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Lower School Summer Reading List 2026

Every Book Is a Journey

Books can transport us across oceans, through history, into distant cultures, and beyond the limits of our imagination. This collection has been carefully curated to help every reader discover new worlds this summer.

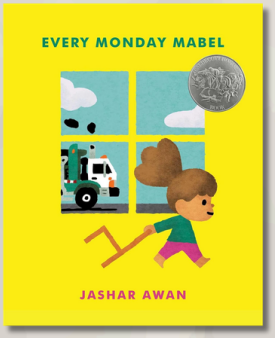




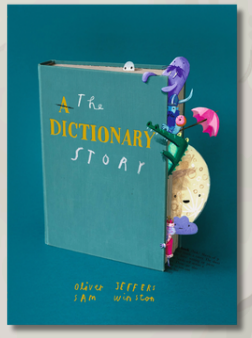
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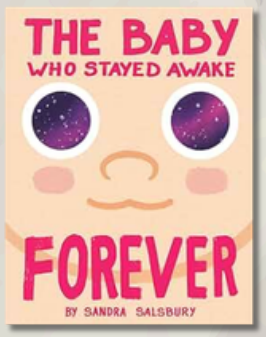










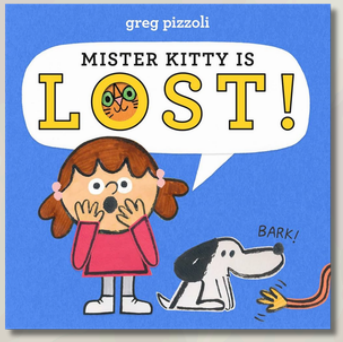


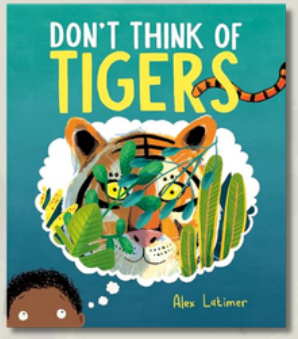






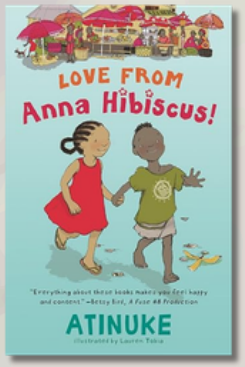


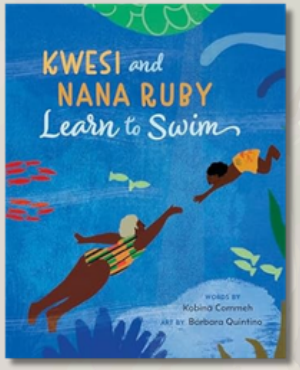




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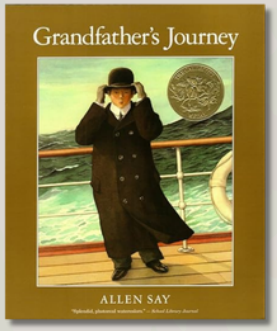
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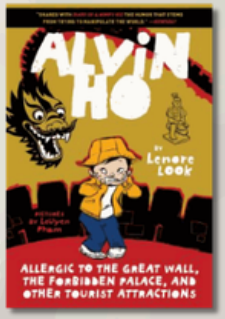




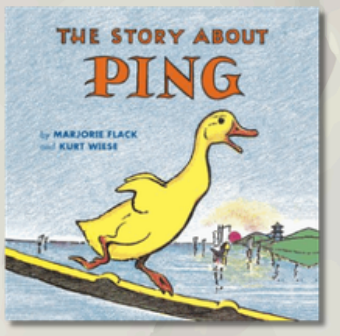




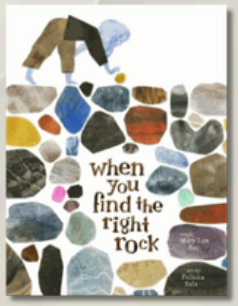






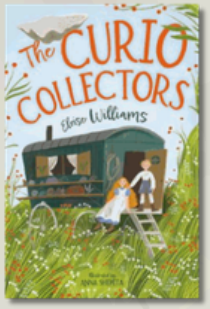






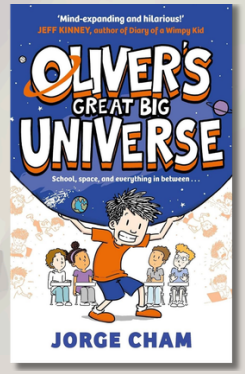


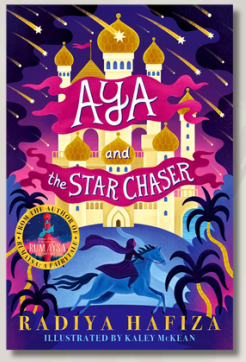


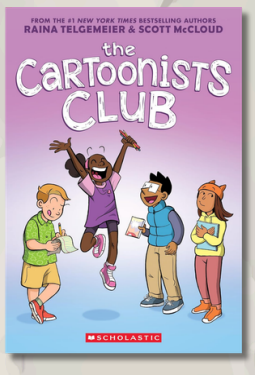


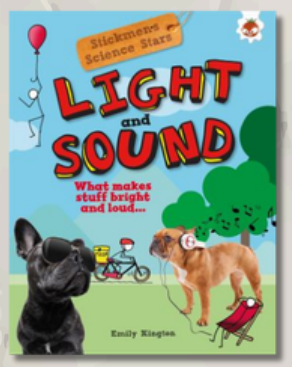
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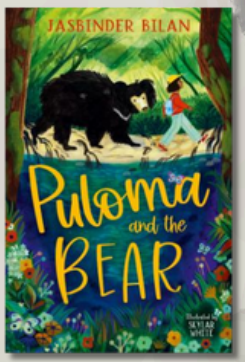
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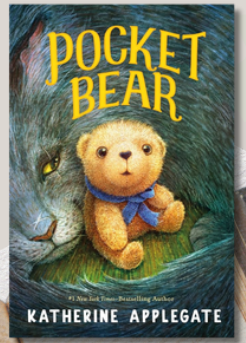
















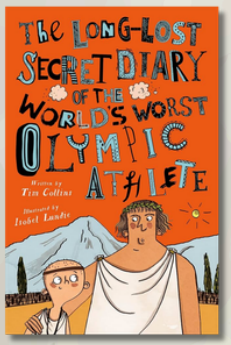


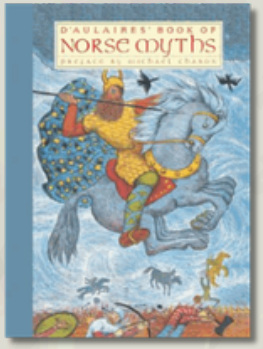












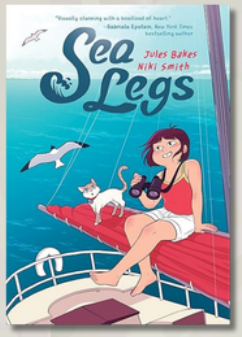
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Grade 5 voyagers





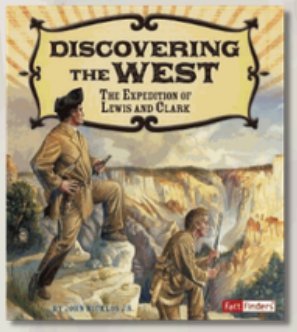


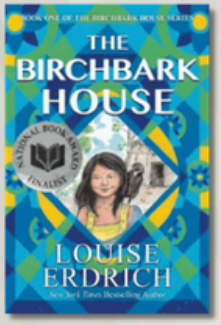


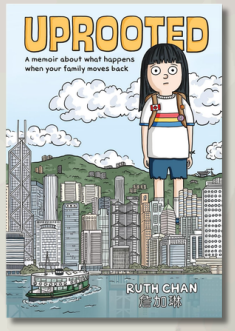




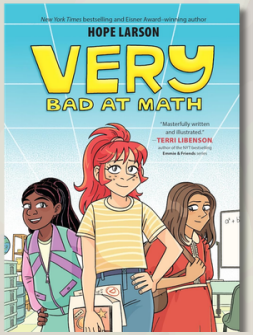




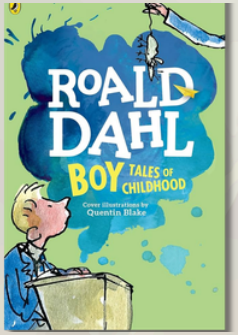


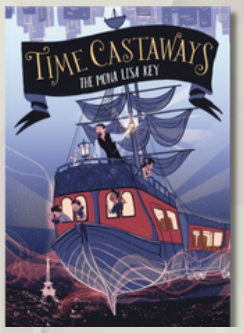








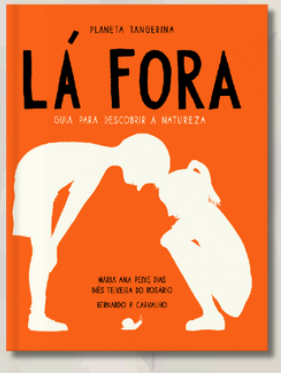




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Portuguese journeys











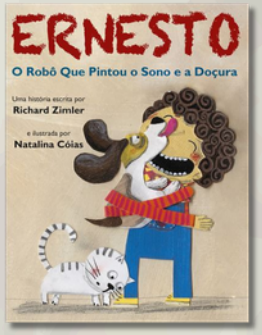














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Classic Odysseys

New students in Grades 3-5 are encouraged to read classic titles to build background knowledge, in alignment with the Core Knowledge curriculum. These titles are suitable for strong independent readers or for reading aloud.

- A Midsummer Night's Dream – William Shakespeare
- Don Quixote – Miguel de Cervantes
- Gulliver's Travels – Jonathan Swift
- King Arthur and the Round Table – Traditionally retold; many adaptations based on Sir Thomas Malory's Le Morte d'Arthur
- The Iliad and The Odyssey – Homer
- The Legend of Sleepy Hollow – Washington Irving
- Little Women – Louisa May Alcott
- Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass – Frederick Douglass
- Pollyanna – Eleanor H. Porter
- Robin Hood – Anonymous (traditional English folklore, often retold by various authors)
- Robinson Crusoe – Daniel Defoe
- Sherlock Holmes – Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
- Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde – Robert Louis Stevenson
- The Tempest – William Shakespeare
- Treasure Island – Robert Louis Stevenson
- The Tragedy of Julius Caesar – William Shakespeare

