

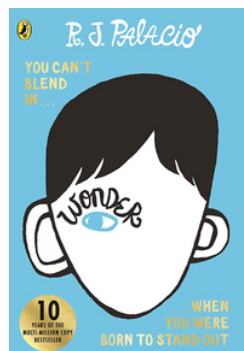
2023 Rising 5th Grade Summer Reading Choices:

Read **one** of the following and at least **two** additional titles.



Roll with It by Jamie Sumner ([Sora ebook and audiobook](#))

"Ellie dreams of being a famous baker/chef, instead of being known as the 'kid with cerebral palsy in a wheelchair.' Ellie's world is turned upside down when she and her mother move to her grandmother's trailer park residence in Oklahoma to assist with the care of her ailing grandfather, who suffers from the early stages of dementia and Alzheimer's disease. Ellie rises to the challenge of being the new girl in school and makes new friends through her kindness, as well as her baking prowess. Ellie finds a way to conquer her doubts and prove to her mother that the move to Oklahoma was a good thing for both of them.... Sumner offers a heartfelt and humorous glimpse into the life of a girl with cerebral palsy who is determined to make her mark on a world that often perceives her as limited because of her disability." (*School Library Journal*)



Wonder by R.J. Palacio ([Sora ebook and audiobook](#))

"After being home-schooled for years, Auggie Pullman is about to start fifth grade, but he's worried: How will he fit into middle school life when he looks so different from everyone else?... He's smart, funny, kind and brave, but his father says that having Auggie attend Beecher Prep would be like sending "a lamb to the slaughter." Palacio divides the novel into eight parts, interspersing Auggie's first-person narrative with the voices of family members and classmates, wisely expanding the story beyond Auggie's viewpoint and demonstrating that Auggie's arrival at school doesn't test only him, it affects everyone in the community. Auggie may be finding his place in the world, but that world must find a way to make room for him, too. A memorable story of kindness, courage and wonder." (*Kirkus Reviews*)



Ways to Make Sunshine by Renée Watson ([Sora ebook and audiobook](#))

"In this first installment in a contemporary realistic African American middle grade series, Ryan Hart's family must relocate to another part of Portland, OR, because her dad isn't making as much money as he once did. Ryan is a young girl confident in her gifts; she especially loves to cook. She is also capable of standing up for herself, particularly when she is teased for having a name more commonly given to boys. And she has a lively imagination; Ryan collaborates with her friends on creative indoor activities when the Grand Floral Parade gets rained out and prepares for the school talent show. The theme of loving family and friends even through difficult times will resonate with readers. Cheerful black-and-white illustrations enhance the story and convey Ryan's effervescent personality." (*School Library Journal*)



Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt ([Sora ebook and audiobook](#))

"Ally doesn't fit in. She draws beautifully and can create movies in her mind, but she is often bullied and hides the fact that she cannot read. Now in her seventh school, she plans to pull the wool over the eyes of her sixth-grade teacher, as she has done with many other teachers in the past. But Mr. Daniels is different. He believes in Ally, insisting she is smart, and it's almost enough to make her want to try his different way of learning. Could she actually, possibly learn to read? Filled with a delightful range of quirky characters and told with tons of heart, the story also explores themes of family, friendship, and courage in its many forms." (*Booklist, starred review*)

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Realistic and Historical Fiction:

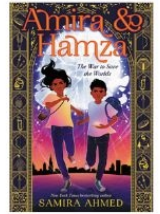
Letters from Cuba by Ruth Behar
Stand on the Sky by Erin Bow
Saving Winslow and Moo by Sharon Creech
The Mighty Miss Malone
 by Christopher Paul Curtis
J.D. and the Great Barber Battle by J. Dillard
Out of My Heart by Sharon Draper
Louisa June & the Nazis in the Waves by L.M. Elliott
Bear Bottom by Stuart Gibbs
The Vanderbeekers to the Rescue
 by Karina Yan Glaser
Macy McMillan and the Rainbow Goddess
 by Shari Green
The Night Diary by Veera Hiranandani
Shouting at the Rain by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
Amina's Voice by Hena Khan
Song for a Whale by Lynn Kelly
The Superteacher Project by Gordon Korman
Show Me a Sign by Ann Clare LeZotte
Point Guard by Mike Lupica
Nowhere Boy by Katherine Marsh
The Queen Bee and Me by Gillian McDunn
Merci Suarez Doesn't Dance by Meg Medina
Pax by Sara Pennypacker
 Track Series by Jason Reynolds
Operation Sisterhood by Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich
A Rover's Story by Jasmine Warga
Ways to Make Sunshine by Renee Watson

Nonfiction:

A Shot in the Arm! by Don Brown
Grasping Mysteries: Girls Who Loved Math
 by Jeannine Atkins
Astronauts: Women on the Final Frontier
 by Jim Ottaviani & Maris Wicks
Percy Jackson's Greek Gods by Rick Riordan
Fallout: Spies, Superbombs, & the Ultimate Cold War
Showdown by Steve Sheinkin

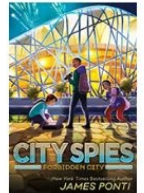
Fantasy and Science Fiction:

The Girl and the Ghost by Hanna Alkaf
Amira & Hamza Samira Ahmed
Arlo Finch and the Kingdom of Shadows
 by John August
The Game of Stars by Sayantani Dasgupta
The Storm Keeper's Island by Catherine Doyle
League of Seven by Alan Gratz
The Silver Arrow by Lev Grossman
The Hidden Knife by Melissa Marr
The Witch, the Sword, and the Cursed Knights
 by Alexandria Rogers
A Wish in the Dark by Christina Soontornvat
Nik Blake and the Remarkables by Angie Thomas



Series:

The Carver Chronicles by Karen English
Fun Jungle by Stuart Gibbs
Survivor Diaries by Terry Lynn Johnson
Zayd Saleem, Chasing the Dream by Hena Khan
Wolves of the Beyond by Kathryn Lasky
Keeper of the Lost Cities
 by Shannon Messenger
City Spies by James Ponti
I Survived by Lauren Tarshis



Graphic Novels in Any Genre:

Marshmallow and Jordan by Alina Chau
Swim Team by Johnnie Christmas
Before They Were Artists: Famous Illustrators As Kids
 by Elizabeth Haidle
Hazardous Tales Series by Nathan Hale
The Nameless City by Faith Erin Hicks
Measuring Up by Lily Lamotte
Stunt Boy: In the Meantime by Jason Reynolds
Bomb by Steve Sheinkin
Secret Coders series by Gene Luen Yang



Adventure and Mystery:

Small Spaces by Katherine Arden
The Trail by Meika Hashimoto
Shadows of Sherwood by Kekla Magoon
The Boundless by Kenneth Oppel
A Wolf Called Wander by Rosanne Parry
The Explorer by Katherine Rundell
When a Ghost Talks, Listen by Tim Tingle

