

# 2018 Summer Reading K - 3 Chapter Books



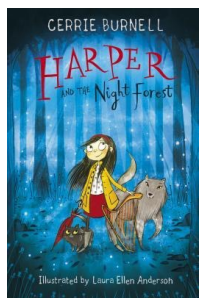
**Bellisario, Gina. Mighty Pet Sitter. North Mankato, Minn.: Stone Arch Books, a Capstone imprint, 2018.**

Superhero Ellie Ultra is given the responsibility of caring for Squeak, the class hamster, for the weekend, which is exciting, but also a little worrying, especially since her dog, Super Fluffy, is too interested in the hamster for comfort--but when she accidentally shrinks herself down to three inches tall Ellie discovers that, even for a superhero, pet sitting is a lot harder when you are no bigger than your pet.



**Birney, Betty G. Humphrey's Pet Show Panic. New York, NY: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2018.**

When A.J. brings Humphrey to the town pet show, he's sure Humphrey will win a prize. But Humphrey isn't convinced. There are all kinds of animals in the show--from dogs and cats to parrots and even something called a bearded dragon! Humphrey tries to impress the judges with some tricks, but when a dog noses a little too close to him, Og the Frog saves the day with the most impressive trick of all.



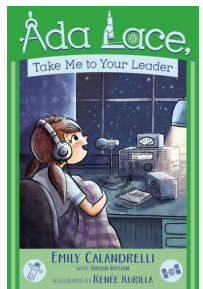
**Burnell, Carrie. Harper and the Night Forest. This hardcover ed. New York: Sky Pony Press, 2018.**

Harper is on a mission! Rumor tells of the mysterious Ice Raven who lives among the ebony trees, singing a magical song that can melt even the hardest of hearts. Now the Wild Conductor wants to capture this mythical bird and create the greatest orchestra ever known. So Harper and her friends set off to find the mythical bird. But soon Harper realizes she faces a terrible dilemma. Should a wild, free creature like the Ice Raven ever be tied down?



**Butler, Dori Hillestad. King & Kayla and the Case of the Lost Tooth. 1st ed. Atlanta, Ga.: Peachtree, 2018.**

King and Kayla, the detective duo, are back to solve the mystery of Kayla's missing tooth. King, the happy and hilarious golden retriever narrator, anxiously awaits the return of his human, Kayla, who's been at school for "eleventy seven hours. Maybe even eleventy seven days." When Kayla finally arrives home, she has big news: She's lost a tooth! Kayla is excited to use her class's tooth-fairy pillow that night, but, alas, her tooth is missing!



**Calandrelli, Emily. Ada Lace, Take Me to Your Leader. 1st Simon & Schuster Bks. for Young Readers hardcover ed. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2018.**

Third grader and inventor extraordinaire Ada Lace likes nothing more than to tinker with mechanics like her robot, George. Her latest project is to fix up a ham radio, something that she could use to contact people on this planet...and beyond. The only problem is that she just can't get it to work properly.

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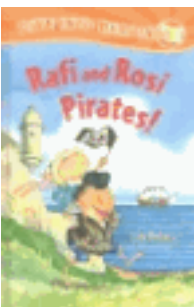
**Citro, Asia. The Pod and the Bog. Seattle, WA: The Innovation Press, 2018.**

An old friend visits Zoey at the barn with a mysterious glowing . . . seed pod? Zoey, Sassafras, and Pip must work together to discover what this mysterious rare magical plant needs to grow before all the seeds crumble to purple dust! Each story in the Zoey and Sassafras series features a new magical animal with a problem that must be solved using science. There isn't a set formula for each book; Zoey models how to keep a science journal through her handwritten entries in each story.



**Coville, Katherine. Ivy. 1st ed. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2017.**

Ivy lives in the clean, orderly town of Broomsweep with her grandmother, a healer with a special affinity for magical creatures. Hearing that the new queen is touring the countryside to choose "the best town," troublemaker Mistress Peevish leads her neighbors in pressuring Ivy and Grandmother to tidy their cottage and rid their yard of overgrown herbs and magical creatures. Little do the townsfolk realize that her community's very survival will soon depend upon the healer's magical friends.



**Delacre, Lulu. Rafi and Rosi. 1st ed. New York: Children's Book Press, an imprint of Lee & Low Books Inc., 2017.**

Rosi Coqui's brother finds magic everywhere! Rafi Coqui can sort sand with his magic fingers. He can shoot the stars from the sky. He can even find the smallest tree in the forest -- growing down, not up. Then one day Rafi's pet hermit crab runs away. Now it's Rosi's turn to show her brother that she knows where to look for magic, too. Can she find the crab in time for them to watch it shed its shell? This joyful tale of two curious young Puerto Rican tree frogs is charmingly illustrated in brilliant color.



**Fagan, Cary. Band on the Run. Plattsburgh, N.Y.: Tundra, 2018.**

Lovable curmudgeon Renata Wolfman (Wolfie) reluctantly takes the stage in her second outing. The story opens at the breakfast table-Wolfie busily reading about helicopters, and her parents gently encouraging her to participate in the school talent show, claiming it will help draw Wolfie out of her shell. She doesn't miss a beat before replying, "I like being in my shell." Enter Livingston Flott (Fly), gregarious neighbor and aspiring friend to Wolfie. After barging into her house with his guitar and asking Wolfie to help him with his song, a few unexpected things happen.



**Florence, Debbi Michiko. Jasmine Toguchi, Drummer Girl. 1st ed. New York: Farrar Straus Giroux, 2018.**

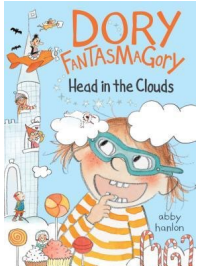
Eight-year-old Jasmine's principal has announced they are having a school-wide talent show. Everyone in her class already seems to have a talent picked out. After some thinking and talking, Jasmine finally admits that she doesn't have a talent, so her mom introduces her to taiko drumming, a Japanese art form. She has less than a week to learn the basics of taiko and how to play a short song, which raises doubts that if she isn't perfect that means she isn't talented.

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**Hale, Shannon. The Princess in Black and the Mysterious Playdate. 1st ed. 2017. Somerville, Mass.: Candlewick Press, 2017.**

Princess Magnolia and Princess Sneezewort have mysterious plans, mysterious plans like a princess playdate. They Dress-up Slam and Karaoke Jam. They Playtime Romp and Snack-time Stomp. Then they hear a shout from outside. It's a monster trying to eat someone's kitty. This is a job for Princess in Black!



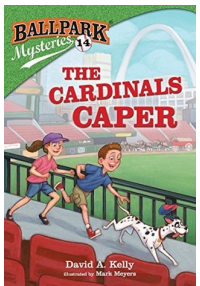
**Hanlon, Abby. Head in the Clouds. New York, NY: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2018.**

Dory Fantasmagory loses her first tooth. Over the course of seven chapters, this super-imaginative first-grader deals with two quite believable issues: she gets in trouble for lying about a "BUNCHY" coat she doesn't want to wear and, with the help of the tooth fairy, successfully vanquishes the imaginary Mrs. Gobble Gracker, who makes her behave badly.



**Harper, Charise Mericle. Mae and June and the Wonder Wheel. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2017.**

June's grandma sent her the Wonder Wheel, so now, every day, she can give it a spin and follow instructions from a sealed envelope. June hopes that the wheel can assist her and her puppy, Sammy, in making friends with the new girl next door, Mae. That is, if June's arch nemesis, April, doesn't befriend Mae first! The Wonder Wheel is a clever device, which allows June's grandma to teach her important lessons while being miles away.



**Kelly, David A. The Cardinals Caper. New York: a Stepping Stone book, Random House, 2018.**

It's a special day in St. Louis and there's a pre-game celebration with Clydesdale horses that drive around the edge of the stadium before the game. Mike and Kate get to meet the horses and the Dalmatian dog that rides along. Then during the game, they find out the Dalmatian is missing. They rush to investigate, and find a ransom note. The criminal will return the dog if they can get one of St. Louis's World Series trophies! Can Mike and Kate catch the crook and rescue the pup?



**Kent, Jaden. The Worst Pet. 1st ed. New York, NY: Little Bee Books, 2018.**

In book eight of the Ella and Owen series, the dragon twins finally make it home, only to find it overrun with uncontrollable gremlins!

Ella and Owen return home to chaos caused by their dad's destructive new pet gremlins. Then Owen remembers that hair from a unicorn's mane puts gremlins to sleep, and a new adventure begins!

Can the dragon twins convince the unicorns to help them restore peace to their home?



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**Krosoczka, Jarrett. The Force Oversleeps. New York, NY: Scholastic Inc., 2017.**

Victor is back at Jedi Academy and he truly defines the definition of sophomore, specifically a sophomore in a slump. He was excited about Drama Club and hoped to get the lead in this year's musical... But his best friend, Artemis, got the role. On top of that his sister, Christina is getting ready to graduate from Jedi Academy. She's always taken care of him, and Victor is lost now that she's not around as much. Can Victor roll with the (force) punches? Or will he revert to his old ways and go back to being the class clown?



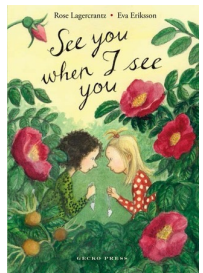
**Krulik, Nancy E. The Kid From Planet Z: Crash! New York, N.Y.: Grosset & Dunlap, an imprint of Penguin Random House, 2017.**

Zeke, his parents, and Zeus (their spaceship commander cat) are from Planet Z, but their spaceship has just crashed on Earth. The family moves into an empty house, and Zeus tells Zeke he must go to school and act like a normal earthling child. Meanwhile, the junk man has taken their spaceship, and the family must find a way to buy it back. It looks like Zeke and his family will be on Earth for a while, so expect more adventures to come.



**Krulik, Nancy E. Worse, Worser, Wurst. New York, N.Y.: Penguin Workshop, an imprint of Penguin Random House, 2018.**

There's trouble in the kingdom of Salamistonia! Ever since an evil wizard kidnapped Lester the jester, laughter and smiles have disappeared. Princess Pulverizer embarks on a daring rescue mission with the assistance of her quirky friends, Lucas and Dribble. Princess Pulverizer has the perfect opportunity to complete the next good deed on her Quest of Kindness: a rescue mission!



**Lagercrantz, Rose. See You When I See You. English language ed. Wellington, N.Z.: Gecko Press, 2017.**

Dani is on a school trip to the zoo. The teacher tells the children how to stay safe and not get lost. But Dani gets separated from the others. Suddenly another class is rushing up the path--and at the back of the noisy crowd is someone Dani recognizes: Ella! The good friends are so happy to be together again and Ella wants to play.



**LaReau, Kara. The Infamous Ratsos Are Not Afraid. 1st ed. 2017. Somerville, Mass.: Candlewick Press, 2017.**

Louie and Ralphie Ratso have a genius idea: if they clear out the lot down the street, they can use all the junk lying around to build makeshift games for a Big City FunTime Arcade! With their friends to help, they'll be able to recycle all the old abandoned stuff into whack-a-mouse, a high-striker, a fortune-telling booth, and more. Everyone says the house next to the lot is haunted, but if Louie just pretends it's not there, maybe he can ignore the goose bumps he gets every time he looks at it.

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**Leach, Sara. Slug Days. This is a 1st ed. Toronto, Ont., Canada: Pajama Press, 2017.**

Lauren has Autism Spectrum Disorder and she sees the world differently from many people. Sometimes this can be frustrating and makes Lauren want to flip her lid, especially at school where she learns differently from her classmates. But with support and stubbornness and a flair that's all her own, Lauren masters tricks to stay calm, to understand others' feelings, and to let her personality shine. She even manages to find common ground with her sticky, slobbery baby sister.



**Lupica, Mike. The Missing Baseball. New York, NY: Puffin Books, 2018.**

There's nothing eight-year-old twins Zach and Zoe Walker love more than playing sports and solving mysteries. And when those two worlds collide . . . well, it doesn't get any better than that. So when a baseball signed by Zach's favorite major league player suddenly goes missing-the search is on! Luckily, amateur sleuths Zach and Zoe are on the case. Can they solve the mystery and find the ball before it's lost for good? An exciting new chapter-book series, featuring sports action and heart, and a lovable twin brother-sister duo who solve sports-related mysteries.



**Meisel, Peter. Stinky Spike and the Royal Rescue. New York: Bloomsbury, 2017.**

"Stinky Spike the dog and Captain Fishbeard the pirate are thick as thieves now that Spike has proved his treasure-sniffing ability. When Spike and his crew come across a sign offering a reward for finding the Princess's lost poodle, they can hardly resist. Surely finding a fluffy royal pooch can't be very difficult? When blundering pirates are involved, things never go according to plan"--Provided by publisher.



**Montijo, Rhode. Popped Star. 1st ed. Los Angeles: Disney-Hyperion, 2018.**

It's another exciting adventure with the ever-elastic, super-stretchy superhero, Gum Girl! Gabby Gomez knows she needs to come clean with her family about her secret identity. But just as she works up the courage, trouble pops up again as Ninja-Rina twirls onto the scene! Has Gum Girl finally met her match? Is Ninja-Rina tutu much to handle?



**Newton, A. I. The New Kid. 1st ed. New York, NY: Little Bee Books, 2018.**

Zeke the alien is on his way to his first day of school, feeling down because he has to start over again on a new planet, as his scientist parents constantly move to wherever their research takes them. When he gets to school, no one seems to notice anything strange or different about him except Harris, a kid obsessed with science fiction and aliens. Harris sees Zeke doing extraordinary things but can't convince anyone, least of all his best friend, Roxy, that Zeke might be an alien. Roxy just thinks Harris is jealous that she's becoming friends with Zeke. But when Roxy invites Zeke over to Harris's house, will Harris find a way to prove that he's right?

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**Redmond, E. S. Bug Blonsky and His Very Long List of Don'ts. 1st ed. 2018. Somerville, Mass.: Candlewick Press, 2018.**

If seven-year-old Benjamin (aka Bug) Blonsky were a superhero, he'd be 'Bug Boy with the Power to Annoy.' That's what his big sister says. Mom says he's wiggly and can't sit still. Dad says he's easily distracted. On this day, Bug's 'choices' of drawing pictures of pig roller coasters during math time and making armpit noises when his teacher bends over have landed him in a heap of trouble, so now he's writing a list of what not to do: his list of don'ts.



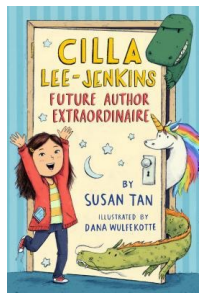
**Selznick, Brian. Baby Monkey, Private Eye. 1st ed., March 2018. New York: Scholastic Press, 2018.**

In an office that looks like it came straight out of a noir film, Baby Monkey solves a series of perplexing mysteries. First, an opera singer is missing her necklace. Then, a chef's pizza's been stolen, a clown's nose goes missing, and an astronaut can't find her spaceship. In every case, Baby Monkey eagerly offers to help, has a snack, takes some notes, puts on his pants, and captures the culprit.



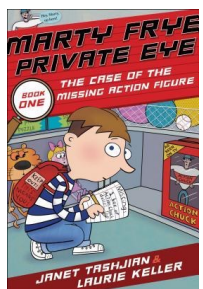
**Smith, Alex T. Claude on the Big Screen. 1st ed. Atlanta: Peachtree Publishers, 2017.**

Mr. and Mrs. Shinyshoes have stepped out for the day, which can only mean one thing: it's time for an adventure. Claude discovers a film set on the other side of the fence! When the two lead actors are injured, Claude and Sir Bobblysock are asked to take their places. Can they become movie stars with just the simple addition of a wig? Of course they can!



**Tan, Susan. Cilla Lee-Jenkins, Future Author Extraordinaire. 1st ed., 2017. New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2017.**

Eight-year-old Cilla Lee-Jenkins is destined for literary greatness. She is up against the clock to get her best-selling memoir written before the arrival of her new baby sister- aka The Blob. A few pages spent with this exuberant, guileless narrator is evidence that no one will be forgetting Cilla anytime soon. Prolonged baldness, a taste for snails, and the slings and arrows of friendship are all part of her joyful narrative.



**Tashjian, Janet. Marty Frye Private Eye. Rev. Henry Holt ed.--2017. New York: Henry Holt and Co., 2017.**

Marty Frye is a private eye who solves the crimes while speaking in rhyme in a reissue of a 1998 effort. Marty solves three mysteries in this very brief chapter book that's just as much a cleverly concealed early reader. First, Marty helps Emma find her missing diary, which disappeared just after their teacher turned on a movie for the class to watch. By interviewing (in rhyme) his classmates and examining the scene of the crime, Marty deduces what might have happened to Emma's book.



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**Urban, Linda. Road Trip With Max and His Mom. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2018.**

Max is nervous about the Inspiration Celebration, a program of biography reports delivered by costumed third-graders to their classmates and relatives. Though he idolizes his subject, explorer Ernest Shackleton, in rehearsal, he flubs the word Antarctica, pronouncing it "Artantica." That evening, he and his mom embark on a road trip to a family reunion, which he views as his chance to be a fearless explorer.



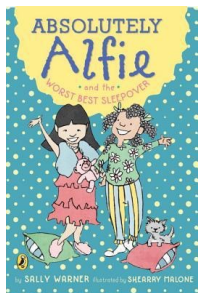
**Valckx, Catharina. Bruno: Some of the More Interesting Days In My Life. Wellington, N.Z.: Gecko Press, 2017.**

Bruno, the cat in the checkered cap, takes life as it comes. When it's too rainy to go outside, he rustles up an inside picnic with his friends. When he meets a fish swimming in the air, he follows it. Why not! When the canary forgets how to sing and can only speak gibberish, Bruno helps out.



**Vernon, Ursula. Whiskerella. New York, NY: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2018.**

Preferring high-action adventures to the frilly dresses and extravagant parties enjoyed by typical princesses, Princess Harriet Hamsterbone dreads an upcoming ball in honor of a visiting ambassador before encountering a bewitchingly beautiful stranger who leads her on an adventure involving a wicked stepsister, an incontinent lizard and a fairy's curse.



**Warner, Sally. Absolutely Alfie and the Worst Best Sleepover. New York, N.Y.: Viking, 2018.**

Second grader Alfie Jakes' former best friend, Lulu, announces that she's hosting the best sleepover ever--and that she's only allowed to invite five girls, but there are thirteen in her class. Alfie desperately wants to go but is not sure she'll be invited because Lulu has made new friends this year. When Alfie sees a classmate crying in the girls' room, she realizes this party won't be fun for everyone. Can Alfie convince her used-to-be best friend that a party is better when everyone is invited?.



**West, Tracey. Chill of the Ice Dragon. 1st ed., February 2018. New York, NY: Scholastic Inc., 2018.**

A Dragon Master named Mina arrives at the castle. She tells Drake and his friends that her kingdom in the Far North Lands was attacked by a magical Ice Giant. Everything there was frozen -- but Mina escaped! Only a fire dragon can unfreeze her land and defeat the terrible Ice Giant. But Rori and Vulcan are no longer at the castle! Can the Dragon Masters find them in time to help their new friend?