

SPRINGHURST PRESENTS



# SUMMER

— READING —



ENTERING  
GRADES 3-4



GROW A LOVE OF READING

June 2021

Dear Families,

It has certainly been a year like no other. Through all the challenges we faced, books remained a constant solace and provided a much-needed escape. The stories we shared helped us make new connections with each other and to the world. It is our hope that this summer, your child will continue to grow a love of reading by reading a variety of books both old and new.

Attached is a list of suggested book titles. (This list is also available on the Springhurst website.) We hope you will find this list helpful when visiting the public library or local bookstore. Please remember that these books are suggestions and are not required reading.

Springhurst also has a subscription to a fun, reading program that you and your child can access from home this summer anywhere there is an internet connection.

- Go to: <http://auth.grolier.com/login/bookflix/login.php>
- User Name: springsch
- Password: bookflix

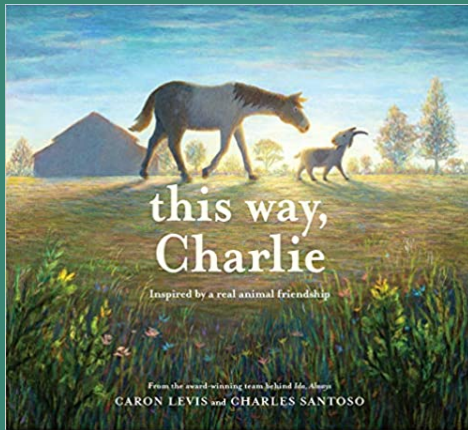
If your child had a RAZ Kids account throughout the year, they will still have access to it through the summer.

We hope that you have a fun-filled, story-filled summer and we will see you all in September!

Happy Reading!

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## ***This Way, Charlie***

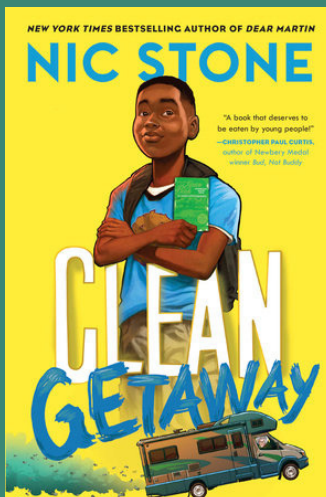
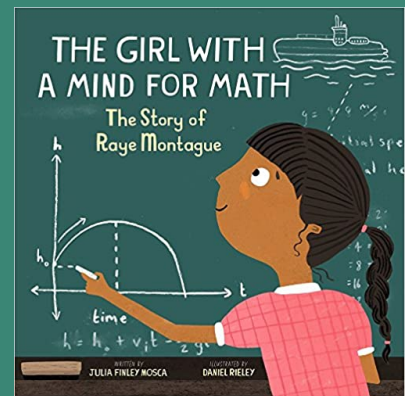
Book by Caron Levis

Jack, an introverted goat, and Charlie, a blind horse, meet at Open Bud Ranch, an animal rehabilitation center, and form an unlikely friendship that grows stronger in the face of adversity.

## ***The Girl with a Mind for Math***

by Julia Finley Mosca

After touring a German submarine in the early 1940s, young Raye set her sights on becoming an engineer. Little did she know sexism and racial inequality would challenge that dream every step of the way, even keeping her greatest career accomplishment a secret for decades. Through it all, the gifted mathematician persisted—finally gaining her well-deserved title in history: a pioneer who changed the course of ship design forever.



## ***Clean Getaway***

by Nic Stone

How to Go on an Unplanned Road Trip with Your Grandma:

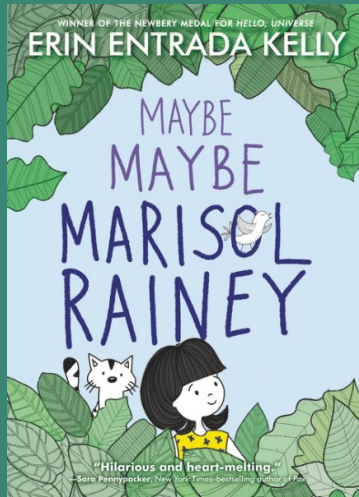
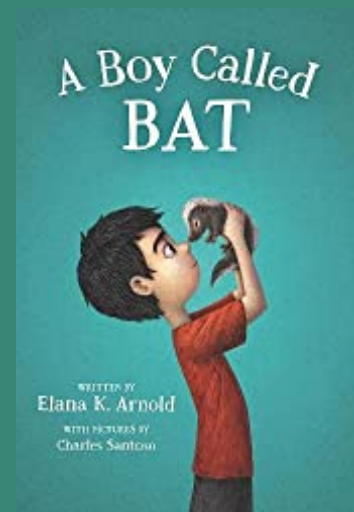
- Grab a Suitcase: Prepacked from the big spring break trip that got CANCELLED.
- Fasten Your Seatbelt: G'ma's never conventional, so this trip won't be either.
- Use the Green Book: G'ma's most treasured possession. It holds history, memories, and most important, the way home.

## ***A Boy Called Bat***

by Elana K. Arnold, Charles Santoso

For Bixby Alexander Tam (nicknamed Bat), life tends to be full of surprises-some of them good, some not so good. Today, though, is a good-surprise day. Bat's mom, a veterinarian, has brought home a stray baby skunk, which she needs to take care of until she can hand him over to a wild-animal shelter.

But the minute Bat meets the kit, he knows they belong together. And he's got one month to show his mom that a baby skunk might just make a pretty terrific pet.



## ***Maybe Maybe Marisol Rainey***

by Erin Entrada Kelly

Will Marisol be able to salvage her summer and have fun with Jada, her best friend? Maybe. Will Marisol figure out how to get annoying Evie Smythe to leave her alone? Maybe. Will Marisol ever get to spend enough real time with her father? Maybe. Will Marisol find the courage to climb Peppina? Maybe.

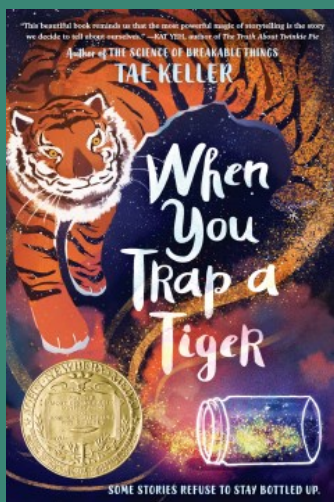
## ***Song for a Whale***

by Lynne Kelly

From fixing the class computer to repairing old radios, twelve-year-old Iris is a tech genius. But she's the only deaf person in her school, so people often treat her like she's not very smart. When she learns about Blue 55, a real whale who is unable to speak to other whales, Iris understands how he must feel. Then she has an idea: she should invent a way to "sing" to him. But he's three thousand miles away. How will she play her song for him?







## ***When You Trap a Tiger***

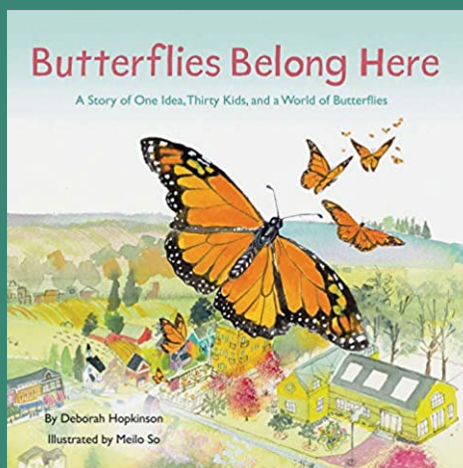
by Tae Keller

When Lily and her family move in with her sick grandmother, a magical tiger straight out of her halmoni's Korean folktales arrives, prompting Lily to unravel a secret family history. Long, long ago, Halmoni stole something from the tigers. Now they want it back. And when one of the tigers approaches Lily with a deal--return what her grandmother stole in exchange for Halmoni's health--Lily is tempted to agree. But deals with tigers are never what they seem. With the help of her sister and her new friend Ricky, Lily must find her voice...and the courage to face a tiger.

## ***Katie the Catsitter***

by Colleen AF Venable, Stephanie Yue

Katie is dreading the boring summer ahead while her best friends are all away at camp--something that's way out of Katie and her mom's budget, UNLESS Katie can figure out a way to earn the money for camp herself. But when Katie gets a job catsitting for her mysterious upstairs neighbor, life gets interesting.



## ***Butterflies Belong Here***

by Deborah Hopkinson, Meilo So

After her family moves to the U.S. from Mexico, a girl learns English at school, but she feels shy and reluctant to speak in class. Fascinated by butterflies' migration to and from Mexico and alarmed by their dwindling numbers, she researches monarchs and wants to help them, but how?