

KIDS PICK

Summer

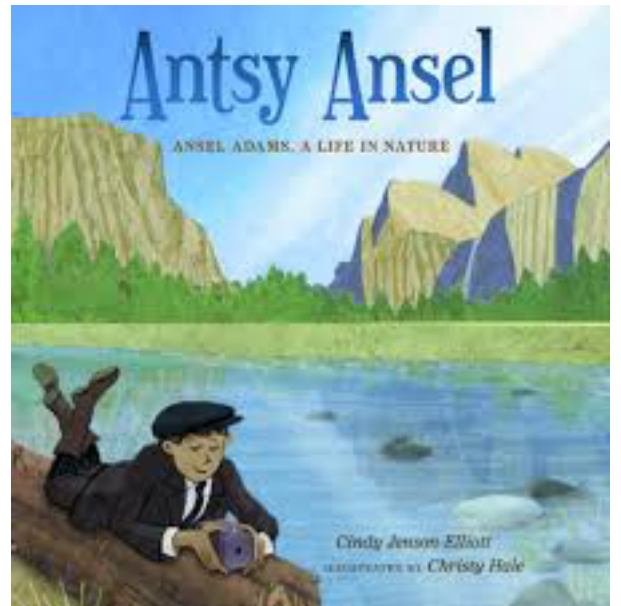
Summer has just begun, so let's celebrate the arrival of the sunniest season with these books about nature, road trips, and incredible summer stories. We know you'll have a blast taking these with you wherever you go this summer!

Ansty Ansel: A Life in Nature

Written & Illustrated by Cindy Jensen Elliot

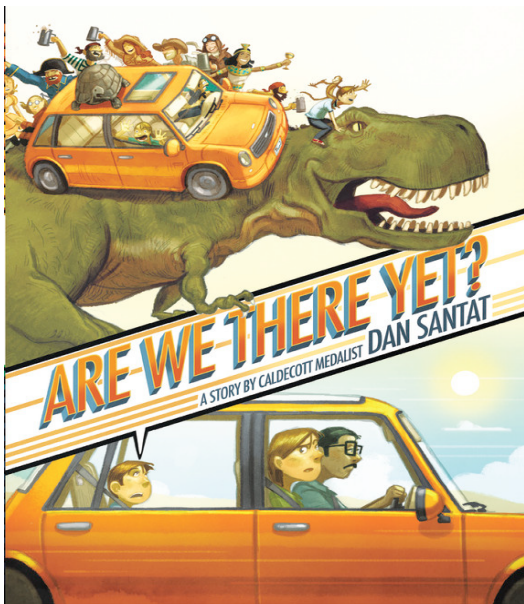


The colorful illustrations and warm prose in this children's book tell the story of Ansel Adams, the American nature photographer and environmentalist. As a kid, Ansel had problems with focusing in school; he could never sit still or remember what the teacher was saying. One day, Ansel gets two presents that change his life: a trip to Yosemite Park and a camera. Through taking pictures of nature, Ansel is able to focus and comes to love his new passion. Later, Ansel Adams continued on to travel to different national parks, taking the photos that would make him famous today. This book is perfect for ages four and up, is a great tool for inspiring kids who have difficulty focusing and will certainly be cherished by kids who love being outdoors.



Are We There Yet?

Written & Illustrated by Dan Santat



This adorable story describes perfectly road trips with family... until it doesn't. The drive to Grandma's seems never ending but the children use their imagination to pass the time. Suddenly, the car is filled with fairies, goes back in time, and the whole family is thrown into a whole new adventure. This book is a great model for the power of imagination, and a rollicking (yet still emotional) tale of learning to be patient. It reminds us that time, and life, never goes how we think it will. We are loving this summer read for kids ages four and older which combines strong prose for reading-aloud and wordless storytelling, carried by Santat's usual breathtaking illustrations.

The Truth About My Unbelievable Summer

Written & Illustrated by Davide Cali & Benjamin Chaud

This hilarious book about the tales of summer vacation is sure to keep you on your toes and wondering if what you believe to be true is actually true or not. On the first day of school, a teacher asks her students about their adventures over the summer. One student tells her about his globe trotting adventure looking for treasure with a star-studded group of people. What will the other students believe? What will you believe? We guarantee children (and you!) will laugh out loud while reading this book, just like we did. It's great for kids ages five and up, and adults won't mind hearing, "Let's read it again!" at story time.

