



## Clark Montessori Summer Reading Suggestions, Optional Work, and Websites to Explore

### Adventure & Survival

The Incredible Journey	Sheila Burnford
The Boy, the Boat and the Beast	Samantha M. Clark
Julie of the Wolves	Jean Craighead George
Journey of the Pale Bear	Susan Fletcher
The Inquisitor's Tale	Adam Gidwitz
Refugee	Alan Gratz
Island of the Blue Dolphins	Scott O'Dell
The Mysterious Benedict Society series	Trenton Lee Stewart
The Crystal Ribbon	Celeste Lim
Hatchet	Gary Paulsen

### Mystery

Chasing Vermeer	Blue Balliett
The Secret series	Pseudonymous Bosch
The Sisters Grimm Series	Michael Buckley
Mr. Lemoncello's Library series	Chris Grabenstein
Spirit Hunters series	Ellen Oh
Three Times Lucky (Mo & Dale Mysteries)	Sheila Turnage

### Poetry & Novels-in-Verse

The Crossover	Kwame Alexander
The Red Pencil	Andrea Davis Pinkney
Garvey's Choice	Nikki Grimes
Out of the Dust	Karen Hesse
Inside Out & Back Again	Thanhha Lai
19 Varieties of Gazelle	Naomi Shihab Nye
May B.	Caroline Starr Rose

### Nonfiction

We are not Yet Equal	Carol Anderson, Tonya Bolden
Fighter in Velvet Gloves	Annie Boochever with Roy Peratrovich
An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States	Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz adapted by Jean Mendoza & Debbie Reese
For Young People Girls Who Run the World:	
31 CEOs Who Mean Business	Diana Kapp
Sachiko: A Nagasaki Bomb Survivor's Story	Caren Stelson

## Biography & Memoir

Someone Like Me: How One Undocumented	
Girl Fought for Her American Dream	Julissa Arce
Infinite Hope: A Black Artists Journey From	
WWII to Peace	Ashley Bryan
Reaching for the Moon: The Autobiography of NASA Mathematician	
Katherine Johnson	Katherine Johnson
It's Trevor Noah: Born a Crime:	
Stories from a South African Childhood	Trevor Noah
Brown Girl Dreaming	Jacqueline Woodson

## Illustrated & Graphic Novels

El Deafo	Cece Bell
Roller Girl	Victoria Jamieson
The Invention of Hugo Cabret	Brian Selznick
Stargazing	Jen Wang

## Fantasy

Ragweed series	Avi
Artemis Fowl series	Eoin Colfer
The Dark is Rising series	Susan Cooper
Redwall series	Brian Jacques
A Wrinkle in Time series	Madeleine L'Engle
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon	Grace Lin
The Giver series	Lois Lowry
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh series	Robert C. O'Brien
The Hunger Games Trilogy	Suzanne Collins
Fire Keeper	J.C. Cervantes
The Graveyard Book	Neil Gaiman
Dragon Pearl	Yoon Ha Lee
Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky	Kwame Mbalia
Race to the Sun	Rebecca Roanhorse
My Father's Dragon series	Ruth Stiles Gannett

## Historical Fiction

Lucky Broken Girl	Ruth Behar
The War that Saved My Life	Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
Two Roads	Joseph Bruchac
Sweet Home Alaska	Carole Estby Dagg
Sees Behind Trees	Michael Dorris
The Birchbark House	Louise Erdrich
Journey of Pale Bear	Susan Fletcher
The Great Trouble	Deborah Hopkanson
A Place to Belong	Cynthia Kadohata
A Long Way from Chicago	Richard Peck
Lily's Crossing	Patricia Reilly Giff
Betty Before X	Ilyasah Shabazz and Renée Watson
Dragonwings	Lawrence Yep

## Fiction

I Kill the Mockingbird	Paul Acampora
Chike and the River	Chinua Achebe
The Thing About Jellyfish	Ali Benjamin
Hurricane Child	Kheryn Callender
Out of My Mind	Sharon Draper
The Breadwinner	Deborah Ellis
Hello Universe	Erin Entrada Kelly
Leonardo's Shadow: Or, My Astonishing Life as	
Leonardo da Vinci's Servant	Christopher Gay
The Last Last-Day-of-Summer	Lamar Giles
You don't Know Everything Jilly P!	Alex Gino
The Great Treehouse War	Lisa Graff
The Night Diary	Veera Hiranandani
Fish in a Tree	Lynda Mullaly Hunt
Looking for Red	Angela Johnson
Unidentified Suburban Object	Mike Jung
Song for a Whale	Lynne Kelly
Amina's Voice	Hena Khan
Me and Marvin Gardens	Amy Sarig King
The View from Saturday	E.L. Konigsburg
A Mango-Shaped Space	Wendy Maas
Merci Suárez Changes Gears	Meg Medina
Take the Mic: Fictional Stories of Everyday	
Resistance	Bethany C. Morrow
Look Both Ways	Jason Reynolds
As Brave as You	Jason Reynolds
A Long Walk to Water	Linda Sue Park
All Alone in the Universe	Lynne Rae Perkins
The Owls Have Come to Take Us Away	Ronald L. Smith
Rain is Not My Indian Name	Cynthia Leitich Smith
Hearts Unbroken	Cynthia Leitich Smith
When You Reach Me	Rebecca Stead
Right as Rain	Lindsey Stodard
Forget Me Not	Ellie Terry
One Crazy Summer	Rita Williams-Garcia
Genesis Begins Again	Alicia D. Williams
Front Desk	Kelly Yang

## Optional Work and Extension Activities

**Book Questions:** Answer ten of the questions below in complete sentences, citing the text by page number. Answer the questions completely; consider a good response to be a paragraph. Use the ACE strategy (Answer, Cite, Explain) Use the title and author of the book as a heading for your work and include your name and the date.

### Questions About Plot

- Which event in the story causes all the others?
- Is this book based on a classic story, like from mythology, history, or literature? Why did the author choose that story to retell?
- Was there a simple solution to the problems in the book? Why didn't the author let the characters use it?
- What is the book's climactic scene? How did the author build up to it?
- Does the book's ending resolve the plot? If it doesn't, do you think this was intentional? What else do you want to know?

### Questions About Character

- Why did the author choose to follow this protagonist and not another character in the story? Would the story have been different if it was from another character's point of view?
- Do you think the protagonist is a hero or a villain?
- How does the main character change over the course of the book?
- Does the protagonist experience a major revelation or period of growth? How does it change them?
- Does this story have an antagonist or villain? What traits does this character reveal about the story's hero?

### Questions About Symbolism

- Is the setting symbolic? If it is, what does it symbolize?
- Are there any particularly striking visual symbols in the book? What do you think they represent?
- Do the characters themselves represent anything?

### Questions for a Memoir

- Memoirs often exclude many parts of the author's life. Why do you think they excluded what they did? What do you wish they had included?
- If you were in the author's shoes, is there anything you would have done differently?

## Just-for-Fun Questions

- If you were making this book into a movie, who would you cast in the lead roles?
- Did this book remind you of any songs? Make a playlist as a group.
- You are dropped into the world of this book for the day. How would you fair?
- Other than the main character, is there another character you found compelling? Describe how the book might be different from their point of view.
- If you could ask the author one question about this book or anything else, what would you ask?

## Websites to Explore

<https://www.typing.com/>

<https://www.coolmathgames.com/>

<https://freerice.com/>

<https://world-geography-games.com/>

<https://mrnussbaum.com/games/science-games>

<https://www.chesskid.com/>

<https://www.funbrain.com/books>

<https://camp.wonderopolis.org/>

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>