

Grades  
**4-5**

# The Pingry School Lower School Library *Summer Reading List 2022*



*Postcards to the Library*

## A Message to Pingry Families

**Fostering a love of reading is one of the greatest gifts we can give our children.**

This has been another challenging school year for our students but they have shown resilience and determination to learn and adapt to the unusual circumstances that Covid-19 has created. We hope that our students will enjoy some wonderful experiences this summer and that includes relaxing and reading with a treasured book.

The Lower School Library Summer Reading Program has been developed to encourage reading and to guide our students with their book choices during the summer. We hope every child will find something on the list to spark their interest in reading. Reading for pleasure helps to build reading skills and instills a love of reading that will last a lifetime.

We recommend that students read a variety of books from the reading list. Many different books and genres, from challenging to easier choices, are listed. While specific book titles are suggested, students may choose any book by the authors listed.

### **The following information and resources can be found in this booklet:**

- **Postcards to the Library Program** - Students send picture postcards to the Library. See directions for participation on the next page.
- **eBooks** - The Library offers hundreds of books online (directions on inside back cover).
- **Reading Log** - Set a reading goal, and record the books read during the summer.
- **Required reading** - Books for rising 4th and 5th graders are noted.


Browse the **Lower School Library Website** (<https://sh.opals.pingry.k12.nj.us>) for subscription databases, eBooks, streaming book resources, and related activities.

***Have a Wonderful Summer and Happy Reading!***

Sincerely,

Mrs. D’Innocenzo  
Lower School Librarian

# Send Postcards to the Library

<p>Dear Mrs. D'Innocenzo,</p> <p>I am having fun this summer.</p> <p>I play with my friends during the day, go swimming with my family, and read every night before dinner.</p> <p>I read <u>The One and Only Ivan</u> by Katherine Applegate. It was a great book and I loved it!</p> <p>Your friend, Taylor Jones</p>	 <p>Mrs. D'Innocenzo The Pingry School Library 50 Country Day Drive Short Hills, NJ 07078</p> <hr/>
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## How to Participate in "Postcards to the Library"

- Send picture postcards to the Library at the above address.
- Send one postcard for every book you read.
- Postcards can be sent from anywhere. You do not need to travel!
- Include the book title, author's name, and **your first and last name**.
- Write a short description of what you liked about the book and/or how you are enjoying your summer vacation.
- Each postcard is entered in a drawing to be held the first week of school in September.
- Ten postcards will be chosen at random and prizes will be awarded.
- Postcards will be displayed in the hallway and archived in the library.

**Have a wonderful summer!**

**Happy Reading!**

# The Pingry Lower School Library

## 2022 Summer Reading List

### Students Entering Grades 4 and 5



## Fiction

**Multi** = Multicultural Books

The titles are presented by GENRE in alphabetical order by the author.

## Adventure

**Can You Survive...? Series** by Rachael Hanel.

Readers use their wits and knowledge in these nonfiction adventures, learning about survival skills in various settings and making choices that will lead to either survival or doom.

**Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library** by Chris Grabenstein.

Kyle and his friends get to stay overnight in the new town library, designed by the famous Mr. Lemoncello, but in the morning they must solve puzzles in order to escape.

Read the sequels: **Mr. Lemoncello's Library Olympics**, **Mr. Lemoncello's Great Library Race**, **Mr. Lemoncello's All-Star Breakout Game**, and **Mr. Lemoncello and the Titanium Ticket**.

**A Fly on the Wall** by Remy Lai.

Twelve-year-old Henry Khoo embarks on a forbidden journey from Australia to Singapore to prove his independence to his overprotective family, while working out some problems with friends.

**Hatchet** by Gary Paulsen. *Newbery Honor Book*.

After a plane crash, Brian spends 54 days in the wilderness, learning to survive with only a hatchet.

**I Survived... Series** by Lauren Tarshis.

A series that tells the stories of historical events through the eyes of a young witness - from the Revolutionary War to the sinking of the Titanic to the September 11 terrorist attack.

**Kensuke's Kingdom** by Michael Morpurgo. **Multi**

Michael is washed up on an island after falling from his parent's yacht and struggles to survive. He soon realizes there is someone close by watching him and helping him stay alive.

**The Last Kids on Earth Series** by Max Brallier.

A band of suburban middle schoolers play video games, gorge themselves on candy, and battle zombies in the aftermath of the monster apocalypse.

**The Mysterious Benedict Society** by Trenton Lee Stewart. (*Series*)

After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules. *Read the sequels.*

**Pax** by Sara Pennypacker.

After being forced to give up his pet fox, Pax, a young boy named Peter decides to leave home and get his best friend back. Read the sequel - **Pax Journey Home**.

**The Penderwicks** by Jeanne Birdsall. (*Series*)

While vacationing with their father in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother. *Read the sequels.*

**Poppy** by Avi (*Series*)

Poppy knew she was taking a risk following her beloved Ragweed to Bannock Hill, but a night of dancing with the handsome golden mouse was just too tempting. Also read other books in the series like **Poppy and Rye** and **Poppy and Ereth**.

**The Smartest Kid in the Universe** by Chris Grabenstein.

7th grader Jake McQuade mistakes the world's first ingestible knowledge pills for jelly beans. He suddenly knows all about physics and geometry and can speak Swahili but can he use his new brilliance to save his school from the new principal, who wants to get it shut down.

**Spy School Series** by Stuart Gibbs.

Twelve-year-old spy-in-training Ben Ripley finds himself at the center of the action as he learns the ins and outs of life as a secret agent. *Read the series.*

**Triston Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky** (*Series*) by Kwame Mbalia. *Rick Riordan Presents* **Multi**

Tristan Strong tumbles into the MidPass with allies John Henry and Brer Rabbit, they must entice the god Anansi to come out of hiding and seal the hole Tristan accidentally ripped in the sky. Read sequels: **Tristan Strong Destroys the World** and **Tristan Strong Punches Again**.

**The Wild Robot** by Peter Brown.

Roz the robot discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island with no memory of where she is from or why she is there, and her only hope of survival is to learn about her new environment from the island's hostile inhabitants. Read the sequel: **Wild Robot Escapes**.

**The Willoughbys** by Lois Lowry.

The four Willoughby children set out to become “deserving orphans” after their neglectful parents embark on an around-the-world adventure, leaving them in the care of a nanny.



## Fantasy & Science Fiction

### **Aru Shah and the End of Time** (Series) **Multi**

Sometimes Aru Shah stretches the truth to impress her friends, but when they dare her to prove an ancient lamp is cursed, she accidentally frees an ancient demon.

### **Bears of the Ice Series** by Katherine Lasky.

Set in the legendary world of Ga'hoole - For generations, the noble polar bears have ruled the Northern Kingdoms. But now, their society is on the brink of collapse. A group of power-hungry bears has seized control and darkness is creeping across the snow.

### **BFG** by Roald Dahl.

Kid-snatched from her orphanage by a BFG (Big Friendly Giant), who spends his life blowing happy dreams to children, Sophie concocts a plan to save the world from the mean giants.

### **City of Ember** by Jeanne DuPrau. (Series)

In the city of Ember, Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger and finds a message that she and her friend Doon must decipher to save the city, before the lights go out on Ember forever!

### **A Cricket in Times Square** by George Seldon. *Newbery Honor Book.*

The adventures of a country cricket who unintentionally arrives in New York and is befriended by Tucker Mouse and Harry Cat.

### **The Dragonet Prophecy** by Tui Sutherland. (*Wings of Fire Series, Book #1*)

Clay and the other dragonets were stolen from their homes while they were still in their egg and hidden for years to fulfill a prophecy claiming that the dragonets would end the war.

### **Forest of Wonder** by Linda Sue Park. (*Wing & Claw Series*)

When Raffa makes a cure from a rare crimson vine he finds deep in the forbidden forest, the bat he saves transforms into something much more. *Read any title by this author.*

### **The Girl Who Drank the Moon** by Kelly Regan Barnhill. *Newbery Medal Winner.*

An epic fantasy about a young girl raised by a witch, a swamp monster, and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon, who must unlock the powerful magic buried deep inside her.

### **The Graveyard Book** by Neil Gaiman.

Bod lives in the graveyard with an assortment of ghosts and other cemetery creatures who raise him after Bod's parents are killed when Bod was a baby.

### **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone** by J. K. Rowling. (Series)

Rescued from the neglect of his aunt and uncle, Harry, age 11, attends Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, where he fights evil forces.

**The Infinite Lives of Maisie Day** by Christopher Edge.

On her tenth birthday, super-smart Maisie wakes to a shifted reality and must work within the laws of the universe and trust the love of her family to set the world right.

**James and the Giant Peach** by Roald Dahl.

Wonderful adventures abound after James escapes from his fearsome aunts by rolling away inside a giant peach.

**Keeper of the Lost Cities** by Shannon Messenger. *(Series)*

Twelve-year-old Sophie doesn't fit in her world. She leaves the human world for the Elvin world where she faces danger from both worlds. She hopes she'll be safe if only she can regain the lost memories about her past.

**The Lightning Thief** by Rick Riordan. *(Percy Jackson and the Olympians Series)*

Percy learns that his father is the Greek god Poseidon. Percy is sent to Camp Half Blood, where he and a friend set out on a journey to the Underworld to retrieve Zeus's lightning bolt and prevent a war.

**The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** by C. S. Lewis. *(The Chronicles of Narnia Series- Fantasy Classic)*

Four English school children find their way through a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia and help Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch who has cursed the land with eternal winter.

**The Lost Hero** by Rick Riordan. *(Series)*

Three students from a school for "bad kids" find themselves at Camp Half-Blood, where they learn that they are demigods and begin a quest to free Hera. *Read the sequels.*

**Magnus Chase: The Sword of Summer** by Rick Riordan. *(Series)*

Since his mother's mysterious death, Magnus Chase has lived alone on the streets of Boston. One day, he's tracked down by an uncle he barely knows who tells him a secret: Magnus is the son of a Norse god. Also read: **9 from the Nine Worlds**.

**Matilda** by Roald Dahl

Matilda applies her mental powers to rid the school of the evil headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, and restore her nice teacher, Miss Honey.

**The One and Only Bob** by Katherine Applegate.

Bob sets out on a journey in search of his long-lost sister with his friends, Ivan and Ruby. As a hurricane nears, Bob finds his courage and learns the meaning of friendship and family.

**The One and Only Ivan** by Katherine Applegate. *Newbery Medal Winner.*

When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant, he decides that he must find her a better life. A novel of friendship, inspired by a true story.

**Pi in the Sky** by Wendy Mass.

Joss is the seventh son of the Supreme Overlord of the Universe. His older brothers help his dad rule the cosmos, but all Joss gets to do is deliver pies. Of course, these pies actually hold the secrets of the universe.

**Return of the Homework Machine** by Dan Gutman.

After discarding their homework machine, four friends find themselves in trouble in an incident with a powerful computer chip and a Grand Canyon treasure.

**The Ruins of Gorlan** by John Flanagan. (*The Ranger's Apprentice Series*)

When fifteen-year-old Will is rejected by battleschool, he becomes the reluctant apprentice to the mysterious Ranger Halt, and winds up protecting the kingdom from danger.

**Sal and Gabi Break the Universe** by Carlos Hernandez. **Multi**

In order to heal after his mother's death, thirteen-year-old Sal learns to reach into time and space to retrieve things-and people- from other universes. *Read the Sequel: Sal and Gabi Fix the Universe.*

**Trials of Apollo: The Hidden Oracle** by Rick Riordan. (*Series*)

After angering his father Zeus, the god Apollo is cast down from Olympus. Weak and disoriented, he lands in New York City as a regular boy. Now, without his godly powers, he must learn to survive in the modern world.

**The Unbeatable Squirrel Girl** by Shannon & Dean Hale. (*Series*)

Doreen moved from California to the suburbs of New Jersey and must start at a new school, make new friends, and continue to hide her tail. Yes, Doreen has the powers of a squirrel!

**The Unwanteds** by Lisa McMann. (*Series*)

In a society that purges thirteen-year-olds who are creative, twins Aaron and Alex are separated, one goes to University and the other, "Eliminated", finds himself in a place where youths learn magic.

**Where the Mountain Meets the Moon** by Grace Lin. **Multi**

Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish and joins a dragon who cannot fly in a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon. *Read any titles by this author.*

**A Wish in the Dark** by Christina Soontornvat. *Newbery Honor Book.*

All light is created by one man--the Governor. For Pong, who was born in a prison, the magical lights represent freedom, and he dreams of the day he will be able to walk among them. But when Pong escapes from prison, he realizes that the world outside is no fairer than the one behind bars.

**The Wishing Spell** by Chris Colfer. (*The Land of Stories Series*)

Through the mysterious power of a story book, twins Alex and Conner leave their world behind and find themselves in a unique land full of wonder and magic, where they come face-to-face with the fairy tale characters they grew up reading about. *Read the series, including Worlds Collide.*

**Wishtree** by Katherine Applegate.

Red, an old red oak tree, tells how he and his crow friend, Bongo, help their human neighbors get along after a threat against an immigrant family is carved into the tree's trunk.

**A Wrinkle in Time** by Madeleine L'Engle. *Newbery Medal Winner.*

Three extraterrestrial beings take Meg, Charles, and a friend to another world in search of their missing father.



**Allergic** by Megan Wagner Lloyd.

Hoping to adopt a pet to find a sense of belonging in her busy family, Maggie is disappointed to discover she is severely allergic to anything with fur and tries to find a pet to love anyway"

**All's Faire in Middle School** by Victoria Jamieson.

After years of homeschooling by her Renaissance Fair enthusiast parents, Imogene finally gets her wish to go to public school. But fitting in as the new kid in middle school is no easy quest.

**Amulet Series** by Kazu Kibuishi.

A world of terrible, man-eating demons, a mechanical rabbit, a talking fox, a giant robot---and two ordinary children on a mission.

**Awkward** by Svetlana Chmakova.

After shunning Jaime, the school nerd Penelope tries to blend in with her new friends in the art club, until the art club goes to war with the science club, of which Jaime is a member.

**Class Act** by Jerry Craft. (*Companion book to New Kid*) **Multi**

This time, it's Jordan's friend Drew who takes center stage in another laugh-out-loud funny, powerful, and important story about being one of the few kids of color in a prestigious private school.

**Click** by Kayla Miller. (*Series*)

When a school variety show leaves Olive stranded without an act to join, she wonders why all of her friends have already formed their own groups without her. Stories about friendship and finding where you "click" in middle school. Also read **Camp, Act**, and **Clash**. For fans of **Smile** and **Real Friends**.

**El Deafo** by Cece Bell. *Newbery Honor Book*.

Going to school and making new friends can be tough. But going to school while wearing a bulky hearing aid strapped to your chest requires superpowers! *Graphic autobiography*.

**Graveyard Shakes** by Laura Terry.

Katia and Victoria are sisters, starting at a new boarding school. While Victoria strives to fit in, Katia is determined to hold onto her quirks, even if kids tease her. When Katia runs away, Victoria searches for her, but tumbles into the hidden underground world of a nearby graveyard.

**Guts** by Raina Telgemeier.

Raina wakes up one night with a terrible upset stomach. Raina returns to school and it soon becomes clear that Raina's tummy trouble isn't going away. Raina Telgemeier writes a thoughtful and funny true story about growing up and gathering the courage to face -- and conquer -- her fears. Also read **Smile**, **Sisters**, **Ghosts**, and **Drama** by this author.

**Just Jaime** by Terri Libenson.

A realistic day-in-the-life story of the last day of seventh grade for Jaime and her friends... or are they frenemies? Also read **Positively Izzy** and **Invisible Emmie**.

**Little White Duck** by Na Liu. **Multi**

A collection of eight autobiographical short stories from Liu's own childhood as a middle class citizen in China during the 1970s and '80s.

**My Beijing: Four Stories of Everyday Wonder** by Nie Jun. **Multi**

Yu'er and her grandpa live in a small neighborhood in Beijing. Yu'er dreams of swimming in the Special Olympics, but without a pool, she and her grandpa must invent another way for her to practice.

**Nathan Hales' Hazardous Tales Series** by Nathan Hale.

Weird and wild stories from American history in nonfiction-graphic-novel format. Strange but true events are presented highlighting the larger-than-life characters that pop up in real history.

**New Kid** by Jerry Craft. **Multi**

Jordan loves drawing cartoons, but instead of an art school, his parents send him to an upscale academy, where he is one of only a few students of color. He feels torn between the worlds of his neighborhood and his school, not really fitting into either one.

**NewsPrints** by Ru Xu.

With her city at war, orphan Blue disguises herself as a newsboy for the only local paper that tells the truth, but a new friend gives her the courage to start seeking the freedom to be herself. A novel about the power of friendship and finding the courage to be one's true self. Read the sequel **End Game**

**Nico Bravo and the Hounds of Hades** by Mike Cavallaro. **Multi**

When Eowulf, the pint-sized descendant of monster slayer Beowulf, decides to slay Cerberus, young Nico, Lula the sphinx, and Buck the unicorn must stop her or face the zombie apocalypse.

**Pashmina** by Nidhi Chanani. **Multi**

Pri has so many questions about her mother's early life in India, but they go unanswered until she finds a mysterious pashmina shawl that magically whisks her away to a Bollywood dreamland, and back again to their home in America, so she can solve the mystery of her mother's past.

**Real Friends** by Shannon Hale and LeUyen Pham.

Shannon is afraid she is losing her best friend, Adrienne, in this autobiographical graphic novel about making her way through conflicts, arguments, and finding real friends.

**The Return of Zita the Spacegirl** by Ben Hatke. (*Trilogy*)

Zita is sent to the mines of Dungeon World, where she meets a long-lost friend, manages a daring escape, and saves the day in her battle against intergalactic villains. Also read **Zita the Spacegirl** and **Legends of Zita the Spacegirl** for the whole adventure.

**Roller Girl** by Victoria Jamieson. *Newbery Honor Book*

Astrid discovers the thrills of roller derby, but worries about growing apart from her best friend.

**Roll With It** by Jamie Sumner. (Disabilities) - Read if you liked **Wonder** or **Out of My Mind**.

Twelve-year-old Ellie, who has cerebral palsy, finds her life transformed when she moves with her mother to small-town Oklahoma to help care for her grandfather, who has Alzheimer's Disease.

**Sanity and Tallulah** by Molly Brooks.

Sanity and Tallulah live in a space station at the end of the galaxy. When Sanity's illegally created three-headed kitten escapes, the girls have to turn their home upside down to find her.

**Stargazing** by Jen Wang. **Multi**

Growing up in the same Chinese-American suburb, perfectionist Christine and artistic, impulsive Moon become unlikely friends, whose friendship is tested by jealousy, expectations, and illness.

**Sunny Side Up** by Jennifer Holm. (*Series*)

The year is 1976, and Sunny Lewin is shipped off to Florida to spend the summer with her grandfather after her older brother starts acting strangely. At first she thought Florida might be fun -- it is the home of Disney World, after all. But the place where Gramps lives is no amusement park. Also read, **Swing it Sunny!**, **Sunny Rolls the Dice**, and **Sunny Makes a Splash**.

**The Tea Dragon Society** by Katie O'Neill. **Multi**

After discovering a lost tea dragon, Greta learns about the dying art form of tea dragon caretaking from the kind tea shop owners, Hesekeil and Erik. Also read **The Tea Dragon Festival**.

**This was our Pact** by Ryan Andrews.

Two reluctant friends—and a talking bear—journey deep into the night in search of answers.



## Humor

**Max & the Midnights** by Lincoln Peirce.

Max wants to be a knight, but first must rescue Uncle Budrick from evil King Gastley, journey into an ominous forest, ride a dragon, right unfair rules, and restore good humor to the land of Byjovia.

**Max Einstein: The Genius Experiment** by James Patterson and Chris Grabenstein.

Max Einstein is not your typical 12-year-old. He is recruited by a secret organization of geniuses determined to solve world problems through science, but they must escape The Corporation.

**My Life as a... Book** by Janet Tashjian. (*Series*)

Derek Fallon looks forward to a summer of laughs and pranks, but instead his parents send him to Learning Camp. He finds new friends and new adventures, which continue in **My Life as a ...Stuntboy**, **...Cartoonist**, **...Joke**, **...Gamer**, **...Ninja**, **...Youtuber**, and **...Meme**. Read the series.

**The Worst Class Trip Ever** by Dave Barry.

The eighth grade trip to Washington, D. C., should be a great time for Wyatt, Matt, and their friends. But suspicions about the mysterious pair seated behind them stir up a heap of trouble.



## Historical Fiction

**Blue Skies** by Anne Bustard.

France sends the Merci Train to the U.S. to thank America for helping France during WWII, and one of the train stops will be the small town of Gladiola, Texas, where ten-year-old Glory Bea hopes for the greatest miracle--that her missing-in-action father will be on the train.

**My Brigadista Year** by Katherine Paterson. **Multi**

Lora, a young Cuban teenager, volunteers for Fidel Castro's national literacy campaign and travels into the impoverished countryside to teach others how to read.

**Bud, Not Buddy** by Christopher Paul Curtis. *Newbery Medal Winner.* **Multi**

Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father.

**Inside Out and Back Again** by Thanhha Lai. **Multi**

Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she leaves Vietnam with her family and resettles in Alabama.

**Island War** by Patricia Reilly Giff. **Multi**

In 1942, Izzy and Matt are trapped on a Japanese-occupied island when the rest of the American population evacuates. They must survive on their own for the rest of WWII.

**The Lincoln Project** by Dan Gutman.

Miss Z is sending her four very different kids back in time on a mission to capture one of the most important moments in American history — Abraham Lincoln giving his famous Gettysburg address.

**Making Friends With Billy Wong** by Augusta Scattergood. **Multi**

This is a powerful story about family, friendship, and the problems of racism and bullying. A small-town in Arkansas in 1955 experiences unrest when Chinese immigrants arrive.

**Mighty Miss Malone** by Christopher Paul Curtis. **Multi**

Deza Malone, the smartest girl in her class in Gary, Indiana, accompanies her mother and older brother on a trip to find her father, who left to find work after the Great Depression.

**One Crazy Summer** by Rita Williams-Garcia. *Coretta Scott King Award.* **Multi** *Trilogy*

In the summer of 1968, three sisters travel from Brooklyn to Oakland, California, to visit the mother they barely know, and meet her friends in the Black Panthers. Read the trilogy: **P. S. Be Eleven** *Coretta Scott King Award.* **Gone Crazy in Alabama.** *Coretta Scott King Award.*

**Orphan Train Girl** by Christina Baker Kline.

Molly has been in foster care since she was eight. When Molly's forced to help a wealthy woman clean out her attic for community service, Molly is wary as she is always treated as an inconvenience.

**Prairie Lotus** by Linda Sue Park. **Multi**

Hanna is determined to fit in after moving to a new town and realize her dreams: getting an education, becoming a dressmaker in her father's shop, and making at least one friend.

**Riding Freedom** by Pam Munoz Ryan.

The true story of Charlotte Darkey Parkhurst, who disguised herself as a boy at the age of 12 and ran away from a grim New Hampshire orphanage, posed as a boy, moved to California, and fooled everyone by her appearance. She made a life for herself working with horses.

**Sign of the Beaver** by Elizabeth George Speare.

Matt, a white settler, befriends a Native boy from the Beaver tribe named Attean. Matt learns that many people called this land home long before he and his father's people arrived. This book is a great way to learn the history of settlers and the Natives in the early 18th century.

**A Single Shard** by Linda Sue Park. *Newbery Medal Winner.* **Multi**

Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village and longs to learn how to create delicate celadon ceramics.

**Some Kind of Courage** by Dan Gemeinhart.

In 1890 Washington, the only family Joseph Johnson has left is his half-wild Indian pony, Sarah, so when she is sold by a man who has no right to do so, he sets out to get her back--and he plans to let nothing stop him in his quest.

**Stella by Starlight** by Sharon Draper. **Multi**

When a burning cross set by the Klan causes panic and fear in 1932 North Carolina, fifth-grader Stella must face prejudice and find the strength to demand change in her segregated town.

**War Stories** by Gordon Korman.

Trevor loves playing war-based video games and he idolizes his great-grandfather who came home a hero from World War II. Now 93, he wants to return to the French village that his unit liberated, and Trevor is going with him but learns that real war is not a video game.

**The War That Saved My Life** by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley. *Newbery Honor Book.*

A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother. Read the sequel **The War I Finally Won.**

**The Watsons Go to Birmingham- 1963** by Christopher Paul Curtis. **Multi**

The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African American family living in Flint, Michigan, are changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963.

**Wolf Hollow** by Lauren Wolk.

Twelve-year-old Annabelle must learn to stand up for what's right in the face of a new bully who targets people Annabelle cares about, including a homeless World War I veteran.



## Poetry

**Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets** by Kwame Alexander. *Coretta Scott King*.

"A poem is a small but powerful thing," says author Alexander, who has written twenty poems that pay tribute to well-known poets who have inspired him. Illustrated by Ekua Holmes.

**Serafina's Promise** by Ann E Burg. **Multi**

In a poor village outside of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Serafina works hard to help her family, but dreams of going to school and becoming a doctor--then the earthquake hits and Serafina must summon all her courage to find her father and still get medicine for her sick baby brother as she promised.

**They Call Me Güero: A Border Kid's Poems** by David Bowles. *Pura Belpre Honor Book*. **Multi**

Life is tough for a border kid, but Güero has figured out how to cope. He writes poetry about his life as a middle-school mexicano who loves reading, gaming, and music.

**Voices in the Air** by Naomi Shihab Nye.

Enjoy poetry by the Poetry Foundation's Young People's Poet Laureate, in this collection of poems about people who inspire peace, hope, and empathy.

**Where the Sidewalk Ends** by Shel Silverstein.

Come in...for where the sidewalk ends, Shel Silverstein's world begins.. Read any book by this author, such as: **Falling Up**, **A Light in the Attic**, and **Every Thing On It**.

### Required Reading for Rising Fourth Graders:

**A Boy Called Bat** by Elana K. Arnold.

For Bixby Alexander Tam (nicknamed Bat), life tends to be full of surprises- some of them good, some not so good. Today, though, is a good-surprise day. Bata's mom, a veterinarian, has brought home a stray baby skunk, which she needs to take care of until she can hand him over to a wild-animal shelter.

### Required Reading for Rising Fifth Graders:

**Tale of Despereaux** by Kate DiCamillo. *Newbery Medal Winner*

The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess he loves, the servant girl longing to be a princess, and a rat determined to ruin them all. These three characters embark on a journey that will lead them down into a horrible dungeon, up into a glittering castle, and, ultimately, into each other's lives.



## Mystery

**Chasing Vermeer** by Blue Balliett. (*Series*)

When strange events occur and a precious Vermeer painting disappears, Petra and Calder use their detective talents to solve an international art scandal. Read the sequels: **The Wright 3**, **The Calder Game**, and **Pieces and Players**.

**Framed!** by James Ponti. (*The Framed! Trilogy*)

Middle school students, Florian and Margaret are unofficial agents for the FBI. They've solved many cases but now they have to clear their FBI mentor's name, even if they have to break into the Library of Congress to crack the case.

**FunJungle Series** by Stuart Gibbs.

Join middle school sleuth, Teddy Fitzroy, as he solves mysteries at FunJungle, the nation's largest zoo in this hilarious series.

**Fuzzy Mud** by Louis Sachar.

Two middle-grade kids take a shortcut home from school and discover what looks like fuzzy mud but is actually a substance with the potential to wreak havoc on the entire world.

**The Ghosts of Tupelo Landing** by Sheila Turnage. (*Sequel*)

When Miss Lana accidentally buys a haunted inn at the Tupelo Landing town auction, Desperado Detectives open a paranormal division to uncover the ghost's identity before the town's big 250th anniversary celebration.

**Greystone Secrets: The Strangers** by Margaret Peterson Haddix. (Book 1)

In this new series, the Greystone siblings hear startling news about three kidnapped children — who sound just like them. Who are these missing children? What is the secret they must solve? Read the sequels: Book 2 **The Deceivers** and Book 3 **The Messengers**.

**The Impossible Clue** by Sarah Rubin.

Math whiz Alice Jones has cracked many codes, but when a famous scientist disappears from a locked room, she must put her detective skills to the test.

**Moon Base Alpha Series** by Stuart Gibbs.

Twelve-year-old Dashiell Gibson solves murders, finds missing people, and searches for a rogue poisoner on the space station he calls home.

**The Parker Inheritance** by Varian Johnson. **Multi**

Candice Miller is spending the summer in Lambert, South Carolina, staying in the old house that belonged to her late grandmother. A long-lost letter draws her into a mystery of her grandmother's past, a mysterious treasure hunt, and a history of injustice.

**The Real McCoys** by Matthew Swanson.

The world's greatest fourth-grade detective faces her biggest challenge! When someone kidnaps beloved school mascot Eddie the Owl, Moxie is on the case — but she's forced to fly solo now that her best friend (and crime-solving partner) has moved away.

**The Secret Garden** by Francis Hodges Burnett.

Ten-year-old Mary comes to live in a servant-run house on the English moors. She discovers her invalid cousin and a mysterious locked garden. Can she find her own happiness and a key to the garden?

**Splendors and Glooms** by Amy Schlitz. *Newbery Honor Book.*

When Clara vanishes after the puppeteer Grisini and two orphaned assistants were at her twelfth birthday party, suspicion of kidnapping chases the trio away from London and soon the two orphans are caught in a trap set by Grisini's ancient rival.

**Spy School** by Stuart Gibbs. (*Series*)

Twelve-year-old Ben Ripley leaves his middle school to attend the CIA's highly secretive Espionage Academy, which everyone is told is an elite science school. *Read the series*

**Three Times Lucky** by Sheila Turnage. *Newbery Honor Book.*

Mo LoBeau, who was washed ashore as a baby, and her best friend Dale turn detective when the amnesiac Colonel seems implicated in a murder.

**Vanished** by Sheela Chari. **Multi**

Eleven-year-old Neela must solve the mystery when her beautiful, but cursed, veena, a classical Indian musical instrument, goes missing.

**When You Reach Me** by Rebecca Stead. *Newbery Medal Winner.*

As her mother prepares to compete on the 1980s television game show, "\$20,000 Pyramid," a 12 year-old girl tries to make sense of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source.

***Read Classic Mystery Series:***

• Nancy Drew • Hardy Boys • Encyclopedia Brown • The Boxcar Children



## Realistic

**11 Before 12** by Lisa Greenwald.

Kaylan and Arianna start middle school with a list of 11 things they are determined to do before their shared 12th birthday party, from deep conversations with their moms to helping humanity.

**Absolutely Almost** by Lisa Graff.

Ten-year-old Albie is not the smartest, tallest, best at gym, art, or music in his class, as his parents keep reminding him, but his new nanny helps him uncover his strengths and take pride in himself.

**Alvin Ho: Allergic to Camping, Hiking and Other Natural Disasters** by Lenore Look. **Multi**

Alvin makes a new friend and learns that he can be brave despite his fear of everything when his father takes him camping, hoping to instill a love of nature. A humorous look at things we fear.

**Amal Unbound** by Aisha Saeed. **Multi**

Twelve-year-old Amal dreams of becoming a teacher, but her dreams are crushed when she accidentally insults a member of her Pakistani village's ruling family. As punishment, she is forced to work for them as a servant, facing her hardships with courage and planning a more just future.

**Amina's Voice** by Hena Khan. **Multi**

A Pakistani-American Muslim girl struggles to stay true to her family's vibrant culture while simultaneously blending in at school after tragedy strikes her community. Read the sequel, **Amina's Song**.

**Because of the Rabbit** by Cynthia Lord. *Read any book by this author.*

Emma is paired with Jack, a boy who doesn't fit in, on her first day of public school. The two bond over her rescue rabbit, But will their new friendship keep Emma from finding a new best friend?

**Because of Winn-Dixie** by Kate DiCamillo.

Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.

**Blended** by Sharon Draper. **Multi**

Isabella's parents are divorced, so she has to switch lives every week. She's Isabella to her Dad and his family and Izzy to her mom so Isabella feels pulled between two worlds.

**The Bridge Home** by Padma Venkatraman. **Multi**

Four homeless children are determined to make a life for themselves in Chennai, India. They search for food, sleep on an abandoned bridge, and form their own new family. A story of social justice.

**Bridge to Terabithia** by Katherine Paterson. *Newbery Medal Winner.*

The life of a ten-year-old boy in rural Virginia expands when he becomes friends with the new girl, Leslie, who has a tragic accident trying to reach their hideaway, Terabithia, during a storm.

**Clayton Byrd Goes Underground** by Rita Williams-Garcia. **Multi**

Clayton is forbidden by his mother from playing the blues after his grandfather dies, so he runs away to the subways to join a blues band. *Best Books of 2017, National Book Award Finalist.*

**Elvis and the Underdogs** by Jenny Lee.

All his life Benji has been sickly and has long been targeted by the school bully, but after a seizure Benji gets a therapy dog that is not only big enough to protect him, it can also talk. *Disabilities.*

**Esperanza Rising** by Pam Muñoz Ryan. **Multi**

Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of privilege in Mexico to work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh conditions facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression.

**Fish in a Tree** by Lynda Mullaly Hunt. (Disabilities)

Ally's greatest fear is that everyone will find out she is as dumb as they think she is because she still doesn't know how to read. novel that will speak to anyone who's ever thought there was something wrong with them because they didn't fit in.

**Genesis Begins Again** by Alicia D. Williams. **Multi**

Thirteen-year-old Genesis tries again and again to lighten her black skin, thinking it is the root of her family's troubles, before discovering reasons to love herself as is.

**A Good Kind of Trouble** by Lisa Ramee. **Multi**

Shayla is a bright student, adjusting to middle school and dedicated to following the rules. She realizes that standing up for what she believes is worth the challenge..

**Holes** by Louis Sachar.

As further evidence of his family's bad fortune, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

**Honey** by Sarah Weeks.

Melody never knew her mother. She died just after Melody was born. When her father starts acting mysterious, all Melody wants is to have her mother to talk to. *Read any title by this author.*

**Just Like Me** by Nancy Cavanaugh. **Multi**

Three very different girls, adopted as babies from the same Chinese orphanage, spend a week at summer camp, where the adoption agency wants them to journal their "bonding experiences."

**The Lemonade War** by Jacqueline Davies. (Series)

Evan and his younger sister, Jesse, battle it out through their lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn \$100. Includes tips for running a lemonade stand. *Read the series.*

**Lety Out Loud** by Angela Cervantes. **Multi**

Lety's first language is Spanish, and she likes to take her time planning what to say. She loves volunteering at the animal shelter, but a competitive classmate challenges her to a contest. Lety doesn't want anything to get in the way of adopting Spike, her favorite dog at the shelter.

**Lost in the Sun** by Lisa Graff.

As Trent Zimmerman struggles to move past a traumatic event that took place months earlier, he befriends class outcast Fallon Little who helps him understand that he can move on.

**Louisiana's Way Home** by Kate DiCamillo.

Louisiana's granny wakes her up in the middle of the night, announcing that "the day of reckoning" has arrived and they must leave home immediately. Granny has had many middle-of-the-night ideas, but this time she intends never to return. Also read **Raymie Nightingale** and **Beverly's Way Home**.

**The Magnificent Mya Tibbs: The Wall of Fame Game** by Crystal Allen. (Series) **Multi**

Mya wants to spend extra time with her mom before the new baby arrives but then her enemy, Naomi, challenges her to win the Wall of Fame Game, which means studying every night.

**Maniac Magee** by Jerry Spinelli.

After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary, as he accomplishes athletic and other feats which awe his contemporaries.

**Merci Suárez Changes Gears** by Meg Medina. *Newbery Medal Winner.* **Multi**

Merci Suarez knew sixth grade would be different, but it's more challenging than she imagined, from conflicts and jealousy at the private school where she is a scholarship student, to the changes in her beloved grandfather. She worries that her family is not telling her what's happening.

**The Million Dollar Shot** by Dan Gutman.

Eddie and his mom live in Louisiana and are struggling financially. Eddie wants to find a way to help. He writes a poem and wins a contest that gives him the chance to win a million dollars. All he has to do is sink a half-court shot. This book is about the importance of family and doing the right thing!

**MOO** by Sharon Creech. *Read any title by this amazing author.*

When Reena, her brother Luke, and their parents move to Maine, Reena doesn't know what to expect. She's ready for beaches, blueberries, and all the lobster she can eat -- instead, her parents "volunteer" Reena and Luke to work for a neighbor who has a pig, a cat, a snake, a stubborn cow.

**The Mother-Daughter Book Club** by Heather Vogel Frederick. (Series)

Emma, Jess, Megan, Becca, and Cassidy go to Camp Lovejoy in New Hampshire to serve as counselors and when some of the young campers are stricken with homesickness, the friends decide to start a summer camp book club.

**The Orphan Train Girl** by Christina Baker Kine.

A young readers' version of the story about seventeen-year-old Molly Ayer, who is sent to perform community service at elderly Vivian Daly's home in order to avoid juvenile hall and discovers that the two are very much alike, despite the vast age difference.

**Out of My Mind** by Sharon Draper.

A brilliant girl who cannot speak or write is considered by some to be mentally challenged. This outstanding fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time. *Disabilities.*

**The Penderwicks** by Jeanne Birdsall. (Read the series)

While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters, ages four through twelve, share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother.

**Restart** by Gordon Korman.

Chase doesn't remember falling off the roof; in fact, he doesn't remember anything about himself. When he gets back to school, he gets clues about who he was through interactions with the other kids...but he doesn't like what is being revealed about him. Can he take this opportunity to "restart"? *See other books by this author in School Stories and Fantasy/Science Fiction.*

**The Season of Styx Malone** by Kekla Magoon. *Coretta Scott King Honor Award.* **Multi**

Brothers Caleb and Bobby have the whole summer ahead of them to explore the woods around their Indiana town. They meet a new neighbor, Styx Malone, a foster boy from the city, who is full of big ideas and plans for adventure.

**Shiloh** by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor. *Newbery Medal Winner.*

When he finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, Marty tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner, a mean-spirited man known to mistreat his dogs. Read the Trilogy.

**Stella Diaz Has Something to Say** by Angela Dominguez. **Multi**

Stella is shy, and worries when she sometimes mixes up Spanish and English or mispronounces words. She loves to spend time with her family and her best friend Jenny, but this year Jenny is in a different class, and Stella misses her and feels nervous about a class presentation.

**The Thing About Luck** by Cynthia Kadohata. **Multi**

Just when twelve-year-old Summer thinks nothing else can possibly go wrong in a year of bad luck, an emergency takes her parents to Japan, leaving Summer to care for her little brother while helping her grandmother cook and do laundry for harvest workers.

**Until I find Julian** by Patricia Reilly Giff. **Multi**

Mateo's big brother Julian works in the U.S. When the family doesn't hear from Julian for a few weeks, Mateo journeys north to find him, crossing the border with the help of a new friend, Angel.

**The Vanderbeekers of 1741st Street** by Karina Yan Glaser. *Read the sequels.*

Told that they will have to move out of their Harlem brownstone just after Christmas, the five Vanderbeeker children, ages four to twelve, decide to change their reclusive landlord's mind.

**Wonder** by R. J. Palacio.

Ten-year-old Auggie, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, where he endure taunts and the fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student. Read companion books: **Auggie and Me** and **We're All Wonders**. *Disabilities.*



## School Stories

**Frindle** by Andrew Clements.

Nick likes to make people laugh and stir things up at school. But his newest shake-up spreads farther than just to his friends at school. Nick invents a new word and soon the whole town is using it! Read any other title by this author: **Landry News**, **Lunch Money**, **The Report Card**, and **Week in the Woods**.

**Fuzzy** by Tom Angleberger.

When Max befriends her new robot classmate Fuzzy, she helps him navigate Vanguard Middle School and together they reveal the truth behind the Robot Integration Program.

**Loser** by Jerry Spinelli.

Even though classmates from first grade on have considered him strange and a loser, Daniel optimism and the support of his loving family do not allow him to feel that way about himself.

**The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl** by Stacy McAnulty.

Lucy doesn't remember being struck by lightning but it changed her life. The zap gave her genius level math skills. Lucy has been home-schooled but now has to pass one more test — middle school!

**Ms. Bixby's Last Day** by John David Anderson.

Ms. Bixby unexpectedly announces that she is sick and won't be able to finish the school year, and Topher, Brand and Steve come up with a plan to tell her how much she means to them.

**Summer According to Humphrey** by Betty Birney. (*Series*)

When summer arrives, Humphrey, the pet hamster of Longfellow School's Room 26, is surprised to learn that he will be going to Camp Happy Hollow.

**Ungifted** by Gordon Korman.

Due to an administrative mix-up, troublemaker Donovan Curtis is sent to the Academy of Scholastic Distinction, for gifted and talented students. *Read the sequel: Supergifted.*

**Unteachables** by Gordon Korman.

Over the course of a school year, though, 'The Unteachables' and Mr. Kermit, room 117, will experience mayhem, destruction--and maybe even a shot at redemption

**A View from Saturday** by E. L. Konigsburg. *Newbery Medal Winner.*

Four students develop a special bond and attract the attention of their teacher, who chooses them to represent their sixth-grade class in the Academic Bowl competition.

**Whatshisface** by Gordon Korman.

As the new kid in school, who has moved five times in three years, Cooper's not surprised when the kids at Stratford Middle School call him "Whatshisface."

### Books about Fourth Grade

**Calvin Coconut, Dog Heaven** by Graham Salisbury. **Multi**

Fourth-grader Calvin creates a unique way to express his desire for a dog after his teacher asks him to write a persuasive argument about something he really wants.

**The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary School** by Candace Fleming.

An unlikely teacher takes over the disorderly fourth-grade class of Aesop Elementary School with surprising results.

**Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing** by Judy Blume.

Peter finds his demanding two-year-old brother an ever-increasing problem.

### Books about Fifth Grade

**Because of Mr. Terupt** by Rob Buyea.

It's the start of fifth grade for seven kids at Snow Hill School. Mr. Terupt, their energetic new teacher makes the classroom a fun place, even if he doesn't let them get away with much... until the snowy winter day when an accident changes everything and everyone.

**Cleo Edison Oliver: Playground Millionaire** by Sundee Tucker Frasier. **Multi**

Fifth-grader Cleo Edison Oliver has money-making ideas, but things get complicated when she has to be a good listener when her best friend needs her, and deal with the bully teasing her about being adopted.

**Homework Machine** by Andrew Clements.

Four fifth-grade students as well as their teacher and mothers, each relate events surrounding a computer programmed to complete homework assignments.

**Jubilee** by Patricia Reilly Giff.

Judith stopped talking long ago when Mom left her in the care of Aunt Cora. Going back into a regular fifth-grade class won't be easy, but she has her dog and new friend. *Disabilities.*

**The Last Fifth Grade of Emerson Elementary** by Laura Shovan.

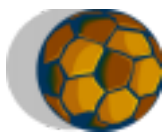
The kids in the graduating fifth grade class of Emerson Elementary join together to try to save their school from being torn down to make way for a supermarket.

**Save Me a Seat** by Sarah Weeks. **Multi**

Ravi just moved from India; Joe lived in the same town his whole life. When their lives intersect they are brought together by a common enemy and the need to take control of their lives.

**A Week in the Woods** by Andrew Clements.

The fifth grade's annual camping trip in the woods tests Mark's survival skills and his ability to relate to the teacher he thinks doesn't like rich kids, or slackers, or know-it-alls.



## Sports Stories

**Beyond Lucky** by Sarah Aronson.

Twelve-year-old Ari Fish thinks the rare trading card he found has changed his soccer team's luck, but after the card is stolen he realizes that we make our own luck, and that heroes can be fallible.

**Football Genius** by Tim Green. *(Series)*

We can predict football plays before they happen. Any position. Any player. Any team. When Troy's mom gets a job working for the Atlanta Falcons, Troy figures it's his chance to prove what he can do.

**Game Changers** by Mike Lupica. *(Series)*

Ben is every football team's dream player. He can handle almost any position. But Ben wants to be the starting quarterback, and the one thing standing in his way is the coach's son.

**Ghost** by Jason Reynolds. *(Track Series)* **Multi** *Read any title by this author.*

"Ghost" is seventh-grader Castle Crenshaw, hassled by a bully, in trouble at school, looking for his place and his purpose. He finds it on the track team, with new teammates and a special coach who teaches him "you can't run away from who you are, but you can run toward who you want to be."

**Gold Medal Summer** by Donna Freitas.

After Joey learns that her best friend wants to quit competitive gymnastics, she considers giving up her dream of winning gold medals in order to have a normal life.

**The Hero Two Doors Down** by Sharon Robinson.

In 1948, when eight-year-old Steve learns that his African American baseball hero Jackie Robinson, who broke the color barrier in the sport the previous year, will be the new next-door neighbor in his all-Jewish Brooklyn neighborhood, he gains knowledge about respect, friendship, and unity.

**In the Zone** by Alex Morgan. *(The Kicks Series)*

Spring season continues and the Kicks are working their hardest to be champions. But Emma's confidence takes a dive after tripping and letting a shot go into the goal.

**Rebound** by Kwame Alexander. **Multi**

Twelve-year-old Chuck Bell spends the summer with his grandparents, where he discovers jazz and basketball and learns more about his family's past. Also read: **Booked**, **Crossover**, and **Playbook**.

**Soar** by Joan Bauer.

Jeremiah is the world's biggest baseball fan and he knows just about everything there is to know about his favorite sport. So when he's told he can't play baseball following an operation on his heart, Jeremiah decides he'll do the next best thing and become a coach.

**Strike Zone** by Mike Lupica. **Multi**

Little League pitcher Nick Garcia dreams of winning this season's MVP award and the chance to throw out the first pitch at Yankee Stadium. He also dreams of a cure for Lupus, for his sister. Most of all, he dreams of his family no longer living in fear. *Read any title by this gifted sports writer.*



## Nonfiction



**This is only a sampling of all the wonderful nonfiction books available.**

**Chasing Freedom: The Life Journeys of Harriet Tubman and Susan B. Anthony** by Nikki Grimes. **Multi**

In this imaginative biographical story, Harriet Tubman and Susan B. Anthony sit down in 1904 to reminisce about their struggles and triumphs in the service of freedom and women's rights.

**Hidden Figures** by Margot Lee Shetterly. (*Young Readers' Edition*) **Multi**

Four African American women mathematicians contributed to U.S. aeronautical advances by doing calculations for plane production during the war and for the space program.

**Lost in Outer Space: The Incredible Journey of Apollo 13** by Tod Olson.

In 1970, 200,000 miles from Earth, an explosion ripped through Apollo 13, crippling the ship and leaking oxygen. The crew was 2 days from walking on the moon. Now, will they set foot on Earth again?

**Mindful Me: Mindfulness and Meditation for Kids** by Whitney Stewart.

Sometimes life gets busy and feels out of control. Worries take over, friends grow apart, loneliness sets in, with feelings of frustration or anger. Mindfulness techniques can help, guided by this book.

**Mythology: The Gods, Heroes, and Monsters of Ancient Greece** by Lady Hestia Evans.

Introduces Greek mythology, exploring gods and goddesses with maps and "secret" messages. *Read other "-ology" books such as Egyptology, Pirateology, Oceanology.*

**Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales Series** by Nathan Hale.

Elements of the strange but true are presented in this series, highlighting the larger-than-life characters that pop up in real history. (Graphic novels.)

**National Geographic Kids Weird But True Series**

Fun reference books chock-full of wacky facts and bold illustration and photographs.

**This Is How We Do It** by Matt Lamothe. **Multi**

Follow the real lives of seven kids from around the world - Italy, Japan, Iran, India, Peru, Uganda and Russia for a single day!

**Three Cups of Tea** by Greg Mortenson. (*Young Readers' Edition*) **Multi**

Dr. Greg Mortenson was rescued and healed by Himalayan villagers after his failed attempt to climb K2. In gratitude, he returned to build schools for girls previously denied education by the Taliban.

**"What Was...?" series**

The What Was...? series features important American history facts. Each title contains many pages of photos, illustrations, and a timeline. *Read any title in the series.*



## Biography

**The Boy on the Wooden Box** by Leon Leyson. **Multi**

Leon Leyson describes growing up in Poland, being forced from home to ghetto to concentration camps by the Nazis, and being saved by Oskar Schindler.

**Bravo!** by Margarita Engel. **Multi**

Musician, botanist, baseball player, pilot—the Latinos featured in this collection, *Bravo!* come from many different countries and from many different backgrounds.

**Brown Girl Dreaming** by Jacqueline Woodson. *Newbery Honor Book. Coretta Scott King Award.* **Multi**

The author shares her childhood memories and reveals the first sparks that ignited her writing career in free-verse poems about growing up in the North and South.

**Dissenter on the Bench: Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Life and Work** by Victoria Ortiz. **Multi**

The life and career of the fiercely principled Supreme Court Justice, now a popular icon.

**Frederick Douglass: The Lion Who Wrote History** by Walter Dean Myers. **Multi**

Frederick Douglass was self-educated and grew up to become an icon. He was an abolitionist leader, writer, speaker, and social reformer, who said, "Once you learn to read, you will be forever free."

**Gandhi: A March to the Sea** by Alice McGinty. **Multi**

Tells of the March to the Sea when Mohandas Gandhi and seventy protesters marched from Ahmedabad to Dandi, in twenty-four days, to protest the laws and taxes from Great Britain.

**Her Story: 50 Women and Girls Who Shook Up the World** by Katherine Halligan.

Meet women from around the globe and throughout history who shaped the world we know today.

**I am Malala: how one girl stood up for education and changed the world** by Malala Yousafzai. **Multi**

Malala describes her fight for education for girls under Taliban rule, the support she received from her parents to pursue an education, and how the Taliban retaliated against her by trying to kill her. *Autobiography.*

**Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History** by Vashti Harrison. **Multi**

Meet forty trailblazing black women throughout American history and learn their stories.

**Red Scarf Girl: a Memoir of the Cultural Revolution** by Ji-li Jiang. **Multi**

Growing up in Shanghai during the revolution, Jiang paints a portrait of a brutal political movement.

**"Who is...?" and "Who Was...?" Series.** *Read any title in the series.*

Who Was...? series tells the incredible stories of trailblazers, legends, innovators, and creators.

**Wildheart: The Daring Adventures of John Muir** by Julie Bertagna. *(Graphic Format Biography)*

Muir comes to life in this biography of the 19th-century environmentalist, inventor, and adventurer, from his childhood to mountain climbing in Yosemite with President Theodore Roosevelt.



# The Pingry Lower School Library

## 2022 Summer Reading List Log



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in September: \_\_\_\_\_

My Reading Goal (# of books to read): \_\_\_\_\_

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