

Rad Readers

This month, we asked Grade 5 students at Shanghai Community International School (SCIS), Pudong, to tell us about their favorite books for summer reading.



Lauren Buhmann

Emma-Liina Heinonen

Tommaso Bogi

Soo Yeon Cheon

Victor Ali-Odes de Magalhaes

Tejas Bharadhwaj

Maia Carlqvist, 12

Book: *Divergent* by Veronica Roth

"I like it because it's exciting, and it grabs you from the first page. I saw the movie first and loved it, but I like the book more because there are more details and it feels deeper than the movie. The main character, Tris, is mysterious and brave, and I like reading about her."

Tommaso Bogi, 10

Book: *The City of Ember* by Jeanne Duprau

"It's about a city underground where people lived but never knew they were underground. I can relate to the character Doon because when he's being treated bad, he overcomes it and shows how to deal with hard situations."

Lauren Buhmann, 11

Book: *The House on Hackman's Hill* by Joan Lowery Nixon

"This book is a mystery, and I like not knowing what's going to happen next. There's lots of suspense, and it keeps you turning the page. I read it in a couple of days because I liked it so much. I liked Dr Hackman because he was mysterious."

Emma-Liina Heinonen, 11

Book: *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate

"I like it because the main character, Ivan, is telling the story, which is interesting because he's a gorilla. He talks about his life and friends from within his cage. It's interesting, but also a bit sad."

Soo Yeon Cheon, 11

Book: *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen

"The story is really interesting because the main character, Brian, is in a plane crash and left in the wilderness by himself. The middle of the book was a bit sad because he was alone in the woods, but there was a happy ending, which was good because he gets out eventually."

Tejas Bharadhwaj, 11

Book: *Holes* by Louis Sachar

"In our class, our teacher read us this book, and I liked it because it's super mysterious. It's one of the most mysterious books I've ever read. It's funny also. I would recommend it to other friends. It's one of my favorite books, and I'll read it again."

Victor Ali-Odes de Magalhaes, 11

Book: *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul* by Jeff Kinney

"I like this because in the beginning the characters are going on vacation, and it's a funny book. I like funny books because they make me happy, and then the book seems like it's alive and I can relate to the characters."