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# SUMMER READERS

2020 Catalog





“Sonlight is such a big part of our family and our lives that we cannot even leave it behind for summer vacation! The kids made sure we ordered and received our Summer Readers in time to be taken on our vacation. Their love of reading & learning year-round shines through as they insisted on taking their Summer Readers to enjoy on the beach.”

*—The F. family, Sonlighter  
from Talking Rock, GA*



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# Welcome!

I am so happy to share with you some quality books to enjoy through the summer.

With the Sonlight Summer Readers, we look for high quality, enjoyable books in a range of genres, that will entertain and delight your family. Because these are Summer Readers, they're meant to be fun. Books that make you happy, that make you want to sit up late in the long summer evenings, enjoying a good book. Books to take to the lake or on a road trip.

You'll find age-appropriate collections for elementary, middle, and high school students, for both boys and girls.

I am a firm advocate for reading that doesn't stop when school does, and I am thrilled to present these books that my daughter Jonelle and I have selected as the most enjoyable titles, out of the thousands we've reviewed over the last year.

Purchase a Summer Reader collection to enjoy yourself now, or save for your children to grow into later.



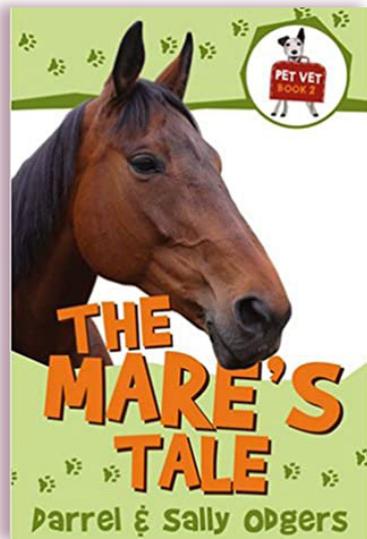
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Sonlight President



# ELEMENTARY GIRLS

Ages: 5-9

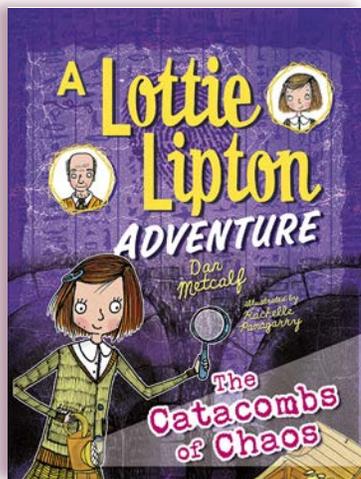
Four early readers with charming illustrations and an emphasis on relationships and fun.



## The Mare's Tale

Narrator Trump the dog is the Animal Liaison Officer for his owner, vet Dr. Jeanie. He helps her soothe her patients, including a nervous pregnant mare, in this cute and cheery book for animal lovers everywhere.

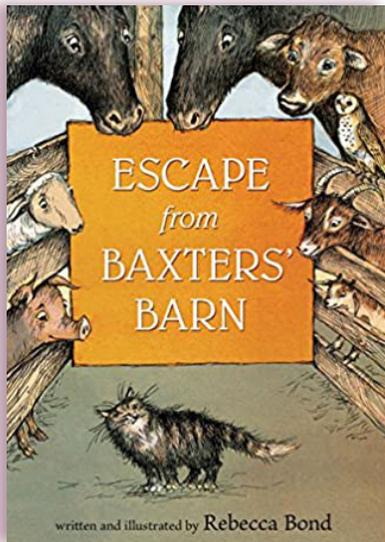
#SRE29 | \$4.99



## The Catacombs of Chaos: A Lottie Lipton Adventure

Lottie lives at the British Museum, but if she doesn't help the head curator find a large amount of money, the museum will need to close. Happily, she locates a secret message and deciphers various clues. Your child will enjoy the Pig Latin, math, the mirror technique, and more as together you solve the puzzles that will challenge budding investigators to enjoy this book.

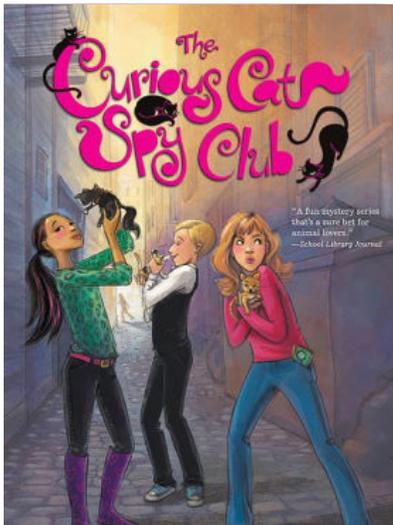
#SRE30 | \$6.99



## Escape from Baxter's Barn

Charming illustrations decorate this survival tale. When the solitary cat hears a plot to burn down the barn with the animals in it, the animals have to figure out how to escape to safety. Where will they live next? (Can you imagine a stray cow, pig, owl, sheep, and cat simply turning up on your doorstep? A difficulty indeed.) School Library Journal said, "Fans of Charlotte's Web and other gentle animal stories will enjoy this charming tale."

#SRE31 | \$7.99



## The Curious Cat Spy Club

Take a geeky boy, a shy girl, and a popular girl. When the three happen to be in the same place at the same time and discover a litter of kittens in a dumpster, the three who thought they had nothing in common determine to solve animal crimes in their secret club.

#SRE32 | \$9.99

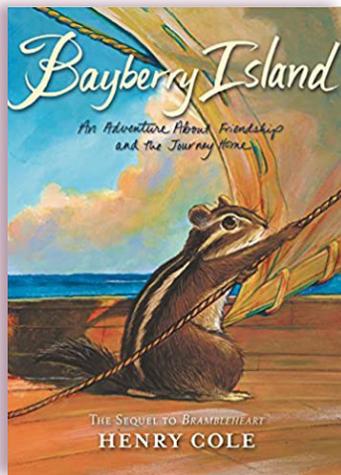
Elementary Girls Summer  
Reading Package 2020 #EG20

\$29.96

# ELEMENTARY BOYS

Ages: 5-9

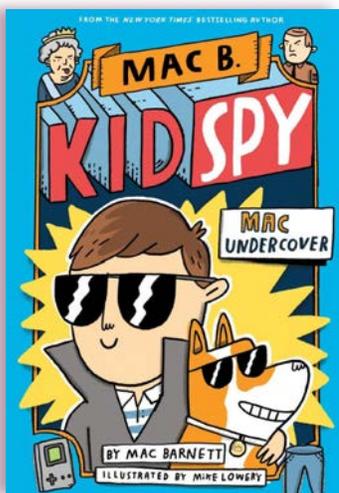
Four books with less text per page, but dramatic and exciting plots for early readers.



## Bayberry Island

Three small animal friends take a baby dragon downstream in a toy boat, seeking the baby's mother and safety. After they survive a storm, they face unexpected treachery. How can good come in the end? Marvelous illustrations in this engaging fantasy story.

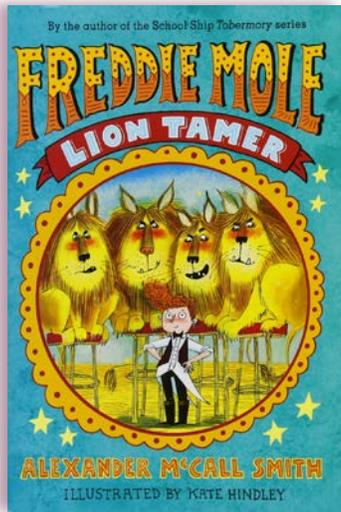
#SRE33 | \$6.99



## Mac Undercover: Mac B., Kid Spy1

A boy spy story set in the mid-1980s, when the Queen of England asks for help recovering a special spoon. Throw in the KGB, and the Mona Lisa, lots of snappy dialogue, and humorous illustrations. Perfect for beginning and reluctant readers.

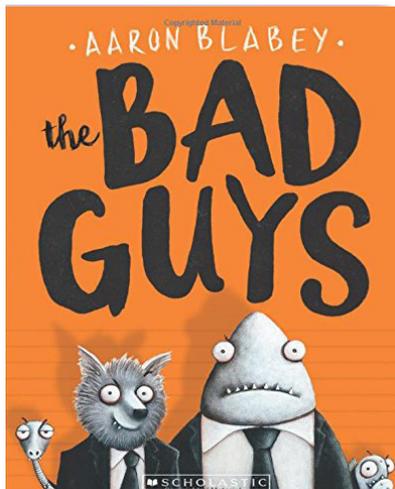
#SRE34 | \$12.99



## Freddie Mole Lion Tamer

By the author of The No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency, this tale involves young Freddie seeking a job at the circus to help his family make ends meet. From sweeping up to understudy for acts—is he ready to be a lion tamer?

#SRE35 | \$15.99



## The Bad Guys

A wolf, piranha, snake, and shark—animals known for their rottenness—go to try to do good deeds. In this case, they free animals from the pound. Cheerily illustrated (don't miss the shark in disguise!) and cheekily funny.

#SRE36 | \$5.99

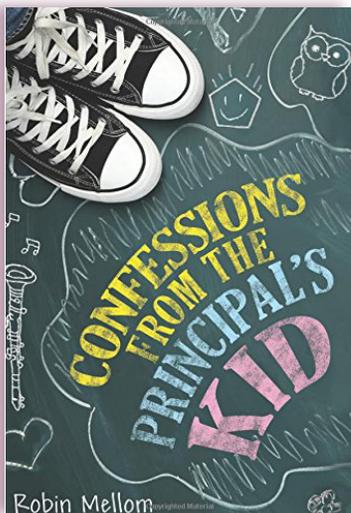
Elementary Boys Summer  
Reading Package 2020 #EB20

**\$41.96**

# MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS

Ages: 9-14

The middle grade years can be a time of social awkwardness, but also a time of self-discovery, when kindness shines extra bright. Four books to enjoy during these transitional years.

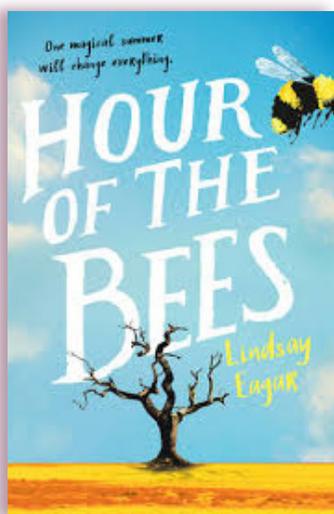


## Confessions from the Principal's Kid

Fifth Grader Allie West, the daughter of the school principal, over-shared with her mother the previous year. Ostracized, with the reputation for a tattletale, she's determined that this year will be different.

However, when her best friend starts to deal with bullying, she has to figure out: when is it right to stay silent, and when is it right to speak up? A thought provoking, realistic story.

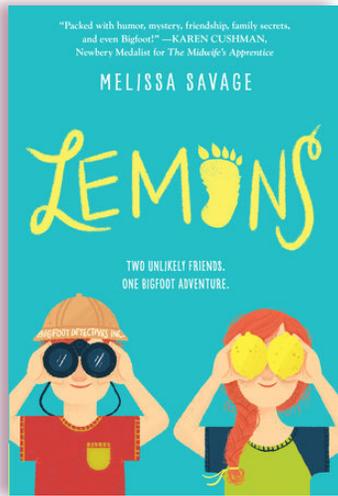
#SRM26 | \$16.99



## Hour of the Bees

This gorgeous, atmospheric story blends reality and magical realism. When Carol goes to New Mexico to help her Grandpa Serge transition into a home for dementia, she was unprepared for the heat, the dust, and the prickliness of relative and land. But as Serge shares about the hundred year drought, and the healing tree and the green-glass lake and the bees, Carol needs to decide what to believe and what action to take. Readers rave about the strong, relatable characters, the fantastic setting, the captivating writing. Captivating. You won't want to put it down!

#SRM27 | \$8.99

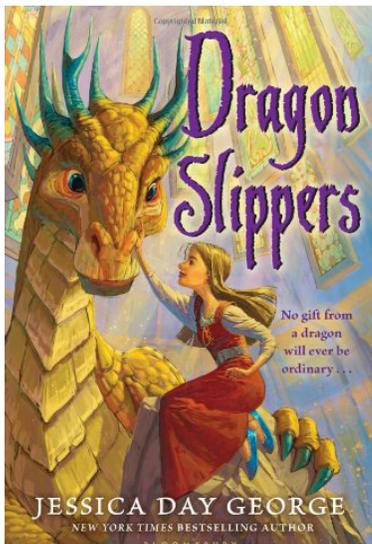


## Lemons

Newberry medalist Karen Cushman said, “Melissa Savage’s astoundingly good debut novel is packed with humor, mystery, friendship, family secrets, and even Bigfoot! I think you’ll love it, too.”

A unique book in which two tweens go to seek Bigfoot in their Willow Creek, California town—the Bigfoot Capital of the World. They uncover some surprising truth as they seek to make lemonade from the lemons life gives them

#SRM28 | \$7.99



## Dragon Slippers

“It was my aunt who decided to give me to the dragon. Not that she was evil, or didn’t care for me. It’s just that we were very poor, and she was, as we said in those parts, dumber than two turnips in a rain barrel.”

The plan was that impoverished Creel would be offered to a dragon, rescued by a knight, who would marry her and raise her family’s fortunes. Instead, the dragon and Creel strike a bargain: Creel will persuade people not to fight the dragon, and the dragon will give up part of his hoard.

Unfortunately, he hoards shoes, not treasure, But the shoes prove more interesting than they first seem. A delightful fantasy story from one of the most popular authors today.

#SRM29 | \$8.99

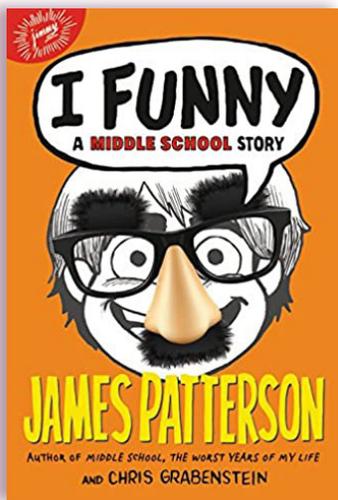
Middle School Girls Summer  
Reading Package 2020 #MGS20

\$42.96

# MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS

Ages: 9-14

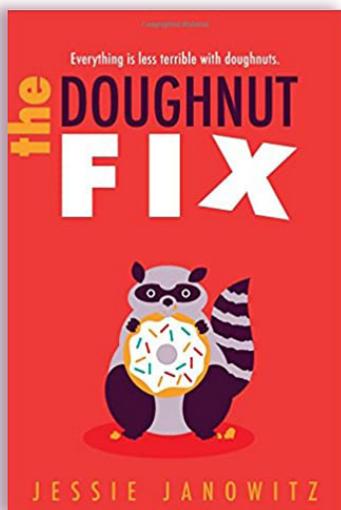
Enticing adventures to encourage both eager and reluctant readers that excitement is found not only in electronics but also in the pages of books.



## I Funny

After a car accident kills his family, Jamie Grimm ends up in a wheelchair, living with less-than-pleasant relatives. Yet despite these setbacks, he determines to win the Ronkonkoma Funniest Kid Comic competition. Plenty of jokes for standup (or, rather, sit-down) comedy. Humorous, with over 175 black and white illustrations. There's a reason James Patterson is a best selling author.

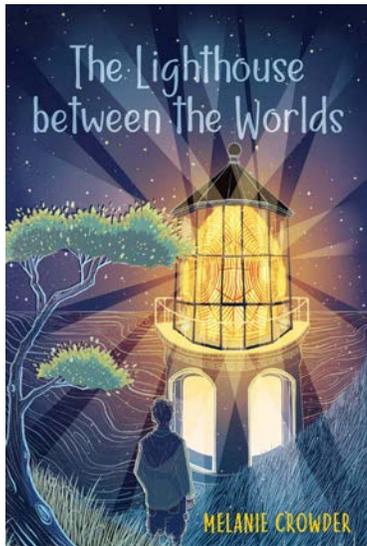
#SRM30 | \$8.00



## The Doughnut Fix

Tristan is not gifted and talented like his sister Jeanine, and that's fine with him. But when the family moves to a middle of nowhere town, he determines to make and eat chocolate cream doughnuts. He has to get the recipe, make the doughnuts, and figure out how to run a doughnut stand business. Delightful and heart-warming to see how the town rallies around him.

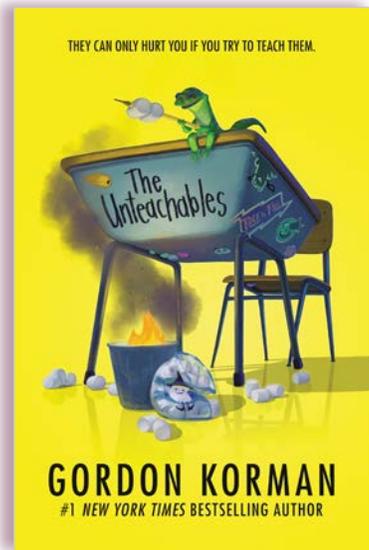
#SRM31 | \$7.99



## **The Lighthouse Between the Worlds**

Griffin's father was one of the Society of Lighthouse Keepers. But when the lighthouse lens sucks his dad in, Griffin needs to travel to protect Earth from a fearsome enemy invasion. Marvelous fantasy with wonderful, distinct world building and quality writing. (Not to mention an absolutely gorgeous cover.) A popular and enjoyable, unique fantasy.

#SRM32 | \$7.99



## **Unteachables**

Burned out teacher Zachary Kermit has one more year before early retirement. With a class of outcasts and misfits and delinquents, this seems like a recipe for disaster, but ends up with a lot of growth and redemption. Humorous and thoughtful.

#SRM33 | \$7.99

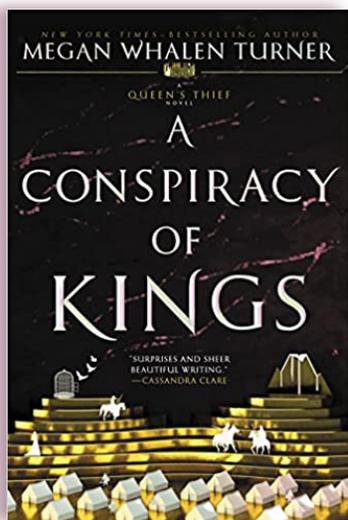
Middle School Boys Summer  
Reading Package 2020 #MB20

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# HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS

Ages: 14-Adult

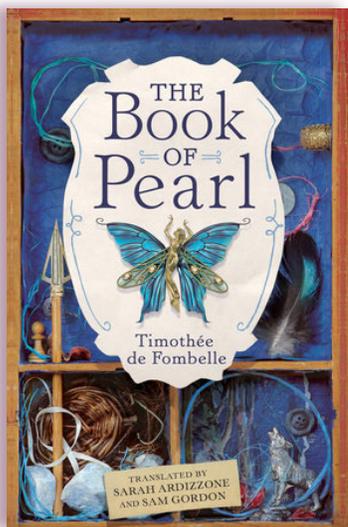
Delightful reads to enjoy at the beach . . . or anywhere!



## **A Conspiracy of Kings**

Sophos escapes an attempt on his life. Working as a farm hand, he enjoys the peaceful life of a nobody. But he can't stay there forever. A tale of intrigue, and survival, and discernment, and danger. Smart and exciting.

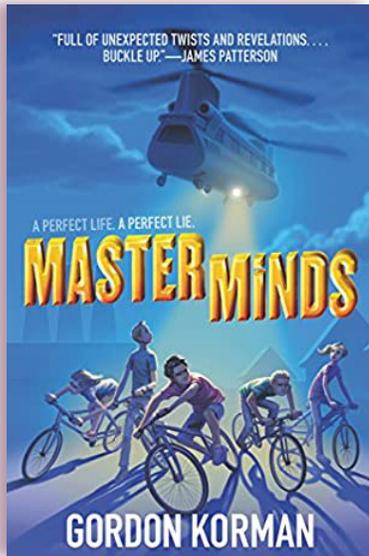
#SRH23 | \$9.99



## **The Book of Pearl**

Gorgeous, gorgeous book. Gorgeous language, intricate plotting. A prince and a fairy end up in our world. The prince ends up here in the late 1930s. He survives WWII, and seeks for hints of his world for many years, always seeking to hide from the archers who have come to find him. A dramatic final scene in a crumbling palace in Venice, and a happy ending—it's luscious and amazing and glorious.

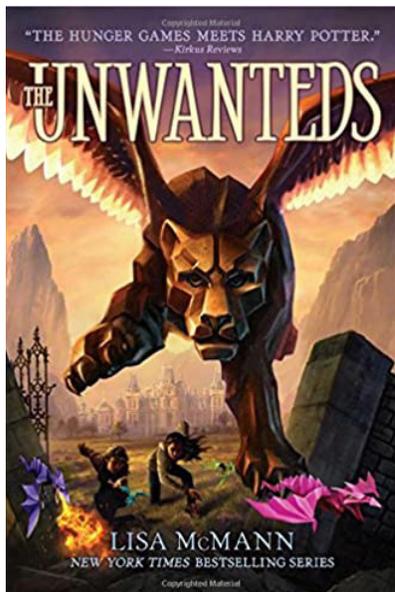
#SRH24 | \$17.99



## Masterminds

When four friends discover that their entire lives have been a lie, they set out to find the truth about who they are and where they come from. Fun adventures, personal growth, looking at the questions of where you come from and how do you define who you are.

#SRH25 | \$7.99



## The Unwants

Dystopian fantasy. One twin is sent off world, and the other twin stays behind. Will the bond between them be stretched too far? Dramatic.

#SRH26 | \$8.99

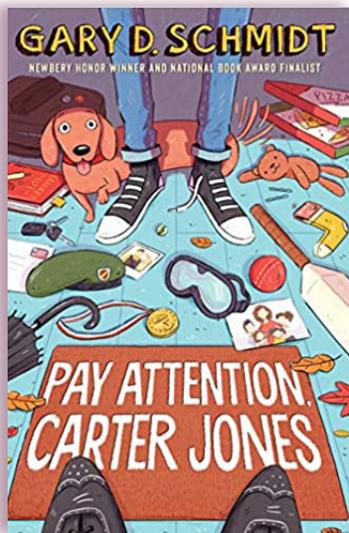
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Reading Package 2020 #HG20

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# HIGH SCHOOL BOYS

Ages: 14-Adult

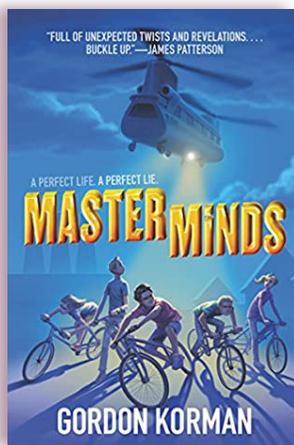
Adventure books to enjoy, set in a range of locations.



## Pay Attention, Carter Jones

Lovely, lovely new book by one of my favorite authors. When the estranged grandfather dies, he leaves an endowment: pay for his butler, and the purple Bentley, to go to the daughter-in-law and four remaining children, while she is short-handed due to her husband's deployment. Significant family trauma, but the butler says the right things. There is also the wildly improbable aspect of cricket (the game) taking over at the middle school. Charming.

#SRH27 | \$16.99



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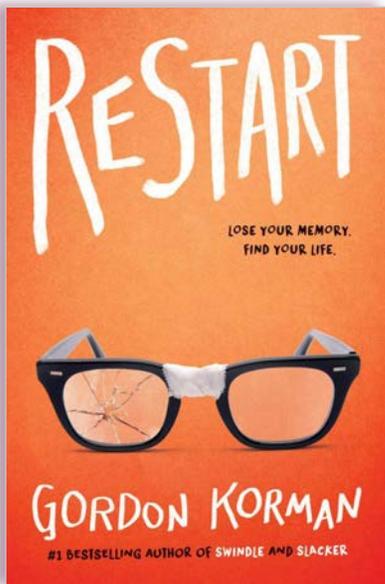
#SRH25 | \$7.99



## **Beyonders A World Without Heroes**

When the hippo tank at the zoo transports Jason from our world to Lyrian, he gets caught up in political intrigue, while also seeking a way home. From one of the foremost fantasy writers of this generation.

#SRH28 | \$8.99



## **Restart**

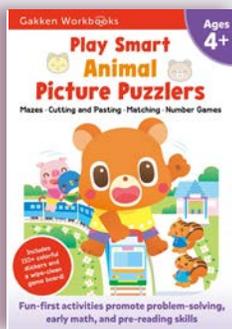
When football player Chase gets amnesia, he returns to school with a new personality. He had been a bully. Can he navigate his way to a new life, new interests, and new relationships?

#SRH29 | \$6.99

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Reading Package 2020 #HB20

**\$40.96**

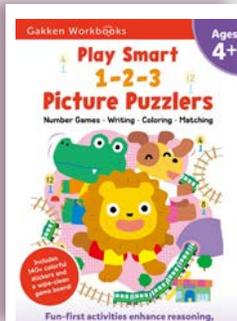
# SUMMER FUN PACKS



## Play Smart Animal Picture Puzzlers

*Animal Picture Puzzlers* includes a range of animal-based puzzles—from mazes, spot-the-difference, and connect-the-dots to writing, drawing, and counting challenges. The activities build on one another throughout the book, helping children to become more confident and independent as they go.

#SR01 | \$6.99



## Play Smart 1-2-3 Picture Puzzlers

*Play Smart 1-2-3 Picture Puzzlers* includes a range of math and number games and activities from matching games and mazes to dot-to-dot, color by number, and counting challenges. The activities build on one another throughout the book, helping children to become more confident and independent as they go.

#SR02 | \$6.99

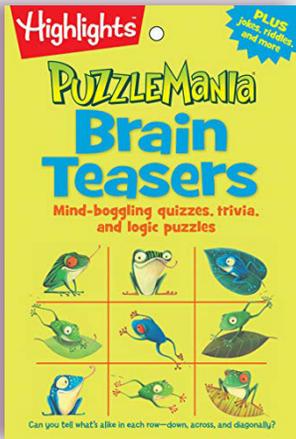


## Summer Big Fun Workbook Bridging Grades K-1

The *Summer Big Fun Workbook* will give kids a head start on their upcoming school year. The varied content will appeal to kids with a broad range of learning styles. Humor and colorful illustrations keeps kids absorbed longer, which helps them develop persistence and attention to detail.

#SR03 | \$12.99

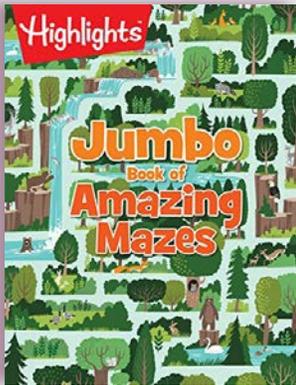
Elementary Summer Fun Pack 2020 #ESFP | \$26.97



## Brain Teasers

Puzzle fun from *Highlights*. This curated collection of brain-boggling fun will keep challenge seekers and logic-puzzle lovers entertained for hours. Formatted in an on-the-go, fun-to-share activity pad format, it contains more than 30 trivia, logic, and super-challenge puzzles, (and more) that make it an experience that is uniquely *Highlights*.

#SR04 | \$4.99



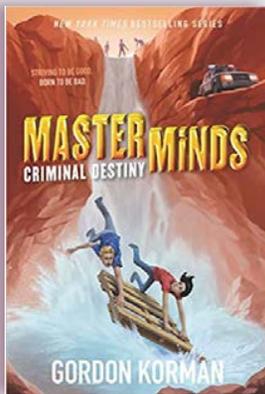
## Amazing Mazes

This jumbo book is packed with more than 175 colorful mazes of various puzzle types and features the fun and humorous *Highlights* illustrations that kids know and love. Each maze is carefully designed to engage and entertain children while honing their concentration skills and attention to detail.

#SR05 | \$12.99

Middle School Summer Fun Pack 2020 #MSFP | 17.98

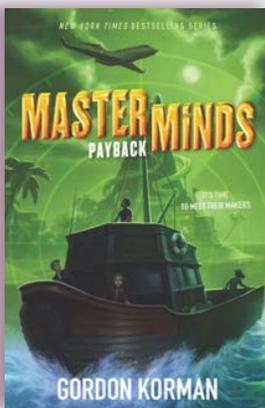
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## **Masterminds: Criminal Destiny**

The sequel of this dramatic story of survival, by a master of pacing and plot.

#SR06 | \$7.99

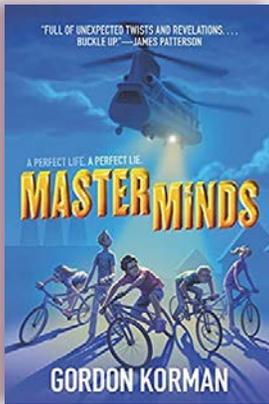


## **Masterminds: Payback**

The final leg of the journey. If we ever really want to be free, we have to confront the people who have hurt us.

#SR07 | \$7.99

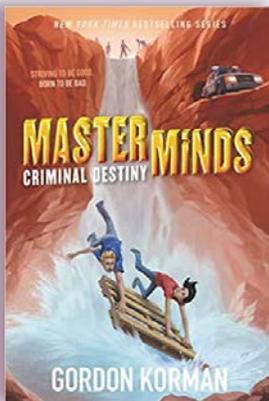
High School Summer Fun Pack 2020 #HSFP | 15.98



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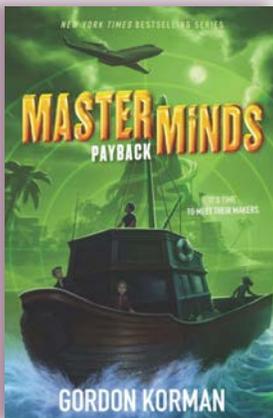
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