

Fifth Grade Suggested Reading

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Applegate, Katherine – [Endling: The Last](#)

Fearing she may be the last of her kind, Byx sets off to find a safe haven and to see if the legends of hidden dairnes are true. Also try [Endling: The First](#).

Auxier, Jonathan - [Sweep: The Story of a Girl and her Monster](#)

In nineteenth-century England, after her father’s disappearance Nan Sparrow, ten, works as a “climbing boy,” aiding chimney sweeps, but when her most treasured possessions end up in a fireplace, she unwittingly creates a golem.

Bowling, Dusti – [24 Hours in Nowhere](#)

When you come from Nowhere, can you ever really make it anywhere? Join 13-year-old Gus in this gripping story about friendship, hope, and finding the power we all have within ourselves.

Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker - [The War that Saved My Life](#)

A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother. Also try [The War I Finally Won](#).

Clements, Andrew – [The Friendship War](#)

When Grace takes boxes of old buttons from a building her grandfather bought, she starts a fad at school that draws her closer to one friend, but further from another.

Cline-Ransome, Lesa - [Finding Langston: A Novel](#)

Discovering a book of Langston Hughes’ poetry in the library helps Langston cope with the loss of his mother, relocating from Alabama to Chicago as part of the Great Migration, and being bullied.

Connor, Leslie - [The Truth as old by Mason Buttle](#)

As he grieves the death of his best friend Benny, Mason and his friend Calvin, who are targeted by the neighborhood bullies create an underground haven for themselves, but when Calvin goes missing, Mason finds himself in trouble.

Curtis, Christopher Paul - [The Journey of Little Charlie](#)

In the aftermath of his father’s death, Little Charlie agrees to accompany Cap’n Buck, a plantation overseer, north in search of fugitive slaves in order to satisfy the family’s debt.

Doyle, Catherine - [The Storm Keeper’s Island](#)

Fionn Boyle, terrified of the sea, must spend the summer with his older sister, Tara, and their grandfather on Arranmore, an island that has been known to make people disappear.

Hale, Shannon – [Real Friends](#)

When her best friend Adrienne starts hanging out with the most popular girl in class, Shannon questions whether or not she and Adrienne will stay friends, and if she is part of the clique. Also try [Best Friends](#).

Johnson, Varian – [The Parker Inheritance](#)

Spending the summer in Lambert, South Carolina, Candice discovers the letter that sent her grandmother on a treasure hunt, and with her new friend Brandon, sets off to expose the injustice once committed against a local African American family.

Kelly, Erin Entrada – [You Go First](#)

Charlotte, twelve, and Ben, eleven, are highly-skilled competitors at online Scrabble, and that connection helps both as they face family issues and the turmoil of middle school.

Korman, Gordon – [Restart](#)

Chase does not remember falling off the roof, in fact he does not remember anything about himself. When he gets back to middle school he begins to learn who he was through the reactions of the other kids—trouble is, he really is not sure he likes the Chase that is being revealed. But can he take the opportunity amnesia has provided and restart his life?

Lord, Cynthia – [Because of the Rabbit](#)

Accompanying her game warden father on a routine call on the last night of summer before she ends homeschooling and starts public school for the first time, young Emma finds herself caring for a baby bunny while navigating a project with an animal-loving boy who does not quite fit in.

Magoon, Kekla - [The Season of Styx Malone](#)

Longing for summertime adventures outside of their small Indiana community, two boys are enthralled by a cool newcomer who enlists their help in a series of escalating trade cons that rapidly put them in over their heads.

Miller, Kayla – [Camp](#)

Olive is sure that she'll have the best time at summer camp with her friend Willow, but while Olive makes quick friends with the other campers, Willow struggles to make new friends.

Pennypacker, Sara – [Pax](#)

After being forced to give up his pet fox Pax, a young boy named Peter decides to leave home and get his best friend back.

Plourde, Lynn – [Maxi's Secrets: \(Or, What You Can Learn from a Dog\)](#)

Fifth-grader Timminy, who's small for his age and new in town, isn't eager to start middle school—but he gets a great consolation prize in Maxi, a big, deaf, lovable dog.

Stoddard, Lindsey – [Just Like Jackie](#)

Fifth grader Robbie is determined to stay out of trouble so that she does not worry her grandfather, whose memory is failing, and to make sure that she and her grandfather stay together, as he is the only family she has left.

Simon, Coco - [Cupcake Diaries series](#)

Four cupcake-loving girls create a business called the Cupcake Club, for making cupcakes, selling cupcakes, and (of course) eating them!

Taylor, Thomas – [Malamander](#)

Assisting a fearless girl in an investigation into the mysterious loss of her parents, Herbert Lemon learns that some of his fellow townspeople are hunting a sea monster that is believed to convey a surprising gift.

Townsend, Jessica - [The Trials of Morrigan Crow](#)

A cursed child destined to die on her eleventh birthday is rescued and whisked away to a secret realm called Nevermoor. Also try the sequel, [Wundersmith: The Calling of Morrigan Crow](#).

Woodson, Jacqueline – [Harbor Me](#)

When six students are chosen to participate in a weekly talk, 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.

Yang, Gene Luen - [Secret Coders series](#)

Combines logic puzzles and basic coding instruction with a page-turning mystery plot!