

# Summer Reading List for Students Entering Fifth Grade

Students should read a minimum of five books. Selections must represent at least three different genre categories. Please remember that the titles listed are simply suggestions. Your child may choose to read others of similar length and level of difficulty based on personal interest.

## Fiction Selections Adventure

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>
N.E. Bode	<u>The Anybodies</u>
Daniel Defoe	<u>Robinson Crusoe</u>
Will Hobbs	<u>Kokopelli's Flute</u>
Jenny Nimmo	<u>Charlie Bone and the Time Twister</u>
Scott O'Dell	<u>Island of the Blue Dolphin</u>
John H. Ritter	<u>The Boy Who Saved Baseball</u>
Louis Sachar	<u>Holes</u> <u>Small Steps</u>
Robert Louis Stevenson	<u>Treasure Island</u>
Elizabeth Speare	<u>Witches of Blackbird Pond</u>
James Stevenson	<u>The Bones in the Cliff</u>
J.R. Tolkien	<u>The Hobbit</u>
Megan Whalen Turner	<u>The Thief</u>

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## Fantasy/Science Fiction

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>
Lloyd Alexander	<u>The Book of Three</u>
Marguerite de Angeli	<u>A Door in the Wall</u>
Franny Billingsley	<u>Well Wished</u>
Eoin Colfer	Artemis Fowl series
Suzanne Collins	<u>Gregor the Overlander</u>
Tony DiTerlizzi	The Spiderwick Chronicles
Cornelia Funke	Any title
Brian Jacques	<u>Redwall</u>
Christopher Paolini	<u>Eragon</u>
J.K. Rowling	Harry Potter series
Lois Lowry	<u>The Giver</u> <u>Messenger</u>
Linda Sue Park	<u>A Single Shard</u>
Jonathan Stroud	Any title
Amy Zemser	<u>Beyond the Mango Tree</u>

## Humor

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>
Polly Horvath	<u>Everything on a Waffle</u>
E.L. Konigsburg	<u>View from Saturday</u>

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## Mystery

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>
C. S. Adler	<u>Ghost Brother</u>
Avi <u>Ghosts</u>	<u>Something Upstairs: A Tale of</u>
Blue Balliett	<u>Chasing Vermeer</u>
Marion Bauer	<u>A Taste of Smoke</u>
Daniel Cohen	<u>Ghostly Warnings</u>
Franklin Dixon	Hardy Boys series
Sid Fleischman	<u>The 13<sup>th</sup> Floor: A Ghost Story</u>
Neil Gaiman	<u>Coraline</u>
Carl Hiassen	<u>Hoot</u>
Penelope Lively	<u>The Ghost of Thomas Kempe</u>
Random House (publisher)	<u>Book of Ghost Stories</u>
Ellen Raskin	<u>The Westing Game</u>
Willo Roberts	<u>The View from the Cherry Tree</u>
Lance Salway	<u>A Nasty Piece of Work and Other Ghost Stories</u>
Steven Schnur	<u>The Shadow Children</u>
Zilpha Snyder	<u>The Trespassers</u>
Vivian Vande Velde	<u>There's a Dead Person Following My Sister Around</u>
Betty Ren Wright	<u>The Moonlight Man</u>

## Historical Fiction

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>
Jennifer Armstrong	<u>Steal Away</u>
Avi	<u>The Fighting Ground</u>
Patricia Beatty	<u>Charley Skedaddle</u>
Gary Blackwood	<u>The Shakespeare Stealer</u>

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Betsy Byars	<u>Trouble River</u>
Sook Nyul Choi	<u>Year of Impossible Goodbyes</u>
Barbara Cohen	<u>Thank you, Jackie Robinson</u>
James Collier	<u>War Comes to Willy Freeman</u>
Christopher Curtis	<u>The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963</u>
Cynthia DeFelice	<u>Lostman's River</u>
Corinne Demas	<u>If Ever I Return Again</u>
Lynda Durrant	<u>Echohawk</u>
Paul Fleischman	<u>Bull Run</u>
Sid Fleischman	<u>Jim Ugly</u>
Joan Goodman	<u>The Winter Hare</u>
Jacqueline Greene	<u>Out of Many Waters</u>
Berit Haahr	<u>The Minstrel's Tale</u>
Mary Hahn	<u>The Gentleman Outlaw and Me—Eli</u>
Virginia Hamilton	<u>Willie Bea and the Time the Martians Landed</u>

### Historical Fiction (cont'd)

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>
Karen Hesse	<u>Letters from Rifka</u>
Beth Hilgartner	<u>A Murder for Her Majesty</u>
Anthony Horowitz	<u>The Devil and His Boy</u>
Kathryn Lasky	<u>The Night Journey</u>
Julius Lester	<u>Pharaoh's Daughter</u>
Gail Carson Levine	<u>Dave at Night</u>
Janet Lunn	<u>The Hollow Tree</u>
Michelle Magorian	<u>Good Night, Mr. Tom</u>
Ann Martin	<u>Belle Teal</u>
Alice McGill	<u>Miles' Song</u>

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Eloise Jarvis McGraw	<u>Moccasin Trail</u>
Joan Nixon	<u>A Family Apart</u>
Uri Orlev	<u>The Island on Bird Street</u>
Katherine Paterson	<u>Jip: His Story</u>
Kit Pearson	<u>The Sky is Falling</u>
Bonnie Pryor	<u>Seth of the Lion People</u>
Carolyn Reeder	<u>Shades of Gray</u>
Peter Roop	<u>Girl of the Shining Mountains</u>
Jill Rubalcaba	<u>The Wadjet Eye</u>

## Historical Fiction (cont'd)

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>
Jane Yolen	<u>The Devil's Arithmetic</u>

## Realistic Fiction

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>
Sharon Creech	<u>The Wanderer</u>
Patricia Reilly Giff	<u>Pictures of Hollis Woods</u>
E.L. Konigsburg	<u>Silent to the Bone</u> <u>The Outcasts of Schuyler Place</u>
Ann Martin	<u>A Corner of the Universe</u>
Richard Peck	<u>A Long Way from Chicago</u>
Deborah Wiles	<u>Love, Ruby Lavender</u>

## Sports Fiction

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>
Lucy Jane Bledsoe	<u>Hoop Girlz</u>

## Poetry Selections

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>
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Glorya Hale (editor) Read-Aloud Poems for Young People

Lee Bennett Hopkins My America

Charles R. Smith Hoop Kings

## Poetry Selections (cont'd)

### Author

### Title

Anthologies or collections of poems by the following:

Maya Angelou  
E. E. Cummings  
Lewis Carroll  
Emily Dickinson  
Robert Frost  
Langston Hughes

## Non-Fiction Selections Biography/Autobiography

### Author

### Title

Lance Armstrong  
Ruby Bridges

Every Second Counts  
Through My Eyes

Robert Byrd

Leonardo

Roald Dahl

Going Solo

Zlata Filipovic

Zlata's Diary

Peg Kehret

Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio

Catherine Thimmesh

Girls Think of Everything

## General Non-Fiction

### Author

### Title

Jennifer Armstrong

Shipwreck at the Bottom of the  
World: The Extraordinary True  
Story of Shackleton and the  
Endurance

Melvin Berger

The Real Vikings

## General Non-Fiction (cont'd)

### Author

### Title

Beatrice Fontanell

Monsters

Jean Fritz

Shh! We're writing the Constitution

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Ken Marshall	<u>Inside the Titanic</u>
Elaine Scott	<u>Close Encounters: Exploring the Universe with the Hubble Space Telescope</u>
April Pulley Sayre	<u>Secrets of Sound</u>
Ana Veciana-Suarez	<u>Flight to Freedom</u>
Rina Swentzell	<u>Children of Clay: A Family of Pueblo Potters (We Are Still Here)</u>
By "Yes" Magazine	<u>Fantastic Feats and Failures</u>

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