

# Brooklyn Friends School Summer Reading 2017 for Rising 5th Graders

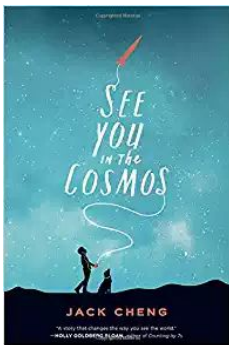


**Required Reading:** [Wonder by R.J. Palacio](#)

*August Pullman was born with Treacher-Collins Syndrome, which has resulted in a facial deformity he has experienced all his life. Entering middle school for the first time, he learns about accepting himself and teaches others what it means to be a true friend.*

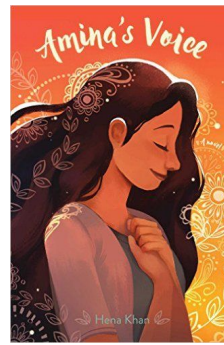
\*You will be discussing this book at the beginning of the school year so you'll probably want to read it as close to September as possible.

**Recommended:** Summer is the perfect time to enjoy some fun, relaxing reading. To get you started, we have created this list of award winners, new titles and old favorites. Enjoy! Angie & Emily



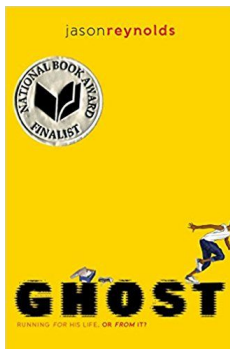
[See You in the Cosmos by Jack Cheng](#)

11-year-old Alex Petroski loves space and rockets, his mom, his brother, and his dog Carl Sagan.



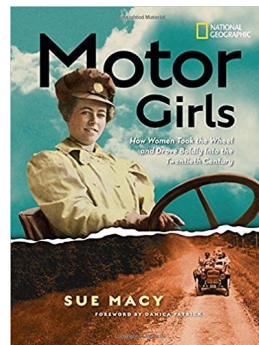
[Amina's Voice by Hena Khan](#)

A Pakistani-American Muslim girl struggles to stay true to her family's vibrant culture while simultaneously blending in at school after tragedy strikes her community.



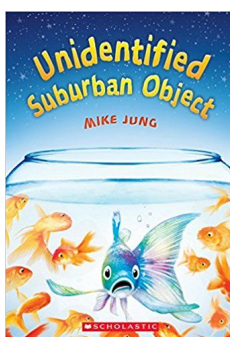
[Ghost by Jason Reynolds](#)

Ghost wants to be the fastest sprinter on his elite middle school track team, but his past is slowing him down.



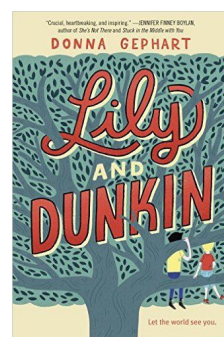
[Motor Girls : How Women Took the Wheel and Drove Boldly into the Twentieth Century by Sue Macy](#)

Come along for a joyride in this enthralling tribute to the daring women who got behind the wheel of the first cars and paved the way for change.



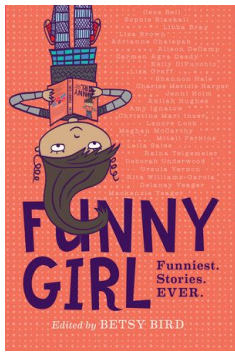
[Unidentified Suburban Object by Mike Jung](#)

The next person who compares Chloe Cho with famous violinist Abigail Yang is going to HEAR it--she is sick of people who can't tell the difference between Korean, Japanese and Chinese people.



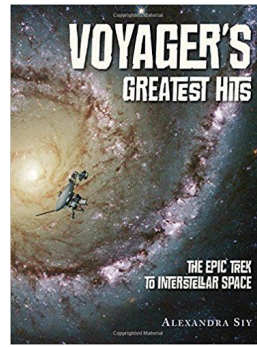
[Lily and Dunkin by Donna Gephart](#)

Lily loves dresses and nail polish; Dunkin loves iced coffee and donuts. These unlikely friends both have secrets.



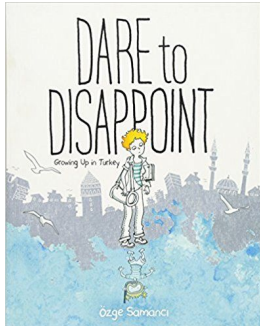
[Funny Girl edited by Betsy Bird](#)

A collection of uproarious stories, rollicking comics, rib-tickling wit, and more, from 25 of today's funniest female writers for kids.



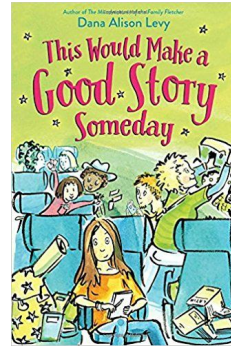
[Voyager's Greatest Hits by Siy, Alexandra](#)

Learn the fascinating story of the scientists, how the Voyager probes work, where the probes have been and what they've seen, and what they carry on board.



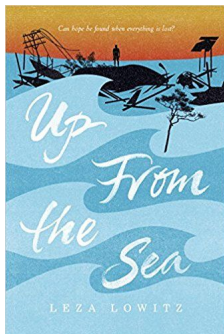
[Dare to Disappoint by Ozge Samanci](#)

Ozge tells her story of growing up in Turkey using inventive collages, weaving together images of the sea, politics, science, and friendship in this unpredictable and funny graphic memoir.



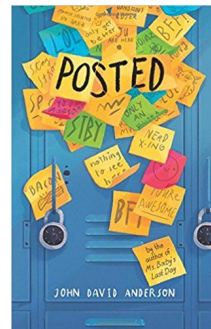
[This Would Make a Good Story Someday by Dana Alison Levy](#)

Sara's summer plans are upended for a surprise cross-country train trip with her two moms and sisters.



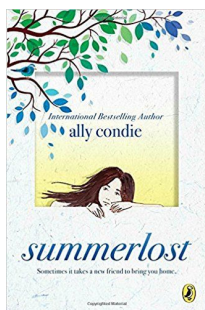
[Up From the Sea by Leza Lowitz](#)

A powerful novel-in-verse about how one teen boy survives the March 2011 tsunami that devastates his coastal Japanese village.



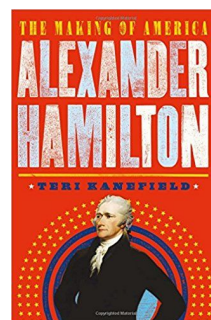
[Posted by John David Andersen](#)

In middle school, words aren't just words. They can be weapons. They can be gifts. They can come back to haunt you. Sometimes they can change things forever.



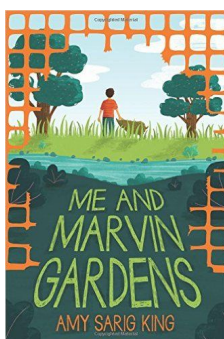
[Summerlost by Ally Condie](#)

A new home, a magical tree, Shakespeare summer theater, a boy riding a bike in costume and the ghost of a Hollywood starlet.



[The Making Of America: Alexander Hamilton](#)

Learn more about the history behind the young, scrappy and hungry immigrant who did more to shape America than any of his contemporaries.



[Me and Marvin Gardens by Amy Sarig King](#)

Obe Devlin discovers a mysterious creature living in the lot behind his house and it only eats....plastic.



[The Running Dream by Wendelin Van Draanen](#)

Jessica thinks her life is over when she loses her leg in an accident. She will walk with the help of a prosthetic leg, but who cares about walking when you live to run?