

**Manhattan Beach Unified School District**  
**2018 Summer Pleasure Reading**  
Pleasure reading recommended by MBUSD Library Media Specialists  
For Students Entering Grade 3

**Picture Books**

***The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet***, by Carmen Agra Deedy (2017)

In the noisy town of La Paz, mayor Don Pepe outlaws singing of any kind, but one rooster refuses to comply.

***Charlotte and the Rock***, by Stephen W. Martin (2017)

When Charlotte asks her parents for a pet, an unwieldy boulder isn't exactly what she has in mind, but she loves her new pet anyway.

***Clara: The (Mostly) True Story of the Rhinoceros Who Dazzled Kings, Inspired Artists, and Won the Hearts of Everyone—While She Ate Her Way Up and Down a Continent!*** by Emily Arnold McCully (2016)

The title gives away most of the story, but it is still a pleasure to read about Clara and her journey.

***The Serpent Came to Gloucester***, by M. T. Anderson (2005)

This rhyming book, based on historical events, tells the story of a sea serpent sighted off the coast of Massachusetts in the early 1800s.

**Chapter Books**

***A Boy Called Bat***, by Elana K. Arnold (2017)

When his veterinarian mom brings home a stray baby skunk that needs rehabilitation before it can be placed in a wild animal shelter, eight-year-old Bat resolves to prove that despite living with autism he is up to the challenge of caring for the skunk permanently.

***The Terrible Two***, by Mac Barnett and Jory John (2015)

Two master pranksters join forces to come up with the biggest prank ever. Also ***The Terrible Two Get Worse*** (2016) and ***The Terrible Two Go Wild*** (2018).

***Toys Go Out: Being the Adventures of a Knowledgeable Stingray, a Toughy Little Buffalo, and Someone Called Plastic***, by Emily Jenkins (2006)

Share the adventures of these toys come to life. Children may see some of their own worries reflected in the stories. Also ***Toy Dance Party*** (2008) and ***Toys Come Home*** (2011).

***A Nest for Celeste: A Story About Art, Inspiration, and the Meaning of Home***, by Henry Cole (2010)

An illustrated novel about a mouse, her friendship with Audubon's apprentice, and her search for home.

### **Chapter Books in a Series**

***The Sisters Grimm***, by Michael Buckley. ***The Fairy-tale Detectives*** (2005)

Fairy-tale stories are given a contemporary treatment in the nine volumes of the series. In ***The Fairy-tale Detectives***, Sabrina and Daphne Grimm are sent to live with their mysterious grandmother, discover the Everafters, and must face off against a giant.

***Clementine***, by Sara Pennypacker. ***Clementine*** (2006)

Eccentric, kind, artistic, and lovable but impulsive, Clementine often finds herself in the principal's office in this seven-book series that begins with ***Clementine*** and follows the unintentionally devious child through third grade in ***Completely Clementine*** (2015).

### **Nonfiction**

***One Proud Penny***, by Randy Siegel (2017)

This whimsical look at our smallest unit of money is narrated by the penny itself. He explains that since his birth in 1983 he has crisscrossed the country many times helping people make change. He recounts being spent, flipped, spun, saved, and sucked up in vacuum cleaners. The history of the metals used to make pennies is covered, as is the worthiness of pennies in our high-priced world.

***Her Right Foot***, by Dave Eggers (2017)

Factual information about the Statue of Liberty leads up to a question: why is the statue—the symbol of America's willingness to welcome newcomers—depicted as if in mid-step?

***Nature's Perfect Package***, by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page (2015)

This book explores the nature of eggs and their relationship to life cycle, unusual animal defense strategies, evolution, parenting behavior, and more.

***This Is How We Do It: One Day in the Lives of Seven Kids from Around the World***, by Matt Lamothe (2017)

What is daily life like for children in other countries? Focusing on seven specific children who live in India, Iran, Italy, Japan, Peru, Russia, and Uganda, this book describes and illustrates local homes, schools, clothing, food, recreation, and many other aspects of family and community. Enhanced with a map, glossary, author's note, and photos of the children with their families.

***Girl Running: Bobbi Gibb and the Boston Marathon***, by Annette Bay Pimentel (2018)

With running clubs so popular at our elementary schools, it may be surprising that women were long excluded from running in major races. A great book to share with your favorite runners.

***Fallingwater***, by Marc Harshman and Anna Egan Smucker (2017)

Reveals the story of Fallingwater—one of the most famous houses in the world—from how Edgar Kaufmann introduced Frank Lloyd Wright to Bear Run, Pennsylvania; to the influence of the natural setting on Wright's design; and through the project's completion. Extensive notes by the authors and the illustrator provide further reading.

### **California Young Reader Medal (CYRM) Nominees, 2018-2019**

***Crenshaw***, by Katherine Applegate (2015)

About to start fifth grade, Jackson may be a little old to have an imaginary friend. When his family falls on hard times, though, Crenshaw returns. Crenshaw is an enormous, outspoken cat who is imaginary, but whose much-needed friendship feels very real.

***The War that Saved My Life***, by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley (2015)

During World War II, Ada and her brother, Jamie, are taken in by Susan, who offers them a chance to start over. Can they leave behind their mother's harsh treatment and place their trust in a new, better future?

***Fish in a Tree***, by Linda Mullaly Hunt (2015)

Ally has hidden her inability to read from many people, but her new teacher figures out both that Ally has dyslexia and that she's bright and creative--not the trouble maker she often seems to be. With her new friends Keisha and Albert, who also stand out more than they fit in, Ally learns that great minds don't always think alike.