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Fun in the Sun Books

Keep summer reading cool with lively reads set at the seashore, campground, and backyard.

Preschoolers & Kindergarteners

Bailey Goes Camping by Kevin Henkes

Your little one who's too small for sleep-away camp is sure to enjoy this stay-at-home adventure

Clifford the Big Red Dog: The Missing Beach Ball by Norman Bridwell

Have a ball at the beach with Clifford as he tracks down a missing ball!

Gaspard at the Seashore by Anne Gutman

Charm your child with the tale of an earnest pooch who longs to windsurf — but he'll have to learn to swim first!

One Lonely Seahorse by Saxton Freymann and Joost Elffers

Your child won't be able to take his eyes off this ingenious counting book.

Time of Wonder by Robert McCloskey

Explore a magical Maine summer with this Caldecott Award-winning classic.

Grades 1–2

Come On, Rain! by Karen Hesse

Cool the crackling city heat with a lyrical look at the anticipation of rain.

Dilly's Summer Camp Diary by Cynthia Copeland Lewis

First-time campers will love this comic-book-style look at the highs and lows of sleep-away camp.

Lottie's New Beach Towel by Petra Mathers

Hit the beach with a spirited chicken in this charming picture book.

Nate the Great and the Boring Beach Bag by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

Join an old-school detective for an engaging and easy-reading mystery.

Sun Paint by Barbara Kane

Combine colors, objects, and solar power to create a textile masterpiece with this lively activity book.

Swimmy by Leo Lionni

Dive into the ocean to see how a small fish outsmarts a big predator.

Grades 3–5

The Dolphin Diaries series by Ben M. Baglio

Travel the oceans and uncover the secrets of dolphins.

The Island Series by Gordon Korman

Follow six kids as they become lost at sea in the first book of a trilogy.

Letters From Camp by Kate Klise

Delight in this spoof on summer-camp life told through notes, lists, and letters.

A Long Way From Chicago by Richard Peck

Spend the season with two city-slicker kids visiting their grandma in a Newbery Honor book that spans summers from 1929–1942.

Summer Reading Is Killing Me! by Jon Scieszka

Travel through a world of children's book characters in this riotous Time Warp Trio book.

Middle School

Aquamarine and Indigo by Alice Hoffman

Cast a spell over your teen with twin tales of mermaids.

The Goats by Brock Cole

Your teen will be captivated by this tale of two outcasts stripped and stranded on a small island by their peers.

The Haymeadow by Gary Paulsen

This action-packed novel revolves around a 14 year old who spends the summer tending 6,000 sheep with only two horses and four dogs for company.

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants by Ann Brashares

Four friends spend their summer apart — but keep connected through an amazing pair of jeans. Don't miss the sequel: *The Second Summer of the Sisterhood*.

Stanley Yelnats' Survival Guide to Camp Green Lake by Louis Sachar

Fans of *Holes* won't want to miss this companion guide to everything from digging to avoiding desert scorpions.