

Fifth Grade Booklist

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All books on this list are shelved in the J FICTION section, alphabetically by author's last name unless otherwise noted.

Titles are suggestions. Try other books by the same author.

Realistic Fiction

Burch Manny Files
(humorous story about a family with a nanny who is a man)

Clements Janitor's Boy

Clements Week in the Woods

Conly While No One Was Watching

Creech Walk Two Moons

DiCamillo Because of Winn-Dixie

Fine Up on Cloud Nine

Gantos What Would Joey Do?

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Gutman Get Rich Quick Club

Hiaasen Hoot
(a boy's efforts to protect Florida's burrowing owls)

Hicks Out of Order
(4 brothers and sisters tell what they really think about each other!)

Howe Misfits

Johnson Bird

Jones Sand Dollar Summer
(Lise spends the summer in a remote cottage in Maine)

Konigsburg Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place (girl living with her wonderful eccentric Uncles)

Levine Dave at Night

McKay Permanent Rose
(humorous/strange family)

Mead Walking the Edge
(Boy in Maine gets involved in an environmental project)

O'Connor Moonpie and Ivy

O'Dell Ophie Out of Oz
(Ophie wants to be Dorothy in the school play)

Paterson Same Stuff as Stars

Porter Crazy Man
(strange farm hand helps Emaline when she is hurt in an accident)

Sachar Holes

White Search for Belle Prater
(story of a boy whose mother has "disappeared")

Wilson Double Act

Fantasy

Avi Midnight Magic

Buckley Sisters Grimm
(fairy tale detectives!)

Collins Gregor and the Curse of the Warmbloods
(scary adventure in a land where rats and cockroaches communicate)

Crossley-Holland Seeing Stone (first in King Arthur & Merlin trilogy)

Delaney Last Apprentice
(Thomas must become protector of his magic world)

DeLint Circle of Cats

Divakaruni Conch Bearer (like "Frodo the ring bearer" but set in India)

Farmer Sea of Trolls
(magic and ancient runes in a Viking adventure)

Fleischman Whipping Boy

Ibbotson Haunting of Granite Falls (Boy inherits a castle complete with ghosts)

Jones Castle in the Air

Levine Two Princesses of Bamarre

Lowry Gossamer
(where do dreams come from?)

McLerran Dragonfly

Pullman I was a Rat

Rodda Timekeeper

Sharp Rescuers

Sutcliff Sword and the Circle (King Arthur Story)

Vande Velde Wizard at Work

Waugh Space Race

Wilkinson Dragon Keeper (set in China, a girl befriends an old dragon)

Yep Imp that Ate My Homework

Mysteries

Balliet Chasing Vermeer
(friends solve the meaning of
strange coincidences)
Broach Shakespeare's Secret
(a girl searches for a jewel from the
past)
Hahn Old Willis Place
Nixon Whispers from the Dead
Peck Ghost Belonged to Me
Seabrooke Haunting at Stratton
Falls
Springer Case of the Missing
Marquess
(Enola Holmes solves a mystery
without her brother, Sherlock)
Westall Ghost Abbey

Adventure

Avi Windcatcher
Evans MVP Magellan Voyage
Project (a real life video game)
George Swimming With Sharks
Hill Winter Camp
Hite Stick and Whittle
Neale Lost at Sea
Nixon Dangerous Promise
Ransome Swallows and Amazons

Science Fiction

Bechard Star Hatchling
Coville Dragonslayers
Etchemendy Power of UN

Fardell Seven Professors of the
Far North (Funny
adventure with a nutty Professor)
Hickman Ravine (time shift)
Peck Great Interactive Dream
Machine
Sleator Marco's Millions
Thompson Fourth World
(Danny journeys to find out who or
what he is)

Historical Fiction

Auch Ashes of Roses
(Triangle "shirtwaist" fire)
Avi Secret School
Blackwood Second Sight
(mystery and a magic show in the
time of President Lincoln)
Blakeslee Different kind of hero
(Gold Rush. Irish boy becomes
a true friend to Chinese miner's
boy)
Blegvad Kitty and Mr. Kipling
(based Rudyard Kipling's years
in Vermont)
Bruchac Code Talker (based on
the real Navaho Marines who
invented the Unbreakable code)
Choldenko Al Capone does my
Shirts (life on Alcatraz in 1935)
Curtis Bud, Not Buddy
Cushman Rodzina (Polish girl on
an Orphan Train)
Erdrich Birchbark House
Forbes Johnny Tremain

Giff Willow Run
(Meggie's brother is away in WWII)
Holm Boston Jane
Kadohata Weedflower
(Japanese family grows flowers in an
internment camp)
Lasky Time for Courage
Lowry Number the Stars
Martin Belle Teal
Park Single Shard
Paulsen Tucket's Ride
Ryan Esperanza Rising
(paperback)
Speare Sign of the Beaver
(paperback)
Wait Seaward Born
(a slave escapes to Maine)
Whelan Listening for Lions
(life in a mission hospital in Africa)

Non-Fiction and Biography

J 398.2 Rio Tales of King Arthur
J 793.7 Zas More Math Games and
Activities
J 937 Dee Bodies from the Ash
J 974.71 Mur Blizzard: the Storm that
Changed America

J Biography/Bridges Through My Eyes
J Biography/Sequoyah Sequoyah
J Biography/Wheatley Voice of Her
Own (Phillis Wheatley came in
a slave ship and became a poet)