



Suggested Books for Rising Fifth Grade Students
Summer 2021

Recommended Fiction Books

100 Dresses – Eleanor Estes

A Series of Unfortunate Events – Lemony Snickett

A Wolf Called Wander – Rosanne Parry

Al Capone Does my Shirts – Gennifer Choldenko

Black Stallion – Walter Farley

Brown Girl Dreaming – Jacqueline Woodson

Bud, Not Buddy – Christopher Paul Curtis

Caddie Woodlawn – Carol Ryrie Brink

Catherine Called Birdy – Karen Cushman

Escape From Mr. Lemoncello’s Library – Chris Grabenstein

Escape to Witch Mountain –Alexander Key

Farewell to Manzanar – John Houston and Jeanne Wakatsuki Housto

Finding Langston – Lisa Cline Dansome

Front Desk – Kelly Yang

Guest: A Changeling Tale – Mary Downing Hahn

Harriet the Spy – Louise Fitzhugh

One Crazy Summer – Rita Williams- Garcia

Operation Frog Effect – Sarah Lynne Scheerger

P.S. Be Eleven – Rita Williams – Garcia

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry – Mildred Taylor

Secret Garden – Frances Hodgson Burnett

Sign of the Beaver – Elizabeth George Speare

Song for a Whale – Lynne Kelly

Souder – William H. Armstrong

Stargazing – Jen Yang

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The Dreamer – Pam Munoz- Ryan

The Cay – Theodore Taylor

The Light Jar - Lisa Thompson

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane- Kate DiCamillo

The Red Badge of Courage – Stephen Crane

The River Between Us – Richard Peck

The One and Only Bob – Katherine Applegate

The Trial – Meika Hashimoto

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle – Avi

The Unsung Hero of Birdsong, USA – Brenda Woods

The Unteachables – Gordon Korman

This Was Our Pact – Andrew Ryan

Walk Two Moons – Sharon Creech

Words on Fire – Jennifer Nielsen

Recommended Non-Fiction Books

A Hot Planet Needs Cool Kids: Understanding Climate Change and What You Can Do About It – Julie Hall

Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart - Candace Fleming

Childhood of Famous Americans Series

Everything Kids Environment Book - Sheri Amsel

Gorilla Doctors: Saving Endangered Great Apes - Pamela Turner

Manhattan – Mapping the Story of an Island - Jennifer Therme

Pick Me Up: Stuff You Need to Know - Jeremy Leslie and David Roberts

Rocket to the Moon – Big Ideas that Changed the World – Don Brown

Rosa’s Animals - Maryann MacDonald

The Girl Who Drew Butterflies – Joyce Sidman

The Grapes of Math - Gregory Tang

Two Truths and a Lie - Paquette and Thompson



Recommended Authors

Andrew Clements

Gordon Korman

Kate DiCamillo

Katherine Paterson

Lois Lowry

Patricia Reilly Giff

Roald Dahl

