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Fascinating Books for Students Entering 5th Grade

Students in the same grade read at many different levels. This list includes suggested authors, titles, and series to help parents and students choose books that match reading levels, interests, and family values. Researchers have concluded that children who choose their own books are more likely to finish them. In addition, researchers have found that reading 15-20 minutes a day helps prevent “Summer Slide.” Young people who practice reading maintain and build their skills.

The UE Division wants students entering fifth grade **to read at least 15 minutes every day.** Students are required to read one book that they’ve never read before and that offers a challenge. Afterwards, they will write or dictate a short summary. Other summer reading is free choice and might include books, audiobooks, graphic novels, magazines, recipes, and instructions. Possibilities for how to read include reading silently, reading to someone else, reading while listening to the audiobook, or being read to by an older sibling or adult.

We hope students will choose books from this list that they like. This list is divided into six categories: Adventure and Mystery; Realistic and Historical; Fantasy; Humor; Novels in Verse; and Biographies. Some of the categories overlap, but each book is listed only once. If your child chooses a series, any book from that series is fine.

Please note: Many of the books below are available in audio formats. An asterisk (*) next to a title indicates it is available in audio. The reading level (RL) is approximate and is taken from Follett's Titlewave.com website.

Check with your public library to listen to free audiobooks as part of their **Overdrive** program. Many audiobook titles may be purchased from audible.com, which is owned by Amazon and which offers a free, one-month trial.

I. ADVENTURE AND MYSTERY

Chapter Books: Adventure/Mystery

Giff, Patricia Reilly. **Eleven*** (Mystery) RL 4.1

Kehret, Peggy. **The Ghost's Grave*** (Mystery and Fantasy) RL 5.0

Korman, Gordon. **Restart*** (Mystery) RL 5.1

Petersen, P.J. **Wild River** (Adventure) RL 3.3

Philbrick, Rodman. **Wildfire*** (Adventure) RL 4.4

Sachar, Louis. **Fuzzy Mud*** (Fantasy, Environment) RL 5.0

Selfors, Suzanne. **The Sasquatch Escape*** (Adventure, Fantasy) RL 4.2

Stead, Rebecca. **Liar & Spy*** (Adventure, Mystery) RL4.8

Series: Adventure/Mystery

(Various authors) **The 39 Clues*** (Mystery) RL 5.0+

Butler, Dori Hillestad. **The Buddy Files** (Dog Detective) RL 2.9 - 3.0

Butler, Dori Hillestad. **King & Kayla*** (Mystery) RL 1.3 - 2.8

Gutman, Dan. **Baseball Card Adventure*** (Time-Travel) RL 3.9 - 4.7

Gutman, Dan. **Genius Files*** (Adventure) RL 4.8 - 6.0

Johnson, Terry Lynn. **Survivor Diaries** (Adventure) RL 3.6 - 3.9

Lupica, Mike. **The Zach & Zoe Mysteries*** (Sports, Mystery) RL 3.6 - 4.0

Riordan, Rick. Any book from **Percy Jackson*** or other series (Adventure, Fantasy) RL 4.5+

Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman. **Nate the Great*** (Mystery) RL 2.1 - 3.4

Sobol, Donald. **Encyclopedia Brown*** (Mystery) RL 4.0 - 4.9

Tarshis, Lauren. **I Survived*** (Historical) RL 3.5 - 4.6

Warner, Gertrude Chandler. **Boxcar Children*** (Mystery) RL 3.0 - 5.9

Winick, Judd. **Hilo series** (Graphic Novel) RL 2.3 - 2.5

II. REALISTIC AND HISTORICAL

Chapter Books: Realistic/Historical

Clements, Andrew. **Frindle*** (Realistic) RL 4.8

Curtis, Christopher Paul. **Bud Not Buddy*** (Historical) RL 5.0

DiCamillo, Kate. **Beverly, Right Here*** (Realistic) RL 3.8

Green, Tim. **Football Genius*** (Realistic) RL 4.8

Holm, Jennifer. **Full of Beans*** (Historical) RL 3.8

Hunt, Lynda Mullaly. **Fish in a Tree*** (Dyslexia/Realistic) RL 4.8
Kelly, Lynne. **Song for a Whale*** (Special Needs/Realistic) RL 5.6
Paulsen, Gary. **Lawn Boy*** or **Lawn Boy Returns*** (Realistic) 4.3
Rhodes, Jewell Parker **Sugar*** (Historical) RL 3.3
Stead, Rebecca. **Liar & Spy*** (Realistic) RL 4.8
Urban, Linda. **Weekends with Max and His Dad*** (Realistic) RL 4.1
Weeks, Sarah. **Save Me a Seat*** (Realistic) RL 4.2

Series: Realistic/Historical

Florence, Debbi Michiko. **Jasmine Toguchi** (Family) RL 2.0 - 3.1
Grimes, Nikki. **Dyamonde Daniel*** (Realistic) RL 2.2 – 3.7
Haas, Jessie. **Bramble and Maggie** (Friendship) RL 1.5 - 2.6
Kelly, David A. **Most Valuable Players (MVP)*** (Sports, Realistic) RL 3.5
Klise, Kate. **The Three Ring Rascals*** (Realistic) RL 3.2 - 3.9
Medina, Juana. **Juana & Lucas*** (Realistic, Humor) RL 2.9
Lagercrantz, Rose. **My Happy Life** (Dani series) (Realistic) RL 2.1 - 3.8
Miller, Kayla. **Click** (Graphic Novel series) RL 3.3
Watson, Tom. **Trouble at Table 5** (Realistic) RL 2.2 - 3.4

III. Fantasy

Chapter Books: Talking Animals and Other Fantasy

Applegate, Katherine. **The One and Only Ivan*** (Animal Fantasy) RL 3.6

Applegate, Katherine. **Crenshaw*** (Realistic/Fantasy blend), RL 3.7

Beasley, Cassie. **Circus Mirandus*** (Fantasy) RL 4.6

Brown, Peter. **The Wild Robot*** or **The Wild Robot Escapes*** (Science Fiction) RL 5.0+

Dahl, Roald. **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*** (Fantasy) RL 4.9

Foxlee, Karen. **Ophelia and the Marvelous Boy*** (Fantasy) RL 4.8

DiCamillo, Kate. **Flora & Ulysses*** (Fantasy) RL 4.3

Lin, Grace. **Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*** (Fantasy, Folklore) RL 5.5

Maas, Wendy and Stead, Rebecca. **Bob*** (Fantasy) RL 5.6

Series: Fantasy

Birney, Betty G. **According to Humphrey*** (Friendship) RL 4.1+

Birney, Betty G. **Humphrey's Tiny Tales** (Friendship) RL 2.9 - 3.4

Broach, Elise. **The Masterpiece Adventures** (Friendship) RL 2.6 - 3.4

Colfer, Chris. **Land of Stories*** (Fantasy, Adventure) RL 5.4+

Elliott, Rebecca. **Branches: The Owl Diaries** (Friendship) RL 2.2+

Mlynowski, Sarah. **Whatever After*** (Fantasy) RL 3.0+

Osborne, Mary Pope. **Magic Tree House*** (Time-travel) RL 3.4 - 5.0

Smith, Cleve Barrett. **Intergalactic Bed & Breakfast*** (Science Fiction) RL 5.5

IV. Humor

Series: Humor

Barnett, Mac. **The Terrible Two*** (Pranks) 4.5 -5.9

Cronin, Doreen. **Chicken Squad*** (Siblings) RL 3.2 - 4.0

DiCamillo, Kate. **Mercy Watson*** or **Tales from Deckawoo Drive***
(Families, Humor) RL 2.5 - 3.9

Greenwald, Tom. **Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide*** ("How to" Humor) RL 4.3
- 5.0

Hanlon, Abby. **Dory Fantasmagory** (Siblings) RL 1.8 - 3.3

Humphrey, Anna. **Megabat** (Friendship) RL 4.6

Look, Lenore. **Alvin Ho*** (School/Family) RL 3.8

Sachar, Louis. **Marvin Redpost*** (School/Friends) RL 2.5 - 3.6

Sacher, Louis. **Sideways Stories from Wayside School*** (School) RL 3.9

Winkler, Henry & Lin Oliver. **Here's Hank** (Dyslexia/Friendship) 3.9

V. Novels in Verse

Bauer, Marion Dane. **Little Cat's Luck**, RL 4.4, or **Little Dog Lost**, RL 5.3

Creech, Sharon. **Love that Dog***, RL 4.1 or **Hate that Cat***, RL 5.2

Thanhha, Lai. **Inside Out & Back Again*** (Realistic), RL 4.8

Wissinger, Tamera Will. **Gone Fishing** or **Gone Camping** (Realistic) RL 2.0 - 2.5

VI. Biography

(Various Authors) **Who Is, Who Was, or What Is?** series (**Some available in audio**) RL 3.8 - 6.2

DePaola, Tommy. **26 Fairmount Avenue*** RL 4.4

Kehret, Peggy. **Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio*** RL 5.2

Meltzer, Brad. **I am Gandhi** or other books from **Ordinary People Change the World** series. RL 2.3+ (**Some available in audio**)

Sanchez Vegra, Ma Isabel. **Little People Big Dreams** series. RL 2.4 - 4.6