



Can we read? Books for Summer (2023)

Titles reviewed in the Can we read? 2023 Special edition on Summer

- *My Ocean is Blue* by Darren Lebeuf
- *The Leaf Men and the Brave Good Bugs* by William Joyce
- *Swashby and the Sea* by Beth Ferry
- *Lemonade for Sale* by Stuart J. Murphy
- *Khalil and Mr. Hargerty and the Backyard Treasures* by Tricia Springstubb
- *Scoot!* by Cathryn Falwell
- *Healer of the Water Monster* by Brian Young
- *From the Bellybutton of the Moon and Other Summer Poems / Del Ombligo de la Luna y Otros Poemas de Verano* by Francisco X. Alarcón

Also highly recommended

- *Splash, Anna Hibiscus!* by Atinuke
- *Poppy's Babies* by Jill Barklem
- *The First Strawberries* by Joseph Bruchac
- *Rain Play* by Cynthia Cotten
- *Jabari Jumps* by Gaia Cornwall
- *Raven and the Tide Lady* by Pauline Duncan
- *The Fisherman and His Wife*, retold by Rachel Isadora
- *The Color of Us* by Karen Katz
- *Please, Puppy, Please* by Spike Lee and Tonya Lewis Lee

- *Nicholas Cricket* by Joyce Maxner
- *Blueberries for Sal* by Robert McCloskey
- *Flossie and the Fox* by Patricia K. McKissack
- *Hands and Hearts* by Donna Jo Napoli
- *Pie is for Sharing* by Stephanie Parsley Ledyard
- *Natsumi's Song of Summer* by Robert Paul Weston
- *The Bee Tree* by Patricia Polacco
- *Thundercake* by Patricia Polacco
- *Summertime Sleepers: Animals That Estivate* by Melissa Stewart
- *Blue on Blue* by Dianne White
- *Quick as a Cricket* by Audrey Wood

Poetry

- *Flower Fairies of the Summer* by Cicely Mary Barker
- *Water Sings Blue: Ocean Poems* by Kate Coombs
- *In the Swim* by Douglas Florian
- *Honey, I Love* by Eloise Greenfield
- *Sail Away* by Langston Hughes
- *The Owl and the Pussycat* by Edward Lear, illustrated by Jan Brett
- *Trout, Trout, Trout: A Fish Chant* by April Pulley Sayre
- *Dark Emperor and Other Poems of the Night* by Joyce Sidman
- *A Stick is an Excellent Thing* by Marilyn Singer
- *Anna's Garden Songs* by Mary Q. Steele
- *Anna's Summer Songs* by Mary Q. Steele

Especially for babies and toddlers

- *Pippa and Pelle in the Summer Sun* by Daniela Drescher
- *Goodnight Sweet Butterflies* by Melanie Gerth

- *Ten Little Ladybugs* by Melanie Gerth
- *In My Ocean* by Sara Gillingham
- *On My Leaf* by Sara Gillingham
- *Ten Magic Butterflies* by Danica McKeller
- *Leo Can Swim!* by Anna McQuinn
- *Summer* by Gerda Muller
- *Baby Beluga* by Raffi
- *Hello Summer!* by Shelley Rotner
- *The Little Mouse, The Red Ripe Strawberry, and The Big Hungry Bear* by Don and Audrey Wood

For older readers, or read-alouds

- *The Little Grey Men* by B.B.
- *Hickory* by Palmer Brown
- *The Burgess Seashore Book for Children* by Thornton Burgess
- *The Princess in Black Takes a Vacation* by Shannon Hale
- *Moominsummer Madness* by Tove Jansson
- *The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate* by Jacqueline Kelly
- *Harriet's Hare* by Dick King-Smith
- *The Summer Party* by Cynthia Rylant
- *The Wainscott Weasel* by Tor Seidler
- *One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia

Everything else

- *The Grey Lady and the Strawberry Snatcher* by Molly Bang
- *Captain Jack and the Pirates* by Peter Bently
- *One-Dog Canoe* by Mary Casanova
- *Bubbles...Up!* by Jacqueline Davies

- *In the Tall, Tall Grass* by Denise Fleming
- *If You Want to See a Whale* by Julie Fogliano
- *One Dark Night* by Hazel Hutchins
- *Sometimes Rain* by Meg Fleming
- *The Raft* by Jim LaMarche
- *Summertime in the Big Woods (My First Little House Book)* by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- *Waiting Out the Storm* by Joann Early Macken
- *The Camping Trip* by Jennifer K. Mann
- *The Sandcastle that Lola Built* by Megan Maynor
- *Cyrus the Unsinkable Sea Serpent* by Bill Peet
- *Kermit the Hermit* by Bill Peet
- *At the Beach* by Anne Rockwell
- *All You Need for a Beach* by Alice Schertle
- *Amos and Boris* by William Steig
- *Backyard Fairies* by Phoebe Wahl