

Krull, Kathleen. ISAAC NEWTON
(*Biography*)*

A biography of the brilliant, yet vindictive and obsessive scientist.

Lasky, Kathryn. THE LAST GIRLS OF POMPEII (*Historical Fiction*)

A girl and her slave try to change their fates just before the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in the year 79 A.D.

Lord, Cynthia. RULES (*Realistic Fiction*)

Catherine has conflicting feelings about her autistic younger brother and her new friend Jason, a paraplegic.

Lowry, Lois. GOSSAMER
(*Fantasy/Science Fiction*)

A young dream giver tries to save a boy from the effects of both his abusive past and the nightmares inflicted on him by the frightening Sinisteesds.

Park, Linda Sue. PROJECT MULBERRY
(*Realistic Fiction*)

A Korean-American girl and her friend Patrick, learn about tolerance, prejudice, friendship, and more.

Peck, Richard. ON THE WINGS OF HEROES (*Historical Fiction*)

A boy in Illinois remembers the home front years of World War II.

Ryan, Pam Muñoz. PAINT THE WIND
(*Realistic Fiction*)

An orphan discovers a love for horses on the Wyoming ranch where her mother grew up.

Schwartz, Virginia Frances. 4 KIDS IN 5-E & 1 CRAZY YEAR (*Realistic Fiction*)

A new teacher encourages her class to write about their lives and to believe in themselves.

Spinelli, Eileen. SUMMERHOUSE TIME
(*Realistic Fiction*)

Sophie's entire family rents a pink cottage on the beach for the entire summer.

Spinelli, Jerry. EGGS (*Realistic Fiction*)

Mourning the loss of his mother, nine-year-old David forms an unlikely friendship with quirky thirteen-year-old Primrose.

Wiles, Deborah. THE AURORA COUNTY ALL-STARS (*Historical Fiction*)

Hotshot baseball player, House makes surprising discoveries one summer about family, friendship, poetry, and baseball.

Woodson, Jacqueline. FEATHERS
(*Historical Fiction*)

When a white student nicknamed Jesus Boy joins her previously all-black class, Frannie starts to believe that he may be special.

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Grade 5

Books Too Good To Miss

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Books for Fifth Graders

Auch, MJ. WING NUT (*Historical Fiction*)

An elderly bird watcher teaches Grady about cars, birds, and the meaning of home.

Barber, Tiki. KICKOFF! (*Biography*)

Tiki and Ronde Barber get ready for the junior high football team.

Berlin, Eric. THE PUZZLING WORLD OF WINSTON BREEN (*Mystery*)

Puzzle-crazy siblings become involved in a dangerous mystery.

Blume, Leslie. CORNELIA AND THE AUDACIOUS ESCAPADES OF THE SOMERSET SISTERS (*Realistic Fiction*)

A lonely girl learns about language and life from her eccentric elderly neighbor.

Bode, N.E. THE SLIPPERY MAP (*Fantasy*)

Oyster dreams of an imaginary world, but what can he do when he ends up in someone else's world?

Broach, Elise. SHAKESPEARE'S SECRET (*Mystery*)

A misfit girl and a popular boy search for a hidden diamond.

Buckley, Michael. THE SISTERS GRIMM (*Fantasy/Science Fiction*)*

Orphaned sisters are sent to live with an eccentric grandmother that they have always believed to be dead.

Carman, Patrick. ATHERTON: THE HOUSE OF POWER (*Fantasy/Science Fiction*)*

A boy finds a book that reveals secrets about the history and future of his world.

Clements, Andrew. NO TALKING (*Realistic Fiction*)

Noisy fifth grade boys challenge the equally loud girls to a "no talking" contest.

Colfer, Eoin. HALF MOON INVESTIGATIONS (*Mystery*)

Twelve-year-old private investigator, Fletcher Moon, must track down a conspiracy or be framed for a crime.

Compestine, Ying Chang. REVOLUTION IS NOT A DINNER PARTY (*Historical Fiction*)

Nine-year-old Ling fights to survive during the Cultural Revolution in China.

Couloumbis, Audrey. MISADVENTURES OF MAUDE MARCH (*Historical Fiction*)*

Two orphaned sisters unintentionally become outlaws in this funny novel.

DuPrau, Jeanne. CITY OF EMBER (*Fantasy/Science Fiction*)*

Lina and Doon are certain that an ancient message will help them save their dying city.

Fleischman, Sid. ESCAPE! THE STORY OF THE GREAT HOUDINI (*Biography*)

A biography of the magician.

Funke, Cornelia. INKHEART (*Fantasy/Science Fiction*)*

Meggie learns her father can "read" fictional characters to life when one of those characters kidnaps them.

Giff, Patricia Reilly. ELEVEN (*Realistic Fiction*)

Will Sam's strange dreams lead him and his friend Caroline to discover who he really is and where he belongs?

Grogan, John. MARLEY: A DOG LIKE NO OTHER (*Non-Fiction*)

A true account of a mischievous dog.

Janeczko, Paul. TOP SECRET: A HANDBOOK OF CODES, CIPHERS AND SECRET WRITING (*Non - Fiction*)

A handbook of codes, invisible inks, spy stories and more.

Jennings, Patrick. OUT STANDING IN MY FIELD (*Realistic Fiction*)

A fifth-grader is the worst player on the baseball team coached by his overly-competitive father.

Jonell, Lynne. EMMY AND THE INCREDIBLE SHRINKING RAT (*Fantasy/Science Fiction*)*

Emmy and her rodent friends must stop her parents from being drugged by the nanny.

Kessler, Liz. THE TAIL OF EMILY WINDSNAP (*Fantasy/Science Fiction*)*

Emily discovers a secret about herself that opens up a whole new world.

Klages, Ellen. THE GREEN GLASS SEA (*Historical Fiction*)*

During World War II, Dewey must move when her father is assigned to work on a top-secret government project.

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