

Fifth Grade

READING & WRITING WORKSHOP

PERSONAL NARRATIVES

Boy by Roald Dahl

“As full of excitement and the unexpected as his world-famous, best-selling books, Roald Dahl's tales of his own childhood are completely fascinating and fiendishly funny. Did you know that Roald Dahl nearly lost his nose in a car accident? Or that he was once a chocolate candy tester for Cadbury's?”

Going Solo by Roald Dahl

“Superb stories, daring deeds, fantastic adventures! Learn all about Roald Dahl's worldwide travels, the life-threatening injuries he sustained in a plane accident, and the rest of his sometimes bizarre, often unnerving, and always colorful adventures.”

Julie of the Wolves by Jean Craighead George

“At 13, an orphan, and unhappily married, Miyax runs away from her husband's parents' home, hoping to reach San Francisco and her pen pal. But she becomes lost in the vast Alaskan tundra, with no food, no shelter, and no idea which is the way to safety.”

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

“Grown-up Meg, tomboyish Jo, timid Beth, and precocious Amy. The four March sisters couldn't be more different. But with their father away at war, and their mother working to support the family, they have to rely on one another. Whether they're putting on a play, forming a secret society, or celebrating Christmas, there's one thing they can't help wondering: Will Father return home safely?”

Wonder by R.J. Palacio

“August Pullman was born with a facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face.”

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

“Having spent twenty-seven years behind the glass walls of his enclosure in a shopping mall, Ivan has grown accustomed to humans watching him. He hardly ever thinks about his life in the jungle. Instead, Ivan occupies himself with television, his friends Stella and Bob, and painting. But when he meets Ruby, a baby elephant taken from the wild, he is forced to see their home, and his art, through new eyes.”

SOCIAL ISSUES

Out of My Mind by Sharon M. Draper

"Eleven-year-old Melody is not like most people. She can't walk. She can't talk. She can't write. All because she has cerebral palsy. But she also has a photographic memory; she can remember every detail of everything she has ever experienced. Melody refuses to be defined by her disability. And she's determined to let everyone know it...somehow."

Counting by 7s

"Willow Chance is a twelve-year-old genius, obsessed with nature and diagnosing medical conditions, who finds it comforting to count by 7s. It has never been easy for her to connect with anyone other than her adoptive parents, but that hasn't kept her from leading a quietly happy life . . . until now."

Hoot by Carl Hiaasen

"Everybody loves Mother Paula's pancakes. Everybody, that is, except the colony of cute but endangered owls that live on the building site of the new restaurant. Can the awkward new kid and his feral friend prank the pancake people out of town? Or is the owls' fate cemented in pancake batter?"

Refugee by Alan Gratz

"Three kids go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge. All will face unimaginable dangers -- from drownings to bombings to betrayals. But there is always the hope of tomorrow. And although Josef, Isabel, and Mahmoud are separated by continents and decades, shocking connections will tie their stories together in the end."

Ghost by Jason Reynolds

"Ghost, a naturally talented runner and troublemaker, is recruited for an elite middle school track team. He must stay on track, literally and figuratively, to reach his full potential."

George by Alex Gino

"When people look at George, they think they see a boy. But she knows she's not a boy. She knows she's a girl."

The Red Pencil by Andrea Davis Pinkney

"After her tribal village is attacked by militants, Amira, a young Sudanese girl, must flee to safety at a refugee camp, where she finds hope and the chance to pursue an education in the form of a single red pencil and the friendship and encouragement of a wise elder"

The Lottery's Plus One by Emma Donoghue

"Once upon a time, two couples with Jamaican, Mohawk, Indian, and Scottish ethnic roots won the lottery and bought a big house where all of them, four adults and seven adopted and biological children, could live together in harmony--but change is inevitable, especially when a disagreeable grandfather comes to stay."

Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes

“After seventh-grader Jerome is shot by a white police officer, he observes the aftermath of his death and meets the ghosts of other fallen black boys including historical figure Emmett Till.”

HISTORICAL

Nine, Ten by Nora Raleigh Baskin

“Ask anyone: September 11, 2001, was serene and lovely, a perfect day—until a plane struck the World Trade Center. But right now it is a few days earlier, and four kids in different parts of the country are going about their lives. These four don’t know one another, but their lives are about to intersect in ways they never could have imagined.”

Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson

“After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War.”

Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko

“Today I moved to a twelve-acre rock covered with cement, topped with bird turd and surrounded by water. I’m not the only kid who lives here. There’s my sister, Natalie, except she doesn’t count. And there are twenty-three other kids who live on the island because their dads work as guards or cook’s or doctors or electricians for the prison, like my dad does.”

The War that Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

“Nine-year-old Ada has never left her one-room apartment. Her mother is too humiliated by Ada’s twisted foot to let her outside. So when her little brother Jamie is shipped out of London to escape the war, Ada doesn’t waste a minute—she sneaks out to join him.”

The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate by Jacqueline Kelly

“As Callie explores the natural world around her, she develops a close relationship with her grandfather, navigates the dangers of living with six brothers, and comes up against just what it means to be a girl at the turn of the century.”

Turtle in Paradise by Jennifer L. Holm

“11-year-old Turtle is no Shirley Temple. She’s smart and tough and has seen enough of the world not to expect a Hollywood ending. After all, it’s 1935 and jobs and money and sometimes even dreams are scarce. So when Turtle’s mama gets a job housekeeping for a lady who doesn’t like kids, Turtle says goodbye without a tear and heads off to Key West, Florida to live with relatives she’s never met.”

Kira-Kira by Cynthia Kadohata

“Glittering. That’s how Katie Takeshima’s sister, Lynn, makes everything seem. The sky is kira-kira because its color is deep but see-through at the same time. The sea is kira-kira for the same reason. And so are people’s eyes. When Katie and her family move from a Japanese community in Iowa to the Deep South of Georgia, it’s Lynn who explains to her

why people stop on the street to stare. And it's Lynn who, with her special way of viewing the world, teaches Katie to look beyond tomorrow."

FANTASY

The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill

"Every year, the people of the Protectorate leave a baby as an offering to the witch who lives in the forest. They hope this sacrifice will keep her from terrorizing their town. But the witch in the forest, Xan, is kind and gentle. Xan rescues the abandoned children and delivers them to welcoming families on the other side of the forest, nourishing the babies with starlight on the journey."

Breadcrumbs by Anne Ursu

"Once upon a time, Hazel and Jack were best friends. But that was before he stopped talking to her and disappeared into a forest with a mysterious woman made of ice. Now it's up to Hazel to go in after him." **The Book of Three** by Lloyd Alexander

"Taran, Assistant Pig-Keeper to a famous oracular sow, sets out on a hazardous mission to save Prydain from the forces of evil."

Nevermoor: The Adventures of Morrigan Crow by Jessica Townsend

"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"

100 Cupboards by N.D. Wilson

"After his parents are kidnapped, timid twelve-year-old Henry York leaves his sheltered Boston life and moves to small-town Kansas, where he and his cousin Henrietta discover and explore hidden doors in his attic room that seem to open onto other worlds."

Coraline by Neil Gaiman

"When Coraline steps through a door to find another house strangely similar to her own (only better), things seem marvelous. But there's another mother there, and another father, and they want her to stay and be their little girl. They want to change her and never let her go."

Fablehaven by Brandon Mull

"For centuries mystical creatures of all description were gathered into a hidden refuge called Fablehaven to prevent their extinction. The sanctuary survives today as one of the last strongholds of true magic. Enchanting? Absolutely. Exciting? You bet. Safe? Well, actually, quite the opposite." **The Stonekeeper** by Kazu Kibuishi

“After the tragic death of their father, Emily and Navin move with their mother to the home of her deceased great-grandfather, but the strange house proves to be dangerous. Before long, a sinister creature lures the kids' mom through a door in the basement. Em and Navin, desperate not to lose her, follow her into an underground world inhabited by demons, robots, and talking animals.”

MATH

A Math Journey Through Planet Earth by Anne Rooney

A Math Journey Through Space by Anne Rooney

A Math Journey Through the Human Body by Anne Rooney

Algebra & Geometry by Basher Science

Common Core Math Grade 5: Activities that Captivate, Motivate, & Reinforce by Marjorie Frank

Decimals and Fractions by Rebecca Wingard-Nelson

Decimals and Fractions Grade 5 by Kumon

Division Building Blocks of Mathematics series

Focus on Reducing and Calculating Fractions by Kumon

Fraction Building Blocks of Mathematics series

Fractions and Decimals by Rebecca Wingard-Nelson

Fractions Building Blocks of Mathematics series

Fun Food Word Problems Starring Fractions by Rebecca Wingard-Nelson

Geometry and Measurement by Kumon

Math Matters: Decimals by Grolier Educational Corporation

Multiplication and Division by Rebecca Wingard-Nelson

Multiplication Building Blocks of Mathematics series

Multiplication by Kumon

New Jersey Test Prep PARCC Practice Book: Mathematics Grade 5

School Rules! Math by American Girl

Word Problems Grade 5 by Kumon

SCIENCE

BUILDING BLOCKS OF MATTER

Physics: Why Matter Matters by Basher Science

Junk Drawer Physics: 50 Awesome Experiments That Don't Cost a Thing by Bobby Mercer

Hands on Science: Forces and Motion, Sound and Light, Electricity and Magnets, Matter and Materials by Kingfisher

Professor Astro Cat's Atomic Adventure by Dr. Dominic Walliman and Ben Newman

Simply Science: Atoms by Melissa Stewart

What Is Atomic Theory? by Adam Mclean

CHANGES IN MATTER

Explores Solids and Liquids with 25 Great Projects by Kathleen M. Reilly

Building Blocks of Science: Matter and How It Changes by Joseph Midthun

Building Blocks of Science: Matter and Its Properties by Joseph Midthun

The Nature of Matter by Debra Housel

Wile E. Coyote Experiments with States of Matter by Suzanne Slade

Make It Change! by Anna Claybourne

Make it Splash! by Anna Claybourne

What Do You Know About States of Matter? By Tilda Monroe

ENERGY FOR HUMANS AND OTHER LIVING THINGS

Food Chain Frenzy by Anne Capeci

Who Eats What series by Rebecca Pettiford

Our Living Earth: A Story of People, Ecology, and Preservation by Yann Arthus-Bertrand

Plant and Animal Adaptations by Joseph Midthun

Essential Life Science: Life Processes by Louise and Richard Spilsbury

Ecology by Steve Pollock

Earth's Cycles: Green Science Projects about the Water Cycles, Photosynthesis, and More by
Robert Gardner

Incredible Plants by Dr. Roger Carolin

Plant Life Cycles by Joseph Midthun

An Inside Look: The World Of Plant Life by Gerald Legg

Cycles In Nature: Plant Life by Theresa Greenaway

Plant by David Burnie

Plant Structure and Classification by Joseph Midthun

PATTERNS IN THE SKY

Constellations by .F S. Kim

Constellations by Paul P Sipiera **Night**

Sky by Howard Schneider

Find the Constellations by H. A. Rey

What are Stars? by Carmen Bredeson

The Sun by Patricia Whitehouse

The Stars by Gail Mack

The Sun and Other Stars

Planet Earth by Basher Science

The how and why library, Our Earth by Childcraft World Book

THE CHANGING EARTH

10 Rivers that Shaped the World by Marilee Peters

Ocean and Sea by Steve Parker

Cycles in Nature: The Water Cycle by Theresa Greenaway

Planet Earth by John Woodward

Pocket Genius: Earth by DK

Planet Earth by John Woodward

3-D Earth by John Woodward

Findout! Earth by Maryam Sharif-Draper

The Kids' Book of Clouds and Sky by Frank Staub

Weather by Basher Science

The Science of Weather: The Changing Truth About Earth's Climate by Ian Graham

Eyewitness Weather by DK

Forces of Nature by World Book

U.S. Landforms by Dana Meachen

SOCIAL STUDIES
A GROWING NATION

Our Nation's Documents by Time Kids

Where Did Sacagawea Join the Corps of Discovery? by Linda Gondosch **Who**

Was Sacagawea? by Judith Bloom Fradin and Dennis Brindell Fradin **What**

Was the Lewis and Clark Expedition?

The Young Nation: America 1787-1861: A Growing Nation by David M. Brownstone and Irene
M. Franck

The New Americans by Brownstone and Franck

Building an Empire: The Louisiana Purchase by Linda Thompson

Lewis and Clark's Journey of Discovery by Judith Edwards

Lewis & Clark: Blazing a Trail West by John Burrows

Lewis and Clark and the Route to the Pacific by Seamus Cavan [1991]

The Lewis and Clark Journals by B.J. Carter

Discovering the West: The Expedition of Lewis and Clark by John Micklos Jr.

Westward Expansion by Teresa Domnauer

The Oregon Trail by Mel Friedman

Going West! Journey on a Wagon Train to Settle a Frontier Town by Caol A. Johmann and
Elizabeth J. Rieth

Gold Rush and Riches by Paul Robert Walker

The Industrial Revolution in the United States by Don Nardo

Life During the Industrial Revolution by Julia Garstecki

America Enters the Industrial Revolution by Susan Hamen

The Industrial Revolution, Migration, and Immigration by Nick Christopher

The Industrial Revolution by Andrew Langley--*global perspective*

All About America: The Industrial Revolution by Hilarie N. Staton

WAR DIVIDES A NATION

What Was the Missouri Compromise? by Wendy Lanier

Primary Source Accounts of the Civil War by Archie P. McDonald

Eyewitness: Civil War DK Publishing

Causes of the Civil War by Alison Imbriaco

Abraham Lincoln & Frederick Douglass: The Story Behind an American Friendship by Russell
Freedman

Slavery in America by Jean F. Blashfield

What Was the Underground Railroad? By Yona Zeldis McDonough

The Underground Railroad by Lucia Raatma

The Underground Railroad in American History by Kem Knapp Sawyer

Get on Board: The Story of the Underground Railroad by Jim Haskins

Freedom Roads: Searching for the Underground Railroad by Joyce Hansen and Gary McGowan

Guts & Glory: The American Civil War by Ben Thompson

Slavery and the Civil War by Linda R. Wade

The Emancipation Proclamation by Monique Vescia

The Battle of Gettysburg and Lincoln's Gettysburg Address by Carin T. Ford

The Gettysburg Address in Translation: What it Really Means by Kay Melchisedech Olson

Daring Women of the Civil War by Carin T. Ford

A Separate Battle: Women and the Civil War by Ina Chang

EXPANSION AND CHANGE

A Different Mirror For Young People: A History of Multicultural America by Ronald Takaki

Development of the Industrial U.S.: Biographies by Sonia G. Benson et al.

Andrew Carnegie: Captain of Industry by Dana Meachen Rau

Pioneers of the Industrial Age: Breakthroughs in Technology by Sherman Hollar

The Industrial Revolution in the United States by Don Nardo

Who was Mark Twain? by April Jones Prince

Alexander Graham Bell: Giving Voice to the World by Mary Kay Carson

Thomas Edison by Jan Adkins

Who was Thomas Alva Edison? by Margaret Frith

Thomas Edison: A Brilliant Inventor by Time for Kids

Who was Susan B. Anthony? by Pam Pollack and Meg Belviso

Iron Rails, Iron Men, and the Race to Link the Nation by Martin W. Sandler

To the Golden Mountain: the Story of the Chinese who Built the Transcontinental Railroad by

Lila Perl

Indians of the Plains and Great Basin by World Book

What Was Ellis Island? by Patricia Demuth

The Italian Americans by Richard Bowen

The Chinese Americans by Marissa Lingen

The Irish Americans by Brenda Haugen

The German Americans by Peg Ashbrock

Alaska by Rebecca Stefoff

Hawaii by Ann Graham Gaines

THE UNITED STATES AND THE WORLD

The Untold History of the United States (1898-1945) by Oliver Stone and Peter Kuznick

Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony: a friendship that changed the world by Penny

Colman

Roses and Radicals: the Epic Story of How American Women Won the Right to Vote by Susan

Zimet

Who was Theodore Roosevelt? by Michael Burgan

The Great Adventure: Theodore Roosevelt and the Rise of Modern America by Albert Marrin

Theodore Roosevelt: Our Twenty-Sixth President by Ann Graham Gaines

Come on In, America: The United States in World War I by Linda Barrett Osborne

World War I by Sean Connolly

World War I by DK Eyewitness Books

What was Pearl Harbor by Patricia Brennan Demuth

Pearl Harbor by Stewart Ross and Joe Woodward

World War II by Reg Grant

Dk Findout! World War II by Brian Williams

The Holocaust, Hitler, and Nazi Germany by Linda Jacobs Altman

Surviving the Holocaust by Cath Senker

Three days in Moscow: Ronald Reagan and the Fall of the Soviet Empire by Bret Baier

Top Secret Files: The Cold War by Stephanie Bearce **The**

Cold War: Collapse of Communism by Earle Rice Jr.

The Cuban Missile Crisis by Charlie Samuels

The Korean War by Carter Malkasian

Extraordinary People of the Civil Rights Movement by Sheila Hardy and P. Stephen Hardy

The Story of the Little Rock Nine and School Desegregation in Photographs by David Aretha

Voices of the Civil Rights Movement by Lori Mortensen **Martin**

Luther King Jr. by Kenneth C. Davis

Martin Luther King: The Peaceful Warrior by Ed Clayton

What Was the March on Washington? by Kathleen Krull

A Dream of Freedom by Diane McWhorter

M.L.K. A Journey of a King by Tonya Bolden

50 things you should know about the Vietnam War by Chris McNab

Vietnam War by Stuart Murray

The Vietnam War, 1956-1975 by Andrew Wiest

Boots on the Ground: America's War in Vietnam by Elizabeth Partridge

Behind the Terror by John Hamilton

Infiltration and Spying by David Baker

The Crash of United Flight 93 on September 11, 2001 by Tonya Buell

The Attack on the Pentagon on September 11, 2001 by Carolyn Gard

The 2001 World Trade Center Attack by Jacqueline Dembar Greene

September 11, 2001: The Day That Changed America by Jill C. Wheeler

The Story of September 11, 2001 by Kathleen Tracy