

100 Books to Read in Fifth Grade

REALISTIC

NON-FICTION

- Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam, and the Science of Ocean Motion by Loree Griffin Burns
- ER Vets: Life in an Animal Emergency Room by Donna M. Jackson
- Dark Emperor and Other Poems of the Night by Joyce Kilmer
- Science Warriors: The Battle Against Invasive Species by Collard B. Sneed
- Looking for Seabirds by Sophie Webb

FICTION

- Renegade Magic by Stephanie Burgis *
- Celia's Robot by Margaret Scrogin Chang
- Falling In by Frances O'Roark Dowell
- The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau *
- Coraline by Neil Gaiman
- 13 Treasures by Michelle Harrison
- Savvy by Ingrid Law
- Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine
- Archvillain by Barry Lyga
- Spindlers by Lauren Oliver

FANTASY & SCIENCE FICTION

NON-FICTION

- Super Stars: The Biggest, Hottest, and Most Explosive Stars in the Milky Way by David Aguilar
- A Black Hole Is Not a Hole by Carolyn Cinami DeCristofano
- Bodies from the Ice: Melting Glaciers and the Recovery of the Past by James M. Deem
- Poetrees by Douglas Florian
- Animals Alive edited by Wendy Horobin
- The Elephant Scientist by Caitlin O'Connell
- Face to Face With Polar Bears by Norbert Rosing
- The Mighty Mars Rovers by Elizabeth Rusch
- Animals Up Close by Igor Siwanowicz
- Baby Mammoth Mummy: Frozen in Time!: A Prehistoric Animal's Journey into the 21st Century by Christopher Sloan
- Team Moon: How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon by Catherine Thimmesh
- Far from Shore: Chronicles of an Open Ocean Voyage by Sophie Webb
- Mammoths and Mastodons: Titans of the Ice Age by Cheryl Bardoe

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ADVENTURE

FICTION

- The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary
- The Skull of Truth by Bruce Coville *
- The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo
- Ghost Knight by Cornelia Funke
- Spy School by Stuart Gibbs
- Mission Unstoppable by Dan Gutman *
- Chomp by Carl Hiaasen
- Moonshadow: Rise of the Ninja by Simon Higgins *
- Geeks, Girls and Secret Identities by Mike Jung
- Secrets at Sea by Richard Peck

NON-FICTION

- The Many Rides of Paul Revere by James Cross Giblin
- Onward: A Photobiography Of African-American Polar Explorer Matthew Henson by Dolores Johnson
- Saving the Ghost of the Mountain: An Expedition Among Snow Leopards in Mongolia by Sy Montgomery
- Quest for the Tree Kangaroo: An Expedition to the Cloud Forest of New Guinea by Sy Montgomery
- The Crossing: How George Washington Saved the American Revolution by Jim Murphy
- Treasury of Greek Mythology: Classic Stories of Gods, Goddesses, Heroes & Monsters retold by Donna Jo Napoli
- Something Big Has Been Here by Jack Prelutsky
- The Impossible Rescue: The True Story of an Amazing Arctic Adventure by Martin W. Sandler
- The Plant Hunters: True Stories of Their Daring Adventures to the Far Corners of the Earth by Anita Silvey

FICTION

- The Shakespeare Stealer by Gary L. Blackwood *
- Zora and Me by Victoria Bond
- Storm Warriors by Elisa Lynn Carbone
- Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko *
- The Mighty Miss Malone by Christopher Paul Curtis
- Alchemy and Meggy Swann by Karen Cushman
- The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate by Jacqueline Kelly
- Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
- A Friendship for Today by Patricia McKissack
- Riding Freedom by Pam Munoz Ryan

NON-FICTION

- A River of Words: The Story of William Carlos Williams by Jennifer Bryant
- Electric Ben: The Amazing Life and Times of Benjamin Franklin by Robert Byrd
- Zora!: The Life of Zora Neale Hurston by Dennis Fradin
- Give Me Liberty: The Story of the Declaration of Independence by Russell Freedman
- Lafayette and the American Revolution by Russell Freedman
- Lincoln: A Photobiography by Russell Freedman

HISTORY

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- Washington at Valley Forge by Russell Freedman
- Titanic: Voices from the Disaster by Deborah Hopkinson
- Giants of Science: Leonardo Da Vinci by Kathleen Krull
- Blizzard!: The Storm that Changed America by Jim Murphy
- Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans by Kadir Nelson
- Promises to Keep: How Jackie Robinson Changed America by Sharon Robinson
- Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream by Tanya Lee Stone
- 13 Artists Children Should Know by Angela Wenzel
- Gandhi: The Young Protester Who Founded a Nation by Philip Wilkinson
- Colonial Voices: Hear Them Speak by Kay Winters

FICTION

- Masterpiece by Elise Broach
- The Skeleton Man by Joseph Bruchac
- The Dark Stairs by Betsy Cromer Byars *
- The Ghost of Fossil Glen by Cynthia DeFelice *
- Regarding the Fountain by Kate Klise *
- The Eye of the Crow by Shane Peacock *
- Holes by Louis Sachar
- The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick
- The Case of the Missing Marquess by Nancy Springer *
- My Life as a Book by Janet Tashjian

NON-FICTION

- Mystery Math: A First Book of Algebra by David A. Adler
- If Stones Could Speak: Unlocking the Secrets of Stonehenge by Marc Aronson
- The Raucous Royals: Test Your Royal Wits: Crack Codes, Solve Mysteries, and Deduce Which Royal Rumors are True by Carlyn Beccia
- Who Was First? Discovering the Americas by Russell Freedman
- The Lost Colony of Roanoke by Jean Fritz
- The Case of the Vanishing Golden Frogs: A Scientific Mystery by Sandra Markle
- Here There Be Monsters: The Legendary Kraken and the Giant Squid by Harvey P. Newquist

MYSTERY

FICTION

- The Strange Case of Origami Yoda by Tom Angleberger
- The Penderwicks by Jeanne Birdsall *
- Trouble-Maker by Andrew Clements
- Free Baseball by Sue Corbett
- Storyteller by Patricia Reilly Giff
- Plunked by Michael Northrop
- Big Nate: In a Class by Himself by Lincoln Peirce *
- Jake and Lily by Jerry Spinelli
- Hound Dog True by Linda Urban
- Homeless Bird by Gloria Whelan

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