

Suggested Reading for Kids Entering 5th Grade



Fiction

Angleberger, Tom.* **The Strange Case of Origami Yoda.** Can Tom trust the advice of Yoda?

Applegate, Katherine. **Home of the Brave.** An African refugee befriends a cow in America.

Avi.* **The Seer of Shadows.** Is Horace really seeing a ghost in his photograph?

Ferrari, Michael. **Born to Fly.** Bird McGill dreams of becoming a fighter pilot.

+Jones, Diana Wynne.* **Conrad's Fate.** Magic is pulling the world into a parallel universe.

Korman, Gordon.* **Swindle.** Griffin will do anything to get back what's rightfully his.

Matthews, L. S. **A Dog for Life.** A boy and his telepathic dog run away from home.

+Morpurgo, Michael.* **Kensuke's Kingdom.** Michael's stuck on a desert island, but he's not alone.

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. **Faith, Hope and Ivy June.** An exchange program shows these girls have more in common than they thought.

Pinkwater, Daniel. **The Neddjad.** A shaman secretly gives Neddie a sacred turtle stone.

+Pratchett, Terry.* **Only You Can Save Mankind.** . . . by entering a real alien world via a computer game.

Rex, Adam. **The True Meaning of Smekday.** A girl and an alien invader team up to save the Earth.

Roberts, Willo Davis.* **The View from the Cherry Tree.** Rob witnessed a murder, but no one believes him.

Shafer, Audrey. **The Mailbox.** Someone discovers Gabe's secret--his uncle is dead.

St. John, Lauren. **The White Giraffe.** Martine relocates to Africa where she sees a white giraffe.

Summy, Barrie. **I So Don't Do Mysteries.** Sherry and her ghost mother solve a mystery.

Urban, Linda. **A Crooked Kind of Perfect.** How can Zoe become a piano prodigy without a piano?

Vande Velde, Vivian.* **Three Good Deeds.** Howard steals eggs and is turned into a goose.

Wilhelm, Doug. **The Revealers.** Three outcasts unite to stop bullying at their school.

Wilson, N. D.* **Leepike Ridge.** Trapped in a cave with murderous treasure-seekers!

Non Fiction

J 332.024 GOD. **Neale S. Godfrey's Ultimate Kids' Money Book.** Savings, credit cards, stocks, and how to make a lot of money.

J 398.2 YOL. **Not One Damsel In Distress: World Folktales for Strong Girls.** Heroine adventure stories.

J 551.46 Burns. **Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam, and the Science of Ocean Motion.** There's so much you can learn from trash!

J 600. **Inventions.** History of the world's most impressive inventions.

J 741.5 ROC. **Comic Strips: Create Your Own Comic Strips From Start to Finish.** Learn the ins and outs of making your own comics.

J 796.5 PAU.* **Woodsong.** Author Gary Paulsen and a team of sled dogs compete in the Iditarod.

J 811 SAL. **Salting the Ocean: 100 poems by Young Poets.** Get inspired by poets your age.

J 931 OCO. **The Emperor's Silent Army.** Learn the secrets of the terracotta warriors.

J B THO. **Jim Thorpe: Original All-American.** Sport's hero is unstoppable.



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