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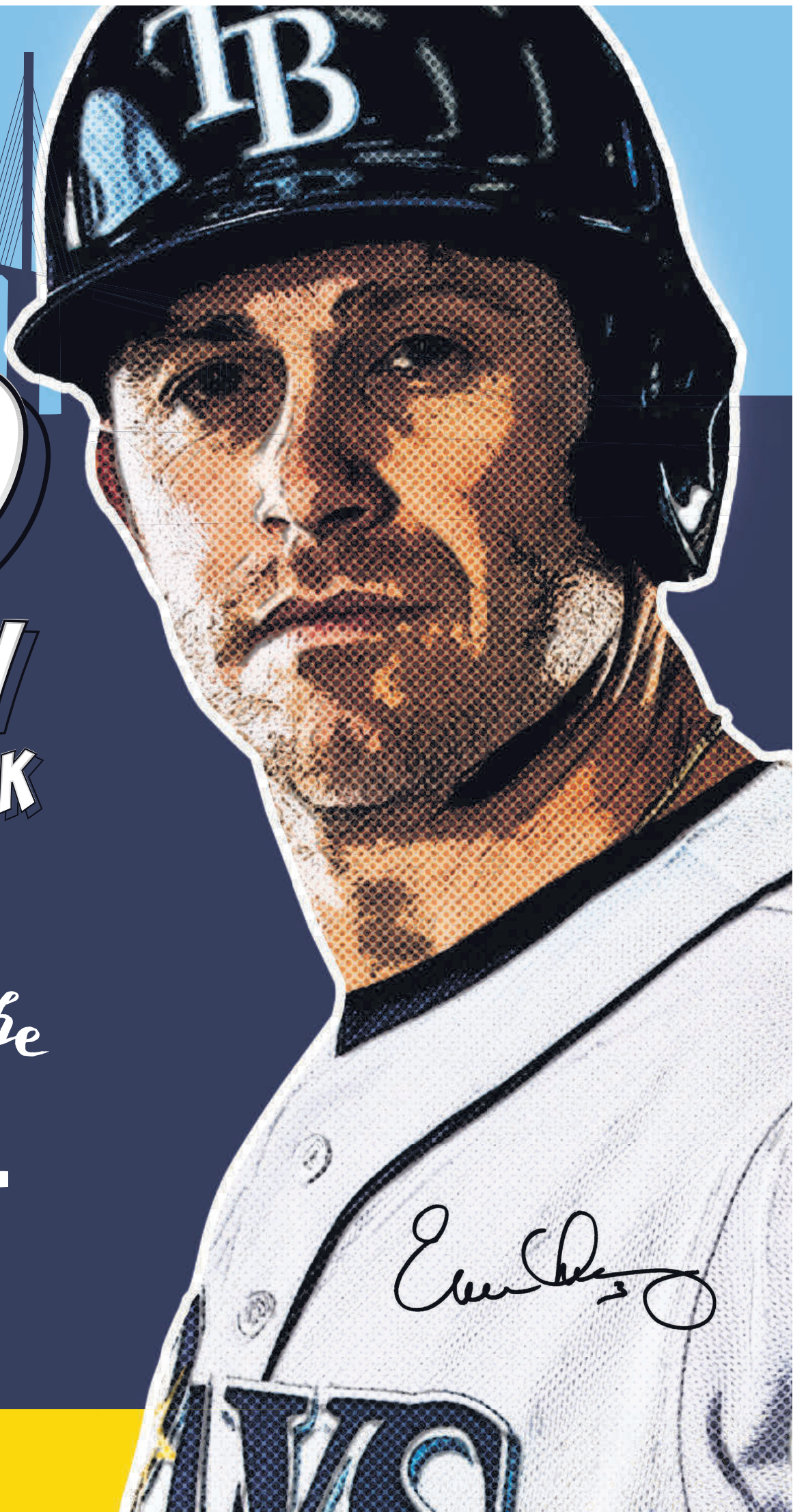
# READ YOUR WAY TO THE BALLPARK

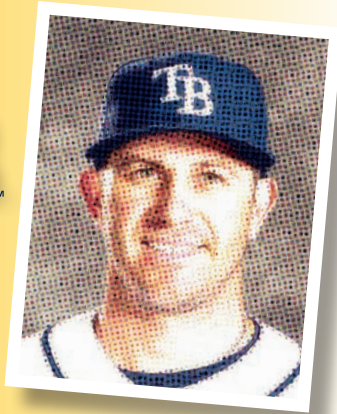
WITH EVAN LONGORIA

Reading with the  
**RAYS**



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## Hey, kids!

I want you to read around the bases and hit a home run with Reading with the Rays presented by Suncoast Credit Union this summer!

Once again, Suncoast Credit Union, the Rays and I have teamed up with the Tampa Bay Times Newspaper in Education program to create a lineup of free summer reading fun. Everyone's commitment to education in our community makes this an exciting matchup.

Our goals are to encourage you to read more this summer and to visit the library regularly before you return to school this fall. If we succeed in our efforts, then you, too, will succeed as part of our 2017 Read Your Way to the Ballpark program.

By reading books and newspaper articles this summer, all students in grades kindergarten through 12 in Charlotte, Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk and Sarasota counties can circle the bases – first, second, third and home – and collect prizes as they go.

Make it all the way around to home and the ultimate reward is two tickets to a Rays game at Tropicana Field this season to see my teammates and me in action.

Check out this insert and you'll see what books my teammates and I have enjoyed reading. Matt Duffy, Kevin Kiermaier, Chris Archer, Alex Colomé and I all enjoyed reading while growing up and understand how it's helped us to become the people we are today.

You can get your game cards and prizes at your local library. Summer is baseball season, and it's also a great time to be in the library reading books and stories that interest you. Now get started reading, because I want to see you at Tropicana Field soon!

Go Rays!

Evan Longoria, Tampa Bay Rays



# Activate your brain



Summer vacation has arrived, and with it comes baseball season! That means it is time to stretch your body and mind. Playing games and sports is a great way to exercise your body during the summer so you can be strong and healthy for the next school year.

Keeping your mind strong and healthy is important, too. The best way to exercise your brain is by reading.

Tampa Bay Rays baseball players know the importance of staying healthy and strong and keeping their minds active. That is why the Rays, the Tampa Bay Times Newspaper in Education program, Tampa Bay area library systems and Suncoast Credit Union have teamed up to encourage and reward students for reading.



# Soar to new heights

On the pages of this Tampa Bay Times Newspaper in Education publication, you will see suggested reading for students in grades kindergarten through five. There are reading suggestions for middle and high school students at [tampabay.com/nie/raysreading](http://tampabay.com/nie/raysreading).

Whether you are reading a printed book or the digital version, between the covers of these books are action, adventure, comedy and new worlds for you to explore and learn about.

The characters make important decisions and learn new things in each story.

You can find these exciting stories and more on the shelves of your local library. Throughout the summer, you can choose to read any books that interest you. The book lists provided are just suggestions. There are more book lists for

students of all ages on the Reading with the Rays website. Go to [tampabay.com/nie/raysreading](http://tampabay.com/nie/raysreading) and download the grade level-appropriate or genre-focused PDF.

Want to learn more about the world around you? You can read the *Tampa Bay Times* as part of this summer reading challenge. Reading the *Times* can help you earn hours to read your way to the ballpark! Within the pages of your daily newspaper, in print or online, you will find news, sports, adventures, comics, classifieds and a lot of fun things to do and read about. Of course, you also can read all of the news about your Tampa Bay Rays!



# around the bases

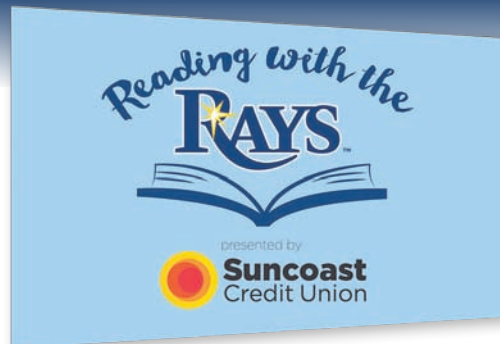
For every hour you read, you will swing the bat to advance around the bases on the game card as pictured on the next page. Every time you arrive at a base, you can pick up a reward at your local library. When you reach home plate, you will receive a voucher for two tickets to see Evan Longoria and the rest of your Rays in action.

# Pick up your Game Card at your Local Library. Read to Earn These Great Prizes.

Visit [raysbaseball.com/reading](http://raysbaseball.com/reading) to find a participating library.



**READ 3 HOURS** and receive a  
**RAYS JELLY BRACELET.**



**READ 5 HOURS MORE** and  
receive a **RAYS ARM SLEEVE.**



**READ 7 HOURS MORE** and  
receive a **RAYS WATER BOTTLE.**



**READ 9 HOURS MORE** and  
receive a **READING WITH THE RAYS  
VOUCHER FOR TWO TICKETS  
TO A RAYS HOME GAME.**

Reading with the **RAYS** presented by  **Suncoast  
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## HOW TO PLAY THE GAME

The rules of the game are simple. Go to your local library and pick up your Reading with the Rays: Read Your Way to the Ballpark game card. See page 11 for participating library systems.





Choose your favorite books or your favorite section of the *Tampa Bay Times* to read over the summer. As you read, track your hours by rounding the bases and collect Rays rewards along the way. Students in grades K-12 in Citrus, Charlotte, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk and Sarasota counties are eligible to participate.

When you read enough hours to get on first base, ask your parent or guardian to initial your card and bring it to your local library. The librarian will sign your card, put a sticker on the base and give you a reading reward.

Round the bases by reading a total of 24 hours this summer and receive two tickets to a Rays game!

On the back of the card, keep track of your favorite books and articles you read this summer. For more information about the Reading with the Rays program and additional book lists, go to [tampabay.com/nie/raysreading](http://tampabay.com/nie/raysreading).

## READ AROUND THE BASES 24 HOURS TOTAL

-  **READ 3 HOURS** to get from Home Plate to First Base and receive a **RAYS JELLY BRACELET.**
-  **READ 5 HOURS MORE** to get from First Base to Second Base and receive a **RAYS ARM SLEEVE.**
-  **READ 7 HOURS MORE** to get from Second Base to Third Base and receive a **RAYS WATER BOTTLE.**
-  **READ 9 HOURS MORE** to get from Third Base to Home Plate and receive a **READING WITH THE RAYS VOUCHER FOR TWO TICKETS TO A RAYS HOME GAME.**

See back of game card for redeemable game dates and order form (based upon availability).



Reading with the Rays  
information can be found at:  
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# Summer SUGGESTED READING

GRADES K-3

- Africa Dream* by Eloise Greenfield
- Amelia Bedelia Goes Camping* by Peggy Parish
- And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street* by Dr. Seuss
- Astronauts Today* by Rosanna Hansen
- Back to School for Rotten Ralph* by Jack Gantos
- Bear's Hiccups* by Marion Dane Bauer
- Beezy at Bat* by Megan McDonald
- The BFG* by Roald Dahl
- Big Surprise in the Bug Tank* by Ruth Horowitz
- Buffy the Burrowing Owl* by Betty Gilbert
- Cat at Bat* by Susan Schade
- Catwings* by Ursula K. Le Guin
- Chato and the Party Animals* by Gary Soto
- Chicka Chicka ABC* by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault
- Clifford the Big Red Dog* by Norman Bridwell
- D.W. the Picky Eater* by Marc Brown
- Detective Dinosaur Lost and Found* by James Skofield
- Diary of a Worm* by Doreen Cronin
- Discovery in the Cave* by Mark Dubowski
- Flat Stanley* by Jeff Brown
- Fox on Wheels* by Edward Marshall
- Frog and Toad Together* by Arnold Lobel
- Grandmother's Dreamcatcher* by Becky Ray McCain
- Horton Hears a Who* by Dr. Seuss
- Hot City* by Barbara Joosse
- I Dream of Trains* by Angela Johnson
- If I Built a Car* by Chris Van Dusen
- In My Family* by Carmen Lomas Garza
- Inspector Hopper* by Doug Cushman
- Jitterbug Jam* by Barbara Jean Hicks
- Just a Dream* by Chris Van Allsburg
- Knots on a Counting Rope* by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault
- Letters from a Desperate Dog* by Eileen Christelow
- The Library* by Sarah Stewart
- Lionel at School* by Stephen Krensky
- Little Rat Rides* by Monika Bang-Campbell
- Little Skink's Tail* by Janet Halfmann
- The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss
- Market Day* by Eve Bunting
- Miss Nelson Is Missing!* by Harry Allard
- Mr. Garbage* by William H. Hooks
- My Family Plays Music* by Judy Cox
- My Name Is Yoon* by Helen Recorvits
- Nacho and Lolita* by Pam Munoz Ryan
- Polar Slumber* by Dennis Rockhill
- Powwow's Coming* by Linda Boyden
- Race Car Alphabet* by Brian Floca
- Rhino and Mouse* by Todd Starr Palmer
- Rosa* by Nikki Giovanni
- Sheep in a Jeep* by Nancy Shaw
- Snapshots from the Wedding* by Gary Soto
- Songs of Shiprock Fair* by Luci Tapahonso
- Thanks to the Animals* by Allen Sockabasin
- Visiting Langston* by Willie Perdomo
- When Pigs Fly (Fitch & Chip)* by Lisa Wheeler
- Where the Wild Things are* by Maurice Sendak
- Xochtil and the Flowers* by Jorge Argueta
- Yertle the Turtle* by Dr. Seuss

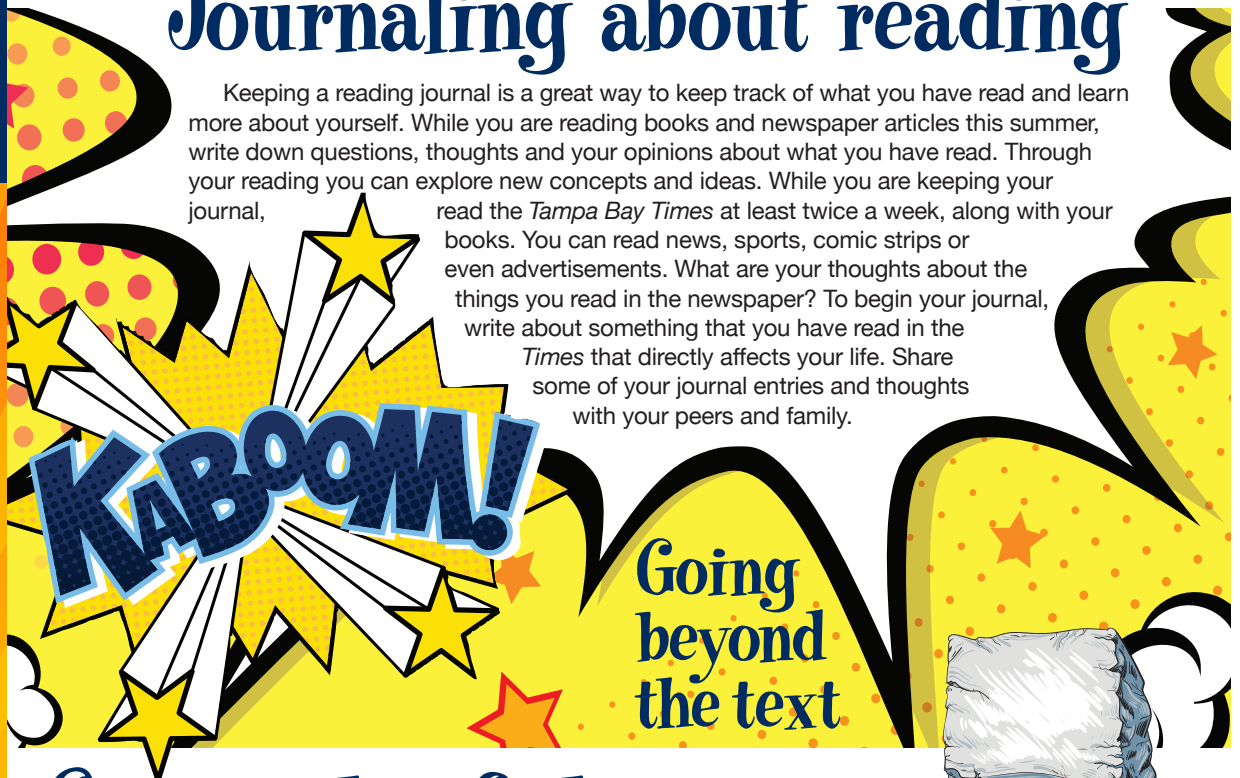
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## Journaling about reading

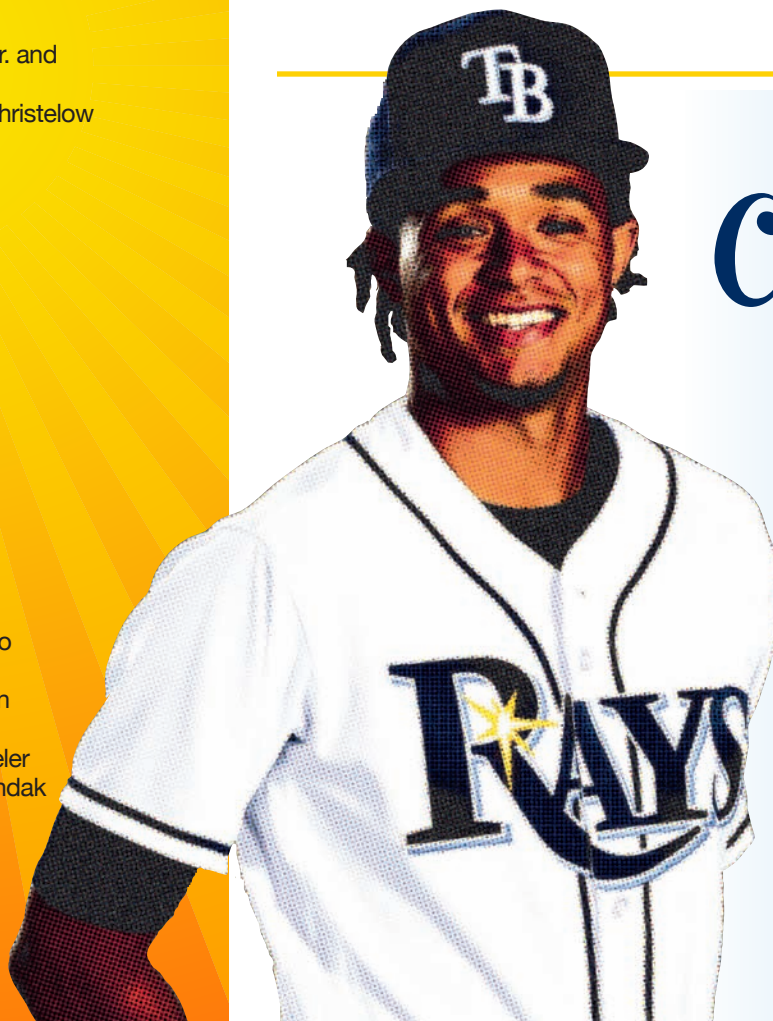
Keeping a reading journal is a great way to keep track of what you have read and learn more about yourself. While you are reading books and newspaper articles this summer, write down questions, thoughts and your opinions about what you have read. Through your reading you can explore new concepts and ideas. While you are keeping your journal,

read the *Tampa Bay Times* at least twice a week, along with your books. You can read news, sports, comic strips or even advertisements. What are your thoughts about the things you read in the newspaper? To begin your journal, write about something that you have read in the *Times* that directly affects your life. Share some of your journal entries and thoughts with your peers and family.



## Strength of character

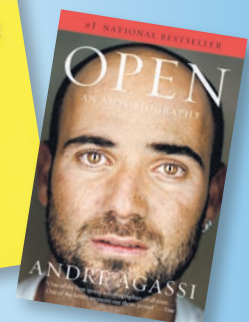
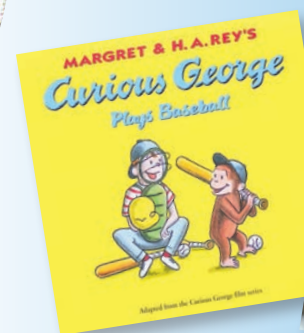
Determination is an important character trait for superheroes and ordinary people. Baseball players know the importance of being determined. Did you know that having determination includes the ability to set a realistic goal or make a plan as well as sticking with that plan in order to achieve your goal? The Tampa Bay Rays players, manager and coaches know this and make sure they practice this character trait on and off the diamond.



## Rays reader Chris Archer #22 - pitcher

Favorite childhood book  
*Curious George Plays Baseball*  
by H.A. Rey and Margret Rey

Favorite recent book  
*Open: An Autobiography*  
by Andre Agassi





At some point, all of us can appreciate a good superhero. A superhero is a fictional character that displays heroic characteristics and has superhuman powers. Comic book writer, editor, publisher and producer Stan Lee defines a superhero as “a person who does heroic deeds and has the ability to do them in a way that a normal person couldn’t.”

According to Lee, “In order to be a superhero, you need a power that is more exceptional than any power a normal human

being could possess, and you need to use that power to accomplish good deeds.”

Watch and listen to the following videos on YouTube and write down all of the superhero characteristics you hear and see in your summer reading journal.

- **Original Spider-Man theme song:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SUTziaZIDeE>
- **Fleischer Studios Superman Cartoons: “The Mad Scientist”:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sjdnCC6n4xk>

## Thwarting evil

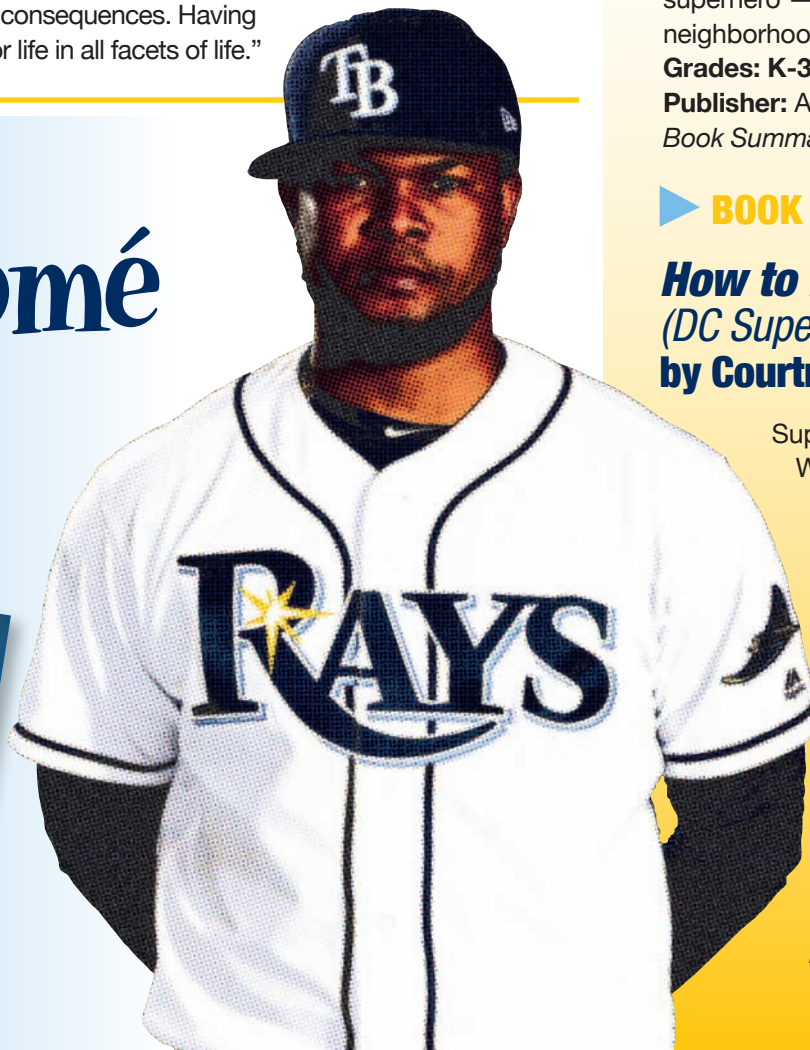
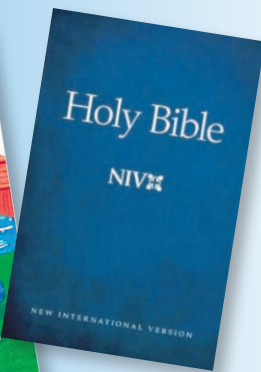
In order to perform good deeds, superheroes, as well as everyday people, must make good decisions. Learning how to make good choices is one of the most important, and often most difficult, things to learn. Making safe, thoughtful and smart decisions takes practice and skill, just like reading and playing sports.

Honesty, respect, teamwork, goal setting, dedication and commitment are important qualities. Working hard, doing your best and making good decisions are important in sports, school and life in general. According to Discovery Education, “Decision-making is the process of choosing what to do by considering the possible consequences. Having good decision-making skills helps build character for life in all facets of life.”

## Rays reader Alex Colomé #37 - pitcher

Favorite childhood book  
**Nacho**

Favorite recent book  
**The Bible**



## book spotlights



### BOOK SPOTLIGHT

#### **The Adventures of Sparrowboy** by Brian Pinkney

Something mysterious is about to happen on Thurber Street. Will the events of one afternoon change Henry’s life forever? This award-winning story introduces a new superhero — Sparrowboy, a paperboy who takes the neighborhood under his wing and saves the day.

**Grades:** K-3

**Publisher:** Aladdin Paperbacks  
**Book Summary:** Scholastic

### BOOK SPOTLIGHT

#### **How to Be a Hero** (DC Super Friends) by Courtney Carbone

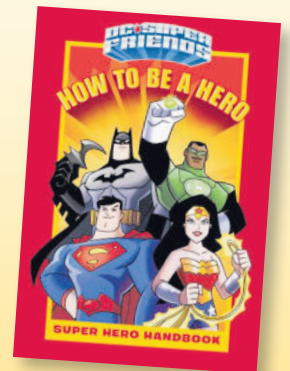
Superman, Wonder Woman, Batman, Green Lantern and the other DC

Super Friends know that it takes more than a caped costume and special powers to be a true hero. What matters most is doing the right thing! Super-heroes-in-training can learn timeless lessons from their favorite DC Super Friends in this 64-page, full-color handbook that features more than 30 stickers!

**Grades:** 1-5

**Publisher:** Random House  
Children’s Books

**Book Summary:** Barnes and Noble



## SUGGESTED READING **Graphic novels**

**The Adventure Chef** by Eric Colossal  
**Akissi: Feline Invasion** by Marguerite Aboutet; illustrated by Mathieu Sapin  
**Ariol: Just a Donkey Like You or Me** by Emmanuel Guibert; illustrated by Marc Boutavant  
**Awkward** by Svetlana Chmakova  
**Bee and PuppyCat** by Natasha Allegri and Jackson Garrett; illustrated by Natasha Allegri  
**Bird & Squirrel on the Run!** by James Burks  
**Chi's Sweet Home** by Konami Kanata  
**The City of Ember** by Dallas Middaugh  
**Comics Squad: Recess!** by Jennifer L. Holm, Matthew Holm and Jarrett J. Krosoczka  
**El Deafo** by Cece Bell  
**Diesel: Ignition** by Tyson Hesse  
**Dinosaurs in Action** by Geronimo Stilton  
**Dragon Girl: The Secret Valley** by Jeff Weigel  
**Dragons Beware! (The Chronicles of Claudette)** by Jorge Aguirre; illustrated by Rafael Rosado  
**Earthling** by Mark Fearing  
**Explorer (Series)** by Kazu Kibuishi  
**Fairy Tale Comics: Classic Tales Told by Extraordinary Cartoonists** edited by Chris Duffy  
**Fangbone! Third-Grade Barbarian** by Michael Rex  
**Frankie Pickle and the Closet of Doom** by Eric Wight  
**Ghostopolis** by Doug TenNapel  
**Ghosts** by Raina Telgemeier  
**The Graveyard Book** by Neil Gaiman  
**Hidden: A Child's Story of the Holocaust** by Loïc Dauvillier and Greg Salsedo; illustrated by Marc Lizano  
**Hilo (Series)** by Judd Winick  
**The Last Kids on Earth** by Max Brallier; illustrated by Douglas Holgate  
**The Lost Boy** by Greg Ruth  
**Lost in NYC: A Subway Adventure** by Nadja Spiegelman; illustrated by Sergio García Sánchez  
**Lowriders in Space** by Cathy Camper; illustrated by Raul Gonzalez  
**Lunch Lady (Series)** by Jarrett J. Krosoczka  
**Missile Mouse (Series)** by Jake Parker  
**Monster on the Hill** by Rob Harrell  
**The Nameless City** by Faith Erin Hicks  
**Over the Wall** by Peter Wartman  
**Pilot & Huxley: The First Adventure** by Dan McGuinness  
**Sardine in Outer Space** by Emmanuel Guibert  
**Secret Coders** by Gene Luen Yang  
**The Secret of the Stone Frog** by David Nytra  
**Sidekicks** by Dan Santat  
**Sisters** by Raina Telgemeier  
**Space Dumplings** by Craig Thompson  
**The Stonekeeper (Amulet #1)** by Kazu Kibuishi  
**Stone Rabbit (Series)** by Erik Craddock  
**Target Practice** by Mike Maihack  
**Theseus and the Minotaur** by Yvan Pommaux  
**Tower of Treasure** by Scott Chantler  
**Trapped in a Video Game** by Dustin Brady  
**The Unsinkable Walker Bean** by Aaron Renier  
**Warriors Manga (Series)** by Erin Hunter and Dan Jolley; illustrated by Don Hudson  
**A Wrinkle in Time** by Madeleine L'Engle; illustrated by Hope Larson  
**Zeus: King of the Gods** by George O'Connor  
**Zita the Spacegirl** by Ben Hatke

For more graphic novel titles, go to [tampabay.com/nie/raysreading](http://tampabay.com/nie/raysreading).



# Rays reader Evan Longoria

## #3 - third baseman

Evan Longoria is not just a spokesman for the Reading with the Rays program, he is also an avid reader not only for himself but for his children as well. In addition to playing baseball and reading, Longoria also loves cooking. He opened his first restaurant, Ducky's, in December 2013. Ducky's, located near the University of Tampa on West Kennedy Boulevard,

features two duckpin (mini) bowling lanes and plenty of TVs. Last year, a second Ducky's was opened at Tampa International Airport.



While superheroes are fictional in nature, Longoria displays one of the classic characteristics displayed by many of these characters: generosity. The third baseman will donate more than \$1 million during the life of his contract to the Rays Baseball Foundation, which supports youth and education programming in the region. During the past five seasons, his 128 home runs have raised \$61,300 for the Pet Pal Animal Shelter in St. Petersburg.

Recently, Longoria took some time to answer a few questions for his fans about one of his favorite topics: reading.

**What was one of your favorite books when you were younger?**

*Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak.

**What book have you read recently that you would recommend?**

*Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer.

**Do you have a favorite genre?**

I prefer nonfiction to fiction.

I particularly like historical nonfiction books. Sometimes I will read autobiographical novels or crime and thriller books, though.

**Do you prefer reading printed publications or reading online or on a tablet or device?**

Typically I read on my iPad, but I enjoy reading the printed daily newspaper.

**Why is learning to read important? What are the benefits of reading?**

Reading gives opportunities to learn about anything you want to learn about without actually experiencing something or traveling.

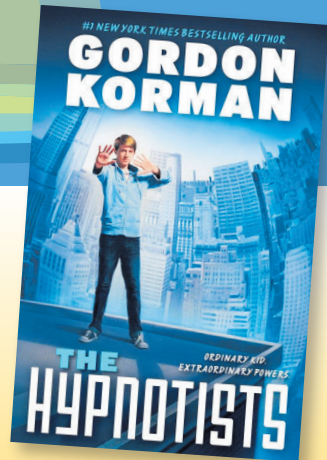
**How do you use the skills you learned by reading?**

I didn't start reading regularly until later in life, but I wish I had begun earlier because I have learned to be patient from reading. It takes patience to read, which is an invaluable tool in life and greatly benefits you down the road. I also have learned perseverance from reading, which helps in all facets of life.

# book spotlight

## BOOK SPOTLIGHT

### *The Hypnotists* by Gordon Korman



Jackson Opus has always been persuasive, but he doesn't know that he's descended from the two most powerful hypnotist bloodlines on the planet. He's excited to be accepted into a special program at the Sentia Institute – but when he realizes he's in over his head, Jackson will have to find a way to use his powers to save his friends, his parents and his government.

**Grades:** 3-7

**Publisher:** Scholastic Press

*Book summary:* Amazon

#### What's your favorite part about reading to your kids?

Watching my kids learn and watching their interest in reading grow is great. I love watching them pick out books themselves and start to have their own favorite genre in books. I am fortunate to be able to have time to spend with my kids and share those memories of reading with them.



# Discovering new words

**Directions:** The best way to increase your vocabulary is to read. Keep a list of new words you learn in your journal, including the words listed here. Find the following superhero characteristics in the puzzle. Next, look up the definition of each word in the dictionary and write down all of the meanings of each word in your journal. See if you can find each of the words in the *Tampa Bay Times*.

- Adventurous
- Aggressive
- Authentic
- Brave
- Cautious
- Confident
- Determined
- Enthusiastic
- Ethical
- Fierce
- Gallant
- Generous
- Gentle
- Independent
- Lovable
- Mysterious
- Persistent
- Responsible
- Smart
- Trustworthy

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 S Z B S E Q B D N S I V R U L P R M O T  
 A A L J I L R E C T G G U O B R K A U T  
 Y J P A M M T Y S Y E P S I A U A R V P  
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 R C K K I I I I E O C R W E O G G Q D T  
 C E O S I S H R M R D B O T L F X S A R  
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# Magical powers

Jackson Opus is a not-so-typical student in *The Hypnotists*. He also is not your everyday superhero. Superheroes are featured in novels and graphic novels.

A graphic novel is a story made up of comic content. Can you turn an everyday person or situation into a graphic novel? Look in the *Tampa Bay Times* for a photo or advertisement that catches your attention. In your journal, write down the points that are shown in the photo or ad. Write down

as many details as you can so you can change your facts into a graphic novel. Be sure to include creative images, dialogue and details in your final result. Share your graphic novel with your family and friends.



Going  
beyond  
the text

# Sharpening skills

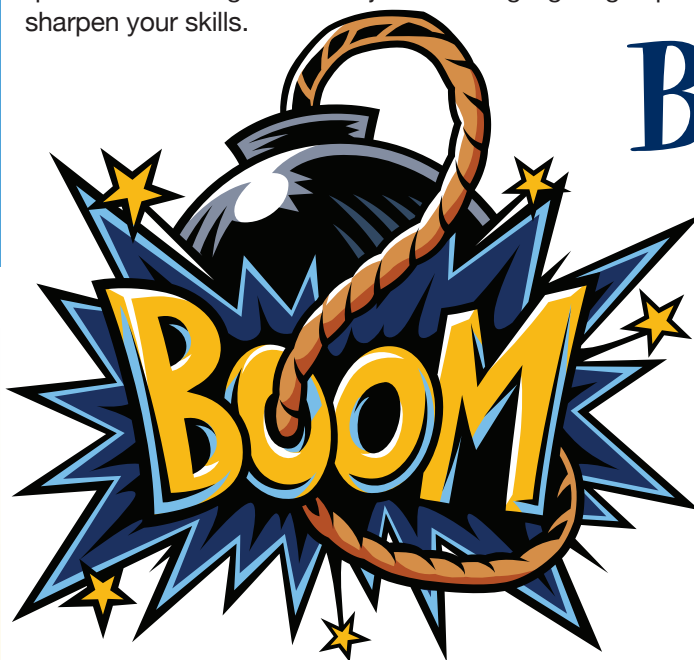
When a superhero must face his or her arch enemy, that superhero has to use sharp mental skills as well as their physical superpowers to overcome that villain. Being prepared is important to superheroes and ordinary people.

When baseball players take the field, people rarely think about all the time and energy the players have spent preparing to play the game. Athletes need to eat healthy foods, be self-motivated, learn how to communicate with their teammates, pay attention to all of the different things going on at once on the field, and practice, practice, practice.

Did you know the best way to learn and increase your ability to think critically is by asking questions? Writing notes in a journal or highlighting important parts of a book are great ways to sharpen your skills.

## Being the bomb

Even though superheroes are fictional characters, some of their personality traits can easily be applied in our everyday lives. Superheroes are responsible, trustworthy and ethical. By helping people in danger, the superheroes also display compassion. Keep an eye out for these traits in the books you are reading over the summer and be sure to note examples in your journal.



## book spotlights

### BOOK SPOTLIGHT

#### **Spider-Man: Attack of the Heroes** by Rich Thomas

Peter Parker spends a lot of time juggling school, friends and living the life of the superhero called Spider-Man. He is usually pretty good at balancing it all, but when high school quarterback Flash Thompson starts bullying him, Peter must find a way to control his powers. To make matters worse, Daredevil, Nova, the Thing and Iron Man start acting strange and causing mischief throughout New York City, and it is up to Spidey to save the day. But when Flash finds himself mixed up with all the superheroes gone bad, can Peter save his No.1 enemy and stop the attack of the heroes?

**Grades:** 2-5

**Publisher:** Marvel Press

*Book Summary:* Amazon



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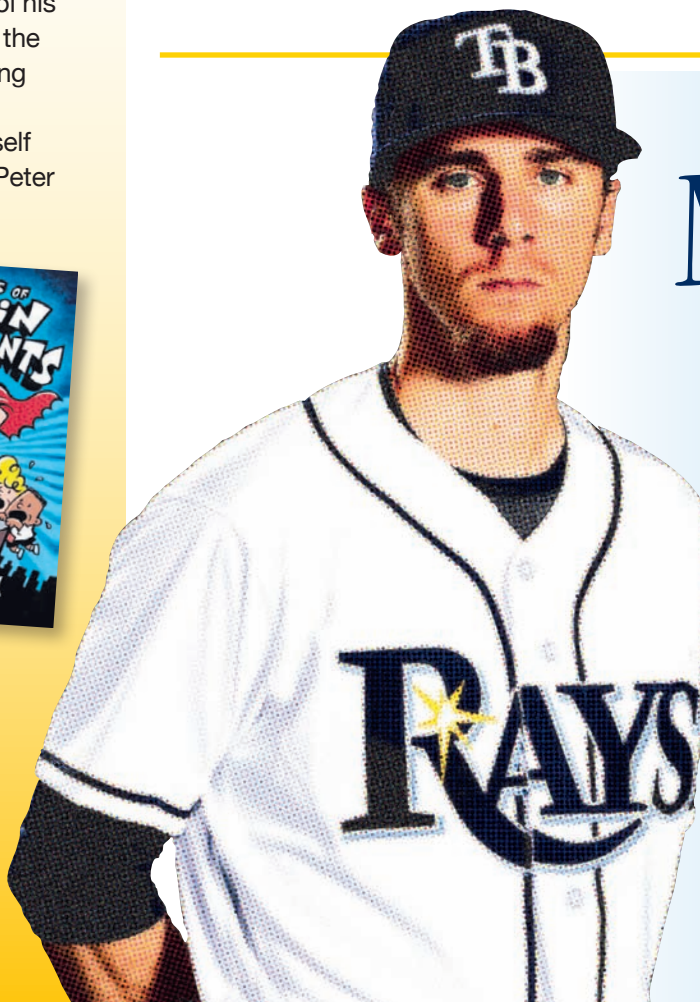
#### **Captain Underpants** by Dav Pilkey

George and Harold have created the greatest superhero in the history of their elementary school — and now they're going to bring him to life! Meet Captain Underpants! His true identity is so secret, even he doesn't know who he is!

**Grades:** 2-5

**Publisher:** Random House Children's Books

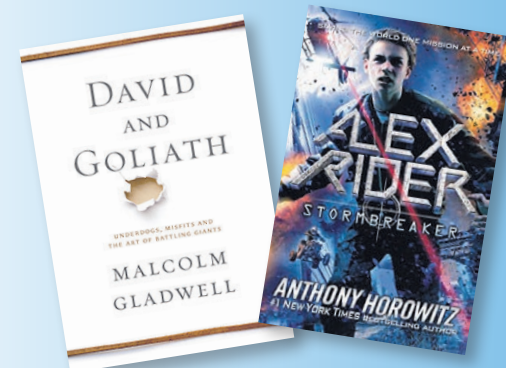
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## Rays reader Matt Duffy #5 - infielder

**Favorite childhood book**  
*Stormbreaker* (Alex Rider series)  
by Anthony Horowitz

**Favorite recent book**  
*David and Goliath*  
by Malcolm Gladwell





Both Matt Duffy and Kevin Kiermaier like to read nonfiction books. What kind of books do you like to read? Do you like fiction or nonfiction, or do you prefer informational texts such as newspaper and magazine articles? What can you learn from reading different types of books? What can be learned from reading the *Tampa Bay Times*? Look through the articles, cartoons, advertisements and photos in the *Times*. Cut out headlines, words, photos and images that unlock some secrets. Create a collage with the words and images you have collected. On the back of the collage, explain, in a fully developed paragraph, what the items shown represent and what you have learned. Use specific examples to highlight your points. Share your collage with your family and classmates.



## Powerful examples

Evan Longoria and the rest of the Rays featured in this publication all exhibit the character traits of compassion, empathy and philanthropy. You can add these three terms to your vocabulary list and look up their meanings. Compassion, empathy and philanthropy go hand in hand, especially when it is time to make important decisions. Members of the Rays exhibit these three traits by giving to the Rays Baseball Foundation as well as their own foundations, which give back to the community. Compassionate people have an understanding of points of view and beliefs different from their own. Compassion gives people a feeling of excitement, instead of sadness, when other people have successes.

### Rays reader

# Kevin Kiermaier

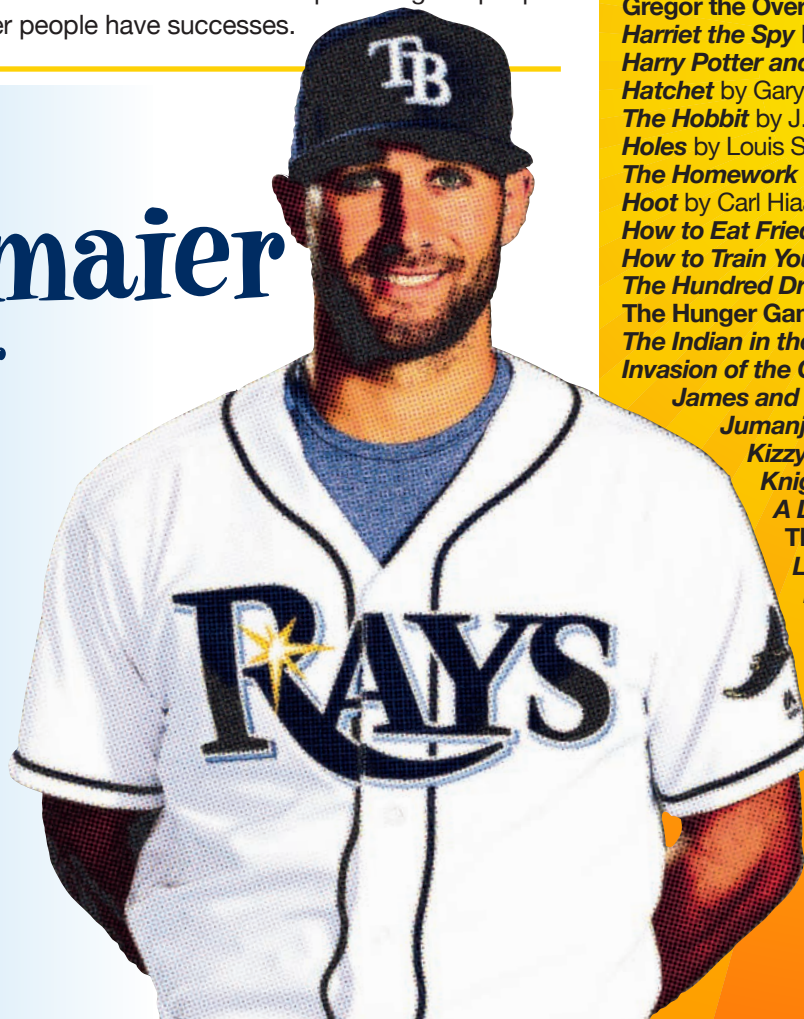
## #39 - centerfielder

Favorite childhood book

***Captain Underpants* by Dav Pilkey**

Favorite recent book

***Beyond Belief: Finding the Strength to Come Back* by Josh Hamilton**



## Summer SUGGESTED READING

GRADES 3-5

- The Adventures of Beanboy* by Lisa Harkrader
- The Adventures of Captain Underpants (Series)* by Dav Pilkey
- Alexander and the Terrible Horrible No Good Very Bad Day* by Judith Viorst
- Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll
- Amazing But True Stories* by Phyllis Hollander
- The Bad Beginning* by Lemony Snicket
- Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo
- Beezus and Ramona* by Beverly Cleary
- Black Beauty* by Anna Sewell
- Bless This Mouse* by Lois Lowry
- Bones and the Dinosaur Mystery* by David A. Adler
- The Boxcar Children (Series)* by Gertrude Chandler Warner
- Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl
- Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White
- Chomp* by Carl Hiaasen
- The Chronicles of Narnia (Series)* by C.S. Lewis
- Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* by Judi Barrett
- The Comeback Challenge* by Matt Christopher
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid (Series)* by Jeff Kinney
- Dorko the Magnificent* by Andrea Beaty
- Double Fudge* by Judy Blume
- Dragon Rider* by Cornelia Funke
- Encyclopedia Brown: Boy Detective (Series)* by Donald J. Sobol
- Fablehaven (Series)* by Brandon Mull
- Falling Up* by Shel Silverstein
- Freckle Juice* by Judy Blume
- Frindle* by Andrew Clements
- The Giver* by Lois Lowry
- Goosebumps (Series)* by R.L. Stein
- Gregor the Overlander (Series)* by Suzanne Collins
- Harriet the Spy* by Louise Fitzhugh
- Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* by J.K. Rowling
- Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen
- The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien
- Holes* by Louis Sachar
- The Homework Machine* by Dan Gutman
- Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen
- How to Eat Fried Worms* by Thomas Rockwell
- How to Train Your Dragon* by Cressida Cowell
- The Hundred Dresses* by Eleanor Estes
- The Hunger Games (Series)* by Suzanne Collins
- The Indian in the Cupboard* by Lynne Reid Banks
- Invasion of the Gym Class Zombies* by Scott Nickel
- James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl
- Jumanji* by Chris Van Allsburg
- Kizzy Ann Stamps* by Jeri Watts
- Knights of the Kitchen Table* by Jon Scieszka
- A Light in the Attic* by Shel Silverstein
- The Lightning Thief (Series)* by Rick Riordan
- Little House on the Prairie* by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott
- NERDS: National Espionage Rescue and Defense Society* by Michael Buckley
- Ramona the Pest (Series)* by Beverly Cleary Morrow
- Stuart Little* by E.B. White
- Super-Sized Slugger* by Cal Ripken Jr.
- Swindle* by Gordon Korman
- The Tale of Despereaux* by Kate DiCamillo

For more book titles, go to [tampabay.com/nie/raysreading](http://tampabay.com/nie/raysreading).



# book spotlights



## BOOK SPOTLIGHT

### **Scarlett the Cat to the Rescue** by Nancy Loewen and Kristin Sorra

When her home in Brooklyn goes up in flames, brave Scarlett won't give up until her kittens are safe. See the story unfold as Scarlett the fearless feline risks her life to save her family.

**Grades:** 2-5

**Publisher:** Ran Picture Window Books

*Book Summary:* Amazon



## BOOK SPOTLIGHT

### **Because of Winn-Dixie** by Kate DiCamillo

One summer's day, 10-year-old India Opal Buloni goes down to the local supermarket for some groceries – and comes home with a dog. But Winn-Dixie is no ordinary dog. It's because of Winn-Dixie that Opal begins to make friends. And it's because of Winn-Dixie that she finally dares to ask her father about her mother, who left when Opal was three. In fact, as Opal admits, just about everything that happens that summer is because of Winn-Dixie.

**Grades:** 4-7

**Publisher:** Candlewick

*Book Summary:* Amazon



# Look! Out on the field ...

Who are those caped crusaders dancing, running and having fun? It's the Tampa Bay Rays supermascots: Raymond and DJ Kitty! Raymond and DJ Kitty love meeting new people and saving the world from wild pitches and dreaded hot dog shortages. When they're not making Tropicana Field a better place, they spend their down time in their underground dugout relaxing and reading.

## Raymond

Raymond loves baseball and reading. His other hobbies include belly dancing, hugging, eating hot dogs, doing flips, playing full-contact shuffleboard, playing extreme chess and meeting kids.

Some of Raymond's favorite books are Clifford the Big Red Dog series by Norman Bridwell, Hank the Cowdog series by John R. Erickson and Gerald L. Holmes, and *Two Hot Dogs with Everything* by Paul Haven.



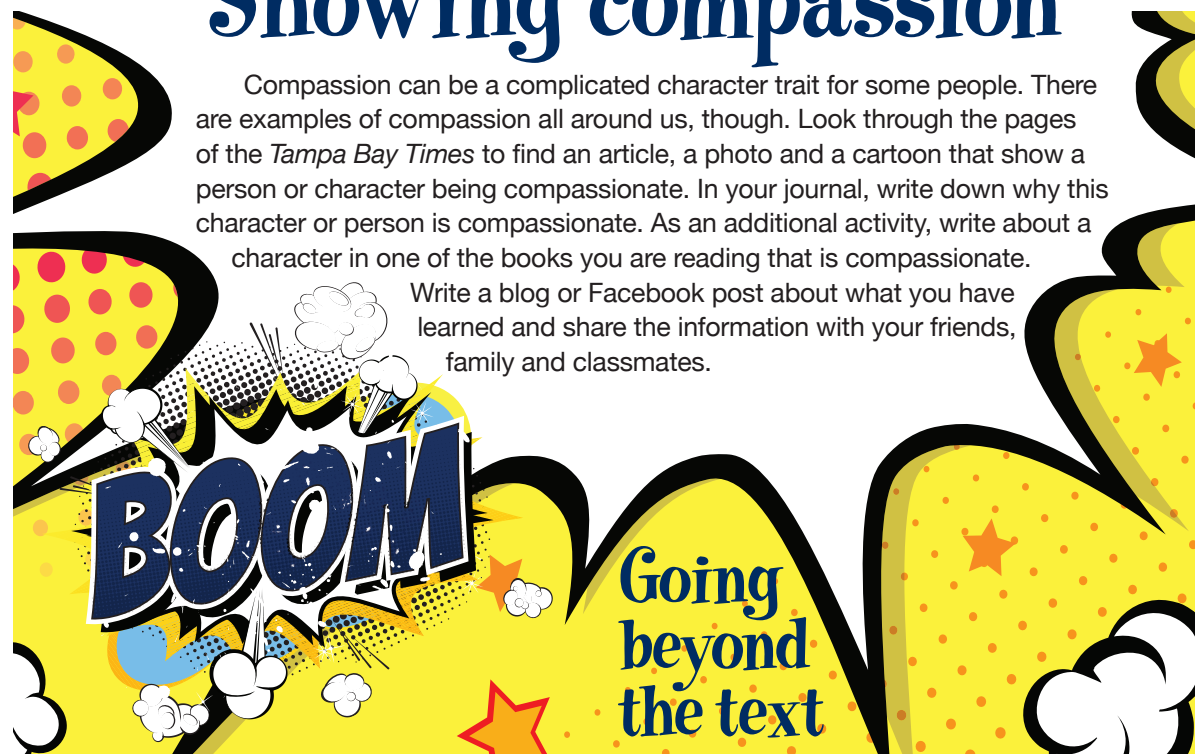
## DJ Kitty

Music and reading go together. Listening to poetry is pretty cool, and it is DJ Kitty's favorite thing to do. Some of his favorite songs are *Pump Up the Jam* by Technotronic, *Jump Around* by House of Pain, *Do It Again* by the Chemical Brothers, *Voodoo People* by Prodigy and *Jump* by the Movement. Some of DJ Kitty's favorite books are the *Cat in the Hat* books by Dr. Seuss, *The Cricket in Times Square* by George Selden and *Hip Cat* by Jonathan London.

## Showing compassion

Compassion can be a complicated character trait for some people. There are examples of compassion all around us, though. Look through the pages of the *Tampa Bay Times* to find an article, a photo and a cartoon that show a person or character being compassionate. In your journal, write down why this character or person is compassionate. As an additional activity, write about a character in one of the books you are reading that is compassionate.

Write a blog or Facebook post about what you have learned and share the information with your friends, family and classmates.



# Fiction and nonfiction

DJ Kitty and Raymond love reading books, but they also like reading about people in their community. Choose one of your favorite book characters and place that character in your community. Find an article in the *Tampa Bay Times* and put your character into the situation described in the article.

Write a brief paragraph about what the character does in the situation presented in the article. Illustrate your story and share it with your classmates and family.



## KABOOM!



## Going beyond the text

## Shazam!

Parents, you can encourage your children to participate in the Tampa Bay Times Newspaper in Education Reading with the Rays program this summer. There are suggested book titles for elementary school students on the pages of this Newspaper in Education publication. Visit [tampabay.com/nie/raysreading](http://tampabay.com/nie/raysreading) for more reading suggestions for elementary, middle and high school students. Students in grades kindergarten through 12 are eligible to participate in the Reading with the Rays program.

You and your children can keep up with the Rays games and chart your favorite players' statistics by reading the *Tampa Bay Times* every day.

Your local libraries also have some great book lists and suggestions. The following library systems are proud partners of the Reading with the Rays program. You can find out more about your library's summer programs online.

Read about your library's calendar of events, kids' and teens' programs, and special events by going to the main library Web page.

### Charlotte County Library System

Website: [charlottecountyfl.com](http://charlottecountyfl.com)  
Phone: 941-625-6470

### Citrus County Library System

Website: [citruslibraries.org](http://citruslibraries.org)  
Phone: 352-795-3716

### Hernando County Public Library System

Website: [hernandocountylibrary.us](http://hernandocountylibrary.us)  
Phone: 352-754-4043

### Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative

Website: [hcplc.org](http://hcplc.org)  
Phone: 813-273-3652

### Manatee County Library System

Website: [mymanatee.org/library.html](http://mymanatee.org/library.html)  
Phone: 941-748-5555

### New Port Richey Public Library

Website: [nprlibrary.org](http://nprlibrary.org)  
Phone: 727-853-1267

### Pasco County Library Cooperative

Website: [pascolibraries.org](http://pascolibraries.org)  
Phone: 727-861-3040

### Pinellas Public Library Cooperative

Website: [pplc.us](http://pplc.us)  
Phone: 727-441-8408

### Polk County Library Cooperative

Website: [mypclc.org](http://mypclc.org)  
Phone: 863-834-4280

### Sarasota County Library System

Website: [scgov.net/library/system](http://scgov.net/library/system)  
Phone: 941-861-5000



## Newspaper in Education



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## Florida Standards

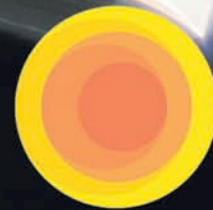
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**Language Arts:** LAFS.K12.L.1.1; LAFS.K12.L.1.2; LAFS.K12.L.2.3; LAFS.K12.L.3.4; LAFS.K12.L.3.5; LAFS.K12.L.3.6; LAFS.K12.R.1.1; LAFS.K12.R.1.2; LAFS.K12.R.1.3; LAFS.K12.R.2.4; LAFS.K12.R.2.5; LAFS.K12.R.2.6; LAFS.K12.R.3.7; LAFS.K12.R.3.8; LAFS.K12.R.3.9; LAFS.K12.R.4.10; LAFS.K12.SL.1.1; LAFS.K12.SL.1.2; LAFS.K12.SL.1.3; LAFS.K12.SL.2.4; LAFS.K12.SL.2.5; LAFS.K12.SL.2.6; LAFS.K12.W.1.1; LAFS.K12.W.1.2; LAFS.K12.W.1.3; LAFS.K12.W.2.4; LAFS.K12.W.3.9; LAFS.K12.W.4.10



## Readers Hit Home Runs, Too!

The Rays want you to knock it out of the ballpark this summer by reading your favorite books and participating in Reading with the Rays. It's simple. **The more you read, the more bases you round and the more prizes you collect.** When you reach home plate, you get two tickets to watch the Rays at the ballpark!



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