

## Books 5th and 6th Graders will Enjoy Reading

Acampora, Paul. **I Kill the Mockingbird.** (JUV ACAMP)

Lucy, Elena, and Michael try to make a teacher's favorite book "go viral over the summer.

Auxier, Jonathan. **The Night Gardener.** (JUV AUXIE)

Molly and Kip are orphaned and must find a way to take care of themselves. Molly finds work as a maid but soon discovers the family is being haunted, and she and her brother are soon targeted by the Night Gardener as well.

Beasley, Cassie. **Circus Mirandus.** (JUV BEASL)

When he realizes that his grandfather's stories of an enchanted circus are true, Micah Tuttle sets out to find the mysterious Circus Mirandus--and to use its magic to save his grandfather's life

Bertman, Jennifer Chambliss. **The Alcatraz Escape.** (JUV BERTM)

Legendary literary game-maker Garrison Griswold is back in action, this time with "Unlock the Rock." For his latest game, Griswold has partnered with the famous--and famously reclusive--mystery writer Errol Roy to plan an epic escape room challenge on Alcatraz Island. Emily and James are eager to participate, but the wave of fame they are riding from their recent book-hunting adventures makes them a target.

Book 1: **The Book Scavenger**

Book 2: **The Unbreakable Code**

Black, Holly and Cassandra Clare. **The Golden Tower.** (JUV BLACK)

A powerful mage Constantine Madden came close to achieving the ability to bring back the dead. He didn't succeed . . . but he did find a way to keep himself alive, inside a young child named Callum Hunt. Now, triumphant and heartbroken, Callum Hunt has just about had enough, and is ready to complete his training. But the evil Callum faced has not given up just yet . . .

Book 1: **The Iron Trial**

Book 2: **The Copper Gauntlet**

Book 3: **The Bronze Key**

Book 4: **The Silver Mask**

Chokshi, Roshani. **Aru Shah and the End of Time.** (JUV CHOKS)

Twelve-year-old Aru stretches the truth to fit in at her private school, but when she is dared to prove an ancient lamp is cursed, she inadvertently frees an ancient demon.

Colfer, Christopher. **The Land of Stories: worlds collide.** (JUV COLFE)

With all of the fairy tale characters occupying the same world, Conner and Alex face their biggest challenge to date of restoring order to the human and fairy tale realms.

Book 1: **The Wishing Spell**

Book 2: **The Enchantress Returns**

Book 3: **A Grimm Warning**

Book 4: **Beyond the Kingdoms**

Book 5: **An Author's Odyssey**

DasGupta, Sayantani. **The Serpent's Secret.** (JUV DASGR)

Up until her twelfth birthday, Kiranmala considered herself ordinary, but then her parents disappear and a drooling rakkhosh demon shows up in her kitchen, and soon she is swept into another dimension, full of magic, winged horses, talking birds (very annoying), and somehow Kiranmala needs to sort it all out, find her parents, and save the world.

Draper, Sharon M. **Stella by Starlight.** (JUV DRAPE)

When a burning cross set by the Klan causes panic and fear in Bumblebee, North Carolina, fifth-grader Stella must face prejudice and find the strength to demand change in her segregated town.

Eagar, Lindsay. **Hour of the Bees.** (JUV EAGAR)

Carol is stuck in the New Mexican desert one summer with her family and her grandfather, who suffers from dementia. Her world is rocked by the stories he tells her during that time.

Eggers, Dave. **The Lifiers.** (JUV EGGER)

When Gran and his family move to Carousel, he has no idea that the town is built atop a secret. When Gran's friend, the difficult-to-impress Catalina Catalan, presses a silver handle into a hillside and opens a doorway to underground, he knows that she is extraordinary and brave, and that he will have no choice but to follow wherever she leads.

Gemeinhart, Dan. **Some Kind of Courage.** (JUV GEMEI)

Bears, bandits, and raging rapids can't stop Joseph from searching for what's left of his family—his beloved horse, Sarah—across the American Northwest frontier.

Ginns, Russell. **Samantha Spinner and the Super-Secret Plans.** (JUV GINNS)

Samantha's uncle mysteriously disappears, leaving behind extravagant gifts for her siblings and an old, rusty, red umbrella for Samantha that may contain clues to his whereabouts.

Gino, Alex. **George.** (JUV GINO)

When people look at George, they think they see a boy. But she knows she's not a boy. George thinks she'll have to keep this a secret forever. Then her teacher announces that their class play is going to be Charlotte's Web. George really wants to play Charlotte. Will she get a chance?

Grabenstein, Chris. **Mr. Lemoncello's Great Library Race.** (JUV GRABE)

Mr. Lemoncello holds a contest for his young friends where they must race to bring interesting facts back to his library.

Book 1: **Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library**

Book 2: **Mr. Lemoncello's Library Olympics**

Gratz, Alan. **Refugee.** (JUV GRATZ)

Although separated by continents and decades, Josef, a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany; Isabel, a Cuban girl trying to escape the riots and unrest plaguing her country in 1994; and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy in 2015 whose homeland is torn apart by violence and destruction, embark on harrowing journeys in search of refuge, discovering shocking connections that tie their stories together.

Hashimi, Nadia. **The Sky at Our Feet**. (JUV HASHI)

Jason has just learned that his Afghan mother has been living illegally since his father was killed in Afghanistan. Although Jason was born in the US, it's hard to feel American now when he's terrified that his mother will be discovered -- and that they will be separated. When he sees his mother being escorted from her workplace by two officers, Jason feels completely alone. He boards a train with the hope of finding his aunt in New York City, but as soon as he arrives in Penn Station, the bustling city makes him wonder if he's overestimated what he can do.

Hunt, Lyna Mullaly. **Fish in a Tree**. (JUV HUNT)

Ally struggles to hide her dyslexia by continually getting into trouble, until a substitute teacher discovers what she is really hiding.

Johnson, Hal. **Fearsome Creatures of the Lumberwoods**. (JUV JOHNS)

This reworking of American tales features stories of fearsome legendary creatures of the wooded wilds of early North America, including the snoligoster, the hodag, and the hoop snake. Glow-in-the-dark illustrations add to the alternately fun and creepy tone of this collection of stories.

Keller, Tae. **The Science of Breakable Things**. (JUV KELLE)

Middle schooler Natalie's year-long assignment to answer a question using the scientific method leads to truths about her mother's depression and her own cultural identity.

Korman, Gordon. **Payback**. (JUV KORMA)

Fighting for survival after being separated into pairs in the aftermath of a betrayal, the Project Osiris clones search for notorious mob boss Gus Alabaster while tracking down Eli's elusive DNA donor alongside a surprising new ally.

Book 1: **Masterminds**

Book 2: **Criminal Destiny**

Larson, Hope. **All Summer Long**. (JUV GN LARSO)

Bina and her best friend, Austin, usually do everything together, but he's off to soccer camp for a month, and he's been acting kind of weird lately anyway. So it's up to Bina to see how much fun she can have on her own. But then Austin comes home from camp, and he's acting even weirder than when he left. How will Bina and Austin rise above and reestablish their friendship?

Mass, Wendy. **Bob**. (JUV MASS)

Visiting her grandmother in Australia, Livy, ten, is reminded of the promise she made five years before to Bob, a strange, green creature who cannot recall who or what he is.

Mincks, Margaret. **Payback on Poplar Lane**. (JUV MINCK)

A friendly neighborhood business competition between sixth-graders Rachel Chambers, so quiet she is practically invisible, and Peter S. Gronkowski, future mogul, turns into a ruthless rivalry.

Reynolds, Jason. **Sunny**. (JUV REYNO)

Sunny, the Defenders' best runner, only runs for his father, who blames Sunny for his mother's death, but with his coach's help Sunny finds a way to combine track and field with his true passion, dancing.

Book 1: **Ghost**

Book 2: **Patina**

Riordan, Rick. **The Burning Maze**. (JUV RIORD)

The Greek god Apollo, cast down to earth as the ungifted human teenager Lester Papadopoulos, and his demigod friends must go through the Labyrinth to find the third emperor--and an Oracle who speaks in word puzzles--somewhere in the American Southwest.

Book 1: **The Hidden Oracle**

Book 2: **The Dark Prophecy**

Saeed, Aisha. **Amal Unbound**. (JUV SAEED)

Twelve-year-old Amal's dream of becoming a teacher one day is dashed in an instant when she accidentally insults a member of her village's ruling family. As punishment, she is forced to leave her family behind and work at their estate. If Amal is to have any chance of winning back her freedom, she must find a way to work with the other servants to make it happen.

Schmatz, Pat. **The Key to Every thing**. (JUV SCHMA)

Tash doesn't want to go to camp and be separated from the only two people she has ever been able to count on: her uncle Kevin, and Cap'n Jackie, who lives next door. Camp turns out to be pretty fun, actually, but when Tash returns home, Cap'n Jackie is gone. And Tash needs her -- the made-up stories of dolphin-dragons, the warm cookies that make everything all right after a fight, the key Cap'n Jackie insists has magic in it. The Captain has always said that all Tash has to do is hold it tight and the magic will come. Is it true? And can the key bring Cap'n Jackie back?

Tanquary, Kathryn. **The Night Parade**. (JUV TANQU)

Saki Yamamoto does not want to spend her summer vacation visiting her grandma's small village. Things get more interesting than she expected when she unintentionally invokes a death curse, and she must enter the dangerous spirit world at the Night Parade to break the curse.

Weyr, Garret. **The Language of Spells**. (JUV WEYR)

Grisha the dragon is born in the Black Forest in 1803, the last year any dragon was born, and while young he was trapped by the emperor's sorcerer, and turned into a teapot, which was frustrating but kept him alive while magic and other dragons were disappearing--until one day he meets Maggie, a poet's daughter, and the two of them set out to discover what happened to all the other dragons.

Woodson, Jacqueline. **Harbor me**. (JUV WOODS)

When six students are chosen to participate in a weekly talk with no adults allowed, they discover that when they're together, it's safe to share the hopes and fears they have to hide from the rest of the world.

Yeh, Kat. **The Way to Bea**. (JUV YEH)

Recently estranged from her best friend and weeks away from shifting from only child to big sister, seventh grader Beatrix Lee consoles herself by writing haiku in invisible ink and hiding the poems, but one day she finds a reply--is it the librarian with all the answers, the editor of the school paper who admits to admiring her poetry, an old friend feeling remorse, or the boy obsessed with visiting the local labyrinth?

Zhang, Kat. **The Memory of Forgotten Things**. (JUV ZHANG)

Twelve-year-old Sophia has never told anyone about her unusual memories--snapshots of a past that never happened. She becomes convinced that the upcoming solar eclipse will grant her the opportunity to make her alternate life come true, to enter a world where her mother never died. With the help of two misfit boys, she must figure out a way to bring her mother back to her--before the opportunity is lost forever.