Looking for a way to have fun and challenge yourself while reading this summer? TFK is here to help!
Looking for a good book to get lost in this summer? Shay Maunz, editor of TFK’s TIME Off page, has made a list of 10 buzzworthy books to read this summer, from an illustrated novel about what it’s like to move to a new country to a story about Earthlings who settle on a planet inhabited by creatures that look like mosquitos. Read through our top 10 list and stay tuned throughout the summer for TFK Kid Reporter reviews of the books. We’ve also included the book-review form that we share with TFK Kid Reporters, in case you want to write and share a review of your own. You can email it to us at emailbag@timeforkids.com. Have a great summer!

**Title:** Greystone Secrets, Number 1: The Strangers  
**Author:** Margaret Peterson Haddix  
**Genre:** Fantasy  
**Age Range:** 8 to 12  
The three Greystone children and their mom have made a happy life in Ohio. But that life is turned upside when the children hear about three kidnapped kids who sound spookily similar to themselves.

**Title:** Dragon Pearl  
**Author:** Yoon Ha Lee  
**Genre:** Fantasy  
**Age Range:** 9 to 12 (Lexile level: 780L)  
Min comes from a long line of fox spirits, but her mother insists that she not use her powers, such as shape-shifting and Charm. But when her brother goes missing, Min must use fox magic to find out what’s wrong.

**Title:** Other Words for Home  
**Author:** Jasmine Warga  
**Genre:** Verse Novel  
**Age Range:** 8 to 12  
When war comes to Jude’s hometown, in Syria, she and her mother are sent to live with relatives in America. There, Jude struggles with her new identity as “Middle Eastern” and tries to adjust to her new surroundings.

**Title:** Far Away  
**Author:** Lisa Graff  
**Genre:** Realistic fiction  
**Age Range:** 8 to 12 (Lexile level: 700L)  
As a psychic medium, CJ’s Aunt Nic is able to connect CJ with her dead mother. CJ goes on a journey to find an object that will tether her mother’s spirit to earth and, along the way, she learns some truths.

**Title:** Pie in the Sky  
**Author:** Remy Lai  
**Genre:** Illustrated novel  
**Age Range:** 8 to 11  
To distract himself from the loneliness of being an immigrant who doesn’t speak English, Jingwen daydreams about making cakes for the bakery his father was planning when he suddenly passed away.
TFK’s TOP 10

**BOOK TITLE:** Rocket to the Moon!

**AUTHOR:** Don Brown

**GENRE:** Graphic novel

**AGE RANGE:** 8 to 12

This nonfiction graphic novel is about the people and technology that made the first moon landing possible. The book takes readers through the history of rocket building to an examination how the moon landing changed the world.

**TITLE:** The Last Last-Day-of-Summer

**AUTHOR:** Lamar Giles

**Genre:** Fantasy

**AGE RANGE:** 10 to 12 (Lexile level: 740L)

Cousins Otto and Sheed are known in their town as a couple of junior sleuths. They're looking for one more adventure before summer ends, and when a man appears with a camera that freezes time, they get just that.

**TITLE:** To Night Owl from Dogfish

**AUTHOR:** Holly Goldberg Sloan and Meg Wolitzer

**GENRE:** Realistic fiction

**AGE RANGE:** 10 and up

The only things Avery Bloom and Bett Devlin have in common is that they are 12 and they're being raised by their dads. When their dads fall in love, they try to get the girls to bond by sending them to sleepaway camp, against the girls' will.

**TITLE:** We’re Not From Here

**AUTHOR:** Geoff Rodkey

**GENRE:** Fantasy

**AGE RANGE:** 8 to 12 (Lexile level: 740L)

Since Earth is no longer an option, humankind must find a new planet to live on. The plan was to settle on Planet Choom with the Zhuri, the insectoid race that lives there. To do so, the narrator must change the Zhuris’ minds about humans.
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READING STRATEGY #1
**PREDICT**
While reading, make predictions about what will happen next. Then read on to see if your prediction was accurate. This strategy helps a reader trace and analyze a story or article.

READING STRATEGY #2
**CLARIFY**
If part of a story or a section of an article is confusing, go back and reread it. Think about which part is confusing and try to picture an image or movie of what you just read. This strategy allows you to monitor your understanding of a text.

READING STRATEGY #3
**STOP AND THINK**
After reading part of the story or article, stop and ask “What did I just read?” This strategy helps you understand the characters and plot or the topic being discussed.

**WORLD TOPIC**
Go to timeforkids.com and read an article from the World section of the website.

**U.S. TOPIC**
Go to timeforkids.com and read an article from the United States section of the website.

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Summer Reading Adventure

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READING STRATEGY #1
TAKE APART AND READ AROUND
If you are stuck on a word you can’t read, try breaking it into smaller chunks and looking for words within it. Reading around the word can also help you understand what a tricky word means. This strategy helps you figure out how to read and understand new vocabulary.

READING STRATEGY #2
MAKE CONNECTIONS
While reading, make connections to what you already know about the topic or to other stories with similar characters and/or events. This strategy helps you analyze the events in a story or article by comparing and contrasting.

READING STRATEGY #3
VISUALIZE
While reading a story or text, picture images or a movie of what you are reading. This strategy helps you follow the story line and understand what the story or text is all about.

KEY

ARTS TOPIC
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**READING STRATEGY #1**
**IDENTIFY MAIN IDEA**
After reading an article, a chapter, or a book, determine what the text is mostly about. Think about the important events or details that support the main idea. This helps you make sense of the text.

**READING STRATEGY #2**
**AUTHOR’S PURPOSE**
After you have finished reading, determine the author’s point of view or purpose for writing the text. Think about the facts the author included to support the story. This strategy helps you determine the importance of writing a particular story or article.

**READING STRATEGY #3**
**SUMMARIZE**
After you have finished reading, retell the story or article. Think about which events to include. If there is a part that doesn’t make sense, or is unclear, go back and reread that part. This strategy helps you determine the important events and emphasize the main idea of the text.

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