**My Fourth of July**

by Jerry Spinelli

Waking up ready to celebrate his favorite holiday, a hardworking little boy who is eager to do his part in the community helps with cooking and preparing for an ultimate picnic with face painting, a band concert and fireworks.

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**Firefly Home**

by Jane Clarke

A little lost firefly who does not know which of the innumerable lights in the sky is the right one to follow home is offered assistance by reader prompts filled with encouragement, direction changes and positive wishes.

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**While Grandpa Naps**

by Naomi Danis

Despite many temptations, a young boy refuses to leave his grandfather's side as he takes a nap in a hammock.

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**The Last Peach**

by Gus Gordon

Two bugs debate who should be allowed to eat the last peach of summer.

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**Me, Toma and the Concrete Garden**

by Andrew Larsen

Staying in his aunt's drab city neighborhood while his mother recuperates from surgery, young Vincent befriends a neighbor. Their dirtball game in an empty lot seeds a community-transforming garden.

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**Sea Glass Summer**

by Michelle Houts

Thomas is transfixed by a beautiful piece of sea glass and begins collecting pieces he finds throughout the summer.

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**Rosie the Dragon and Charlie Make Waves**

by Lauren H Kerstein

Charlie and his best friend, a pet dragon named Rosie, spend a day at the pool, where they find that swimming with a dragon can be challenging but fun.

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**Summer Livin'**

Great New Picture Books for Summer

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**Summer Song**

by Kevin Henkes

A final entry in the seasonally themed picture book series combines striking verbal imagery with evocative paintings.

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**Summer**

by Wenxuan Cao

Rival animals fighting to claim the safari’s single spot of shade on a hot summer day discover the power of kindness and sharing, in a lyrical story complemented by cut-paper artwork and a die-cut surprise.

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**Imagination Vacation**

by Jami Gigot

Sam’s family is too busy to spend much time together, so she plans a very special vacation, to each one’s dream destination, without going far from home.

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**When Grandma Gives You a Lemon Tree**

by Jamie L. B Deenihan

After disappointingly receiving a lemon tree from her grandma on her birthday, a young girl doesn't know what to do with it other than care for it and wait, but her patience eventually pays off.
Jasper & Ollie
by Alex Willan
Jasper, an impatient fox, and Ollie, a slow-moving sloth, head to the pool on a summer day, each taking their own unique path.

Hello summer!
by Shelley Rotner
A seasonal celebration by an award-winning National Geographic photographer depicts a multicultural cast of children enjoying hot-weather fun, from fishing in a pond and splashing in ocean waves to gardening and enjoying summer foods.

My ocean is blue
by Darren Lebeuf
A young girl explores the beach with her mother, noticing the sights, sounds, and colors of the ocean.

My singing Nana
by Pat Mora
Billy's beloved Nana's memory is failing but they are "always amigos," so when disaster strikes the day of the family's big summer show, Billy finds a way he and Nana can save the day.

The house at the end of the road
by Kari Rust
Discovering a creepy old house while visiting their grandmother for the summer, three cousins learn about its elderly resident's humor and fascinating antique possessions before his departure to a retirement community prompts them to create loving mementos for his new home.

The night flower
by Lara Hawthorne
Gathering in Arizona's Sonoran desert as the summer sun sets, the local wildlife witnesses the remarkable annual bloom of the night flower, which transforms the desert ecosystem into a riot of color and sounds for just a few hours.

Don't worry, little crab
by Chris Haughton
Looking forward to going for a first dip in the big ocean with Very Big Crab, Little Crab ventures sideways from his rock pool to the water's edge before the crashing waves challenge his bravery.

Vacation for Dexter!
by Lindsay Ward
When Dexter learns that vacation plans include an airplane flight, he must overcome his fears to help comfort his best friend Jack.

Super summer: all kinds of summer facts and fun
by Bruce Goldstone
Covers different aspects of summer, including how days are longer, flowers bloom, bugs come out, and animals slow down, the fun that people have on water, land, and in the air, and summer celebrations.

A ride to remember: a civil rights story
by Sharon Langley
The true story of how a ride on a carousel made a powerful Civil Rights statement in the summer of 1963.

Summer at the seashore
by Sue Tarsky
Celebrates all the objects and animals that can be found walking along the seashore, with different shapes that can be counted from one to ten.

The great indoors
by Julie Falatko
Settling in for a relaxing indoor holiday, a menagerie of animals get fancy, cook up a storm, and host a big dance party.