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Play Ball!

Long before he was our Grammy and Odyssey Award winning producer, Arnie Cardillo was a high school baseball star. Celebrate Arnie and the other boys of summer with these baseball titles:

Baseball Saved Us

Written and read by Ken Mochizuki Illustrated by Dom Lee

"...poignant story about a young Japanese
American boy in a internment camp and the
baseball diamond that gave the internees a
purpose in life and a way of passing the time.
The young boy's triumph in a game played
while in captivity helps him when he returns
home and continues his baseball career "--Sch

home and continues his baseball career."--School Library Journal

Satchel Paige

By Lesa Cline-Ransome Illustrated by James E. Ransome Read by Dion Graham

"Well-placed, never overwhelming background sounds (cracking bats, whiffing balls, roaring crowds, pealing church bells) echo the images and descriptions, creating atmosphere and excitement. Ragtime piano riffs lend a honky-tonk air and underscore the era. Graham hits a grand slam with his silky-smooth, evocative reading, perfectly pitched to the narrative and illustrations..."--Booklist

And speaking of boys of summer, don't forget:

A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever

Written and illustrated by Marla Frazee Read by Fred Berman, Jasper Newell, Teddy Walsh

"Light-hearted music sprinkled with hints of campfire songs opens Marla Frazee's humorous Caldecott Honor book about two boys and their summer vacation experience. Narrators Fred

Berman, Teddy Walsh, and Jasper Newell bring the characters to life as young Eamon is joined at his grandparent's beach house by his pal James."--School Library Journal



When she's not managing our inventory or talking with our fabulous customers, you can often find Debra Cardillo in the kitchen, cooking up goodies to share with friends, family and the occasional (lucky!) customer. Cook up some summer fun of your own with these titles:

Betty Bunny Loves Chocolate Cake

By Michael B. Kaplan Illustrated by Stephanie Jorisch Read by Katherine Kellgren







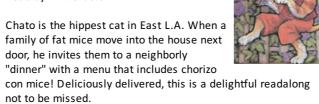
"Through tonal changes and vocal expressiveness, Kellgren captures Betty's defiance, determination, and lack of patience. In her portrayal of Betty's parents, Kellgren effectively



conveys their love and occasional frustration with temperamental Betty. Appropriate and low-key background sound effects, including laughing, opening doors, clanking dishes, automobile engines, playground sounds, and more enhance Kellgren's reading of television writer Kaplan's debut children's book, featuring Stephane Jorisch's watercolor illustrations depicting flop-eared Betty and family attired in modern, casual clothes."--Booklist, starred review

Chato's Kitchen

By Gary Soto Illustrated by Susan Guevara Read by Willie Colon



Puppy Mudge Has a Snack

By Cynthia Rylant Illustrated by Isidre Mones Read by Suzanne Toren

In these pre-level one books, the big, drooly dog from the best-selling Henry and Mudge series is a puppy, and his adventures with his beloved friend Henry are playful and simple - perfect for just-beginning readers! Mudge wants Henry's snack and the drooly puppy is too cute for Henry to resist!

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New Releases

A Full Moon is Rising

By Marilyn Singer Illustrated by Julia Cairns Read by a multi-cast



All around the world people are affected by and in awe of a full moon. In this poetic exploration of the lunar wonder, places near and far provide the backdrop for discovering celebrations, beliefs, customs and facts about the moon.

Tortuga in Trouble

By Ann Whitford Paul Illustrated by Ethan Long Read by Brian & Rosi Amador

A witty variation of the tale of Little Red Riding Hood, with a southwestern flavor. With a sprinkling of Spanish words throughout, this clever collaboration also includes a glossary.

Happy Endings A Story About Suffixes

By Robin Pulver Illustrated by Lynn Rowe Reed Read by John Beach



The high-energy, whimsical team that delivered the three previous titles in this Language Arts Library now presents - ta da! - word endings! Entertaining and enthralling, this readalong makes learning about suffixes memorable - and fun!

June is Audiobook Month

We're super-proud of our readalongs (picture books and beginning readers) for younger children, but since June is Audiobook Month we wanted to remind you that we also have some great titles for older readers and listeners.

Enjoy a few of our favorite series during this specially designated month:

- The awesome Sammy Keyes series by Wendelin Van Draanen, read by Tara Sands (ages 8 & up)
- Winnie series by Jennifer Richard Jacobson, read by Laura Hamilton (ages 7-10)
- The Milo & Jazz Mysteries, by Lewis B. Montgomery, read by Vinnie Penna and Chantale Hosein (ages 7-10)

Enjoy Your Summer!

We hope that you'll have a fantastic summer! When it's time to head back to school, we'll be here.

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