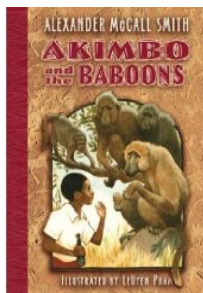


Mr. Grogan's Summer Reading List 2020



Akimbo and the Baboons by Alexander McCall Smith

Akimbo is excited to have his cousin, Kosi, visit him on the game reserve where he lives. When a visiting scientist invites the boys to join her when she studies a pack of baboons, they can't wait to assist her in the bush. The baboons they find are fun to observe, but when a black leopard threatens the pack—and the scientist—Akimbo and Kosi are reminded that danger is ever present in the African bush.

**Any other book from this series would be a great choice as well.*



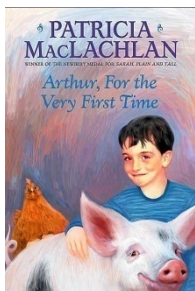
The Homework Machine by Dan Gutman

Fifth-grader Brenton is a computer genius, but the other three members of his work group think he's a nerd. So, when he tells them that he has invented a machine that does homework, they taunt him until he agrees to demonstrate. The machine actually works, and Kelsey, Sam, and Judy convince him to let them use it. At first, they are delighted with their freedom, but things quickly get out of hand.



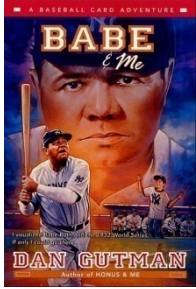
World of Adventure Series – by Gary Paulsen

(*same series as Escape From Fire Mountain)



Arthur, for the Very First Time by Patricia MacLachlan

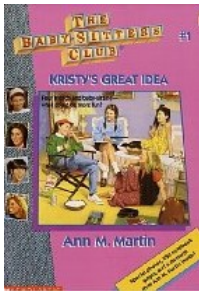
Arthur Rasby is ten years old and having the worst summer of his life. His parents don't listen to him, so he writes everything down—everything that's real—in his journal. But when he goes to stay with his Great-Aunt Elda and Great-Uncle Wisby on their farm, his world is turned upside down. For the first time Arthur wonders what's real and what's not.



Babe & Me by Dan Gutman

13-year-old Joe Stoshack time travels and meets baseball greats of the past. In this book, he takes his father along, as they attempt to discover whether Babe Ruth really "called his shot" in the 1932 World Series. If you enjoy this one, try some of the author's other titles.

**There are other books in the series: Mickey & Me, Shoeless Joe & Me. Any of these are fine.*



Baby-Sitter's Club Series: Kristy's Great Idea Ann M. Martin

Kristy Thomas organizes her friends into a baby-sitters club. All of the areas of concern to pre-teen girls (wearing the "in" clothes, keeping friendships stable, coping with family stresses, and trying to grow up) are here, tied to the experience of baby-sitting.

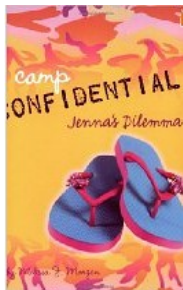
**Any other book from this series would be a great choice as well.*



The Boys Start the War- Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

It's not the Hatfields vs. the McCoys, but a feud nonetheless when the four Harfield brothers square off against their new neighbors, the Malloy sisters.

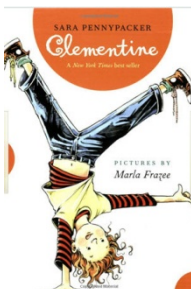
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Camp Confidential: Jenna's Dilemma by Melissa J. Morgan

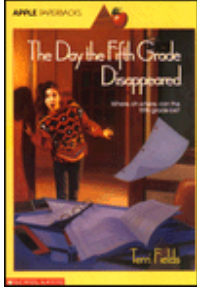
Summer camp means lots of things: new friends, roommates, bug bites, bathroom duty...But it's also a chance to be on your own and to reinvent yourself. A shy girl can become the belle of the ball, and a jock might find new competition.

**Any other book from this series would be a great choice as well.*



Clementine by Sara Pennypacker

Clementine is having not so good of a week. On Monday she's sent to the principal's office for cutting off Margaret's hair. Tuesday, Margaret's mother is mad at her. Wednesday, she's sent to the principal....again. Thursday, Margaret stops speaking to her. Friday starts with yucky eggs and gets worse. And by Saturday, even her mother is mad at her. Okay, fine. Clementine is having a *DISASTROUS* week.



The Day the 5th Grade Disappeared by Terri Fields

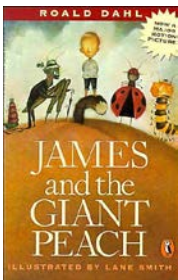
When the 5th grade class disappears and then reappears before she can show anyone, Julia begins to think that something supernatural has taken over the school.



Dear Dumb Diary by Jim Benton

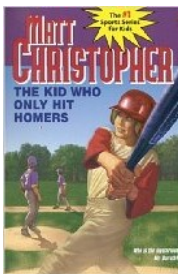
This is a series of books about life in Middle School. Jamie Kelly promises everything in her diary is true -- well, true as it needs to be, anyway. You will laugh as you read Jamie's diary entries about her life, especially the ones about the pretty, popular Angeline who, in Jamie's opinion, is a complete goon.

**Any other book from this series would be a great choice as well.*



James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl

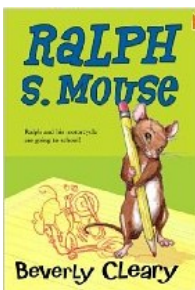
Have you ever had a dream? Did you ever have the chance to go somewhere you always wanted but the plans got destroyed? Well James's dream to go to NYC seems so close, but his only way getting there is traveling in a giant peach!



The Kid Who Only Hit Homers by Matt Christopher

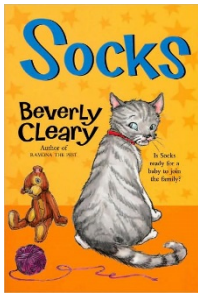
When a mysterious man promises to make him a great player, Sylvester accepts and begins a phenomenal home-run streak.

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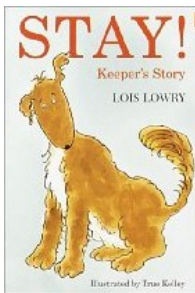
Ralph S. Mouse by Beverly Cleary

All in all things are not going well at the Mountain View Inn. So Ralph persuades his young pal Ryan to take him to school. Ralph is an instant hit with Ryan's classmates. But he doesn't like being forced to run through a maze or the threat of an exterminator coming to the school. Worst of all, Ryan gets into a fight with a classmate, and Ralph's precious motorcycle is broken. Is Ralph S. Mouse smart enough to steer this sad situation to a happy ending?



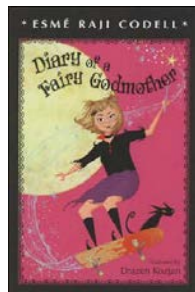
Socks by Beverly Cleary

After a rough start, and a brief internment in a mail box, Socks the cat has landed on his feet. He belongs to the Brickers—a young couple who dote on him. Then a baby arrives in the household and Socks discovers that the people he'd trained so well no longer consider him the center of their universe.



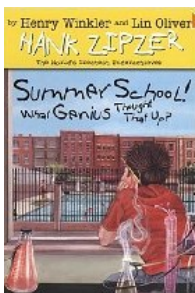
Stay Keeper's Story by Lois Lowry

This is the story of a dog who tells his own tale. As a pup he is separated from his mother and siblings. Through it all, Keeper can't forget his long lost little sister. If only they could be together again, life would be perfect. But an old enemy is watching and waiting to make his move.



Diary of a Fairy Godmother by Esme Raji Codell

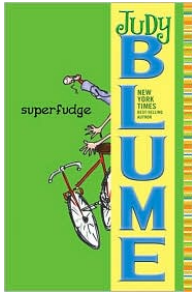
Hunky Dory's mother always told her, "You'll be the wickedest witch wherever the four winds blow." And why not? She's at the top of her class in charm school. She can make flowers wilt like wet spaghetti. She can also turn any prince into a frog - but she always changes him back. That's when she knows she has a problem. Hunky Dory's interest in "wishcraft" over witchcraft gets her kicked out of charm school. Now she's determined to follow her heart and become a fairy godmother. But how to go about doing it?



Summer School! What Genius Thought That Up? by Henry Winkler, Lin Oliver

Hank Zipzer has just finished fourth grade. Instead of a summer of relaxation, he must go to summer school while his two best friends, Frankie and Ashley, attend an exciting summer camp—the Junior Explorers Program. Hank has had trouble at school because he has "learning challenges." This means he has difficulty recalling facts and he does not perform well under pressure. Lucky for Hank, his summer school teacher is both a good friend and sympathetic teacher.

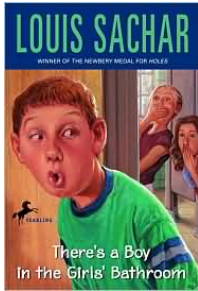
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Superfudge by Judy Blume

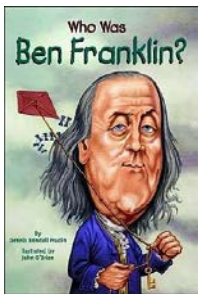
The eldest child, Peter, is trying to lead a normal life, but this is being severely hampered by the presence of his uncontrollable younger brother Farley Drexel, better known as Fudge, and his parents, who insist on making big, life-changing decisions without consulting him first.

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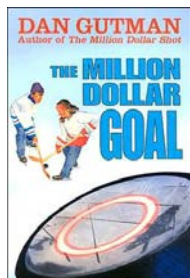
There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom by Louis Sachar

Bradley Chalkers tells enormous lies, he picks fights with girls, and teachers say that he has serious behavior problems. Bradley may be the strangest kid in school, but he's not completely hopeless! The triumph of this weird, insecure middle school bully will appeal to every reader who's cheered for – or been – the underdog.



Who Was Ben Franklin by Dennis Fradin

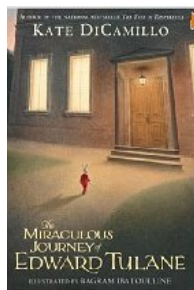
This is an often funny, always engaging introduction to one of America's most fascinating founding fathers. Franklin is affectionately and respectfully depicted as a man of insatiable intellectual curiosity with a tireless creative and inventive mind who played indispensable roles in the War for Independence and the establishment of the U.S. government.



The Million Dollar Goal by Dan Gutman

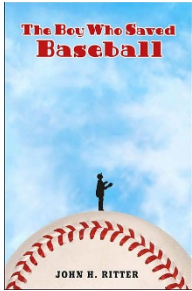
When Dawn and Dusk's dad gets the family tickets to the next Canadians' game, they can't believe their luck. They're even more psyched when they hear about the million-dollar goal contest. A randomly chosen fan will get the chance to shoot a goal to win one million dollars. One shot for a million bucks! Could this be the beginning of a dream come true for Dawn and Dusk-or the biggest humiliation of their lives?

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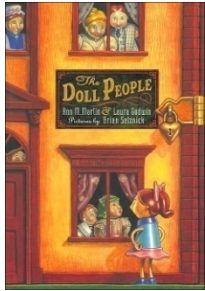
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo

This adventure story is about a magnificent china rabbit who did not know how to love. He only cared about his looks and only half listens to the young girl he belongs to. This all changes when Edward is tossed overboard on the way to England and begins a journey from the depths of the ocean through many new homes and adventures.



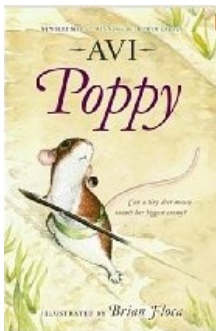
The Boy who Saved Baseball by John H. Ritter

Tom Gallagher is in a tight spot. The fate of the Dillontown team rests on the outcome of one baseball game, winner take all. If Tom's team loses, they lose their field too. But how can they possibly win? Just when everything seems hopeless, a mysterious boy named Cruz de la Cruz rides into town and claims to know the secret of hitting.



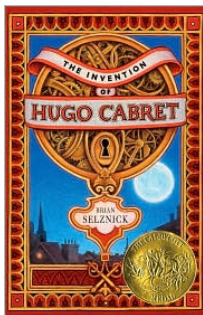
The Doll People by Ann M. Martin

Annabelle Doll is 8 years old--and has been for over 100 years. Nothing much has changed in the dollhouse during that time, except for the fact that 45 years ago, Annabelle's Auntie Sarah disappeared from the dollhouse without a trace.



Poppy by Avi

Poppy, a mouse, is determined to lead her family to a better life. Mr. Ocax, the bully and a great horned owl, is equally determined to keep them just where they are.



The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick

Orphan, clock keeper, and thief, Hugo lives in the walls of a busy Paris train station, where his survival depends on secrets and anonymity. But when his world suddenly interlocks with an eccentric, bookish girl and a bitter old man who runs a toy booth in the station, Hugo's undercover life and his most precious secret are put in jeopardy.