

Books for Students Entering 5th Grade

Many reading levels exist among students in the same grade. This list includes suggested authors and titles to assist parents in choosing books that reflect their child’s reading level, interests, and family values. Other book lists are widely available on the internet. Check these sites for titles that may interest your student:

[Children’s Book Council Children’s Choice Awards](#)

[Texas Library Association Bluebonnet Reading Lists for grades 3-6](#)

Novels

Alexander, Kwame	Rebound
Applegate, Katherine	The One and Only Ivan, Crenshaw
Avi	“Poppy” stories, Who Stole the Wizard of Oz?
Babbitt, Natalie	Tuck Everlasting
Balliett, Blue	Chasing Vermeer, The Wright 3
Bell, Cece	El Deafo (graphic novel)
Bellaire, John	The House with a Clock in its Walls
Bertman, Jennifer C.	Book Scavenger
Burnett, Frances H.	The Secret Garden, A Little Princess
Cavanaugh, Nancy	Always, Abigail
Christopher, Matt	The Hockey Machine (and other sport titles by this author)
Clements, Andrew	The Landry News, The School Story (and other titles)
Coville, Bruce	Into the Land of the Unicorns (and other titles by this author)
Curtis, Christopher Paul	Bud, Not Buddy
Dahl, Roald	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (and other titles by this author)
DiCamillo, Kate	Because of Winn-Dixie, The Tale of Despereaux
Funke, Cornelia	Dragon Rider (and other titles by this author)
Gilbert & Lee	The Unlucky Lottery Winners of Classroom 13
Gutman, Dan	The Homework Machine and The Million Dollar Shot
Hautman, Pete	Slider
Healy, Christopher	The Hero’s Guide to Saving Your Kingdom
Holt, Kimberly Willis	My Louisiana Sky, When Zachary Beaver Came to Town
Holyoke, Polly	The Neptune Project (and other titles)
Ibbotson, Eva	The Secret of Platform 13 (and other books by this author)
Kelly, Erin Entrada	Hello Universe
Konigsburg, E.L.	From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler
Korman, Gordon	Restart
Levine, Gail Carson	Ella Enchanted, A Tale of Two Castles
Lowry, Lois	Number the Stars, The Giver
Martin, Ann	The Doll People (and other titles)
Mass, Wendy	The Candymakers
McDonough, Yona	The Bicycle Spy
Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds	Shiloh (and any other books by this author)
Norton, Mary	The Borrowers (and sequels)

Paulsen, Gary	Hatchet (and other books by this author)
Raskin, Ellen	The Westing Game
Ross, Joel	The Fog Diver
Rowling, J K	Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (and other books by this author)
Ruckman, Ivy	Night of the Twisters
Ryan, Pam Munoz	Esperanza Rising
Sachar, Louis	Wayside School stories and There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom
Selznick, Brian	Wonderstruck (and other books by this author)
Smith, Robert Kimmel	Chocolate Fever
Spinelli, Jerry	Fourth Grade Rats, Maniac Magee
Stanley, Diane	The Mysterious Matter Of I.M. Fine
Shurtliff, Liesl	Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin
Siegel, Mark	5 Worlds (Book 1): The Sand Warrior (graphic novel)
Turnage, Sheila	Three Times Lucky, The Odds of Getting Even, The Ghosts of Tupelo Landing
Weeks, Sarah	Regular Guy, So B. It: A Novel

Series

(various authors)	The 39 Clues
Angleberger, Tom	Origami Yoda
Brown, Jeffrey	Star Wars: Jedi Academy
Collins, Suzanne	Gregor the Overlander (and other "Underland Chronicles" stories)
Fitzgerald, John D.	The Great Brain (and other "Great Brain" stories)
Gutman, Dan	Genius Files
Hunter, Erin	Warriors
Lewis, C.S.	The Chronicles of Narnia
McMullan, Kate	Myth-O-Mania
Mlynowski, Sarah	Whatever After
Mull, Brandon	Fablehaven, 5 Kingdoms, and other series
Riordan, Rick	(Percy Jackson) Heroes of Olympus and other series
Rowling, J.K.	Harry Potter
Scieszka, Jon	Guys Read
Skye, Obert	Leventhumps
Snicket, Lemony	Series of Unfortunate Events
Tarshis, Lauren	I Survived
Telgemeier, Raina	Babysitters Club

Nonfiction & Biography

Brown, Don	All Stations! Distress! : April 15, 1912, the Day the Titanic Sank
Bryant, Jen	The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus
Freedman, Russell	The Adventures of Marco Polo (and others by this author)
Kerley, Barbara	The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins
Montgomery, Sy	The Snake Scientist and The Tarantula Scientist

Paulsen, Gary	My Life in Dog Years
Reed, MK	Science Comics: Dinosaurs
Ryan, Pam Munoz	When Marian Sang
St. George, Judith	So You Want to be an Inventor?
Stanley, Diane	Leonardo da Vinci (and others by this author)
Szabo, Corrine	Sky Pioneer: A Photobiography of Amelia Earhart
Tanaka, Shelly	Mummies: The Newest, Coolest and Creepiest
Tang, Greg	The Grapes of Math: Mind-stretching Math Riddles
Truss, Lynne	Eats, Shoots and Leaves: Why Commas Really Do Make a Difference
(various authors)	"You Wouldn't Want to..." books
(various authors)	Who Was..? / What Was..? - series of biographies and events

Poetry

Ashman, Linda	The Essential Worldwide Monster Guide
Aylesworth, Jim	The Burger and the Hot Dog
Florian, Douglas	Lizards, Frogs, and Polliwogs: Paintings and Poems
Grimes, Nikki	What is Goodbye?
Katz, Alan	Take Me Out of the Bathtub and other Silly Dilly Songs
Kirk, Daniel	Dogs Rule!
Prelutsky, Jack	any by this author (the U.S.A.'s 1 st children's poet laureate)
Proimos, James	If I Were in Charge the Rules Would be Different
Rex, Adam	Frankenstein Makes a Sandwich
Silverstein, Shel	Where the Sidewalk Ends (and others by this author)
Singer, Marilyn	Rutherford B., Who Was He?: Poems about Our Presidents (and others by this author)