

Grades 4-5 Summer Reading List

Reading Level: L for low, M for middle, and H for high. These books are only suggestions. Your local library and bookstores have thousands of great books from which to choose.

Classics: Always Good Reading

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| National Velvet, Bagnold | H | |
| The Secret Garden, Burnett | | H |
| The Incredible Journey, Bunford | H | |
| Summer of the Swans, Byars | | H |
| Danny, Champion of the World, Dahl | | H |
| Dear Mr. Henshaw, Cleary | | H |
| Dominic, Steig | H | |
| Forever Amber Brown, Danziger | L | |
| Homesick: My Own Story, Fritz | | M |
| My Father's Dragon, Gannett | M | |
| King of the Wind, Henry | | M |
| Misty of Chincoteague, Henry | M | |
| Babe, the Gallant Pig, King-Smith | H | |
| Pippi Longstocking, Lindgren | L | |
| Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle, MacDonald | L | |
| Anne of Green Gables, Montgomery | | H |
| Charlotte's Web, White | | M |
| Tuck Everlasting, Babbit | M | |
| Little House in the Big Woods, Wilder | | M |
| Shiloh, Naylor | H | |
| Little Women, Alcott | | H |
| Harry Potter, Rowlings (the first two of the series) | | H |
| The Mystery of the Cupboard, Newsom | H | |
| Rascal, North | H | |

Adventure

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| Help! I'm a Prisoner in the Library, Clifford | | M |
| Fire on the Wind, Crew | | M |
| Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Dahl | | M |
| The 13 th Floor: A Ghost Story, Fleischman | | M |

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| Julie of the Wolves, George | M |
| From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil | |
| E. Frankwater, Konigsburg | M |
| The Cay, Taylor | H |
| Number the Stars, Lowry | H |
| Saving Shiloh, P.R. Naylor | M |
| Hatchet, Paulson | M |
| The River, Paulson | M |
| The Heart of the Samurai, Press | H |
| Kon-Tiki, Heyerdahl | H |
| Babysitting Is a Dangerous Job, Roberts | M |
| Crash, Spinelli | M |
| The Boxcar Children, Warner | L |
| Titanic Crossing, Williams | H |
| Everything on a Waffle, Horvath | M |
| Crispin: The Cross of Lead, Avi | H |
| School, Family and Friends | |
| Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing, Blume | M |
| The Lemonade Trick, Corbett | L |
| The Baseball Bargain, Corbett | M |
| Everyone Else's Parents Said Yes, Danziger | M |
| Nothing's Fair in Fifth Grade, DeClements | M |
| The Kid Who Ran for President, Gutman | M |
| Teacher's Pet, Hurwitz | M |
| Ellie Brady Hates Mr. GI, Johnston | M |
| Radio Fifth Grade, Korman | M |
| Rosie Swanson: Fourth Grade Geek for | |
| President, Park | M |
| Crazy Weekend, Soto | M |
| There's a Girl in My Hammerlock, Spinelli | M |
| Stand Tall, Bauer | M |
| Georgie Lee, Denslow | M |
| Pictures of Hollis Woods, Giff | M |
| A Corner of the Universe, Martin | M |
| Runaway Radish, Haas | M |

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| A Book of Coupons, Morgenstern | M | |
| A Single Shard, Park | | M |
| Candy Shop, Wahl | | L |
| Jackson Jones and Mission Greentop, Quattlebaum | | M |
| Flip, Lubar | H | |
| Hidden Talents, Lubar | | H |
| The Schwa Was Here, Shusterman | | H |
| Wonder, Palacio | H | |

Science Fiction and Fantasy

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| The Book of Three, Alexander | | H |
| Aliens Ate My Homework, Coville | M | |
| Aliens for Breakfast, Etra and Spinner | | L |
| Aliens for Lunch, Etra | | L |
| Artemis Fowl, Eoin Colfer | H | |
| My Life Among the Aliens, Gauthier | | L |
| The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, Lewis (series) | | H |
| The Borrowers, Norton | | M |
| Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH, O'Brien | | M |
| Stinker from Space, Service | | M |
| The Ropemaker, Dickinson | | H |
| Golden Compass series, Pullman | | H |
| The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane | | M |
| Ella Enchanted, Levine | M | |
| Zoo, Chick | M | |
| Percy Jackson series | H | |
| The 68 Rooms, Malone | | M |

Mysteries and Scary Stories

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| The Secret of the Underground Room, Bellairs | | H |
| The Hardy Boys Series, Dixon | | M |
| The Nancy Drew Series, Keene | | M |
| Horror at the Haunted House, Kehret | | H |
| Scared Stiff, Roberts | | M |
| What Could Go Wrong, Roberts | M | |
| Blackwater Swamp, Wallace | | L |

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| Ruby Holler, Creech | | M |
| The Thief Lord, Funke | | M |
| Mr. Chickee's Funny Money, Curtis | M | |
| Playing Beatie Bow, Park | | H |
| Sports | | |
| S.O.R., Losers, Avi | L | |
| Ice Magic, Christopher | M | |
| Undercover Tailback, Christopher | M | |
| Herbie Jones and the Monster Ball, Kline | | L |
| The Toilet Paper Tigers, Korman | L | |
| The Zucchini Warriors, Korman | L | |
| The Trading Game, Slote | | L |
| Soccer Mania, Tamar | | L |
| Historical Fiction | | |
| Pochantas and the Strangers, Bulla | | M |
| Constance, Clapp | H | |
| The Courage of Sarah Noble, Dagliesh | | L |
| The Legend of Jimmy Spoon, Gregory | | L |
| If You Grew Up with George Washington, Gross | | L |
| Sarah, Plain and Tall, MacLachlan | | L |
| The Dear America Series, Scholastic | | Varied reading levels |
| Witness, Hesse | H | |
| How I Became an American, Gündisch | | M |
| Bud, Not Buddy, Curtis | | M |
| Elijah of Buxton, Curtis | H | |
| War Horse, Morpurgo | | H |
| The Lions of Little Rock, Levine | M | |
| Humor | | |
| No Dogs Allowed, Cutler | | L |
| Make Like a Tree and Leave, Danziger | | L |
| Burton and the Giggle Machine, Haas | | L |
| Orp and the FBI, Kline | | M |
| Chocolate-Covered Ants, Manes | M | |
| The Boys Start the War, Naylor | M | |

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| The Dunc Culpepper Series, Paulson | L |
| Fourth Grade Rats, Spinelli | M |
| Hoot, Hiaasen | H |
| Flush, Hiaasen | H |
| Surviving the Applewhites, Tolan | M |
| Love Among the Walnuts, Ferris | M |
| Biography | |
| Airborn: A Photobiography of Wilbur and Orville Wright, Collins | M |
| The Amazing Mr. Franklin: Or the Boy Who Read Everything, Ashby | H |
| Ben Franklin's Almanac: Being a True Account of the Gentlemen's Life, Fleming | H |
| Bicycle Madness, Kurtz | M |
| Blind Boone: Piano Prodigy, Harrah | H |
| The Boy on Fairfield Street: How Ted Geisel Grew Up to Become Dr. Seuss, Krull | L |
| Carl Sandburg: Adventures of a Poet, Niven | M |
| The Darling Nellie Bly: America's Star Reporter, Christensen | M |
| Demanding Justice: A Story About Mary Ann Shadd Cary, Ferris | H |
| Dvo_ák In America: In Search of the New World, Horowitz | H |
| Fight On! Mary Church Terrell's Battle for Integration, Fradin | M |
| Helen Keller: A Determined Life, MacLeod | M |
| High as a Hawk: A Brave Girl's Historic Climb, Barron | M |
| How Ben Franklin Stole the Lightning, Schanzer | M |
| Leonardo: Beautiful Dreamer, Byrd | H |
| The Man Who Made Time Travel, Lasky | M |
| My Brother Martin: A Sister Remembers Growing Up With the Rev. MLK, Jr., Farris | M |
| Rabble Rousers: 20 Women Who Made a | M |

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| Difference, Pitcairn | |
| Race for the Sky: The Kitty Hawk Diaries of Johnny Moore, Gutman | L |
| River Boy: The Story of Mark Twain, Anderson | M |
| Squirrel and John Muir, McCully | L |
| A Woman for President: The Story of Victoria Woodhull, Krull | M |
| A Voice of Her Own: The Story of Phillis Wheatley, Slave Poet, Lasky | M |
| Recent Award-Winners | |
| Penny from Heaven, Holm | M |
| Hattie Big Sky, Larson | H |
| The Wednesday Wars, Schmidt | H |
| Al Capone Does My Shirts, Choldenko | M |
| The Underneath, Appelt | H |
| Three Cups of Tea, Mortenson and Relin | M |
| When You Reach Me, Stead | H |
| The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate, Kelly | H |
| Where the Mountain Meets the Moon, Lin | M |
| The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg, Philbrick | M |
| The Higher Power of Lucky, Patron | H |
| Moon Over Manifest, Vanderpoole | H |
| Dead End in Norvelt, Gantos | H |
| Splendors and Glooms, Shultz | H |
| One Crazy Summer, Williams-Garcia | M |
| Flora and Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures, DiCamillo | M |
| Paperboy, Vawter | H |
| Brown Girl Dreaming, Woodson | H |
| The Fourteenth Goldfish, Holm | H |