

Books Every

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Fifth Grader

Should Know

Alexander, Lloyd *The Book of Three* (YA ALE)

Taran, the Assistant Pig Keeper in the mythical kingdom of Prydain, sets out with the warrior Gwydion to save his country from evil.

Babbitt, Natalie *Tuck Everlasting* (J BAB)

The Tuck family is confronted with an agonizing situation when they discover that a 10-year-old girl and a malicious stranger now share their secret about a spring whose water prevents you from ever growing any older.

Bradley, Kimberly

The War That Saved My Life (J BRA)

A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother.

Brink, Carol *Caddie Woodlawn* (J BRI)

The chronicles of an 11-year-old tomboy growing up on the Wisconsin frontier in the mid-19th century.

Burnford, Sheila *The Incredible Journey* (J BUR)

A young Labrador retriever, an old bull terrier and a Siamese cat undertake a 250-mile trek through the Canadian wilderness in order to return to their home.

Curtis, Christopher

The Mighty Miss Malone (J CUR)

Deza is the smartest girl in her class in Gary, Indiana, singled out by teachers for a special path in life. But it's 1936 and the Great Depression has hit Gary hard, and there are no jobs for black men. When her beloved father leaves to find work, Deza, Mother, and her older brother, Jimmie, go in search of him.

DiCamillo, Kate *Because of Winn-Dixie* (J DIC)

When 10-year-old India Opal Buloni moved to Florida with her preacher father, she didn't expect that she'd adopt Winn-Dixie, a dog she names after the supermarket where they met. Opal is lonely at first, but with such an unusually friendly dog at her side, she makes some unusual friends and finds she has a lot to be thankful for.



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Fitzhugh, Louise Harriet the Spy (J FIT)

Eleven-year-old Harriet keeps notes on her classmates and neighbors in a secret notebook, but when some of the students read the notebook, they seek revenge.

Giff, Patricia Lily's Crossing (J GIF)

During a summer spent at Rockaway Beach in 1944, Lily's friendship with a young Hungarian refugee causes her to see the war and her own world differently.

Hesse, Karen Out of the Dust (J HES)

In a series of poems, 15-year-old Billie Jo relates the hardships of living on her family's wheat farm in Oklahoma during the dust bowl years of the Depression.

Jamieson, Victoria

Roller Girl (J741.5973 JAM)

A graphic novel adventure about a girl who discovers roller derby right as she and her best friend are growing apart.

Juster, Norton The Phantom Tollbooth (J JUS)

Journeying through the land beyond the tollbooth, Milo learns the importance of words and numbers and also discovers how to cure his boredom.

Lai, Thanhha Inside Out & Back Again (J LAI)

Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.

Lewis, C. S.

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (J LEW)

Four English schoolchildren find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia where they assist Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch, who has cursed the land with eternal winter.

Lowry, Lois Number the Stars (J LOW)

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, 10-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.

Palacio, R.J. Wonder (J PAL)

Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails enduring the taunting and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student.



Paterson, Katherine Bridge to Terabithia (J PAT)

The life of a 10-year-old boy in rural Virginia expands when he becomes friends with a newcomer who subsequently meets an untimely death while trying to reach their hideaway, Terabithia, during a storm.

Paulsen, Gary Hatchet (J PAU)

After a plane crash, 13-year-old Brian spends 54 days in the Canadian wilderness, learning to survive with only a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning how to survive his parents' divorce.

Riordan, Rick The Lightning Thief (J RIO)

Twelve-year-old Percy Jackson learns he is a demigod, the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea. His mother sends him to a summer camp for demigods where he and his new friends set out on a quest to prevent a war between the gods.

Ryan, Pam Esperanza Rising (J RYA)

Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression.

Sloan, Holly Counting By 7s (J SLO)

Willow Chance is a twelve-year-old genius, obsessed with nature and diagnosing medical conditions, who finds it comforting to count by 7s. It has never been easy for her to connect with anyone other than her adoptive parents, but that hasn't kept her from leading a quietly happy life . . . until now.

Stewart, Trenton

The Mysterious Benedict Society (J STE)

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.

Williams-Garcia, Rita One Crazy Summer (J WIL)

In the summer of 1968, after traveling from Brooklyn to Oakland, California, to spend a month with the mother they barely know, eleven-year-old Delphine and her two younger sisters arrive to a cold welcome as they discover that their mother, a dedicated poet and printer, is resentful of the intrusion of their visit and wants them to attend a nearby Black Panther summer camp.

