5th GRADE

Suggested Reading List

All books are located in Juvenile Fiction or Juvenile Paperbacks by Author.

* This book is part of a series or trilogy.



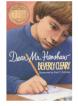
Alexander, Lloyd THE BOOK OF THREE *

Become enthralled by the adventures of Taran the Assistant Pig-Keeper and his quest to become a hero.



Babbitt, Natalie TUCK EVERLASTING

The Tuck family discovers that a tenyear-old girl and a stranger now share their secret about a spring whose water prevents one from ever growing any older.



Cleary, Beverly DEAR MR. HENSHAW

In letters to his favorite author, ten-yearold Leigh reveals his problems in coping with his parents' divorce, being the new boy in school, and finding his own place in the world.



Clements, Andrew THE REPORT CARD

Nora Rowley has hidden that she is a genius from everyone because she wants to be normal, but when she hatches a plan to prove that grades are not important, things get out of control.



Colfer, Eoin HALF-MOON INVESTIGATIONS

Twelve-year-old private investigator Fletcher Moon, nicknamed "Half Moon" because of his shortness, must track down a conspiracy or be framed for a crime he did not commit.



Cooper, Susan THE BOGGART

After visiting an inherited castle in Scotland, Emily returns home to Canada with an unexpected guest.



Creech, Sharon LOVE THAT DOG

A young student, who comes to love poetry through a personal understanding of what different famous poems mean to him, surprises himself by writing his own inspired poem.



Curtis, Christopher BUD, NOT BUDDY

Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and searches for the man be believes to be his father



Funke, Cornelia DRAGON RIDER

After learning humans are headed for his home a silver dragon is joined by a brownie and an orphan boy in a quest to find the legendary valley known as the Rim of Heaven.



Hiassen, Carl HOOT

Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.



Levine, Gail Carson ELLA ENCHANTED

In this novel based on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her.



Lowry, Lois NUMBER THE STARS

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.



Mass, Wendy 11 BIRTHDAYS

Amanda and Leo, best friends with the same birthday, had a falling out on their tenth birthday and have not spoken since, but peculiar things begin to happen as the day of their 11th birthday begins to repeat itself over and over again.



Nimmo, Jenny MIDNIGHT FOR CHARLIE BONE *

Charlie Bone's life with his mother and two grandmothers undergoes a change when he discovers that he can hear people in photographs talking.



Park, Linda Sue A SINGLE SHARD

Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself.



Raskin, Ellen THE WESTING GAME

The mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim their inheritance.



Ryan, Pam Muñoz BECOMING NAOMI LEÓN

When Naomi's absent mother resurfaces to claim her, Naomi runs away to Mexico with her great-grandmother and younger brother in search of her father.



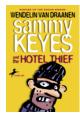
Sachar, Louis HOLES

As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.



Stewart, Trenton THE MYSTERIOUS BENEDICT SOCIETY

After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules.



Van Draanen, Wendelin SAMMY KEYES AND THE HOTEL THIEF *

13-year-old Sammy's penchant for speaking her mind gets her in trouble when she involves herself in the investigation of a robbery at the "seedy" hotel across the street from the building where she lives with her grandmother. [Located in Juvenile Mysteries.]

If you need anymore suggestions for good books be sure to stop by the Youth Services desk and ask a librarian!

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