Fifth Grade Book List

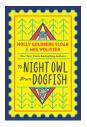
Fiction, Non-Fiction and Graphic Novels for children entering or in 5th grade.



The Story That Cannot Be Told

by J. Kasper Kramer

A powerful middle grade debut draws on folklore and history to tell the story of a girl who finds her voice and courage during the final months of the Communist regime of 1989 Romania.



To Night Owl from Dogfish

by Holly Goldberg Sloan

A humorous tale of friendship and family, told entirely in emails and letters, follows the experiences of two 12-year-old girls-one bookish and fearful, the other fearless and adventuresome--who are sent to camp to bond when their fathers fall in love.



The Eyes & the Impossible

by Dave Eggers

From the award-winning author of The Every and the illustrator behind the beloved picture book Her Right Foot comes an endearing and beautifully illustrated story of a dog who becomes a hero to a park

unwittingly full of animals.



Small Spaces

by Katherine Arden

Finding solace in books in the wake of a tragic loss, 11-year-old Ollie rescues a book from being destroyed and discovers within its pages the chilling story of a girl who made a fateful bargain with a sinister specter.



Buzzkill: A Wild Wander Through the Weird and Threatened World of Bugs

by Brenna Maloney

This funny and fascinating nonfiction book about bugs lays out the critical role they play on our planet, from sustenance to pollination to medicines and more,

discussing their possible extinction and the ways that everyday people can prevent their decline.



What was the Donner Party?

by Ben Hubbard

Learn about the treacherous journey across the Sierra Nevada mountain range that isolated and trapped a group of pioneers heading to California for an entire winter.



Too Bright to See

by Kyle Lukoff

In the summer before middle school, eleven-year-old Bug must contend with best friend Moira suddenly caring about clothes, makeup, and boys; a ghost haunting; and the truth about Bug's gender identity



The Ogress and the Orphans

by Kelly Regan Barnhill

In the shambles of once beautiful Stonein-the-Glen, the Orphans of Orphan House must prove the Ogress innocent when a child goes missing, and expose the real villain in their midst.



Eagle Drums

by Nasuêgraq Rainey Hopson This magical origin story of the Iñupiaq Messenger Feast, a Native Alaskan tradition, follows a young, skilled hunter who, confronted by a terrifying eagle god, is led on a harrowing journey during which he learns unexpected lessons about the natural world.



Living Ghosts & Mischievous Monsters: Chilling American Indian Stories

by Dan C. Jones

Thirty-two short stories chosen from the tradition of ghost stories from American Indian cultures across North America.

featuring witches, walking dolls, hungry skeletons, skinwakers, and other supernatural beings



Wild Weather: Storms, Meteorology, and Climate

by M. K Reed

A high-action nonfiction graphic novel about weather and storms sets the record straight on popular misconceptions while discussing such topics as natural disasters, how the planet's rotation

shapes wind currents, the role of weather satellites and the activities of storm chasers.

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The First State of Being

by Erin Entrada Kelly When a teenage boy appears out of nowhere in 1999, claiming he's the world's first time-traveler and has a book outlining the events of the next 20 years, 12-yearold Michael must decide how far he's willing to go to get it.



Starry River of the Sky

by Grace Lin

Discovering that the moon has disappeared from the sky above a Chinese village where he works, runaway Rendi wonders about strange local behaviors until a mysterious storyteller arrives at the town's inn and astonishing

transformations begin to happen.



Lily and the Night Creatures by Nick Lake

When Lily's home is overtaken by two creatures that look like her parents, she must beat these shadowy replacements to be reunited with her real parents.



Klawde: Evil Alien Warlord Cat

by Johnny Marciano

Exiled to Earth far from the planet where he was once the high commander, Klawde the ferocious alien warlord cat arrives in the home of reluctant Oregon newcomer Raj, in this laugh-out-loud first of the series.



When Stars Are Scattered

by Victoria Jamieson

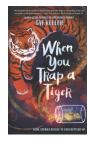
The graphic-novel story of a young refugee who struggles with leaving behind his nonverbal brother when he has an opportunity to help his family by going to school.



Mexikid: A Graphic Memoir

by Pedro Martin

Pedro Martin grew up in the U.S. hearing stories about his legendary abuelito, but during a family road trip to Mexico, he connects with his grandfather and learns more about his own Mexican identity in this moving and hilarious graphic memoir.



When You Trap a Tiger

by Tae Keller

When Lily and her family move in with her sick grandmother, a magical tiger straight out of her halmoni's Korean folktales arrives. The tiger offers Lily a deal- if Lily will open her grandmother's star jars and return what she stole, the tiger will heal her grandmother. But deals with tigers are

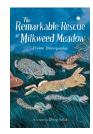
never what they seem! With the help of her sister and her new friend Ricky, Lily must find her voice . . . and the courage to face a tiger.



The Last Beekeeper

by Pablo Cartaya

To prove that she belongs in a place where only the smartest and most useful are welcomed, 12-year-old Yolanda learns that her survival rests on the rediscovery of a long-extinct beehive that could be the answer to everything.



The Remarkable Rescue at Milkweed Meadow

by Elaine Dimopoulos
Butternut is a young, anxious rabbit and
master storyteller who makes friends
outside her burrow - even though she was
cautioned not to - and now must decide
whether she will remain loyal to her family

or help other animals in need.



The Swifts: A Dictionary of Scoundrels

by Beth Lincoln
During the Swift Family Reunion,
someone gives Arch-Aunt
Schadenfreude a deadly push down the
stairs. Shenanigan Swift, who has a
penchant for mischief, decides to become
a detective and solve this mysterious

case.



American Born Chinese

by Gene Luen Yang

This graphic novel alternates three interrelated stories about the problems of young Chinese Americans trying to participate in American popular culture.