Reach for a book
when you want to feel friendly,
reach for a book
that’s happy-ever-end-y.

Reach for a book
when you’d like to be cozy,
reach for a book
when you’re cold in the nose-y.

Reach for a book,
turn the pages and find
you can match the mood.
of your rainbow mind.

Reach for a book
on a library shelf
and lose and find
your very own self.

By Eve Merriam
Recommended Books for sixth graders to choose from:

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Other books I’ve read this summer: BONUS

Title of the Book ______________________________

Author _____________________

What is the genre for this book? (check answer)
___non-fiction  ___historical fiction  ___adventure  ___fantasy
___autobiography/biography
___contemporary life and problems (teen issues)

Star Rating for this book? * * * * *
(circle—5 being the best)

Brief description of the book:
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How is the main character similar and different from you? For example:
Do you have similar or different interests, goals or traditions? Use the
Venn Diagram below to record your response and label the circles. Be
sure to include at least 5 differences and three similarities.
CLIMAX—main character comes face-to-face with a conflict and will change in some way.

RISING ACTION—events leading up to the climax.

EXPOSITION: •This usually occurs at the beginning of a short story. Here the characters are introduced. We also learn about the setting of the story. Most importantly, we are introduced to the main conflict (main problem).

FALLING ACTION: All loose ends of the plot are tied up. The conflict(s) and climax are taken care of.

RESOLUTION: ending to the story.

Directions: Use your summer book and the notes on the plot diagram to help you complete the information below.

#2: First major event?
#2: Second major event?
#2: Third major event?

#3: What is the climax of the story?

#4: What is the setting?

#5: What is the resolution?

List major character(s) and provide a brief description.