

Grades 4 – 5

J FICTION

☀ **Banks**

Finding Serendipity

When Tuesday McGillycuddy and her beloved dog Baxterr discover that Tuesday's mother--the famous author Serendipity Smith--has gone missing, they set out on a magical adventure. In their quest to find Serendipity, they discover the mysterious and unpredictable place that stories come from.

Birdsall

The Penderwicks in Spring

As spring arrives on Gardam Street, there are surprises in store for each Penderwick, from neighbor Nick Geiger's expected return from the war to Batty's new dog-walking business, but her plans to use her profits to surprise her family on her eleventh birthday go astray.

Bodeen

Shipwreck Island

Sarah's dad and stepmom then decide to take the whole family on a special vacation in order to break the ice and have everyone get to know one another. They'll fly to Tahiti, charter a boat, and go sailing for a few days. It'll be an adventure, right? Wrong. Dead wrong.

Brown

Life on Mars

Twelve-year-old Arcturus Betelgeuse Chambers' quest to find life on other planets seems at an end when his parents decide to move to Las Vegas, but while they look for a house he stays with his neighbor, an astronaut who soon becomes a friend.

☀ **Calonita**

Flunked

When petty thief Gilly, who lives with five younger brothers and sisters in a run-down boot, gets caught stealing, she is sentenced to three months at Fairy Tale Reform School, where all of the teachers are former villains, including the Big Bad Wolf, the Evil Queen, and Cinderella's Wicked Stepmother.

☀ **Dionne**

Ollie and the Science of Treasure Hunting

While spending two weeks at Wilderness Camp on the Boston Harbor Islands, thirteen-year-old Ollie, short, half Vietnamese, asthmatic, and overweight, must find and protect hidden pirate treasure from those who would steal it for themselves.

☀ **Downey**

The Ninja Librarians: The Accidental Keyhand

Dorrie and her brother Marcus accidentally open a portal to Petrarch's Library, where they discover a secret society of warrior librarians who travel in time, protecting the world's greatest thinkers from torture and death for sharing knowledge and ideas.

☀ **Frederick**

Absolutely Truly

Twelve-year-old Truly Lovejoy's family moves to a small town to take over a bookstore. Soon, she has to solve two mysteries involving a missing book and an undelivered letter.

Gibbs

Poached

Twelve-year-old Teddy Fitzroy is the prime suspect when FunJungle's newly-acquired koala goes missing, thanks to a prank staged by middle school bully Vance Jessup.

Gibbs

Space Case

Dashiell Gibson, who lives on Moon Base Alpha, has to solve a murder of one of the moon's most prominent doctors.

☀ **Grabentein**

The Island of Dr. Libris

A twelve-year-old boy, worried that his parents may divorce, discovers that an island in the middle of the lake where he is spending the summer is the testing grounds of the mysterious Dr. Libris, who may have invented a way to make the characters in books come alive.

☀ **Graff**

Absolutely Almost

Ten-year-old Albie has never been the smartest, tallest, best at gym, greatest artist, or most musical in his class, as his parents keep reminding him, but new nanny Calista helps him uncover his strengths and take pride in himself.

Harrell

Life of Zarf: The Trouble with Weasels

As a troll, Zarf Belford is at the bottom of the social ladder at Cotswin Middle School, but when the king goes missing and his insufferable son takes control, Zarf leads his friends Kevin and Chester on a rescue mission.

Harrold

The Imaginary

Rudger, an imaginary playmate, must find his friend Amanda before he fades away to nothing, while eluding the only other person who can see him, evil Mr. Bunting, who hunts--and possibly even eats--imaginaries.

☀ **Holm**

The Fourteenth Goldfish

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Jocelyn

Viminy Crowe's Comic Book

When Wylder Wallace spills his lunch on Addy Crowe at ComicFest then discovers that her uncle is a steampunk comic artist, Wylder embarks on a series of adventures with Addy involving the loss of her pet rat and the unfolding of a comic book story.

Keating

How to Outrun a Crocodile When Your Shoes are Untied

When twelve-year-old Ana's zoologist parents move the whole family into the zoo, the Sneers--the clan of carnivorous female predators in her class--have even more ammunition to make her life miserable, although she tries to act like a chameleon and fade into the background.

Kuhlman

Great Ball of Light

When a ball of light appears with the power to bring the dead back to life, twins Fiona and Fenton are determined to catch it and perform some experiments.

☀ **Lamana**

Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere

At the end of August 2005, ten-year-old Armani is looking forward to her birthday party in the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans, where she and her extended family live, but Hurricane Katrina is on the way, bringing destruction and tragedy in its wake.

Mezrich

Bringing Down the Mouse

A mathematically gifted sixth-grader is recruited by a group of students to game the system at the biggest theme park in the world--and win the big prize.

Minecraft ***Invasion of the Overworld***

Gameknight999 loved Minecraft, reveled in building fabulous structures, playing on servers, creating custom maps, but most of all, he loved to grief. As the self-proclaimed King of the Griefer, Gameknight played the game for himself at the expense of everyone else, keeping the list of his friends in the game short, extremely short. But when one of his father's inventions teleports him into the game, Gameknight is forced to live out a real-life adventure within the digital world of Minecraft. Unsure if he would respawn if killed in the game (maybe he'd just disconnect) or maybe he'd really die. Gameknight must play the game with all of his skill and knowledge in order to avoid the sharp claws of zombies and pointed fangs of spiders. While living out this terrible and painful adventure, he discovers the most well-kept secret about Minecraft, something not even the programmers realize; the creatures within the game are alive!

☀ **Oakes** ***Dinosaur Boy***

Sprouting a tail and spikes over the summer before fifth grade, Sawyer, a boy with the dinosaur gene, is bullied in school, but when his tormentors begin to disappear, it is up to Sawyer, his best friend Elliot, and a mysterious new girl to rescue them from a galactically horrible fate.

🎵 **Pastis** ***Timmy Failure: We Meet Again***

His name is Failure. Timmy Failure. And his detective agency is on the verge of global domination. Global riches. Global fame. And yet the gods keep throwing him curveballs for starters, academic probation. The coveted Miracle Report is the key to everything, including a good grade. It's dirty business. It's best you know nothing. But one thing is for sure that Timmy Failure will be triumphant again!

Patterson ***Public School Super Hero***

Kenny Wright is a kid with a secret identity. In his mind, he's Stainlezz Steel, super-powered defender of the weak. In reality, he's a chess club devotee known as a "grandma's boy," a label that makes him an easy target for bullies. Kenny wants to bring a little more Steel to the real world, but can he recognize his own true strength before peer pressure forces him to make the worst choice of his life?

☀ **Potter** ***The Left Behinds: The iPhone that Saved George Washington***

Three students, Mel, Bev, and Brandon, left behind at their prestigious school during Christmas break, find themselves in 1776 New Jersey with General George Washington dead at their feet, and twelve-year-old Mel must find a way, using his iPhone, to set things right.

☀ **Rocklin** ***Fleabrain Loves Franny***

This middle-grade novel takes place in Pittsburgh in 1952-53. The protagonist is Franny, a young girl of imagination, curiosity, and stubbornness. While recovering from polio, she begins a correspondence with a flea named Fleabrain.

☀ **Rundell** ***Cartwheeling in Thunderstorms***

Wilhelmina Silver's world is golden. Living half-wild on an African farm with her horse, her monkey, and her best friend, every day is beautiful. But when her home is sold and Will is sent away to boarding school in England, the world becomes impossibly difficult. Lions and hyenas are nothing compared to packs of vicious schoolgirls. Where can a girl run to in London? And will she have the courage to survive?

Schultz ***Hook's Revenge***

Captain Hook's swashbuckling daughter must avenge her infamous father's death at the jaws of the Neverland crocodile.

☀ **Skye** ***Witherwood Reform School***

Siblings Charlotte and Tobias are trapped within a creepy reform school--and entangled in its dark secrets.

☀ **Springstubb** ***Moonpenny Island***

On Moonpenny Island, eleven-year-old Flor O'Dell experiences a series of life changes after her best friend's sent away to a private school.

Watson ***Loot***

When Alfie McQuinn, the notorious jewel thief, is killed on a job, his last words to his son, March, are to "find jewels" and this instruction leads the boy to Jules, the twin sister he never knew he had--and the perfect partner to carry on the family business.

☀🎧 **Weeks** ***Honey***

When she suspects that her father has a girlfriend, Melody and her best friend are determined to figure out who it is and why it is a secret.

Wertheim ***The Rookie Bookie***

When seventh-grader Mitch Sloan moves to Jonasburg, Indiana, he uses his exceptional skills in math, money, and sports statistics to make friends--but gets in over his head when he starts a football betting ring.

Wood ***The Unmapped Sea***

Lord Fredrick Ashton may not feel ready to be a father, but with a little Ashton on the way, he's sure about one thing: The wolfish curse on his family must end soon, before the child is born. Penelope willingly takes on the challenge; when Lady Constance's doctor prescribes a seaside holiday, Penelope jumps at the chance to take the three Incurable children to Brighton, where she hopes to persuade the old sailor Pudge to reveal what he knows about the Ashton curse.

J FICTION/ FANTASY

☀ **Durham** ***The Luck Uglies***

Eleven-year-old Rye O'Chanter and her two friends delve into the secret lore of their village when mysterious creatures of legend reappear on the night of the Black Moon, leading them to the notorious secret society, the Luck Uglies.

Ryan ***Map of Everywhere***

Twelve-year-old Fin, a master thief from the pirate world of Khaznot Quay, and Marrill, also twelve, of Arizona, cross paths in the magical world of the Pirate Stream while on a quest for a mysterious map.

🎧 **Riordan** ***The Blood of Olympus***

The Greek and Roman demigods must simultaneously prevent the earth mother, Gaea, from waking and stop war from breaking out at Camp Half-Blood.

J GRAPHIC NOVEL

Shapiro ***Terra Tempo: The Academy of Planetary Evolution***

The kids of the Academy of Planetary Evolution race from the Cenozoic era to the modern age, making their way through the evolution of mammals, but when the Bone Wars of the late 1800s threaten to break over to the modern age, Jenna, Caleb, and Ari find themselves in a fight alongside some of history's most notable figures as they race to ensure the safety of the world's history, and its future.

Simpson

Phoebe and Her Unicorn

It all started when Phoebe skipped a rock across a pond and accidentally hit a unicorn in the face. Improbably, this led to Phoebe being granted one wish, and she used it to make the unicorn, Marigold Heavenly Nostrils, her obligational best friend. But can a vain mythical beast and a nine-year-old daydreamer really forge a connection? Indeed they can, and that's how *Phoebe and Her Unicorn* unfolds.

J NON-FICTION

J 031.02 Terry

Top 10 of Everything 2015

Packed with unusual comparisons, special features, awe-inspiring photographs and holographic foil histories, engineering feats, and thousands of facts and pictures.

J 363.738 Newman

Plastic Ahoy!: Investigating the Great Pacific Garbage Patch

A team of scientists explore the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, where millions of pieces of plastic have gathered, having drifted there from rivers, beaches, and ocean traffic all over the world.

J 590.947 Johnson

Chernobyl's Wild Kingdom: Life in the Dead Zone

Looks at the events of the Chernobyl Nuclear Accident in the Ukraine, describing how scientists are monitoring the effects of radiation on the wildlife that continue to live there and what this means for the human population surrounding the area.

J 595.7 Albee

Bugged: How Insects Changed History

Chronicles the rivalry between the human and insect worlds that draws on myriad disciplines to explain the varying roles that bugs have played in building and toppling empires as well as the bug stories behind infamous disasters.

J 621.31 Rusch

The Next Wave: The Quest to Harness the Power of the Oceans

From an acclaimed Scientists in the Field author comes the electrifying story of the scientists and engineers who are working to transform ocean waves into electricity in hopes of generating a cleaner, more sustainable power source.

J 644.6 DiPiazza

Remaking the John: Invention and Reinvention of the Toilet

Everyone needs to go to the bathroom, and from the citizens of the world's earliest human settlements to astronauts living on the International Space Station, the challenge has been the same: how to safely and effectively dispose of human body wastes. Toilet history includes everything from the hunt for the causes of infectious disease to twenty-first-century marvels of engineering.

J 658.1 Keyser

Sneaker Century: A History of Athletic Shoes

In Sneaker Century, follow sneaker fashions and the larger-than-life personalities behind the best known athletic shoe brands in history. Learn how teen sneakerheads became important style makers and drove the success of NIKE, Inc., and other shoe companies. Look behind the scenes at the labor-intensive process of manufacturing sneakers. Explore the sneaker frontier of the future--recycled shoes, earth-friendly initiatives, and high-fashion statements.

J 796.83 ALI

Denenberg

Ali: An American Champion

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