

Dear Readers,

The school year is tough. You're busy with homework, sports, and activities, and to top it all off, you've got to get to bed early to do it all again the next day.

But summer is a whole different animal, especially for a kid. You've got loads of free time, and it's up to you to figure out how to use it.

Of course, you'll want to enjoy the nice weather and explore your world. But make sure you set aside plenty of time to explore new worlds in the pages of a book.

By now, you know that books are magic. They can take you away to places you've never been and introduce you to characters who will stick with you for the rest of your life.

And a book is an amazing piece of technology. You never need to charge it, and it won't break if you drop it.

Plus, your parents won't set "reading limits" and kick you off when you've spent too much time with your book. In fact, they might not even get mad if you read under the covers after bedtime.

It's a fact that the more you read, the more you'll enjoy your life. And as a bonus, you'll be more successful when you grow up, too.

So head to your local Books-A-Million and find a book that looks appealing to you. In fact, find a few. And get ready to be transported to new worlds that can only be discovered through the pages of a book.

I'm happy that Books-A-Million picked me to be their Summer Reading Program Ambassador, because I discovered so many great books in the summertime when I was a kid. And we've put together a giant list of recommendations so that you can get started.

Happy reading!



Jeff Kinney

