

# Summer

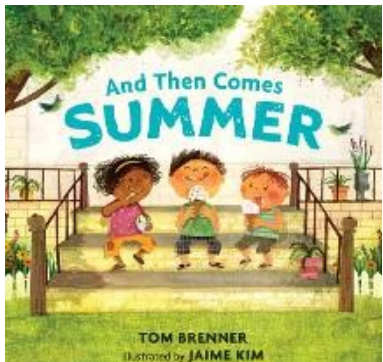
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## **Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn**

by Kenard Pak, c2016 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.9)

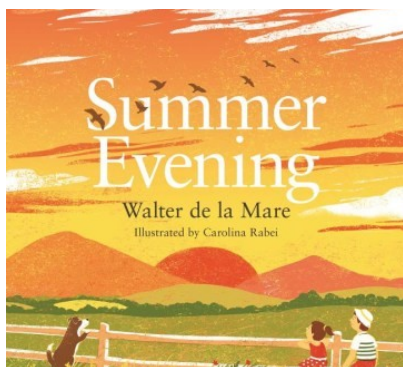
"As trees sway in the cool breeze, blue jays head south, and leaves change their colors, everyone knows - autumn is on its way! Join a young girl as she takes a walk through forest and town, greeting all the signs of the coming season. Glorious, evocative illustrations portray this childlike conversation, saying goodbye to summer and welcoming autumn..." - Pub.



## **And Then Comes Summer**

by Tom Brenner, c2017 (IL: K-3, RL: 5.6)

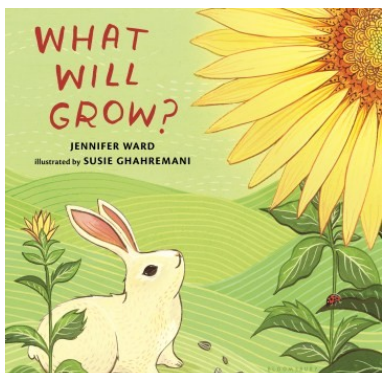
"When the days stretch out like a slow yawn, and the cheerful faces of Johnny-jump-ups jump up...then it's time to get ready for summer! From flip-flops and hide-and-seek to fireworks and ice-cream trucks, from lemonade stands and late bedtimes to swimming in the lake and toasting marshmallows, there's something for everyone in this bright and buoyant celebration of the sunny season." - Pub.



## **Summer Evening**

By Walter de la Mare, c2016 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.9)

"In *Summer Evening*, readers will join a farmer and his family as they enjoy a picnic dinner in the late summer sun. Their pet cat spots a mouse in the field and a chase pursues that includes a dog, a horse, cows, pigs, chickens, and ducks! The sparse text and bright colors give children much to look at and explore..." - Pub.



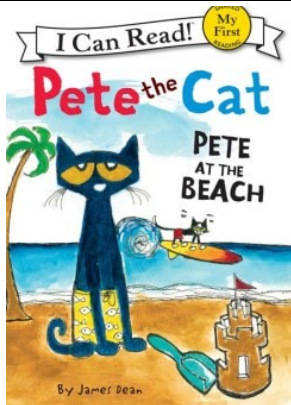
## **What Will Grow?**

by Jennifer Ward, c2017 (IL: K-3, RL: 0.8)

"Seeds can be big or small, round or pointy, and all sorts of colors. They can become flowers, trees, fruits, or vegetables, and they sprout all times of year, during spring, summer, fall, and winter. But all seeds have one thing in common—inside each is a new plant life waiting to emerge. What kind of plant will bloom? Wait and see what will grow! Including four gorgeous pull-out gate-folds, this lyrical and stunningly illustrated book includes fun facts about starting a garden." - Pub.

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### **Pete the Cat at the Beach**

Series: *I Can Read! Pete the Cat*  
by James Dean, c2013 (IL: K-3, RL: 0.9)

"Pete the Cat is one groovy cat at finding shells and building sand castles at the beach. But when it gets too hot, there's only one way to cool off—jump into the ocean! Except Pete might be a scaredy-cat when it comes to the water." - Pub.



### **Summer at the Seashore (Series: Taking a Walk)**

by Sue Tarsky, c2019 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.3)

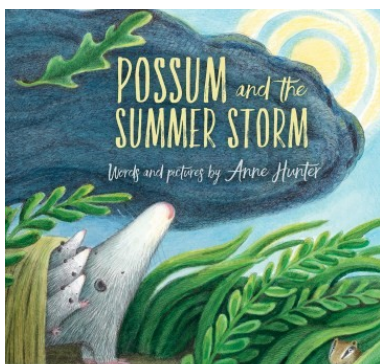
"Join the fun of finding and counting all the animals, flowers, and insects, as more and more appear on a lively walk. Packed with repetition young children love that also helps them learn, these are entertaining introductions to colors, numbers, and the seasons." - Pub.



### **My Awesome Summer**

by P. Mantis, c2018 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.9)

"This is the diary of P. Mantis, one of 150 praying mantis brothers and sisters born on a garden bush. P. Mantis is an amazing bug: she can make herself look like a stick to hide from predators, she can swivel her head all the way around, and when she's grown up she'll even be able to fly! Told in dated entries, P. Mantis describes the entirety of her life, sharing the fun and beauty of her world as well its little ups and downs." - Pub.



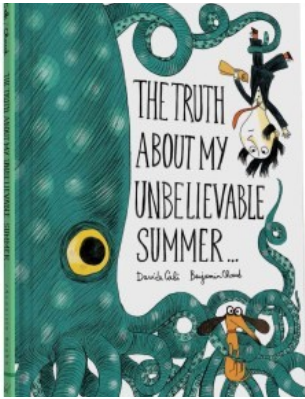
### **Possum and the Summer Storm**

by Anne Hunter, c2018 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.8)

"Possum looked out one summer afternoon. "Time to come in!" he called to his baby possums. "It looks like we're in for some weather!" Possum calls his children out of the summer storm—but what can he do when their home is swept away by rising water? The possum family must rely on their friends to construct a new house. At first it seems that no other animal's home is suited for a possum, but they come up with something spectacular!" - Pub.

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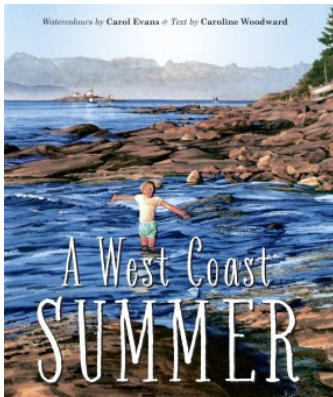
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## **The Truth About My Unbelievable Summer**

by Davide Cali, c2016 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.4)

"It's a first-day-of-school moment of truth: What really happened over the summer break? A curious teacher wants to know. The epic explanation? What started out as a day at the beach turned into a globe-spanning treasure hunt with high-flying hijinks, an outrageous cast of characters, and one very mischievous bird! At least, that's what the student says. Is this yet another tall tale, or is the truth just waiting to be discovered?" - Pub.



## **The West Coast Summer**

by Caroline Woodward, c2018 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.9)

"Pairing two dozen of Carol Evans's wonderful watercolours with a lilting rhyming story by Caroline Woodward, *A West Coast Summer* tells of a timeless, idyllic season where "Sea salt in the air floats everywhere/and cedars smell so sweet beside the shore." Children race bikes along sand flats, search under logs and in tide pools for tiny creatures, jig at the dock for herring, dance at a totem raising..." - Pub.

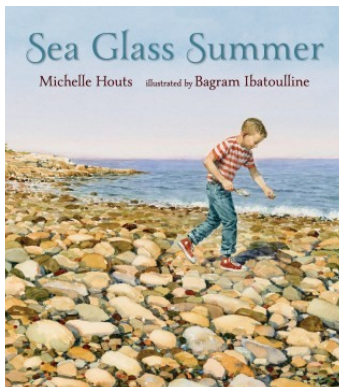


## **Summer Walk**

Series: *Seasonal Walks*

by Virginia Snow, c2016 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.2)

"Ramble through the woods, as you join Grammy and her grandkids on their nature walks. Beautiful illustrations and clever rhymes will guide readers as they learn to identify the wonders of each season. Includes trivia and activities." - Pub.



## **Sea Glass Summer**

by Michelle Houts, c2019 (IL: K-3, RL: 4.1)

"One summer, a boy named Thomas visits his grandmother at her seaside cottage. She gives him a magnifying glass that once belonged to his grandfather, and with it Thomas explores the beach, turning grains of sand into rocks and dark clamshells into swirling mazes of black, gray, and white. When his grandmother shows him a piece of sea glass, Thomas is transfixed....For the rest of the summer, he searches for more sea glass and hopes to have dreams that will reveal more of the sea's secrets." - Pub.

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## 10-minute Seasonal Crafts for Summer

Series: *10-minute Seasonal Crafts*

by Annalees Lim, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 4.7)

"Make science fun with these quick, easy crafts that will help students learn about and engage with nature throughout the year. Each book focuses on a single season and facilitates learning by combining academic and tactile learning. Includes fun, simple projects with easy-to-find materials and illustrated step-by-step instructions." - Pub.



## Hello Summer!

by Shelley Rotner, c2019 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.0)

"Whether biting into a juicy peach, dropping a fishing line in a pond, or splashing at the beach, these crisp, gorgeous photos of children celebrate quintessential moments of summer. In a simple but lyrical text, Rotner documents iconic warm-weather activities as well as changes to plants, animals, and weather that occur during a temperate summer." - Pub.

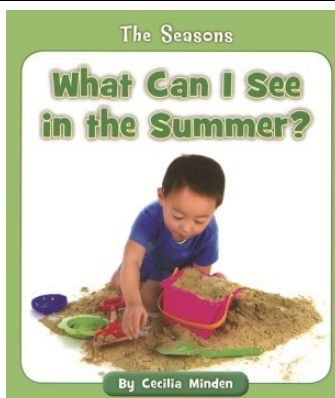


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Series: *Spot Seasons*

by Mari Schuh, c2019 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.0)

"Every season, nature changes. What happens to animals, plants, and the weather during each season? The carefully leveled text in each book offers simple explanations along with stunning photographs to draw in readers. Spot's unique search-and-find feature encourages young readers to interact with these low-level nonfiction books." - Pub.



## What Can I See in Summer?

Series: *Seasons—Cherry Lake*

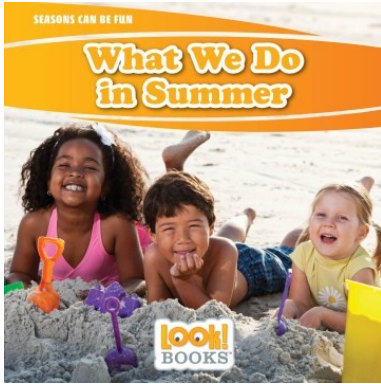
by Cecilia Minden, c2019 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.3)

"The Seasons uses a curriculum based approach to get children comfortable with reading. Each book in this series uses a combination of sight words and short-vowel words in repetition to build recognition And confidence. Bold, colorful photos help guide readers through the text." - Pub.

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## What We Do In Summer

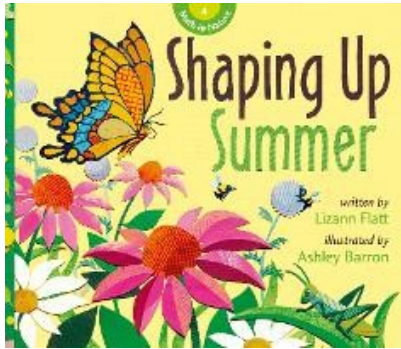
Series: *Seasons Can Be Fun—Look! Books*  
by JoAnn Macken, c2019 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.8)

"Making personal connections to seasonal activity is a powerful way for young readers to learn how each season differs from the other. Features fast facts, color photos, glossary words bolded within text, photo captions." - Pub.

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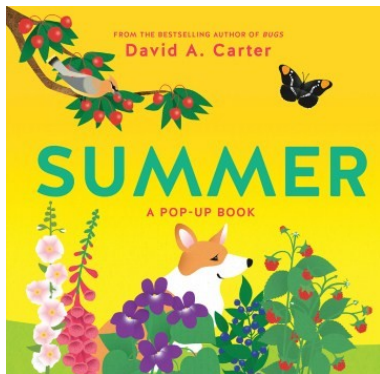


### Shaping Up Summer

Series: *Math In Nature*

by Lizann Flatt, c2014 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.9)

"As young readers journey into the natural world, they will discover that numbers, patterns, shapes—and much more! - can be found in everyday plants and animals. What if animals and plants knew math, just like us? Would spiders draw pictures in their webs? Would narwhals sort blocks of ice by shape? Would insects know what's above and what's below?" - Pub.

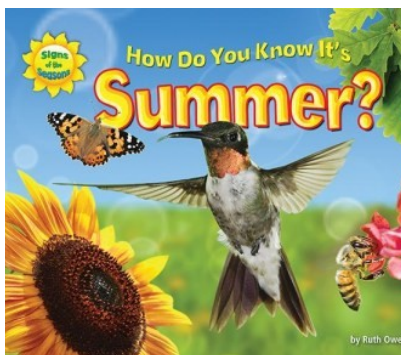


### Summer: A Pop-up Book

Series: *Seasons Pop-up Books-PK*

by David A. Carter, c2018 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.2)

"This artistically driven, high-concept series features colorful books about the seasons. Each spread has a very brief verse and depicts common springtime flora and fauna. All things pictured are labeled—robins, water lilies, deer and fawns, cherry trees, etc. The text is simple for very young readers to understand and enjoy." - Pub.



### How Do You Know It's Summer?

Series: *Science Slam! Signs of the Seasons*

by Ruth Owen, c2017 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.6)

"Using familiar seasonal signs in ways that create informative and engaging portraits of the calendar year, each title turns students into nature detectives as they investigate how life changes during the course of a year, such as variations in the length of days, plant and animal life, weather and temperature, and even the angle of the sun's path as it crosses the sky. Age appropriate activities and experiments, record-keeping projects, critical-thinking questions, and...." - Pub.



### Summer: Hot Days Out In the Sun

Series: *My First Science Songs*

by Lisa Bell, c2016 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.7)

"Listen to students sing along as they follow the words in each book. Using songs with text and dynamic illustrations helps to support students in understanding curriculum based science concepts. This series offers an engaging introductory to science topics and vocabulary." - Pub.

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### Super Summer

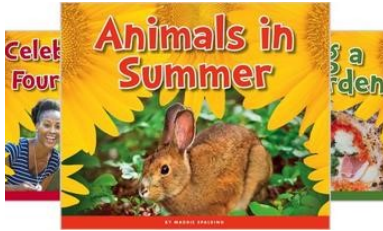
by Bruce Goldstone, c2019 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.3)

"Summer is a season of plenty—plenty of sun and fun. People take vacations and find plenty of activities in and around water. Animals try to stay cool, while bees and wasps go to work. Flowers bloom and fruits and vegetables ripen. Get ready to explore summer's amazing abundance!" - *Pub.*

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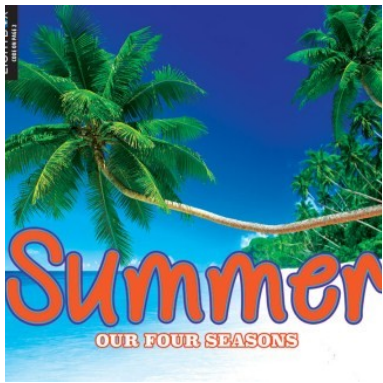


**Series: Welcome Summer!**

by Maddie Spalding c2018 (IL: K-3, RL: 0.8-1.5)

**Titles:**

*Animals in Summer*  
*Plants in Summer*  
*A Trip to the Beach*  
*Weather in Summer*  
*Growing a Pizza Garden*  
*It's Father's Day*  
*Summer Solstice*



**Summer**

Series: *Our Four Seasons*

by Aaron Carr, c2016 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.1)

"Text and photographs look at the season of summer."  
- Follett



**Let's Look at Summer**

Series: *Investigate the Seasons—Pebble Plus*

by Sarah L. Schuette, c2018 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.5)

"How do we know it's summer? The weather is hot, and the days are long. Animals try to stay cool, and plants grow. This book shows young readers how to recognize the changes that happen in summer." - Pub.



**Summer**

Series: *Seasons of the Year*

by Harriet Brundle, c2018 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.6)

"Sunshine plus vacation makes the summer equation fun. Readers will get excited for the warm weather with this beautiful introduction to the summer season. They'll learn key facts about this time of year, such as how we protect ourselves from the sun and how summer affects plants and animals." - Pub.



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Series: *Seasons of the Year—Blastoff! Readers 2*  
by Rebecca Pettiford, c2018 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.7)

"Summer is the season when life thrives! Plants are in full bloom, animals roam freely, and the sky becomes bright blue. Summer is the time to relax and soak in the sunshine. This hot title will help young readers kick back and learn about how wildlife, people, and the weather change in summertime!" - Pub.



### Summer

Series: *Watching the Seasons—Bullfrog Books*  
by Emily C. Dawson, c2013 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.0)

"Vibrant, full-color photos and carefully leveled text will engage early readers as they discover how summer weather affects the behavior of animals, the growth of plants, and the activities of people. A labeled diagram helps readers identify the four seasons, while a picture glossary reinforces new vocabulary." - Pub.



### Blue and Yellow in Summer

Series: *Concepts: Seasons and Colors*  
by Bonnie Carole, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 0.8)

"Feel the hot, yellow sun on your face. Splash in the cool, blue ocean. Summer is filled with yellows and blues! The warm weather brings out the yellow daisies in gardens, bluebirds tweet in the trees, and the hot days have you drinking yellow lemonade." - Pub.



### Crayola Summer Colors

Series: *Crayola Seasons*  
by Mari Schuh, c2018 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.7)

"Fresh green grass, bright blue sky, yummy treats—colors are everywhere in summer! Explore color in the world around you. What colors make you think of summer? What can you create with the colors of summer?" - Pub.

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## Summer Is Fun!

Series: *Season Fun—Bumba Books*  
by Walt K. Moon, c2017 (IL: K-3, RL: 0.9)

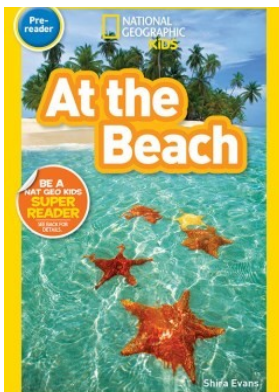
"Carefully leveled text and fresh, vibrant photos engage young readers in learning about warm, sunny season of summer and its changes and adaptations. Age-appropriate critical thinking questions and a photo glossary help build nonfiction learning skills." - Pub.



## Patterns in Summer

Series: *Patterns in the Seasons—Tadpole Books*  
by Tim Mayerling, c2018 (IL: K-3, RL: 0.7)

"...emergent readers learn about a variety of patterns they might see during the summer season. Carefully crafted text uses high-frequency words, repetitive sentence patterns, and strong visual references to support emergent readers, ensuring reading success by making sure they aren't facing too many challenges at once." - Pub.



## At the Beach

Series: *National Geographic Kids Readers - Pre-reader*  
by Shira Evans, c2017 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.3)

"Take a stroll along the beach. What do you see? Young readers will learn all about the beach and the animals that call it home in this fun pre-reader. Through text features such as the vocabulary tree and the wrap-up activity, kids will be introduced to new words and concepts -- helping them expand their understanding of the world." - Pub.



## How's the Weather in Summer?

Series: *Let's Look at Summer—Cherry Lake*  
by Rebecca Felix, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.4)

"This Level 1 guided reader explores the concept of seasonal changes in weather in the summer. Students will develop word recognition and reading skills while learning about the changes in summer weather we can see and feel." - Pub.