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**BOOKLIST**

**The Book From Far Away**, by Bruce Handy and Julie Benbassat (4-8). In this wordless picture book, a child reading outside welcomes a family newly arrived on Earth, the youngest member of which seems to have a fantastical object resembling...a book? **Fiction.**

**The Stray**, by Molly Rutan (4-8). A family brings home a stray that proves surprisingly hard to housebreak before realizing its real home may be out there, and very far away. **Fiction.**

**The Area 51 Files**, by Julie Buxbaum and Lavanya Naidu (8-12). Sky's mysterious uncle reveals that Area 51 is full of aliens who are suddenly disappearing; an award-winning illustrated middle grade mystery. **Fiction.**

**Crash from Outer Space: Unraveling the Mystery of Flying Saucers, Alien Beings, and Roswell**, by Candace Fleming (8-12). A leader in narrative nonfiction looks at the 1947 Roswell crash that spawned decades of speculation about UFOs and aliens. **Nonfiction.**

**Long Distance**, by Whitney Gardner (8-12). Whitney's parents ship her off to a remote summer camp where new friends come from far away places in this middle grade graphic novel. **Fiction.**

**Nothing Interesting Ever Happens to Ethan Fairmont**, by Nick Brooks (8-12). Three sixth-graders band together to secretly support an extraterrestrial, "Cheese," with spicy snacks and some spaceship repairs. **Fiction.**

**Where Are the Aliens? The Search for Life Beyond Earth**, by Stacy McAnulty (10+). Accessible science exploring the search for extraterrestrial life, delivered with a bit of levity and black-and-white illustrations. **Nonfiction.**