



Books a 5th Grader Can Fall in Love With!



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These suggested books represent a wide variety of genres, themes, and reading levels that may be right for a soon-to-be 5th grader. Ask your friendly librarian for more age-appropriate suggestions!

The Girl Who Drank the Moon

by Kelly Barnhill

Luna, having been turned into a witch as a young girl, discovers the magic within her while facing an evil force.

Wings of Fire: The Dragonet Prophecy

by Tui T. Sutherland

Clay and his friends have grown up under a mountain, secretly raised by the Talons of Peace to fulfill a mysterious prophecy. The five young dragons are destined to end the war that's been raging between the tribes of Pyrrhia.

Makoons by Louise Erdrich

Makoons and his twin, Chickadee, have traveled with their family to the Great Plains of Dakota Territory. Makoons has had a vision that foretells great challenges—challenges that his family may not be able to overcome. **This is a sequel to *Chickadee*! Try that one too!**

Fooled You! Fakes and Hoaxes Through the Years by Elaine Pascoe

Hoaxes are meant to fool the world, and some people fall for them. Read about nearly a dozen infamous hoaxes - from the 1800 to the present.

The First Rule of Punk

by Celia C. Perez

Malú struggles to pull together all the different threads of her life) into an identity all her own.

In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse

by Joseph Marshall III

Jimmy McClean and his grandfather go on a road trip together in order for the boy to learn about his Lakota heritage.

When Lightning Comes in a Jar

by Patricia Polacco

It's time for a family reunion! When Tricia's aunts, uncles, and cousins arrive at her house for an annual family reunion, the fun really begins.

Bone by Jeff Smith

The three Bone cousins are run out of Boneville. They become separated and find themselves alone in the uncharted desert, and each manages to make his way into a forest inhabited by strange creatures.

Catherine's War by Julia Billet

This graphic novel tells the story of Rachel, a Jewish girl forced to change her identity during World War II.

Animal Heroes: True Rescue Stories

by Sandra Markle

Read about how dogs, cats, cows, monkeys, and even dolphins use their normal senses or special training to help people in trouble or in need all over the world. **Read the whole series!**

Calvin Coconut: Trouble Magnet

by Graham Salisbury

Calvin Coconut's mom says: "You're the man of the house, Cal." Which means: Be responsible. Calvin tries, but fun—and trouble—follows him wherever he goes.

Read the whole series!

How to Steal a Dog

by Barbara O'Connor

When Georgina Hayes spots a missing-dog poster with a reward of five hundred dollars, the solution to all her problems suddenly seems within reach.

Norse Myths: Tales of Odin, Thor, and Loki

by Kevin Crossley-Holland

"Marvel" at 20 thrilling tales of bravery, deceit, trickery and treasure in which Viking gods and magical beings struggle for power.

Heroes for Civil Rights by David Adler
Whether marching, speaking, or simply going to school, these brave men and women fought to advance social justice so that others could enjoy their rights.

Flying Lessons & Other Stories

edited by Ellen Oh

Ten authors celebrate diversity through tales of Bigfoot, basketball, girl pirates and more in a highly readable, relatable short story collection.

Mighty Jack and the Goblin

King by Ben Hatke

Jack and Lilly travel through a portal to a bridge between worlds where they encounter grave dangers and receive help from unexpected sources. **This is a sequel to *Mighty Jack!* Try that one too!**

The War that Saved My Life

by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Ten-year-old Ada has never left her one-room apartment. Her mother is too humiliated by Ada's twisted foot to let her outside. So when her little brother Jamie is shipped out of London to escape the war, Ada doesn't waste a minute—she sneaks out to join him. So begins a new adventure for Ada...

Game Changers: The Story of Venus and Serena Williams

by Lesa Cline-Ransome

Venus and Serena Williams are two of the greatest tennis players of all time. Before they were world famous, they were little girls with big dreams.

Louisiana's Way Home

by Kate DiCamillo

When Louisiana's granny wakes her up in the middle of the night to tell her that they have to leave home immediately, Louisiana isn't overly worried. After all, Granny has many middle-of-the-night ideas. But this time, things are different.

The Blackbird Girls

by Anne Blankman

As a result of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, two girls set aside prejudices when they are forced to live together away from home and family.

Echo Mountain

by Lauren Wolk

Having lost everything in the Great Depression, Ellie's family moves to the mountain. When her father is left comatose after a tragic accident, they embrace neighbors and nature in order to survive and revive him.

Efrén Divided

by Ernesto Cisneros

When his mother is deported to Mexico, seventh grader Efrén is the only one who can cross the border to bring his mother home.

When You Trap a Tiger

by Tae Keller

Lily bargains with a magical tiger to return stolen stories in order to save her sick grandmother.

Prairie Lotus

by Linda Sue Park
In 1880, during a time of rampant colonialism and racism, Hanna and her white father start a new life in the Dakota Territory after her Chinese mother dies.

The Postman from Space

by Guillaume Perreault

In this charming story, follow Bob the mail carrier as he charts a new route on a not-so-normal day of delivering packages in outer space.

Snapdragon

by Kat Leyh

There's a witch in town. Or at least, that's what Snapdragon believes, and Snap needs a favor from her.

All Thirteen

by Christina Soontornvat

A fast-paced nonfiction book about a boy's soccer team trapped in a cave in Thailand. Stunning photographs detail how a group of heroes worked together to make their rescue possible

Before the Ever After

by Jacqueline Woodson

ZJ's dad was a kind-hearted football idol, but after years of head injuries he's developed a temper and memory trouble, eventually forgetting ZJ's own name.