

SPRINGHURST PRESENTS



# SUMMER

— READING —



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GRADES 3-4



GROW A LOVE OF READING

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Dear Families,

As we approach the summer break, we are excited to share our 2025 Summer Reading List. Summer is a wonderful time for students to explore new worlds, characters, and adventures through reading. It's also a great way to maintain and improve their reading skills in preparation for the upcoming school year.

Our reading list includes a selection of books that we believe will engage, entertain, and inspire your children. The chosen books span a variety of genres, ensuring that there is something for everyone to enjoy. Encouraging your child to read over the summer can help them develop a lifelong love of reading and enhance their academic skills.

Attached is a list of suggested book titles. (This list is also available on the Springhurst website.) We hope you will find this list helpful when visiting the public library or local bookstore. Please remember that these books are suggestions and are not required reading.

Springhurst also has a subscription to a fun, reading program that you and your child can access from home this summer anywhere there is an internet connection.

- Go to: <http://auth.grolier.com/login/bookflix/login.php>
- User Name: springsch
- Password: bookflix

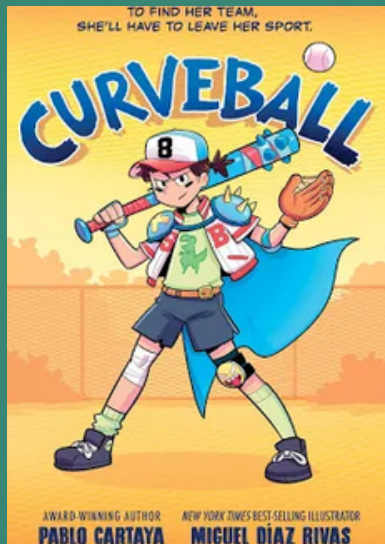
If your child had a RAZ Kids account throughout the year, they will still have access to it through the summer.

We hope that you have a fun-filled, story-filled summer and we will see you all in September!

Happy Reading!

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## ***Curveball***

by Pablo Cartaya

Baseball is Elena Rueda's entire life: She may be the only girl on her team, but she's the best player and everyone knows it. Except . . . Elena has stopped having fun, and it's time to leave the sport behind. The problem is Elena has no idea who she is without a bat in her hand. Can a summer spent with her brother's quirky friends in an empty sandlot that offers a world of possibilities show Elena who she is - and teach her to love to play again?

## ***The Strangest Thing in the Sea and Other Curious Creatures of the Deep***

by Rachel Poliquin & Byron Eggenschwiler

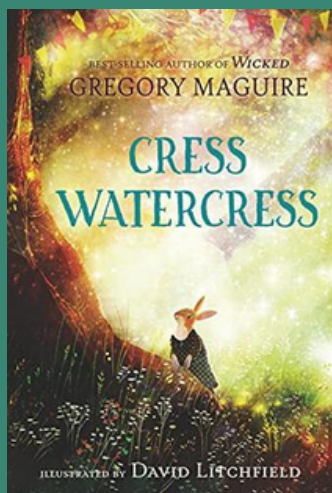
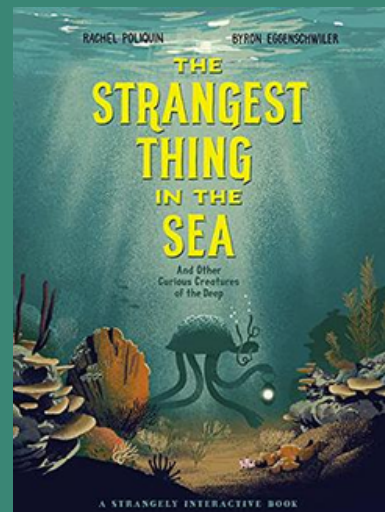
A look at some very strange creatures in the sea --- but which is the strangest?

A feathery tutu dancing through the water?

A tiptoeing rock wearing a wig?

A mountain of skulls on the ocean floor?

Not everything is quite as it seems in this exploration of 12 bizarre and little-known sea animals.



## ***Cress Watercress***

by Gregory Maguire & David Litchfield

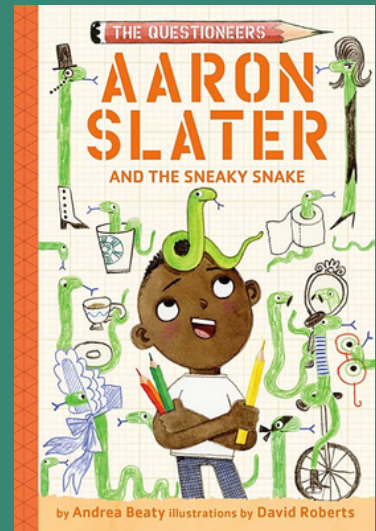
When Papa doesn't return from a nocturnal honey-gathering expedition, Cress holds out hope, but her mother assumes the worst. It's a dangerous world for rabbits, after all. Mama moves what's left of the Watercress family to the basement unit of the Broken Arms, a run-down apartment oak with a suspect owl landlord, a nosy mouse super, a rowdy family of squirrels, and a pair of songbirds who broadcast everyone's business. Can a dead tree full of annoying neighbors, and no Papa, ever be home?



## ***Aaron Slater and the Sneaky Snake*** ***The Questioners Series***

by Andrea Beaty and David Roberts

Zookeeper Fred loves snakes, but his favorite is a tiny green snake named Vern. When Vern gets loose in the zoo and lands atop a boy's head, it's trouble! A few citizens demand that all the snakes must go and the Mayor closes the zoo until the City Council decides what to do. Is Vern a menace? Are the snakes a danger to society? Or a valuable resource for everyone? Who gets to decide? The Questioners need all their talents to help Zookeeper Fred, but in the end, it's Aaron's art which leads the way.



## ***The Wild Robot Protects***

by Peter Brown

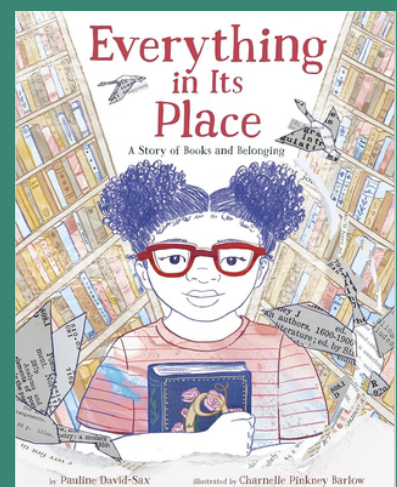
In the third book of the series - Roz the robot has made an unlikely home for herself on an idyllic island dense with forests, wildflowers and friendly animal inhabitants - including her own young son Brightbill the gosling. Life on the island is perfect, until a dying seal washes ashore and warns of dangerous, cloudy waters that are flowing towards the island, bringing new dangers for the animals.

Forced inland they will have to fight over fewer resources - and Roz realises that she must march into the waves and undertake an incredible undersea adventure to find a way to protect her beloved island and all who live on it ...

## ***Everything in Its Place: A Story of Books and Belonging***

by Pauline David-Sax & Charnelle Pinkney Barlow

Nicky is a shy girl who feels most at home in the safe space of her school library, but the library closes for a week and Nicky is forced to face her social anxiety. When she meets a group of unique, diverse, inspiring women at her mother's diner—members of a women's motorcycle club—Nicky realizes that being different doesn't have to mean being alone, and that there's a place for everyone.





## ***Ways to Make Sunshine***

by Renée Watson

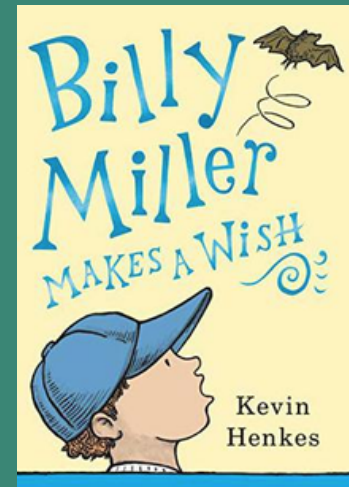
Ryan Hart, is a spirited and optimistic young Black girl navigating changes in her family and school life. Ryan's family is going through financial difficulties after her father loses his job, leading them to move to a smaller house. Despite these challenges, Ryan tries to remain positive and find joy in everyday moments.

## ***Billy Miller Makes a Wish***

by Kevin Henkes

On his birthday, Billy Miller wishes for something exciting to happen. But he immediately regrets his wish when an ambulance rushes to his neighbor's house. Is Billy responsible?

A companion to *The Year of Billy Miller* (2013), a Newbery Honor Book.



## ***Lola Levine is not Mean***

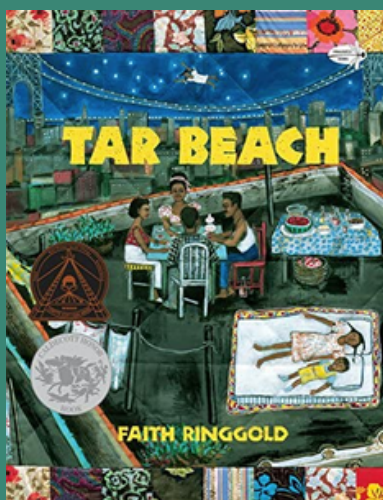
### ***Lola Levine Series***

by Monica Brown & Angela Dominguez

Lola Levine likes writing in her diario, sipping her mom's cafe con leche, eating her dad's matzo ball soup, and playing soccer with her team, the Orange Smoothies. So what if she doesn't always fit in?

Lola is fierce on the field, but when a soccer game during recess gets too competitive, she accidentally hurts her classmate Juan Gomez. Now everyone is calling her Mean Lola Levine! Lola feels terrible, but with the help of her family, her super best friend, Josh Blot, and a little "pencil power," she just might be able to turn it all around.





## ***Tar Beach***

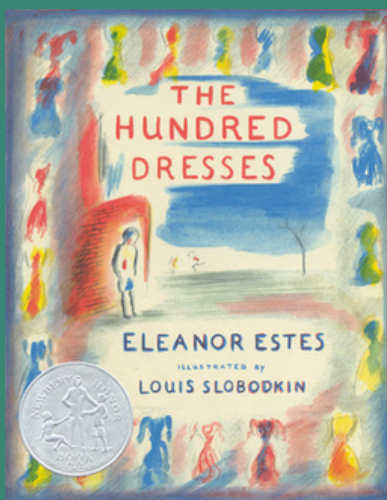
by Faith Ringgold

Cassie Louise Lightfoot has a dream: to be free to go wherever she wants for the rest of her life. One night, up on "tar beach," the rooftop of her family's Harlem apartment building, her dreams come true. The stars lift her up, and she flies over the city, claiming the buildings and the city as her own.

## ***The Secret Garden***

by Frances Hodges Burnett

Mary Lennox, an overindulged child suddenly orphaned, is almost magically transformed into an agreeable child when she comes to live at Misselthwaite Manor, the gloomy Yorkshire estate owned by her reclusive uncle, Archibald Craven. With the help of Dickon, an unusual local youngster with the ability to charm nature, Mary not only manages to bring life and beauty to the secret garden - abandoned years ago when the mistress of the manor was fatally injured there - but also persuades Colin, her uncle's frail son, to lead a normal life.



## ***The Hundred Dresses***

by Eleanor Estes

Wanda Petronski is ridiculed by her classmates for wearing the same faded blue dress every day. She claims she has one hundred dresses at home, but everyone knows she doesn't. When Wanda is pulled out of school one day, the class feels terrible, and classmate Maddie decides that she is "never going to stand by and say nothing again." A gentle tale about bullies, bystanders, and having the courage to speak up.