

Fascinating Books for Students Entering 5th Grade

Many reading levels may be found among students in the same grade. This list includes suggested authors and titles to assist parents in choosing books that reflect their child’s reading level, interests, and family values. Other book lists are widely available on the internet. Check these sites for titles that may interest your student:

<http://www.cbcbooks.org/ccba/> Children’s Book Council Children’s Choice Awards

<http://txla.org/TBA> Texas Library Association Bluebonnet Reading Lists for grades 3-6

Novels

Aiken, Joan	The Wolves of Willoughby Chase
Applegate, Katherine	The One and Only Ivan, Crenshaw
Avi	“Poppy” stories, Who Stole the Wizard of Oz?
Babbitt, Natalie	Tuck Everlasting
Balliett, Blue	Chasing Vermeer, The Wright 3
Bell, Cece	El Deafo (graphic novel)
Bellaire, John	The House with a Clock in its Walls
Bertman, Jennifer C.	Book Scavenger
Blume, Judy	Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing (and other “Fudge” stories)
Burnett, Frances H.	The Secret Garden, A Little Princess
Cammuso, Frank	The Misadventures of Salem Hyde: Book One: Spelling Trouble
Cavanaugh, Nancy	Always, Abigail
Christopher, Matt	The Hockey Machine (and other sport titles by this author)
Clements, Andrew	The Landry News, The School Story (and other titles)
Coville, Bruce	Into the Land of the Unicorns (and other titles by this author)
Curtis, Christopher Paul	Bud, Not Buddy
Dahl, Roald	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (and other titles by this author)
DiCamillo, Kate	Because of Winn-Dixie, The Tale of Despereaux
Egan, Kate	The Vanishing Coin
Fitzhugh, Louise	Harriet the Spy, The Long Secret
Funke, Cornelia	Dragon Rider (and other titles by this author)
Gutman, Dan	The Homework Machine and The Million Dollar Shot
Healy, Christopher	The Hero’s Guide to Saving Your Kingdom
Holt, Kimberly Willis	My Louisiana Sky, When Zachary Beaver Came to Town
Holyoke, Polly	The Neptune Project
Ibbotson, Eva	The Secret of Platform 13 (and other books by this author)
King-Smith, Dick	Babe, The Gallant Pig (and other books by this author)
Konigsburg, E.L.	From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler
Korman, Gordon	Restart
Levine, Gail Carson	Ella Enchanted, A Tale of Two Castles
Lowry, Lois	Number the Stars, The Giver
Martin, Ann	The Doll People (and other titles)
Mass, Wendy	The Candymakers
Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds	Shiloh (and any other books by this author)

Norton, Mary	The Borrowers (and sequels)
Paulsen, Gary	Hatchet (and other books by this author)
Raskin, Ellen	The Westing Game
Ross, Joel	The Fog Diver
Rowling, J K	Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (and other books by this author)
Ruckman, Ivy	Night of the Twisters
Ryan, Pam Munoz	Esperanza Rising
Sachar, Louis	Wayside School stories and There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom
Selznick, Brian	Wonderstruck (and other books by this author)
Smith, Robert Kimmel	Chocolate Fever
Spinelli, Jerry	Fourth Grade Rats, Maniac Magee
Stanley, Diane	The Mysterious Matter Of I.M. Fine
Shurtliff, Liesl	Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin
Siegel, Mark	5 Worlds (Book 1): The Sand Warrior (graphic novel)
Turnage, Sheila	The Ghosts of Tupelo Landing
Weeks, Sarah	Regular Guy, So B. It: A Novel
Wise, William	Christopher Mouse --The Tale Of A Small Traveler

Series

(various authors)	Dear America
(various authors)	The 39 Clues
Angleberger, Tom	Origami Yoda
Brown, Jeffrey	Star Wars: Jedi Academy
Collins, Suzanne	Gregor the Overlander (and other "Underland Chronicles" stories)
Fitzgerald, John D.	The Great Brain (and other "Great Brain" stories)
Gutman, Dan	Genius Files
Hunter, Erin	Warriors
Lewis, C.S.	The Chronicles of Narnia
McMullan, Kate	Myth-O-Mania
Mlynowski, Sarah	Whatever After
Mull, Brandon	Fablehaven, 5 Kingdoms, and other series
Nimmo, Jenny	Midnight for Charlie Bone (and other "Charlie Bone" books)
Riordan, Rick	(Percy Jackson) Heroes of Olympus and other series
Rowling, J.K.	Harry Potter
Scieszka, Jon	Guys Read
Snicket, Lemony	Series of Unfortunate Events
Sobol, Donald	Encyclopedia Brown
Tarshis, Lauren	I Survived
Warner, Gertrude	The Boxcar Children
Wilder, Laura Ingalls	"Little House" books
Wrede, Patricia	Enchanted Forest Chronicles

Nonfiction & Biography

Brown, Don	All Stations! Distress! : April 15, 1912, the Day the Titanic Sank
Brown, Don	The Great American Dust Bowl
Bryant, Jen	The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus
Freedman, Russell	The Adventures of Marco Polo (and others by this author)
Kerley, Barbara	The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins
Montgomery, Sy	The Snake Scientist and The Tarantula Scientist
Paulsen, Gary	My Life in Dog Years
Reed, MK	Science Comics: Dinosaurs
Ryan, Pam Munoz	When Marian Sang
St. George, Judith	So You Want to be an Inventor?
Stanley, Diane	Leonardo da Vinci (and others by this author)
Szabo, Corrine	Sky Pioneer: A Photobiography of Amelia Earhart
Tanaka, Shelly	Mummies: The Newest, Coolest and Creepiest
Tang, Greg	The Grapes of Math: Mind-stretching Math Riddles
Truss, Lynne	Eats, Shoots and Leaves: Why Commas Really Do Make a Difference
(various authors)	"You Wouldn't Want to..." books
(various authors)	Who Was..? / What Was..? - series of biographies and events

Poetry

Ashman, Linda	The Essential Worldwide Monster Guide
Aylesworth, Jim	The Burger and the Hot Dog
Florian, Douglas	Lizards, Frogs, and Polliwogs: Paintings and Poems
Grimes, Nikki	What is Goodbye?
Katz, Alan	Take Me Out of the Bathtub and other Silly Dilly Songs
Kirk, Daniel	Dogs Rule!
Prelutsky, Jack	any by this author (the U.S.A.'s 1 st children's poet laureate)
Proimos, James	If I Were in Charge the Rules Would be Different
Rex, Adam	Frankenstein Makes a Sandwich
Silverstein, Shel	Where the Sidewalk Ends (and others by this author)
Singer, Marilyn	Rutherford B., Who Was He?: Poems about Our Presidents (and others by this author)