

Summary of What's New in Children's Literature 2009 Summer Reading List Grades 5-8

Chancey Of The Maury River

by Gigi Amateau

Abandoned by his owner, albino Appaloosa Chancey starts life anew at a Virginia therapeutic horse farm where he befriends a young girl, Claire, and is able to inspire confidence in her, despite his encroaching blindness.

Cabinet Of Wonders, The

by Marie Rutkoski

In the first book of the "Kronos Chronicles," twelve-year-old Petra Kronos travels to Prague to retrieve her father's eyes. The eyes were taken by Prince Rodolfo, who is using them to finish assembling a clock that will enable him to gain more power.

Dodger And Me

by Jordan Sonnenblick

In this first book from the "Dodger and Me" series, Dodger (a third-class genie) tries to help ten-year-old Willie get rid of the girl who has been following him around and tries to get Willie's mother to stop being so protective.

Facttracker, The

by Jason Carter Eaton

A town earns money by selling facts, but learns that it is more lucrative to sell lies

Gods Of Manhattan

by Scott Mebus

Thirteen-year-old Rory Hennessy's life changes when a magician's trick reveals Mannahatta, a city of spirits and gods that co-exists with Manhattan. Rory shares his gift with his younger sister, and is pursued because of the part he must play in a terrible wrong done centuries ago.

Gollywhopper Games, The

by Jody Feldman

Gil is after the grand prize while he clears his father's name in a book filled with puzzles and action.

Gully's Travels

by Tor Seidler

Gulliver, a Lhasa apso, lives in New York City with his companion, a professor. When the professor becomes engaged to a woman allergic to dogs, Gulliver is taken to live with another family.

Graveyard Book, The

by Neil Gaiman

Bod narrowly escapes being murdered with the rest of his family when he wanders into the graveyard as an infant. An old dead couple agree to raise him, and he is taught the ways of the dead. As a teenager he decides to find out the truth about what happened to his family. **Newberry Award**

London Eye Mystery, The

by Siobhan Dowd

Twelve-year-old Ted suffers from a neurological disorder that causes him to think differently than others. When his cousin seems to simply vanish into thin air, can Ted figure out what really happened?

Nick Of Time

by Ted Bell

When twelve-year-old Nick finds a time machine in a sea chest, he travels back in time from his lighthouse on England's coast in 1939 to help an ancestor, who is a sea captain, defeat an evil pirate named William Blood in 1805.

Nightmare At The Book Fair

by Dan Gutman

Fifth-grade student Trip Dinkleman changes his views on reading after a hit his head causes him to experience life as characters in several different books.

Oggie Cooder

by Sarah Weeks

Oggie, happily unaware of his moniker as the class weirdo, is the star of the talent show.

Philippa Fisher's Fairy Godmother

by Liz Kessler

Eleven-year-old Philippa Fisher finds her home and school life difficult, especially after her best friend moves away. But it all changes when a new girl, Daisy, shows up at school. Philippa discovers she has three wishes to make that could change her life forever.

Schooled

by Gordon Korman

Thirteen-year-old Capricorn has spent his life living on the Garland Farm commune with only one other person - his grandmother, Rain. When Rain falls from a tree and is hospitalized, Capricorn attends a middle school where students take advantage of his naivety.

Savvy

by Ingrid Law

At age 13 Mibs learns about her supernatural ability or "savvy", which must be saved.

Underneath, The

by Kathi Appelt

An abused dog and two kittens try to survive in their prison underneath the porch.