



A Curious Child's Summer Reading List, k-2



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Unimaginary Friend*

Dan Santat
From the land of imaginary friends,
Beekle heads to earth to find a friend.

The Matchbox Diary *

by Paul Fleischman
Unable to read or write, a young
immigrant saves memories in
matchboxes.

Take Away the A

by Michael Escoffier
A 'thinker' alphabet where one letter
is removed to form a new word.

Ish

by Peter H. Reynolds
Ish gives artistic creators a new way
to see their work.

Sequoia

by Tony Johnston
Sequoia's poetic voice describes being
a 1,000 year old Sequoia.

Hana Hashimoto, Sixth Violin

Chieri Uegaki, illustrated by Qin Leng
Hashimoto learns to play the violin
and creates a brilliant way to succeed
at her dream, despite her newness to
the craft.

Cowpoke Clyde and Dirty Dawg

by Lori Mortensen
Hilarious antics when Cowpoke Clyde
tries to outsmart Dirty Dawg.

Z is for Moose

by Kelly Bingham
In between hilarious interruptions
readers learn the alphabet!

Meet the Dogs of Bedlam Farm

By Jon Katz
True story of how four strays dogs
came to live on Bedlam Farm.

***Award Winning Books**

The Sandwich Swap

By Her Majesty Queen Rania Al
Abdullah with Kelly DiPucchio;
illustrated by Tricia Tusa
Best friends test their friendship when
they squabble over sandwich choices.

King Arthur's Very Great Grandson

by Kenneth Kraegel
A brave, six year old Henry faces four
fearsome foes on his adventure.

Sophie's Squash

By Pat Zietlow Miller
Sophie repurposes a squash meant
for dinner as her new friend.

Scarlett the Cat to the Rescue: Fire Hero

By Nancy Loewen
A true story of Scarlett who rescues
her five kittens from raging fire.

Tippy-Tippy-Tippy Splash

by Candace Fleming, illustrated by G.
Brian Karas
Mr. McGreely and his "pesky
pufftails" play at the beach. Playful,
rhyming, read aloud.

Backhoe Joe

By Lori Alexander
Nolan finds a 'stray' backhoe and
takes him home to be his new pet.

History

Winnie, The True Story of the Bear Who Inspired Winnie-the-Pooh

by Sally M. Walker
Read the true story of Winnie and
Christopher Robin.

Henry's Freedom Box, A True Story from the Underground Railroad*

by Ellen Levine
Hidden in a crate, a slave boy mails
himself to freedom; a true story.

Emmanuel's Dream

The True Story of Emmanuel Ofosu
Yeboah
By Laurie Ann Thompson & Sean
Qualls
This story shows how a boy born with
one leg, destined for poverty, can
change the world.

To Dare Mighty Things, The Life of Theodore Roosevelt

by Doreen Rappaport
An inspiring story of our
26th president.

Yuko-Chan and the Daruma Doll The Adventures of a Blind Japanese Girl Who Saves Her Village

by Sunny Seki
Girl helps villagers recover when
volcano ruins their crops.

Dare to Dream... Change the World

Edited by Jill Corcoran
Poems about great people in history:
Jonas Salk, S Spielberg, and more.

Science

Is This Panama? A Migration Story

by Jan Thornhill
Sammy migrates alone from Arctic
Circle to Panama.

Star Stuff, Carl Sagan and the Mysteries of the Cosmos

by Stephanie Roth Sisson
The story of Carl Sagan who brought
space to our living rooms.

Poetry

Song of the Water Boatman and Other Pond Poems*

by Joyce Kilmer
tightly-written poems and detailed
illustrations introduce pond creatures.

I Didn't Do It

By Patricia MacLachlan and Emily
MacLachlan Charest
Fourteen poems about dogs!