

**6th Grade**  
**Summer Reading Letter to the Author Assignment**

**DIRECTIONS:** Select a book from the summer reading list for your grade level. You may choose from the suggested titles on the back of this page. Then read the book and write a 1-2 page letter to the author of this book, addressing the topics below. Please type this, and make sure it is double spaced and that you use size 14 Times New Roman font.

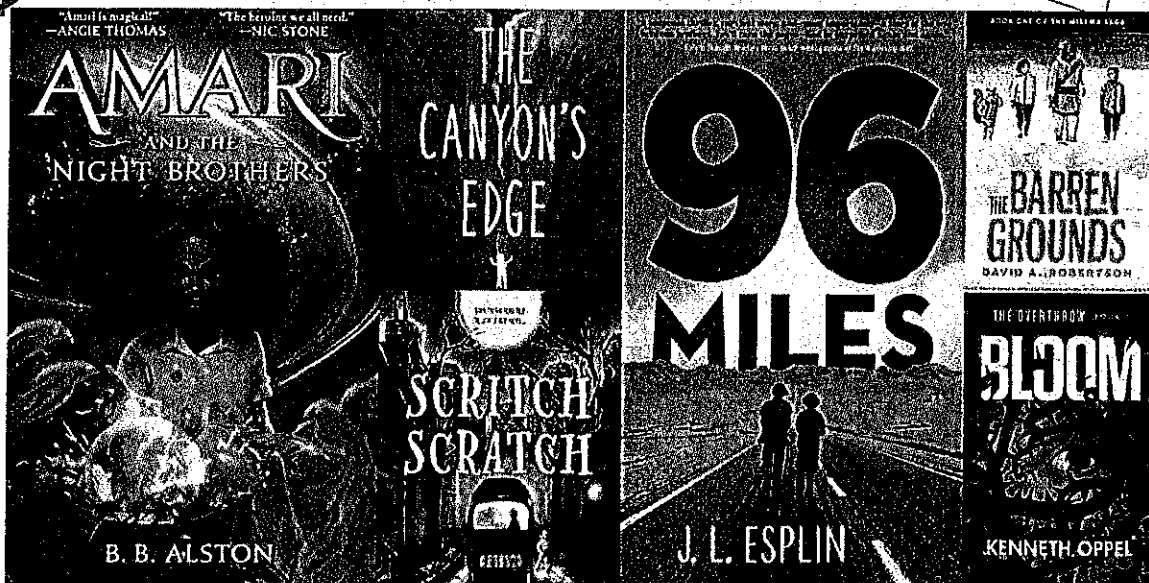
As you read, think about and address these questions:

- 1) How does this book make you feel? Happy, sad, angry, frightened, etc.?
  
- 2) Do you recognize yourself or someone you know in any of the characters or incidents?
  
- 3) What valuable lessons does it teach you about life? Tell the author how reading his or her work (name the title) somehow changed your way of thinking about yourself or the world around you. Make a connection between yourself and a character or event in the story. Did the book mirror your life in some way? What questions did the author force you to ask yourself or others? Do not summarize the plot of the book. Why? The author wrote the story and already knows what happened. What the author doesn't know is the way the book affected you. Write about you. Be honest, personal, and conversational. Hints: Correspond, don't compliment. You are writing a reader's response letter and not a fan letter. If you did not like the book or a particular character, be specific with your reasoning. Give details from the book that defend your opinions/thoughts.

Have a great summer!



## 6th Grade Summer Reading List



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### GRAPHIC NOVELS

*Primer* by Jennifer Muro and Thomas Krajewski  
*The Doughnut Kingdom* by Gigi D.G.  
*When Stars Are Scattered* by Victoria Jamieson & Omar Mohamed  
*Class Act* by Jerry Craft  
*Act* by Kyla Miller  
*Brave* by Svetlana Chmakova

### FANTASY and SCI-FI

*Bloom* by Kenneth Oppel  
*The Adventurers Guild* by Zach Loran Clark & Nick Eliopoulos  
*The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill  
*Snow & Rose* by Emily Winfield Martin  
*Barren Grounds: The Misewa Saga* by David A. Robertson  
*Amari and the Night Brothers* by B.B. Alston

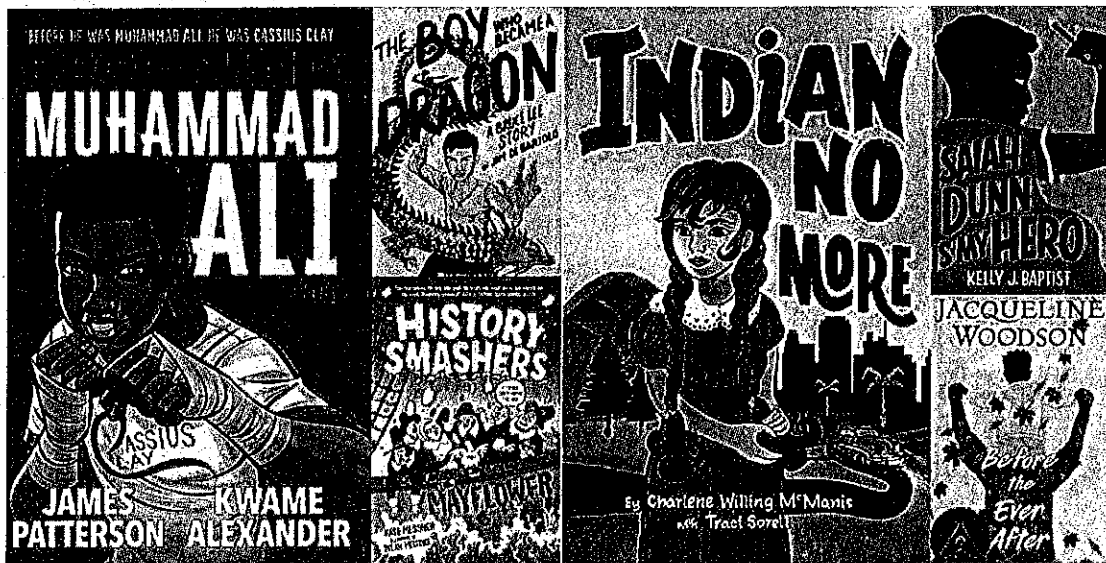
### ADVENTURE

*The Van Gogh Deception* by Deron Hicks  
*96 Miles* by J.L. Esplin  
*Framed! A T.O.A.S.T. Mystery* by James Ponti  
*The Canyon's Edge* by Dusti Bowling  
*City Spies* by James Ponti  
*Charlie Thorne and the Last Equation* by Stuart Gibb

### SCARY

*Scratch Scratch* by Lindsay Currie  
*Coraline* by Neil Gaiman  
*Lockwood & Co The Screaming Staircase* by Jonathan Stroud  
*A Tale of Dark and Grimm* by Adam Gidwitz  
*Doll Bones* by Holly Black  
*The Peculiar Incident on Shady Street* by Lindsay Currie





## HISTORICAL

*Sweep* by Jonathan Auxier  
*Allies* by Alan Gratz  
*Becoming Muhammad Ali* by James Patterson & Kwame Alexander  
*Show Me a Sign* by Ann Clare LeZotte  
*The War That Saved My Life* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley  
*Indian No More* by Charlene Willing McManis & Traci Sorell  
*A Place to Hang the Moon* by Kate Albus

## REALISTIC

*Isaiah Dunn Is My Hero* by Kelly J. Baptist  
*Starfish* by Lisa Fipps  
*From the Desk of Zoe Washington* by Janae Marks  
*Before the Ever After* by Jacqueline Woodson  
*Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus* by Dusti Bowling  
*Boy at the Back of the Class* by Onjali Q Raúf

## FUNNY

*Wink* by Rob Harrell  
*The Last Last Day of Summer* by Lamar Giles  
*The Tapper Twins Go to War (with each other)* by Geoff Rodkey  
*Strange Case of the Origami Yoda* by Tom Angleberger  
*Middle School: The Worst Years of my Life* by James Patterson and Chris Tebbetts  
*The Croc Ate My Homework* by Stephan Pastis

## NONFICTION

*Awesome Achievers in Technology* by Alan Katz  
*Making a Difference: Using Your Talents and Passions to Change the World* by Melissa Seymour  
*The Boy Who Became a Dragon: A Bruce Lee Story* by Jim Di Bartolo  
*The Mayflower (History Smashers)* by Kate Messner  
*The Superpower Field Guide Eels* by Rachel Poliquin