

The Nightingale– Bamford School

Class V & VI Summer Reading 2025

Welcome to the 2025 Summer Reading List for students entering Class V & VI this fall!

This summer you are asked to read **the following books** (provided to you by Nightingale):

Class V Required Summer Reading:

- *The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl* by Stacy McAnulty (English)
- *Maroo of the Winter Caves* by Ann Turnbull (History)

Class VI Required Summer Reading:

- *The End of the Wild* by Nicole Helget (English)

You are also asked to read one book from the following Summer Reading List below. We will discuss these books during orientation for the new school year.

Of course, we welcome and encourage you to read more than three books if you'd like! Keep a record of what you read by writing down the title and author of each book to share with your teacher and your classmates in September.

Summer Reading List

Borders & Home

Books about immigration, relocation, & family

- *The Partition Project* by Saadia Faruqi (2024)
- *Maizy Chen's Last Chance* by Lisa Yee (2022)
- *Brother's Keeper* by Julie Lee (2020)
- *The Year I Flew Away* by Marie Arnold (2021)
- *Refugee* by Alan Gratz (2017)
- *In the Beautiful Country* by Jane Kuo (2022)

Fantasy, Folktales, & Sci-Fi

Books about magic, myths, science, and space

- *Sal and Gabi Break the Universe* by Carlos Hernandez (2019)
- *Impossible Creatures* by Katherine Rundell (2023)
- *A Rover's Story* by Jasmine Warga (2022)
- *When You Reach Me* by Rebecca Stead (2009)
- *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill (2016)
- *Amari and the Night Brothers* by B. B. Alston (2021)

Heists, Spies, & Spooks

Books about riddles, frights, & things awry

- *The Mona Lisa Vanishes* by Nicholas Day (2023) [Nonfiction]
- *Max in the House of Spies* by Adam Gidwitz (2024)
- *A Strange Thing Happened in Cherry Hall* by Jasmine Warga (2024)
- *When Life Gives You Mangos* by Kareen Getten (2020)
- *Premeditated Myrtle* by Elizabeth C. Bunce (2020)
- *Whispering Pines* by Heidi Lang and Kati Bartkowski (2020)

Echoes of History

Books about historical events or that are set in the past

- *Iceberg* by Jennifer A. Nielsen (2023)
- *Troublemaker* by John Cho (2022)
- *Rima's Rebellion* by Margarita Engle (2022)
- *Light and Air* by Mindy Nichols Wendell (2024)
- *Clouds Over California* by Karyn Parsons (2023)
- *The Blackbird Girls* by Anne Blankman (2019)

Courageous Voices

Books about activism, advocacy, and finding solutions

- *Hope in the Valley* by Mitali Perkins (2023)
- *Attack of the Black Rectangles* by A. S. King (2022)
- *Lotus Bloom and the Afro Revolution* by Sherri Winston (2022)
- *Code Red* by Joy McCullough (2023)
- *Strange Birds* by Celia C. Pérez (2019)
- *Where the Sky Lives* by Margaret Dilloway (2022)

Journeys & Adventures

Books that feature quests, overcoming challenges, and fighting for survival

- *The Last Mapmaker* by Christina Soontornvat (2022)
- *The Eyes and the Impossible* by Dave Eggers (2023)
- *Lalani of the Distant Sea* by Erin Entrada Kelly (2019)
- *Across the Desert* by Dusti Bowling (2021)
- *Wild Bird* by Diane Zahler (2023)
- *Alone in the Woods* by Rebecca Behrens (2020)