tells her own immigration story in this picture-book tribute to the transformative power of hope . . . and reading. In 1994, Yuyi Morales left her home in Xalapa, Mexico and came to the US with her infant son. She left behind nearly everything she owned, but she didn’t come empty-handed. She brought her strength, her work, her passion, her hopes and dreams...and her stories.”

## *What Do You Do With A Problem?* (Kobi Yamada) and other books by the author

“From the same author and illustrator as our #1 nationally best-selling *What Do You Do With an Idea?* comes a new book to encourage you to look closely at problems and discover the possibilities they can hold. What do you do with a problem? Especially one that follows you around and doesn’t seem to be going away? Do you worry about it? Ignore it? Do you run and hide from it?”

***Thank You Omu (Oge Mona)***

A generous woman is rewarded by her community in this remarkable author-illustrator debut that's perfect for the Thanksgiving season, perfect for fans of *Last Stop on Market Street*. Everyone in the neighborhood dreams of a taste of Omu's delicious stew! One by one, they follow their noses toward the scrumptious scent. And one by one, Omu offers a portion of her meal. Soon the pot is empty. Has she been so generous that she has nothing left for herself?

***Sea Bear: A Journey for Survival Lindsay Moore)***

"A sea bear, far north in the Arctic, hunts and naps and raises her young. She moves with the ice, swimming, running, stalking seals, resting. She follows the rhythm of the sea and the seasons. But what happens when those rhythms change? What happens when there is no ice? Lindsay Moore shares the story of one polar bear's journey for survival in this stunning picture book."

# A Bit of Nonfiction

The following titles are more geared towards our UP readers.

## Titan and the Wild Boars (Susan Hood)

“A picture book based on the rescue of the Wild Boar soccer team from a flooded cave in Thailand. Hood (Ada’s Violin) and journalist Sornhiran will base the text on Sornhiran’s on-site reporting of the event.”

## The Important Thing About Margret Wise Brown (Mac Barnett)

“In 42 inspired pages, this biography by award-winning writer Mac Barnett vividly depicts one of the greatest children’s book creators who ever lived: Margaret Wise Brown, the author of *Goodnight Moon*, *The Runaway Bunny*, and *The Little Fur Family*. Illustrated with sumptuous art by rising star Sarah Jacoby, this is essential reading for book lovers of every age.”

## Magic Ramen: The Story of Momofuku Ando (Andrea Wang)

“Inspiration struck when Momofuku Ando spotted the long lines for a simple bowl of ramen following World War II. *Magic Ramen* tells the true story behind the creation of one of the world’s most popular foods.”

## Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré (Alice B. McKintey)

“When she came to America in 1921, Pura carried the cuentos folklóricos of her Puerto Rican homeland. Finding a new home at the New York Public Library as a bilingual assistant, she turned her popular stories into libros and spread story seeds across the land. Today, these seeds have grown into a lush landscape as generations of children and cuentistas continue to share her stories and celebrate Pura’s legacy.”

## *The Girl Who Named Pluto* (Alice B. McKintey)

“An empowering, inspiring--and accessible!--nonfiction picture book about the eleven-year-old girl who actually named the newly discovered Pluto in 1930.”

## Game Changers: The Story of Venus & Serena Williams (Lesia Cline-Ransome)

“This lovingly crafted picture book biography centers on the incredible bond between Venus and Serena Williams...An important selection for biography and sports collections.” —*School Library Journal* (starred review)”

## Do Not Lick This Book (Idan Ben-BarakM)

“Min is a microbe. She is small. Very small. In fact so small that you’d need to look through a microscope to see her. Or you can simply open this book and take Min on an adventure to amazing places she’s never seen before—like the icy glaciers of your tooth or the twisted, tangled jungle that is your shirt. The perfect book for anyone who wants to take a closer look at the world.”

## Pass Go and Collect \$200: The Real Story of How Monopoly Was Invented (Tanya Lee Stone)

“Boldness, imagination, and ruthless competition combine in Tanya Lee Stone and Steven Salerno’s *Pass Go and Collect \$200*, a riveting picture book history of Monopoly, one of the world’s most famous games.”

## A History of Pictures for Children (David Hockney & Martin Gayford)

“Iconic British postwar realist painter Hockney and art critic Gayford have reimagined their art-history survey for adults, *A History of Pictures* (2016), with judicious, kid-friendly editing, inventive design, clever pacing, smart and spot-on examples, and the bright, fresh illustrations of fellow Brit Blake.” (Kirkus Review)

### When Angels Sing: The Story of Rock Legend Carlos Santana (Michael Mahin)

“Carlos Santana loved to listen to his father play *el violín*. It was a sound that filled the world with magic and love and feeling and healing—a sound that made angels real. Carlos wanted to make angels real, too. So he started playing music.”

For our younger (EC) readers, you might like to explore narrative nonfiction picture books by authors such as Nicola Davies and Kate Messner as well as the *Fly Guy* nonfiction series by Ted Arnold.

# PK1-K

## 1. *A Piglet Named Mercy* (Kate DiCamillo)

“Every porcine wonder was once a piglet! Celebrate the joy of a new arrival with this endearing picture-book prequel to the New York Times best-selling *Mercy Watson* series.”

## 2. *Moon: A Peek-Through Picturebook* (Britta Teckentrupp)

“Next in the much-loved children’s series that began with *Tree: A Peek-Through Picture Book* is an elaborate book with peek-through holes that show the moon’s different phases with each turn of the page.”

## 3. *Giraffe Problems / Penguin Problems* (Jory John)

“Penguins aren’t the only animals with problems. . . . A second hilarious collaboration from picture-book superstars Lane Smith and Jory John!”

## 4. *The Sea Book* (Charlotte Milner)

“This charming celebration of the sea shows children just how extraordinary our oceans are, and is a reminder that it is up to us to keep it that way.”

## 5. *Rainbow Bear* (Stephen Michael King)

“Bear returns home from the city with gifts for everyone. But what happens when Bear wakes up the next morning looking a little different?”

## 6. *The Wondrous Dinosaurium* (John Condon)

“John Condon’s amusing tale about the pitfalls of not doing any research before choosing a pet will hit the spot with both dinosaur lovers and pet people. Steve Brown’s illustrations of the dinosaur menagerie are at once droll and yet recognisably authentic dinosaur species [...].” (Red Reading Blog)

## 7. *Not Quite Narwhal* (Jessie Sima)

“In the tradition of *Uni the Unicorn* and *Gaston*, this heartwarming and adorable debut picture book tells the story of a young unicorn who was born under the sea to a family of narwhals.”

## 8. *Tomorrow Most Likely* (Dave Eggers)

“Rather than focusing on going to bed—and what kid wants to think about going to bed?—this book explores all of the dreamy, wonderful, strange things the next day might bring.”

## 9. *The Yin-Yang Sisters and the Dragon Frightful* (Nancy Tupper Ling)

“This empowering sibling story is about celebrating differences and finding that what makes us different is also what makes us a powerful team.”

## 10. *Ta-Da!* (Kathy Allen Davis)

“A lighthearted look at imaginative play and friendship, perfect for storytime or readers’ theater productions.” (School Library Journal)

And here are some all-time favorites for Kindergarteners who would like to experience beginning chapter books:

*Mercy Watson* series (Kate DiCamillo)

*Ling & Ting* series (Grace Lin)

*Charlie & Mouse* series (Laurel Snyder)

*Fly Guy* (Tedd Arnold)

# G1-2

## 1. *When Grandma Gives You a Lemon Tree* (Jamie L.B. Deenihan)

“When life gives you lemons, make lemonade.” In this imaginative take on that popular saying, a child is surprised (and disappointed) to receive a lemon tree from Grandma for her birthday. After all, she DID ask for a new gadget! But when she follows the narrator’s careful—and funny—instructions, she discovers that the tree might be exactly what she wanted after all. This clever story, complete with a recipe for lemonade, celebrates the pleasures of patience, hard work, nature, community . . . and putting down the electronic devices just for a while.”

## 2. *A Piglet Named Mercy* and the *Mercy Watson* series (Kate DiCamillo)

“Every porcine wonder was once a piglet! Celebrate the joy of a new arrival with this endearing picture-book prequel to the New York Times best-selling *Mercy Watson* series.”

## 3. *High Five* (Adam Rubin)

“A #1 *New York Times* bestseller from the creators of the beloved *Dragons Love Tacos* comes a rollicking, rhyme-tastic, interactive high five competition--starring YOU!”

## 4. *My Papi Has a Motorcycle* (Isabel Quintero)

“A celebration of the love between a father and daughter, and of a vibrant immigrant neighborhood, by an award-winning author and illustrator duo.”

## 5. *Ojichan’s Gift* (Chieri Uegaki)

“This gentle picture book story will warm children’s hearts as it explores a deep intergenerational bond and the passing of knowledge from grandparent to grandchild over time.”

## 6. *Ada Twist and the Perilious Pants* (Andrea Beaty) - and other picture book and chapter books in the series

“You loved the bestselling picture books starring Rosie Revere, Ada Twist, and Iggy Peck. Now you can follow The Questioners’ further adventures in all-new chapter books! Don’t miss the first instant *New York Times* bestselling volume, *Rosie Revere and the Raucous Riveters*.”

## 7. *Lost and Found* (Erica S. Peri) - and other books in the *Arnold & Louise* series

“Unlikely best friends Arnold and Louise--a big bear and a chatty chipmunk--are back in this easy-to-read chapter book series!”

## 8. *Mr. Penguin and the Lost Treasure* (Alex T. Smith)

“From the international bestselling creator of *Claude*, comes a brand new hero - Mr Penguin, adventurer and penguin. Indiana Jones meets Hercule Poirot in this new Alex T. Smith series with plenty of slapstick humour, mystery and adventure. Highly illustrated throughout with a striking black and orange design.”

## 9. *Sherlock Sam and the Missing Heirloom in Katong* (A. J. Low)

“Meet Sherlock Sam, Singapore’s greatest kid detective. With his trusty robot Watson, Sherlock Sam will stop at nothing to solve the case, no matter how big or small! In *Sherlock Sam and the Missing Heirloom in Katong*, Auntie Kim Lian’s precious Peranakan cookbook disappears, and Sherlock Sam cannot eat her delicious ayam buah keluak anymore! Will Sherlock Sam be able to use his super detective powers to find this lost treasure?”

## 10. *Magic on a Map: Let’s Move* (Courtney Sheinmel & Bianca Turetsky)

“On the last day of second grade, twins Spencer and Maggie Parker come home from school to find a camper van in their driveway. And not just any camper; a *magic* camper that can transport them to every state in the continental US. This is perfect for Maggie, who loves geography and is a star student, and for Spencer, who’s been failing his geography quizzes and could use the real life extra credit.”

# G3-4

## 1. *Saving Winslow* (Sharon Creech)

“Perfect for fans of *Charlotte’s Web* and *The One and Only Ivan*, *Saving Winslow* is an uplifting modern classic in the making about a young boy who befriends an ailing newborn donkey and nurses him back to health, from New York Times bestseller and Newbery Medal winner Sharon Creech.”

## 2. *Max and the Midknights* (Lincoln Pierce)

“Max wants to be a knight! Too bad that dream is about as likely as finding a friendly dragon. But when Max’s uncle Budrick is kidnapped by the cruel King Gastley, Max has to act...and fast! Joined by a band of brave adventurers--the Midknights--Max sets out on a thrilling quest: to save Uncle Budrick and restore the realm of Byjovia to its former high spirits!”

## 3. *The Peacock Detectives* (Carly Nugent)

“The last time William Shakespeare and Virginia went missing Cassie found them sitting on a coiled hose behind the fire station, and Dad called her ‘Cassie Andersen, Peacock Detective’. So this time she knows what to do—she’ll look for clues and track them down. But the clues lead her in an unexpected direction and Cassie finds herself investigating a confusing mystery about her family.”

## 4. *My Beijing: Four Stories of Everyday Wonder* (Nie Jun)

“A 2019 Batchelder Honor Book. Yu’er and her grandpa live in a small neighborhood in Beijing--and it’s full of big personalities. There’s a story around every corner, and each day has a hint of magic.”

## 5. *Dragons in a Bag* (Zetta Elliott)

“The dragon’s out of the bag in this diverse, young urban fantasy from an award-winning author! When Jaxon is sent to spend the day with a mean old lady his mother calls Ma, he finds out she’s *not* his grandmother--but she *is* a witch! She needs his help delivering baby dragons to a magical world where they’ll be safe. There are two rules when it comes to the dragons: don’t let them out of the bag, and don’t feed them anything sweet. Before he knows it, Jax and his friends Vikram and Kavita have broken both rules! Will Jax get the baby dragons delivered safe and sound? Or will they be lost in Brooklyn forever?”

## 6. *The Storm Keeper’s Island* (Katherine Doyle)

“When Fionn Boyle sets foot on Arranmore Island, it begins to stir beneath his feet ... Once in a generation, Arranmore Island chooses a new Storm Keeper to wield its power and keep its magic safe from enemies. The time has come for Fionn’s grandfather, a secretive and eccentric old man, to step down. Soon, a new Keeper will rise. But, deep underground, someone has been waiting for Fionn. As the battle to become the island’s next champion rages, a more sinister magic is waking up, intent on rekindling an ancient war.”

## 7. *Knights vs. Dinosaurs* (Matt Phelan)

“Renowned for their courage, their chivalry, and their ability to fight mythical creatures, the Knights of the Round Table must face their most dangerous opponents yet—DINOSAURS! This heavily illustrated middle grade novel from award-winning author and artist Matt Phelan is a hilarious, rip-roaring tale of derring-do perfect for reluctant readers and fans of *How to Train Your Dragon* and *The Terrible Two*.”

## 8. *The Uncanny Express* (Kara LaReau)

“An inventive story in the tradition of Agatha Christie’s *Murder on the Orient Express*, *The Unintentional Adventures of the Bland Sisters: The Uncanny Express* has all the whimsy and humor that readers who are looking for an anything-but-bland adventure will love.”

## 9. *Song for a Whale* (Lynne Kelly)

“In the spirit of modern-day classics like *Fish in a Tree* and *Counting by 7s* comes the story of a deaf girl’s connection to a whale whose song can’t be heard by his species, and the journey she takes to help him.”

10. *I Survived the Attack of the Grizzlies* (Lauren Tarshis) - and other books in the series “No grizzly has ever killed a human in Glacier before . . . until tonight. Eleven-year-old Melody Vega and her family come to Glacier National Park every year, and it’s always been a place where she can forget her troubles. But this year is different. With Mom gone, every moment in the park is a heartbreaking reminder of the past.”

As an incoming fourth or fifth grader, you might also like to explore the new [Hong Kong Battle of the Books list for the Primary Category](#), no matter whether you are intending to participate or not. Here are a few special recommendations from the list for you:

***Bob* (Wendy Mass & Rebecca Stead)**

“A classic middle-grade tale of magic and friendship, about a girl who helps an old friend find home, by two New York Times-bestselling authors Wendy Mass and Rebecca Stead.”

***A Boy Called Bat* (Elana K. Arnold)**

“For Bixby Alexander Tam (nicknamed Bat), life tends to be full of surprises – some of them good, some not so good. Today, though, is a good-surprise day. Bat’s mom, a veterinarian, has brought home a baby skunk, which she needs to take care of until she can hand him over to a wild-animal shelter.”

***The Witch Boy* (Molly Knox Ostertag)**

“In thirteen-year-old Aster’s family, all the girls are raised to be witches, while boys grow up to be shapeshifters. Anyone who dares cross those lines is exiled. Unfortunately for Aster, he still hasn’t shifted . . . and he’s still fascinated by witchery, no matter how forbidden it might be.”

# G5

## 1. *Shouting at the Rain* (Lynda Mullaly Hunt)

“Delsie loves tracking the weather--lately, though, it seems the squalls are in her own life. She's always lived with her kindhearted Grammy, but now she's looking at their life with new eyes and wishing she could have a "regular family." Delsie observes other changes in the air, too--the most painful being a friend who's outgrown her. Luckily, she has neighbors with strong shoulders to support her, and Ronan, a new friend who is caring and courageous but also troubled by the losses he's endured.”

## 2. *Endling: The Last* and *Endling: The First* (Katherine Applegate)

“Byx is the youngest member of her dairne pack. Believed to possess remarkable abilities, her mythical doglike species has been hunted to near extinction in the war-torn kingdom of Nedarra. After her pack is hunted down and killed, Byx fears she may be the last of her species. The Endling. So Byx sets out to find safe haven, and to see if the legends of other hidden dairnes are true.”

## 3. *The Unteachable* (Gordon Korman)

“What happens when the worst class of kids in school is paired with the worst teacher? The Unteachables are a notorious class of misfits, delinquents, and academic train wrecks. Like Aldo, with anger management issues; Parker, who can't read; Kiana, who doesn't even belong in the class—or any class; and Elaine (rhymes with pain). The Unteachables have been removed from the student body and isolated in room 117. Their teacher is Mr. Zachary Kermit, the most burned-out teacher in all of Greenwich.”

## 4. *Dragon Pearl* (Yoon Ha Lee)

“To keep the family safe, Min's mother insists that none of them use any fox-magic, such as Charm or shape-shifting. They must appear human at all times. Min feels hemmed in by the household rules and resents the endless chores, the cousins who crowd her, and the aunties who judge her. She would like nothing more than to escape Jinju, her neglected, dust-ridden, and impoverished planet. She's counting the days until she can follow her older brother, Jun, into the Space Forces and see more of the Thousand Worlds.”

## 5. *Ski Soldier: A World War II Biography* (Louise Borden)

“*Ski Soldier* tells the true story of Pete Seibert, a ski soldier severely wounded in World War II who went on to found the Vail Ski Resort in Colorado.”

## 6. *Escape This Book: Titanic* (Bill Doyle)

“Doodle, decide, and demolish your way out of history's greatest events. This new series is Choose Your Own Adventure meets I Survived meets doodle book! Reader, beware! Once you open this book, there is no turning back. You will have three chances to survive the *Titanic's* fateful voyage. Decide which path to take first.”

## 7. *The Door to the Lost* (Jaleigh Johnson)

“There was no warning the day magic died in Talhaven. It happened with a giant explosion and the arrival of a skyship full of children, all with magic running through their veins and no memory of home.”

## 8. *The Mystery of Ireland's Eye* (Shane Peacock)

“The adventure of a twelve year's first ocean kayaking trip with his parents to Ireland's Eye. The small island off the coast of Newfoundland is the eastern-most settlement in Canada. Or it was. It is now hauntingly empty, a ghost town hanging onto the edge of the unforgiving Atlantic.”

## 9. *The House That Lou Built* (Mae Respicio)

“Lou Bulosan-Nelson is going to build her dream. She shares a room with her mom in her grandmother's house in San Francisco, and longs for a place of her own where she can escape her lovable but large extended Filipino family. Lou has a talent for woodshop class and creating projects, and plans to build a tiny house, 100 square feet, all her own, on land that she inherited from her dad, who died before she was born. Then Lou discovers it's not so easy to build one, but she won't give up on her dream—and her friends and family won't either. This heartwarming coming-of-age story explores culture and family, forgiveness and friendship, and what makes a house a true home. “

### 10. *The Witch Boy / The Hidden Witch* (Molly Knox Ostertag)

“In thirteen-year-old Aster’s family, all the girls are raised to be witches, while boys grow up to be shapeshifters. Anyone who dares cross those lines is exiled. Unfortunately for Aster, he still hasn’t shifted . . . and he’s still fascinated by witchery, no matter how forbidden it might be.”

As a fifth grader, heading into middle school, you might also like to explore the new [Hong Kong Battle of the Books list for the Secondary Category](#), no matter whether you are intending to participate or not. Here are a few special recommendations from the list for you:

#### *Ghost* (Jason Reynolds)

“Running. That’s all that Ghost (real name Castle Cranshaw) has ever known. But never for a track team. Nope, his game has always been ball. But when Ghost impulsively challenges an elite sprinter to a race -- and wins -- the Olympic medalist track coach sees he has something: crazy natural talent. Thing is, Ghost has something else: a lot of anger, and a past that he is trying to outrun. Can Ghost harness his raw talent for speed and meld with the team, or will his past finally catch up to him?”

#### *The Truth As Told By Mason Buttle* (Leslie Connor)

“Mason Buttle is the biggest, sweatiest kid in his grade, and everyone knows he can barely read or write. Mason’s learning disabilities are compounded by grief. Fifteen months ago, Mason’s best friend, Benny Kilmartin, turned up dead in the Buttle family’s orchard. An investigation drags on, and Mason, honest as the day is long, can’t understand why Lieutenant Baird won’t believe the story Mason has told about that day.”

#### *The Silver Donkey* (Sonya Hartnett)

“From extraordinary novelist Sonya Hartnett comes a gently told fable of a lost soldier, heroic children, and a steadfast donkey.”

# Grown-Ups

Here are a few additional suggestions for parents and colleagues:

## 1. *Night Tiger* (Yangsze Choo)

“Reese Witherspoon x Hello Sunshine Book Club Pick, Amazon Spotlight Pick for Best Book of the Month, NYTimes and Publisher’s Weekly Bestseller. Starred Kirkus, Booklist, and Publisher’s Weekly reviews. A sweeping historical novel about a dancehall girl and an orphan boy whose fates entangle over an old Chinese superstition about men who turn into tigers.”

## 2. *The Huntress* (Kate Quinn)

“From the author of the New York Times and USA Today bestselling novel, *The Alice Network*, comes another fascinating historical novel about a battle-haunted English journalist and a Russian female bomber pilot who join forces to track the Huntress, a Nazi war criminal gone to ground in America.”

## 3. *Newcomer* (Keigo Higashino)

“International bestseller Keigo Higashino returns with his latest mindbender—newly transferred Tokyo Police Detective Kyoichiro Kaga is assigned to a baffling murder.”

## 4. *The Bookish Life of Nina Hill* (Abbi Waxman)

“The only child of a single mother, Nina has her life just as she wants it: a job in a bookstore, a kick-butt trivia team, a world-class planner and a cat named Phil. If she sometimes suspects there might be more to life than reading, she just shrugs and picks up a new book.”

## 5. *The Island of Sea Women* (Lisa See)

“A new novel from Lisa See, the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane*, about female friendship and family secrets on a small Korean island.”

**If you are a fan of Young Adult literature - just as I am - here are a few suggestions:**

## 1. *A Thousand Beginnings and Endings* (edited by Ellen Oh & Elsie Chapman)

“Star-crossed lovers, meddling immortals, feigned identities, battles of wits, and dire warnings. These are the stuff of fairy tale, myth, and folklore that have drawn us in for centuries. Fifteen bestselling and acclaimed authors reimagine the folklore and mythology of East and South Asia in short stories that are by turns enchanting, heartbreaking, romantic, and passionate. “

## 2. *Internment* (Samira Ahmed)

“Rebellions are built on hope. Set in a horrifying near-future United States, seventeen-year-old Layla Amin and her parents are forced into an internment camp for Muslim American citizens.”

## 3. *Stepsisters* (Jennifer Donnelly)

“Isabelle should be blissfully happy - she’s about to win the handsome prince. Except Isabelle isn’t the beautiful girl who lost the glass slipper and captured the prince’s heart. She’s the ugly stepsister who’s cut off her toes to fit into Cinderella’s shoe ... which is now filling with blood.”

#### 4. *White Rose* (Kip Wilson)

“A gorgeous and timely novel based on the incredible story of Sophie Scholl, a young German college student who challenged the Nazi regime during World War II as part of The White Rose, a non-violent resistance group.”

#### 5. *Wicked Fox* (Kat Cho)

“A fresh and addictive fantasy-romance set in modern-day Seoul. Eighteen-year-old Gu Miyoung has a secret--she's a gumiho, a nine-tailed fox who must devour the energy of men in order to survive. Because so few believe in the old tales anymore, and with so many evil men no one will miss, the modern city of Seoul is the perfect place to hide and hunt.”

... and last but not least, a book that is truly for everyone - I highly recommend the audio version, narrated by the author himself:

#### *For Every One* (Jason Reynolds)

“Originally performed at the Kennedy Center for the unveiling of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, and later as a tribute to Walter Dean Myers, this stirring and inspirational poem is *New York Times* bestselling author and National Book Award finalist Jason Reynolds’s rallying cry to the dreamers of the world. *For Every One* is just that: for every one. For every one person. For every one dream. But especially for every one kid. The kids who dream of being better than they are. Kids who dream of doing more than they almost dare to dream. Kids who are like Jason Reynolds, a self-professed dreamer.”

**Happy  
Summer Reading!**