

Suggested Summer Reading Titles for Rising 5th graders



Pick three or four (or more!) titles that look interesting, curl up in your favorite summer reading spot, and settle into a great new-to-you book. Stick to a genre you know and love, branch out and try something completely new, or head to your local library or bookstore and find your own great summer read. And don't forget about Summer Reading Bingo. Happy reading!

ACTION ADVENTURE

Anderson, John David- Sidekicked (series)
Farook, Nizrana- The Girl Who Stole an Elephant
Giles, Lamar- The Last, Last Days of Summer (series)
Grabenstein, Chris- The Smartest Kid in the Universe (series)
Gutman, Dan- The Flashback Four (series)
Hernandez, Carlos- Sal and Gabi Break the Universe
Stewart, Carl Lee- The Secret Keepers
Parry, Rosanne- A Wolf Called Wander
Patterson, James- Max Einstein (series), Treasure Hunters (series)
Paulsen, Gary- Northwind
Ponti, James- City Spies (series)
Rhodes, Jewell Parker- Paradise on Fire

SCARY STUFF

Allen, Josh- Only if you dare: 13 stories of darkness and doom
Arden, Katherine- Small Spaces (series)
Baptise, Tracy- The Jumbies (series)
Beatty, Robert- Serafina and the Black Cloak (series)
Heidicker, Christian McKay- Scary Stories for Young Foxes
Hermon, Daka- Hide and Seeker
Marshall, Kate Alice- Thirteens
Meloy, Colin- When the Stars Wander Darkly
Romasco Moore, Maria- Krazyland
Scieszka, Jon- Terrifying Tales

CLASSICS

DiCamillo, Kate- Because of Winn-Dixie*, The Tale of Despereaux*
Erdrich, Louise- The Birchbark House
Juster, Norton- The Phantom Tollbooth
Konigsburg, E. L.- From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*
Lewis, C.S.- The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe
Park, Linda Sue- A Single Shard*
Paulsen, Gary; Hatchet* (series)
Raskin, Ellen- The Westing Game*
Sachar, Louis Holes*
Taylor, Mildred D.- Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*

FANTASY/SCIENCE FICTION

Alston, B.B.- Amari and the Night Brothers
Calejo, Ryan- Charlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows (series)
Chainani, Soman- The School for Good and Evil (series)
Chokshi, Roshani- Aru Shah and the End of Time (series)
Clayton, Dhonielle- The Marvellers
Hernandez, Carlos- Sal and Gabi Break the Universe
Lee, Yoon Ha- Dragon Pearl (series)
Mbalia, Kwame- Tristan Strong punches a hole in the sky* (series)
McMann, Lisa- The Unwanteds (series)
Messenger, Shannon- Keeper of Lost Cities (series)
Meriano, Anna- A Dash of Trouble (series)
Older, Daniel Jose- The Dactyl Hill Squad (series)
Riley, James- Story Thieves (series)

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Bell, Cece- El Deafo*
Craft, Jerry- New Kid, Class Act, School Trip
Hale, Shannon- Real Friends (series)
Hatke, Ben- Mighty Jack (series), Zita the Space Girl (series)
Holm, Jennifer- Sunny Side Up (series)
LaMotte, Lily- Measuring Up
Layne, Aliza- Beetle & the Hollowbones
Libenson, Terri- Invisible Emmie (series)
Mohamed, Omar- When Stars are Scattered
Ostertag, Molly- Witch Boy (series)
Siegel, Mark- 5 Worlds (series)
Terciero Rey- Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy

NON-FICTION

Arce, Julissa- Someone Like Me: How One Undocumented Girl Fought for Her American Dream
Leatherdale, Mary Beth- Stormy seas: stories of young boat refugees
Leonard, Dion- Finding Gobi: the true story of one little dog's big journey
Markle, Sandra- The great penguin rescue: saving the African penguins
Nelson, Kadir- We are the Ship: the story of the Negro baseball league
Paquette, Ammi-Joan- Two Truths and a Lie
Soontornvat, Christina- All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue Of The Thai Boys' Soccer Team
Scieska, Jon- True Stories
Stewart, Amy- Wicked bugs: the meanest, deadliest, grossest bugs on Earth
Tougas, Michael- The Finest Hours: the true story of a heroic sea rescue
Wicks, Maris- Coral Reefs : Cities Of The Ocean (Science Comics series)
Zuckerman, Gregory- Rising Above: how 11 athletes overcame challenges in their youth to become stars

FUNNY STUFF

Banks, Steven- Middle School Bites (series)
Bird, Betsy- Funny Girl: Funniest. Stories. Ever.

Bowling, Dusti- Insignificant Events in the life of a Cactus
Emerson, Marcus- The Super Life of Ben Braver (series)
Hale, Bruce- Switched
Higuera, Donna Barba- Lupe Wong won't dance
Ignatow, Amy- The popularity papers (series)
Kim, Jessica- Stand up, Yumi Chung!
Korman, Gordon- Ungifted; Supergifted; Slacker; The Unteachables
Patterson, James- I funny: a middle school story (series), Middle School (series)
Reynolds, Justin A.- It's the end of the world and I'm in my bathing suit
Sales, Leila- The Campaign

BOOKS IN VERSE

Alexander, Kwame- The Crossover, Booked, The Door of No Return
Bowling, Dusti- Canyon's Edge
Creech, Sharon- Love that Dog
Freeman, Megan E.- Alone
Grimes, Nikki- Garvey's Choice
Holt, K. A.- Benbee and the Teacher Griever
Hood, Susan- Lifeboat 12
Lai, Thanhha Lai- Inside Out & Back Again
Woodson, Jacqueline- Brown Girl Dreaming*, Before the Ever After*
Warga, Jasmine- Other Words for Home

REALISTIC FICTION

Draper, Sharon- Blended; Out of My Mind
Gemeinhart, Dan- The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise
Gino, Alex- Rick
Glaser, Karina Yan Glaser- The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street (series)
Hunt, Lynda M.- Fish in a Tree; One for the Murphys; Shouting at the Rain
Kelly, Erin Entrada- Hello Universe*, We Dream of Space, Those Kids from Fawn Creek
Kelly, Lynne- Song for a Whale
Khan, Hena- Amina's Voice, Amina's Song
Korman, Gordon- Restart, War Stories
Marks, Janae- From the Desk of Zoe Washington, A Soft Place to Land
Medina, Meg- Merci Suarez Changes Gears*, Merci Suarez Can't Dance
Nielsen, Susin- No Fixed Address
Stead, Rebecca- The List of Things That Will Not Change, Liar and Spy
Yang, Kelly- Front Desk (series)
Zaboi, Ibi- My Life as an Ice Cream Sandwich

SPORTS

Abdul-Jabbar, Kareem- Sasquatch in the paint
Alexander, Kwame- Becoming Muhammad Ali; The Crossover
Green, Time- Final Season
Gutman, Dan- Jackie and Me (series)
Jeter, Derek- The Contract

Klage, Ellen- Out of Left Field
Lupica, Mike- Travel Team, Heat; Fantasy League; The Underdogs
Reynolds, Jason- Ghost (series)
Scieszka, Jon- The Sports Pages
Shovan, Laura- Takedown
Smith, Matthew Ross- The million dollar race
Wallace, Matt- Bump

HISTORICAL FICTION

Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker- The War that Saved My Life*; The War I Finally Won
Cho, John- Troublemaker
Gratz, Alan- Refugee; Grenade; Allies, Ground Zero
Hiranandani, Veera- How to find what you're not looking for
Luqman-Dawson, Amina- Freewater
Murdock, Catherine Gilbert- The Book of Boy
Nielsen, Jennifer A.- Iceberg
Park, Linda Sue- Prairie Lotus
Parsons, Karyn- How High the Moon
Ryan, Pam Munoz- Esperanza Rising, Echo
Shepherd, Megan- Dog Star
Smith, Pauline- Dawn Raid

MYSTERY

Gibbs, Stuart- Spy School (series), FunJungle (series)
Grabenstein, Chris- Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library (series)
Eulberg, Elizabeth- The great Shelby Holmes (series)
Johnson, Varian- The Parker Inheritance
Korman, Gordon- Swindle (series); Masterminds (series)
Milford, Kate- Greenglass House
Rivera, Lilliam- Goldie Vance: the hotel whodunit
Thompson, John- The girl from Felony Bay
Turnage, Sheila- Three Times Lucky*
Weeks, Sarah- Pie
White, Kiersten- Sinister Summer (series)
Chambliss Bertman, Jennifer- Book Scavenger

OTHER SOURCES FOR GREAT BOOKS

Brightly- <https://www.readbrightly.com/>
Common Sense Media- <https://www.common Sense Media.org/book-lists>
Reading Middle Grade- <https://readingmiddlegrade.com/>
Rick Riordan Presents- <https://www.readriordan.com/series/rick-riordan-presents/>
VA Reads Middle Grade book lists- <https://www.vareads.com/>
Virginia Reader's Choice book lists- <https://vslatoday.org/VRC>
We Need Diverse Books- <https://diversebooks.org/resources-old/where-to-find-diverse-books/>
Bbgb bookstore-<https://www.bbgbbbooks.com/>; their staff is very knowledgeable!
Your local library- librarians have read everything and **love** to give suggestions!