

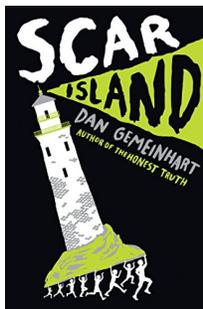
# FIFTH GRADE

## Summer Reading 2020



Incoming Fifth Grade students are required to read **5 books**. They do not have to read all of the books on their own—parents, older siblings, etc. can read to them! There is one required title which everyone must read—the other four books are free choice. ***Please read the required title in August***—that way the story will be fresh in your mind for the start of fifth grade! You and your classmates will discuss the book and even have a related writing assignment.

### **REQUIRED READING FOR ALL INCOMING FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS:**



*Scar Island* by Dan Geneimhart. From the publisher - Jonathan Grisby is the newest addition to the Slabhenge Reformatory School for Troubled Boys. Shipped out to the remote island facility, Jonathan quickly learns that the school is less concerned with true reform and is more a place where parents send away kids who have become too troublesome. It's an isle of misfit boys. But on his first full day at Slabhenge, a freak lightning storm leaves the kids without any adult supervision. Suddenly the inmates are running the asylum -- and unless Jonathan can move beyond his troubled past and assert himself as a leader, every boy on the island is doomed.

### **Suggested Reading:**

**Alexander, Kwame. *Rebound*.**

In the summer of 1988, twelve-year-old Chuck Bell is sent to stay with his grandparents, where he discovers jazz and basketball and learns more about his family's past.

**Barron, T.A. *The Lost Years of Merlin*. (series)**

A young boy who has no identity or memory of his past washes ashore on the coast of Wales and finds his true name after a series of fantastic adventures.

**Bell, Jennifer. *The Uncommoners*. (series)**

Ivy Sparrow and her big brother Seb discover a city beneath London where ordinary objects have magical powers.

**Butterworth, Jess. *Running on the Roof of the World*.**

After her parents are arrested by Chinese soldiers because of their religious beliefs, twelve-year-old Tash and her best friend Sam travel from their home in Tibet across the Himalayas to India in order to seek the help of the Dalai Lama.

**Cartaya, Pablo. *The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora*.**

Save the restaurant. Save the town. Get the girl. Make Abuela proud. Can thirteen-year-old Arturo Zamora do it all or is he in for a BIG, EPIC FAIL?

**Choldenko, Gennifer. *Chasing Secrets*.**

San Francisco, 1900. The Gilded Age. A fantastic time to be alive for lots of people ... but not thirteen-year-old Lizzie Kennedy, stuck at Miss Barstow's snobby school for girls. Lizzie's secret passion is science, an unsuitable subject for finishing-school girls. Lizzie lives to go on house calls with her physician father. On those visits to his patients, she discovers a hidden dark side of the city—a side that's full of secrets, rats, and rumors of the plague.

**Craft, Jerry. *New Kid*.**

Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade. Winner of the 2020 Newbery Medal and 2020 Coretta Scott King Author Award.

**Gidwitz, Adam. *Inquisitor's Tale*.**

1242. On a dark night, travelers from across France cross paths at an inn and begin to tell stories of three children. Their adventures take them on a chase through France: they are taken captive by knights, sit alongside a king, and save the land from a farting dragon.

**Gratz, Alan. *Ban this Book*.**

Amy Anne is shy and soft-spoken, but don't mess with her when it comes to her favorite book in the whole world. Amy Anne and her lieutenants wage a battle for the books that will make you laugh and pump your fists as they start a secret banned books locker library, make up ridiculous reasons to ban every single book in the library to make a point, and take a stand against censorship.

**Gutman, Dan. *The Lincoln Project*.**

Miss Z, a mysterious billionaire and a collector of rare photographs, is sending her four recruits back in time on a mission to capture, for the first time, one of the most important moments in American history--Abraham Lincoln giving his famous Gettysburg address.

**Hale, Nathan. *One Trick Pony*.**

On a ravaged future earth, technology-hungry aliens called pipers scour the planet for salvage. One cadre of humans is trying to preserve the earth's culture by scavenging for any remaining technology, but it's dangerous work, especially when three kids—Strata, Auger, and Inby—stumble on a hidden cavern packed with untouched robots, including a beautiful mechanical horse.

**King, Amy. *Me and Marvin Gardens*.**

Sixth-grader Obe Devlin doesn't run with the popular crowd. He's more concerned with keeping his creek clean, finding rocks for busmate Annie Bell's collection, and not having nose bleeds all over his clothes. Housing developments are rapidly, and upsettingly, encroaching on the acres of land that once belonged to the Devlin family, and Obe's one friend chooses to hang with the new kids.

**Korman, Gordon. *Whatshisface*.**

When 12-year-old Cooper Vega moves for the third time in five years, he receives a state-of-the-art smartphone to help him stay in touch with old friends. He's had phones before, but this one is buggy and unpredictable.

**London, C. Alexander. *The Wild Ones*.**

After his parents are killed, Kit, a young raccoon sets off for the city with a stone that may be the key to finding the Bone of Contention, a legendary object that is proof of a deal giving the wild animals the rights to Ankle Snap Alley, which the dogs and cats want back.

**McMann, Lisa. *The Unwants*. (series)**

In a society that purges thirteen-year-olds who are creative, identical twins Aaron and Alex are separated, one to attend University while the other, supposedly eliminated, finds himself in a wondrous place where youths hone their abilities and learn magic.

**Paulsen, Gary. *Hatchet*.**

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

**Raum, Elizabeth. *Spies of the American Revolution: an interactive espionage adventure*.**

Everyone has a secret. But in the war between the colonies and the king, keeping a secret is a dangerous thing. The first American spies belonged to secret societies and rebel organizations.

**Philbrick, Rodrick. *The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg.***

Homer P. Figg escapes from his wretched foster home in Pine Swamp, Maine, and sets out to find his beloved older brother, Harold, who has been illegally sold into the Union Army.

**Plourde, Lynn. *Maxi's Secrets (or what you can learn from a dog).***

Fifth-grader Timminy, who's small for his age and new in town, isn't eager to start middle school--but he gets a great consolation prize in Maxi, a big, deaf, lovable dog.

**Reynolds, Jason. *Ghost.***

Ghost has a crazy natural talent, but no formal training. If he can stay on track, literally and figuratively, he could be the best sprinter in the city. But Ghost has been running for the wrong reasons.

**Sutherland, Tui T. *Wings of Fire the Graphic Novel: Book One The Dragonet Prophecy.***

Clay has grown up under the mountain, chosen along with four other dragonets to fulfill a mysterious prophecy and end the war between the dragon tribes of Pyrrhia. He's not so sure about the prophecy part, but Clay can't imagine not living with the other dragonets; they're his best friends.

**Townsend, Jessica. *Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow.***

A cursed child destined to die on her eleventh birthday is rescued and whisked away to a secret realm called *Nevermoor* and given the chance to compete for a place in a prestigious organization called the Wondrous Society.