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5th Grade Summer Book Review

Name of the Book:	The Author:	Genre:
Publication Date:	Number of Pages:	Date Finished:

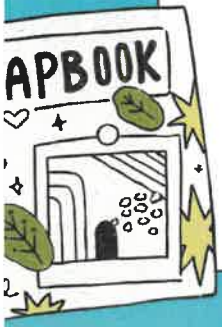
SUMMARY

Write a short summary of the book in your own words. What is the main plot or idea?

CHARACTERS

Main Characters:

Name and Description:

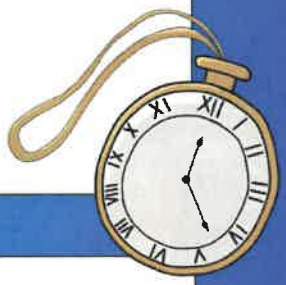




SETTING

Where and When: (Describe the time and place where the story happens.)





FAVORITE PART

What was your favorite part of the book? Why?

THEMES/MESSAGES

What are the main themes or messages of the book? What do you think the author wanted you to learn or think about? Why?



RATING

On a scale of 1 to 5 stars, how would you rate this book? Explain your rating.





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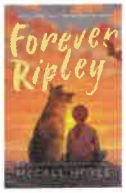
The Bug Bandits by Jenni L. Walsh

Liberty Jacobs feels right at home at the Insectarium her father runs. When she hears it might close, she comes up with an idea to help save it. But that idea is put on hold when she learns someone is planning to rob it to steal the rarest creatures. Getting inspiration from the movie Home Alone and the natural defenses insects use, Liberty and her friends set out to stop the bug bandits.



Curveball by Pablo Cartaya

Can a knee injury turn her whole life around when life throws a curveball at Elena Rueda. Even though she may be able to return to the sport eventually, Elena finds joy in activities that don't have winners like joining her brother, Benji, in live action role playing. Friendship and fun become number one in this character driven graphic novel.



Forever Ripley by McCall Hoyle

Join Ripley the German Shepard as she takes readers on a journey fulfilling her handler's Max last wishes, "take care of my girls". Ripley has guarded Charlie, the girl she loves more than peanut butter, but now her time is running short. A sweet reminder that friendships and making memories can help us through even the hardest times.



Growing Home by Beth Ferry

Jillian and her family live at Number 3 Ramshorn Drive along with their only pet, Toasty, the goldfish. Toasty lives in an octagonal tank and doesn't understand why Jillian is so obsessed with an Ivy plant. The tank has been in their family for generations but it holds a secret. This magical tank helps bring together our cast of characters and helps us learn the true meaning of friendship.



The House at the Edge of Magic by Amy Sparkes

Nine is an orphan who has been forced into a life of pickpocketing. Her world changes when she steals a small, house-shaped ornament from a lady at the market. When nine knocks on the door of the ornament, it grows into a large house full of magic, mysteries, and a curse that only she can break. Can Nine save this house from the curse before the clock strikes 15 and time runs out?



J vs. K by Kwame Alexander and Jerry Craft

IRival 5th grade students J and K enter their school's annual Creative Storytelling Competition, and are both determined to win. J is a talented artist who prides himself in telling stories without words, while K is a writer known as "The Word Wizard". An epic rivalry ensues! If they want a chance at winning the coveted award. They might even have to work with their greatest enemies- each other!



The Last Resort by Erin Entrada Kelly

Lila's summer goal to stop being so "dramatic" gets interrupted when her estranged Grandpa Clem dies. On the way to Grandpa Clem's creepy Victorian Inn, Lila has a near death experience and now she can see ghosts. Things get more bizarre when Grandpa Clem's ghost reveals his death did not come naturally. Can Lila convince her brother and a new friend that she is NOT being dramatic when she says she needs to save the world from vengeful evil spirits?



The Lion of Lark-Hayes Manor by Aubrey Hartman

Poppy Woodcock believes in magic. When her family moves to renovate an old abandoned manor she ends up feeling invisible. That all changes when she encounters a magical water nymph and makes a deal, trading her favorite book for a flying lion cub. But the nymph tricked her and now **all** her beloved books are disappearing, taking their magic with them. Now Poppy must find a way to fix everything, protect the things she loves, and learn to be brave.



Misfit Mansion by Kay Davault

Wanting to belong, Iris longs for a family. Unfortunately, the former paranormal investigator, Mr. Holloway, has her and her friends trapped in a "foster home of horrors" and refuses to release them! Luckily a human boy, Mathias, comes to the rescue and helps to set them free. But is Mathias really who he seems to be and what is the dark secret Mr. Halloway has locked in the basement?



Punycorn by Andi Watson

When the horrid Sir Ogre unleashes his evil army on the kingdom of Carbuncle, who will come to their rescue? The Chosen Ones, an elite troop of heroic unicorns, are out of town, so it is up to Punycorn to step in. The clumsiest and puniest of all unicorns, along with a fireless dragon, a dung beetle, and a magic sword with a secret will have to save the day!



Queen of the Sea by Reese Eschmann

All Aboard! Caitlin is about to set sail for six weeks on The Wandering Princess when her dad takes a job on the cruise ship. Join her, her brother, and her pet bearded dragon on the adventure of a lifetime on the biggest ship she's ever seen. But will it all be smooth sailing on this unexpected journey?



Reasons to Look at the Night Sky by Danielle Daniel

Eleven-year old Luna wants to be an astronaut and is finally being allowed to apply for NASA space camp. She plans to use a much anticipated project from school to help her clinch her spot, but is thrown for a loop when a substitute teacher is there who blends art with science. Luna's world is turned upside down, and her hopes and dreams seem to be drifting off to outer space.



The Sherlock Society by James Ponti

Alex and Zoe Sherlock live in Miami and have decided to start a detective agency to earn money. Joined by their friends Lina and Yadi, they use their grandfather's old cold case files to get their start. They decide on a case that leads them to the middle of the Everglades in search of Al Capone's buried treasure. Can the Sherlock Society solves finally solve the mystery and recover the treasure?



Swimming with Spies by Chrystyna Lucyk-Berger

Based on the true events of the 2014 annexation of Crimea, Sofiya and her family run a dolphinarium and train dolphins to be used in therapy. As the conflict escalates, the Russian military seizes the facility to train the dolphins for war. Sofiya will do anything to save pod. Will she and her friends be able to devise a plan to rescue and move the dolphins to a safe location in Odesa?



Wrath of the Rain God by Karla Arenas Valenti

Twins Martín and Emma cannot agree on much except they are not looking forward to leaving their friends and family in their home town of Cuernavaca, Mexico to go to Chicago for their dad to take his dream job. Magical gifts from their Abuela turn the move into a wild trip filled with dangerous otherworld adventures where they try to save a village from an angry rain god.