

PRIMARY SUMMER BOOKLIST 2023

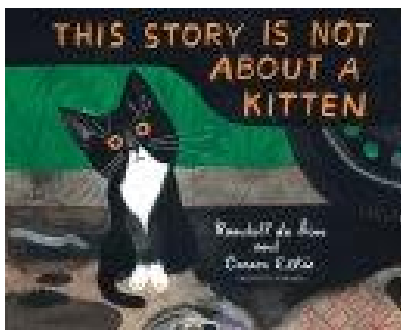
The tricky thing about making a booklist is that there are just so many books! It's a struggle to make a booklist that is concise enough that it is not too unwieldy but any attempt to do so quickly feels arbitrary and full of omissions. And they keep making new books! Almost as soon as a booklist is published, it feels obsolete with the next arrival of books.

So while a booklist can be helpful, perhaps most important for summer reading is to build a regular and enthusiastic library habit. Your children will delight in having their own library card, an early and forgiving practice in responsibility. We recommend visiting your local branch often, allowing your children to make their own choices, exploring a broad selection of books that they may happily stumble upon on their own accord. Allow your child to make their own choices—even bad choices—as the stakes are low at the library and with experience, your child will learn their own tastes and preferences. And they will have experienced the delicious freedom of the library.

So with all those disclaimers in mind, **we have here assembled some favorite books at Arbor**—some that have been read repeatedly over the years and are embedded in the culture of school and others that are new but resonate particularly within the Arbor culture—books about friendship and treating each other well, books about the natural world, books about things to make, and books that simply make you laugh.

We have attached links to the Multnomah County Library system so that you can easily make selections to put on hold at your local library. Apologies to those living outside Multnomah County. In addition, there are all kinds of booklists available online that are expert in recommending books to young readers. We have come to know a few and encourage you to explore the plentiful lists [here](#).

Kindness and Community



[*This Story is Not about a Kitten*](#), Randall de Seve and Carson Ellis

[*The Gift of Nothing*](#), Patrick McDonnell

[*What Feelings Do When No One's Looking*](#), Tina Oziewicz and Alekzandra Zajac, translated by Jennifer Croft

[*Halibut Jackson*](#), David Lucas

[*Thank You, Omu!*](#), Oge Mora

[*You Matter*](#), Christian Robinson

[*The Rabbit Listened*](#), Cori Doerrfeld

[Each Kindness](#), Jacqueline Woodson and illustrated by E.B. Lewis

[In Every Life](#), Marla Frazee

[Sophie and Lou](#), Petra Mathers

[Ish](#), Peter H. Reynolds

[Every Little Kindness](#), Marta Bartolj

The Natural World



[Little Witch Hazel: A Year in the Forest](#), Phoebe Wahl

[Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt](#), Kate Messner and illustrated by Christopher Silas Neal

[The Gardener](#), Sarah Stewart and illustrated by David Small

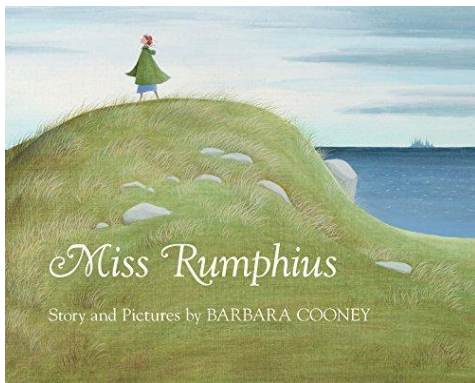
[Harlem Grown](#), Tony Hillary and illustrated by Jessie Hartland

[If You Plant a Seed](#), Kadir Nelson

[Creaturepedia](#), Adrienne Barman

[An Anthology of Intriguing Animals](#), series Ben Hoare and illustrated by Daniel Long

Classics



[Miss Rumphius](#), Barbara Cooney

[Roxaboxen](#), by Alice McLerran

[Kitten's First Full Moon](#), Kevin Henkel

[Pickles to Pittsburgh](#), Judi Barrett and illustrated by Ron Barrett

[The Tiger Who Came to Tea](#), Judith Kerr

[The Story of Ferdinand](#), Munro Leaf and illustrated by Robert Lawson

[Frog and Toad Are Friends](#), Arnold Lobel

[Strega Nona](#), Tomie de Paola

[Courage](#), Bernard Waber

[Scarlett Beane](#), Karen Wallace and illustrated by Jon Berkeley

[One Grain of Rice](#), Demi

[Sylvester and the Magic Pebble](#), William Steig

[A Gardener's Alphabet](#), Mary Azarian

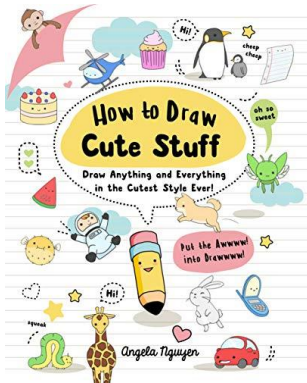
[Andrew Henry's Meadow](#), Doris Burn

[The Little House](#), Virginia Lee Burton

[Walter the Baker](#), Eric Carle

[George and Martha](#), James Marshall

Things to Do:



[*The Kids 'N' Clay Ceramics Book*](#), Created by Kevin Nierman, written by Elaine Arima, and illustrated by Curtis H. Arima

[*Fairy Houses...Everywhere!*](#), Barry and Tracy Kane

[*Honest Pretzels*](#), Mollie Katzen

[*Embroidery: A Step-By-Step Guide To More Than 200 Stitches*](#), Lucinda Ganderton

[*Art Lab For Kids*](#), Susan Schwake

[*Kids Weaving*](#), Sarah Swett

[*How to Draw Cute Stuff*](#), Angela Nguyen

Some Favorite Authors and Illustrators



[*Carson Ellis*](#)

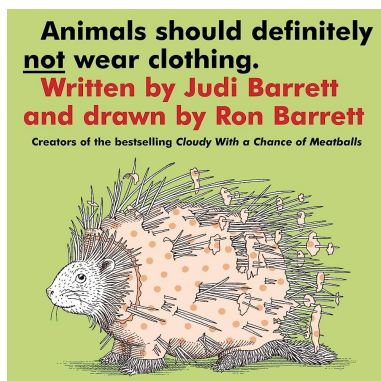
[*Jon Klassen*](#)

[*Mac Barnett*](#)

[*Julie Fogliano*](#)

[*Melissa Sweet*](#)

Books to make you laugh



[*10 Minutes Till Bedtime*](#), Peggy Rathmann

[*Henry Babysits*](#), Robert Quackenbush

[*The Book With No Pictures*](#), B.J. Novak

[*Fox and the Jumping Contest*](#), Corey R. Tabor

[*Animals Should Definitely Not Wear Clothing*](#), Judi Barrett, illustrated by Ron Barrett

[*This Book Just Ate My Dog!*](#) Richard Byrne

[*Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus*](#), Mo Willems

[*I Will Never Not Ever Eat a Tomato*](#), Lauren Child

