

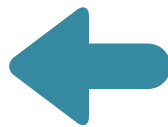


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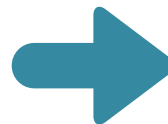


This list is from our wonderful book expert Ashley Speed! She is an AMI-trained guide from Vancouver, BC and mother of one. She is passionate about quality, inclusive education, raising her little Montessori munchkin, and children's books. She also creates beautiful printable materials. Her company is Diamond Montessori.



Here you can find all the books that Ashley recommends. Please support Ashley by purchasing the books directly from her store.

Here you can find all the beautiful printable materials by Diamond Montessori.



Here you can read some interesting posts by Ashley.



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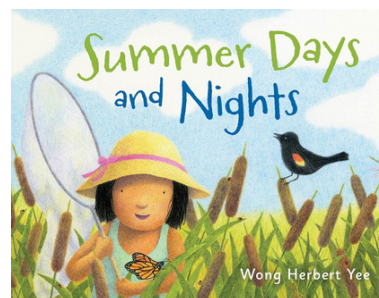
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Summer! A time for relaxing, swimming, camping and having fun! I actually don't love summer- I hate the heat, and much prefer the other three seasons of the year. BUT, I do like camping and pools and all the things summer brings, so I hope this list gives you some books about summer fun to share with your kids!



Books about summer! "And Then Came Summer" is a fairly recent addition to my library and one my kiddos love. "How Do You Know It's Summer?" is another great Rookie Read About Science book; and "What Can You See in Summer" is similarly another great addition to the series from Acorn. "Hello Summer!" is a cute book with lovely photographs about summer happenings. "Summer Days and Nights" is a classic in my classroom and I've probably bought it four or five times now.



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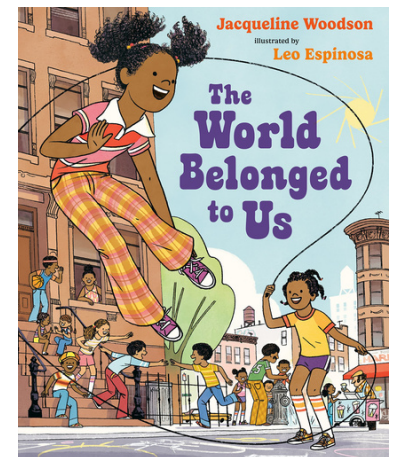
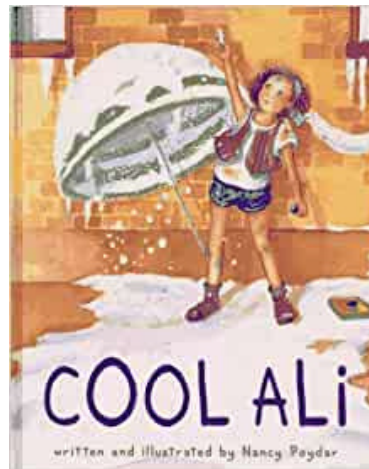


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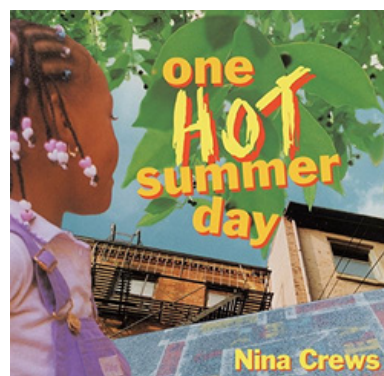
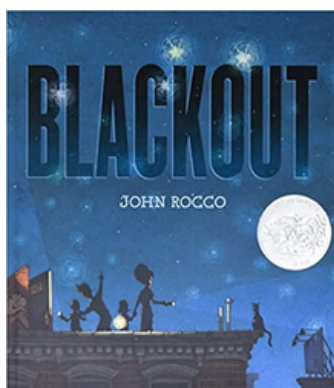
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Summer in the city! We often talk about beaches and camping and such when it comes to camping- but summer in the city is the experience of many children, and these books represent urban summer in gorgeous ways.



"A Wave Come Through Our Window" is a longer book but one Noora loves about a pair of sisters in a heat wave and listening to the sounds and noises of the city as they try to sleep. It's perfection. "Cool Ali" is about a girl who does amazing chalk drawings on a hot summer day that come to life, and always inspires my students to decorate our backyard with art. "The World Belonged to Us" is a brand new future classic and one that is a perfect ode to childhood summer. "Blackout" is a unique and gorgeous book about a city wide blackout one hot summer night and it's a treasure. Finally, "One Hot Summer Day" is one of my most favourite summer books and it's one I recommend to everyone.

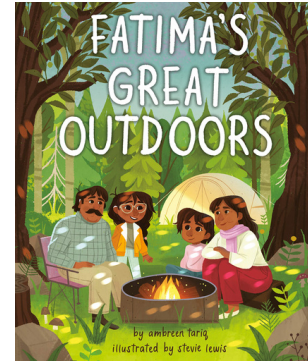
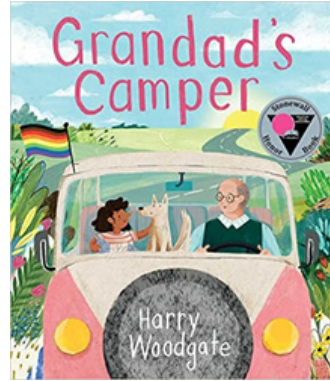
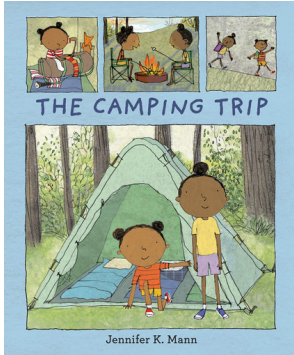


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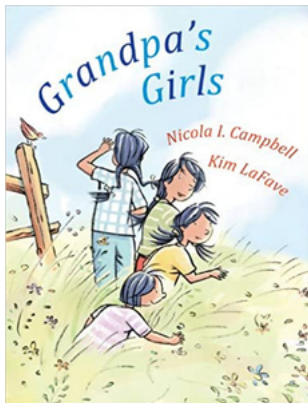


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Family time! Whenever I think of summer vacation, I think of family. Camping, reunions, visiting grandparents, all of that good stuff. "The Camping Trip" is an absolutely lovely book about a first camping trip. "Grandad's Camper" is one of my all time favourite books ever about a little girl and her grandfather, both of whom are struggling with grief over her gramps, and everyone should read it. "Fatima's Great Outdoors" is the only book I've ever seen featuring a Muslim family camping and it's such a beautiful book, and gorgeous representation. "Grandpa's Girls" is about a young girl and her cousins visiting their grandfather's farm, and it's a great example of Indigenous representation that is joyful. "Family Reunion" is about a young boy not looking forward to his family reunion but ends up loving it, and it's beautiful. Finally, the Arctic isn't usually what one thinks of when summer comes up, but this lovely book about a girl visiting her family in Nunavut features an Arctic summer and it's absolutely a joy.

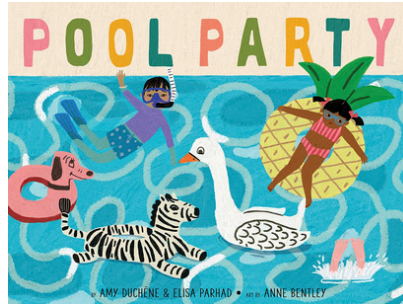
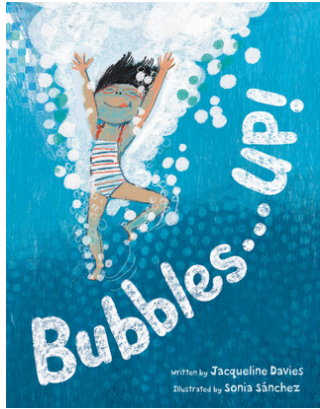


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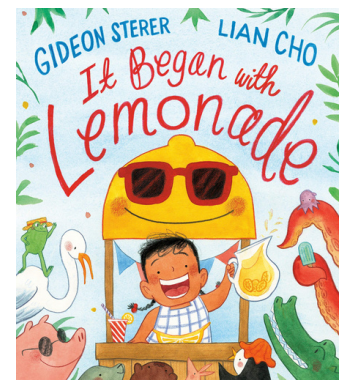


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Pools! These three books are gorgeous and all about pool life! "Bubbles...Up!" is such a good book, colourful and just oozing summer fun. "Pool Party" is a fun ode to public pools and summer swims. "Cannonball" technically takes place in a waterhole type outdoor pond, not a pool but it's about a kid learning to cannonball and it's a joy to read aloud (and I didn't know where else to put it!).



Summer treats! "Ice Cream Face" is absolutely adorable and a new favourite. "Paletero Man" is one of my top books of 2021, and such fun to read. "It Began With Lemonade" is a fun read aloud about a street of lemonade entrepreneurs. These books all remind me of hot summer days, and are all popular with my own class and daughter.

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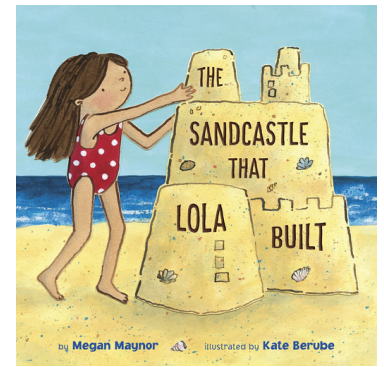
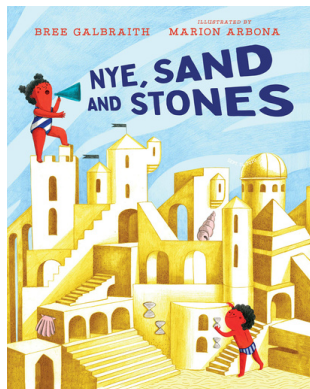
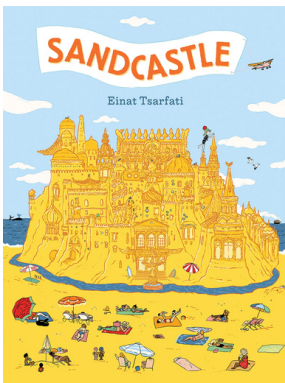


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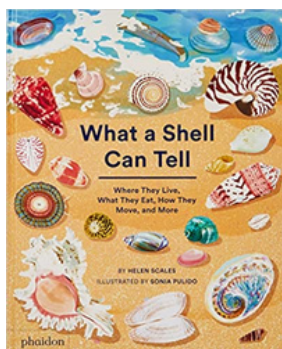
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Sandcastles! "Sandcastle" is a fabulous book, full of incredibly detailed images that are great fun for non-readers to pore over. "Nye, Sand and Stones" is one of my top ten favourite children's books ever and everyone should read it. "The Sandcastle That Lola Built" is a fun beach version of The House That Jack Built, and a popular one in my class.



And more beach books! "What A Shell Can Tell" is a wonderful book to bring to the beach on any summer adventures. "Jules vs the Ocean" is the sweetest book about two sisters and a sandcastle related beach disaster. "The Beach" is brand new, and like "Sandcastle" is full of fun images for non-readers to look at.



There are more titles on my Amazon list- I hope you find some new titles to add to your libraries, homes and classrooms! Happy summer, everybody!

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General Summer Books:

- And Then Comes Summer by Tom Brenner
- What Can You See In Summer by Sian Smith
- How Do You Know It's Summer by Lisa M Herrington
- Hello Summer by Shelley Rotner
- Summer Days and Nights by Wong Herbert Yee

Books About Summer in the City:

- A Wave Came Through Our Window by Zetta Elliott
- One Hot Summer Day by Nina Crews
- Blackout by John Rocco
- Cool Ali by Nancy Poydar
- The World Belonged to Us by Jacqueline Woodson

Books About Families and Summer Trips

- Family Reunion by Chad and Dad Richardson
- The Camping Trip by Jennifer K Mann
- Fatima's Great Outdoor by Ambreen Tariq
- Grandad's Camper by Harry Woodgate
- Grandpa's Girls by Nicola I Campbell
- Kits, Cubs and Calves: An Arctic Summer by Suzie Napayok-Short

Books About Pools

- Cannonball by Sacha Cotter
- Bubbles...Up! by Jacqueline Davies
- Pool Party by Elisa Parhad and Amy Duchène



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Books About Summer Treats

- Paletero Man by Lucky Diaz
- Ice Cream Face by Heidi Woodward Sheffield
- It Began With Lemonade by Gideon Sterer

Books About Sandcastles and the Beach

- Sandcastle by Einat Tsarfati
- Nye, Sand and Stones by Bree Galbraith
- The Sandcastle that Lola Built by Megan Maynor
- What A Shell Can Tell by Helen Scales
- Jules Vs The Ocean by Jessie Sima
- The Beach by Sol Undurraga