

Recommended Titles for Beach (or anywhere) Reading

Unsure of a book for your second choice? Look below for a lengthy list of some of the top books recommended by your peers, teachers, and other educators!

*These books were on the original choice list and are up for grabs if you didn't get your first choice!

Realistic Fiction:

[*A Handful of Stars* by Cynthia Lord](#)

[*Save Me a Seat* by Sarah Weeks](#)

[*Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson](#)

[*Becoming Naomi Leon* by Pam Munoz Ryan](#)

[*Stella by Starlight* by Sharon Draper](#)

[*The Skin I'm In* by Sharon Draper](#)

[*House Arrest* by K. A. Holt](#)

[*The Seventh Most Important Thing* by Shelley Pearsall*](#)

[*Drita, My Homegirl* by Jenny Lombard](#)

[*Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan](#)

[*Call Me Maria* by Judith Ortiz Cofer](#)

[*Before We Were Free* by Julia Alvarez* \(also available in Spanish\)](#)

[*Breaking Through* by Francisco Jimenez](#)

[*Return to Sender* by Julia Alvarez](#)

[*Amina's Voice* by Hena Khan](#)

[*Rules* by Cynthia Lord](#)

[*Wonder* by R. J. Palacio](#)

[*Restart* by Gordon Korman*](#)

[*Mockingbird* by Kathryn Erskine](#)

[*Counting by 7's* by Holly Goldberg Sloan*](#)

[*Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt](#)

[*Finding Perfect* by Elly Swartz](#)

[*Crenshaw* by Katherine Applegate](#)

[*Eggs* by Jerry Spinelli](#)

[*Raymie Nightingale* by Kate DiCamillo](#)

[*As Brave As You* by Jason Reynolds*](#)

[*The Warden's Daughter* by Jerry Spinelli](#)

[*The Lottery's Plus One* by Emma Donoghue](#)

[*One for the Murphys* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt](#)

[*Ms. Bixby's Last Day* by John David Anderson](#)

[Loser by Jerry Spinelli](#)
[Winger by Jerry Spinelli](#)
[Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli](#)
[The Best Man by Richard Peck](#)
[Gracefully Grayson by Ami Polonsky*](#)
[George by Alex Gino*](#)
[Amal Unbound by Aisha Saeed*](#)
[The Nest by Kenneth Opel](#)
[Wishtree by Katherine Applegate *](#)
[Zane and the Hurricane by Rodman Philbrick](#)
[The Misadventures of Max Crumbly by Rachel Ren Russell](#)
[The Fourteenth Goldfish by Jennifer A. Holm*](#) (also available in Spanish)
[The Night Diary by Veera Hiranandani*](#)
[Pieces of Why by K.L. Going*](#)
[The Leaving by Tara Altebrando*](#) *Mature*
[Out of the Wild Night by Blue Balliett*](#) (Guest author at CPS Fall 2018)

Historical Fiction:

[Refugee by Alan Gatz*](#)
[Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys](#)
[Inside, Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai](#)
[The Red Umbrella by Christina Diaz Gonzalez](#)
[One Crazy Summer by Rita Garcia Williams](#)
[The War that Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley](#)
[Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk](#)

Nonfiction:

[Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom by Lynda Blackmon Lowery*](#)
[I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzi](#)
[The Finest Hours - The True Story of a Heroic Sea Rescue by Michael J. Tougias and Casey Sherman*](#)
[Lion: A Long Way Home by Saroo Brierly*](#)
[The 57 Bus - The True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime that Changed Their Lives by Dashka Slater*](#) *Mature*
[Unbroken \(YA version\) by Laura Hillenbrand](#)
[Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly](#)

Fantasy/Science Fiction:

[The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman](#)

[The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman](#) - graphic novel

[The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis](#)* (also available in Spanish)

[Lowriders in Space by Cathy Camper and Raul III](#)* (graphic novel)

[The Wild Robot](#) (#1) by Peter Brown*

[The Wild Robot Escapes](#) (#2) by Peter Brown

Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard Series by Rick Riordan:

[Sword of Summer](#) (#1)*

[The Hammer of Thor](#) (#2)

[The Ship of the Dead](#) (#3)

A Wrinkle in Time Series by Madeline L'Engle:

[A Wrinkle in Time](#) (#1)* (also available in Spanish and graphic novel)

[A Wind in the Door](#) (#2)

[A Swiftly Tilting Planet](#) (#3)

[Many Waters](#) (#4)

[An Acceptable Time](#) (#5)

[Orphan Island by Laurel Snyder](#) *

Serafina Series by Robert Beatty

[Serafina and the Black Cloak](#) (#1)

[Serafina and the Twisted Staff](#) (#2)

[Serafina and the Splintered Heart](#) (#3)

Sports:

[Football Hero by Tim Green](#)

[Fair Ball by Derek Jeter](#)

[Last Man Out by Mike Lupica](#)*

[Guys Read - The Sports Pages](#) by Various authors

[Rebound by Kwame Alexander](#)*

[Booked by Kwame Alexander](#)*

Track Series by Jason Reynolds (Guest author at NPS in spring 2019)

[Ghost](#)*

[Patina](#)*

[Sunny](#)

[Tangerine by Edward Bloor](#)

[Crash by Jerry Spinelli](#)

