## **GRAPHIC NOVELS**

Chmakova, Svetlana. Awkward. After shunning Jaime, the school nerd, on her first day at a new middle school, Penelope Torres tries to blend in with her new friends in the art club, until the art club goes to war with the science club, of which Jaime is a member.

Hicks, Faith Erin. *The Nameless City*. The fate of the City rests in the hands of Rat, a native, and Kaidu, one of the the latest occupiers, and the two must somehow work together if the City is to survive.

Larson, Hope. Compass South (series). After escaping the Black Hook Gang in 1860 New York City, 12-year-old twins Alexander and Cleopatra flee to New Orleans, become separated, and try to find each other in San Francisco, while being followed by pirates who think they hold the key to treasure.

Montclare, Brandon. Moon Girl and Devil Dinosaur (series). Lunella Lafayette is an inhuman preteen genius who wants to change the world, but she also has to deal with a red-scaled beast teleported from the prehistoric past!

Stevenson, Noelle. *Lumberjanes*. Five best friends spend the summer at Lumberjane scout camp...defeating yetis, three-eyed wolves, and giant falcons!

Vivat, Booki. Frazzled: Everyday Disasters and Impending Doom. Nervous about middle school because her family does not get her and her friends know exactly what they want to do, Abbie Wu searches for her own passion before discovering a knack for leadership when injustices in the cafeteria come to light.

Wicks, Maris. Human Body Theater (612 WIC).

Xu, Ru. **Newsprints**. With her city at war, orphan Blue disguises herself as a newsboy for the only local paper that tells the truth, but a new friend gives her the courage to start seeking the freedom to be herself.



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834 Lake St. 708.383.8200 Monday-Thursday: 9 am-9 pm Friday: 9 am-6 pm Saturday: 9 am-5 pm Sunday: 1-6 pm

#### **Dole Branch Library**

255 Augusta St. 708.386.9032 Monday: Closed Tuesday-Thursday: 10 am-9 pm Friday: 10 am-6 pm Saturday: 10 am-5 pm Sunday: 1-6 pm

#### Maze Branch Library

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# FIFTH GRADE RECOMMENDED READING LIST

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## **FICTION**

Arntson, Steven. *The Trap.* When a notorious bully disappears from their quiet 1960s town, Henry and his friends stumble upon a criminal's plot and an odd instruction guide to out-of-body experiences.

Bachmann, Stefan (editor). Cabinet of Curiosities: 36
Tales Brief & Sinister. Eerie short tales related to an imaginary museum of creepy artifacts.

Banks, Angelica. *Finding Serendipity* (series). When Tuesday McGillycuddy and her dog Baxterr discover that Tuesday's mother—the famous author Serendipity Smith—has gone missing, they set out on a magical adventure.

Baptiste, Tracey. *The Jumbies*. Corinne must call on her courage and an ancient magic to stop an evil spirit and save her island home.

Bauer, John. **Soa**r. Moving to Ohio, when his father accepts a temporary job, 12-year-old Jeremiah has 60 days to find a baseball team to coach.

Beasley, Cassie. *Circus Mirandus*. Micah sets out to find the mysterious Circus Mirandus and to use its magic to save his grandfather's life.

Blakemore, Megan Frazer. Spy Catchers of Maple Hill. Hazel and her new friend Samuel investigate rumors that a Russian spy has infiltrated their small town.

Chambliss Bertman, Jennifer. **Book Scavenger**. Emily and her new friend James team up to follow clues in an odd book they find, hoping to figure out its secrets.

Dee, Barbara. **Star-Crossed.** When Mattie is cast as Romeo in an eighth-grade play, she is confused to find herself increasingly attracted to Gemma, a new classmate who is playing Juliet.

Frederick, Heather Vogel. *Absolutely Truly*. Truly's family takes over a bookstore. Soon, she has to solve mysteries involving a missing book and an undelivered letter.

Freeman, Martha. *Effie Starr Zook Has One More Question*. City girl Effie Starr Zook is not looking

forward to spending the summer with her aunt and uncle on their farm in Pennsylvania, until she stumbles across a mystery related to an old family secret.

Grosso, Mike. *I Am Drums*. Sam really wants to learn to play the drums, but she can't afford a drum kit. She's also dealing with the complications of school budget cuts and her parents' frequent arguments.

Hale, Shannon. *Princess Academy* (series). While attending a strict academy for potential princesses with the other girls from her mountain village, Miri discovers unexpected talents and connections to her homeland.

Larson, Kirby. Audacity Jones to the Rescue. In 1910, Audacity is an orphan living a boring life, but when Commodore Crutchfield whisks her away, she finds herself involved in a sinister plot against the president.

L'Engle, Madeleine. A Wrinkle in Time. Meg Murry and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers and a search for Meg's father, who has disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.

Mafi, Tahereh. Furthermore. Alice Queensmeadow travels through the dangerous, magical land of Furthermore in order to rescue her missing father and prove her own magical abilities.

Marsh, Katherine. *The Door by the Staircase*. Happy to be adopted at last, 12-year-old Mary soon learns a terrifying secret about her new mother, the mysterious Madame Z.

Pennypacker, Sara.  $P\alpha x$ . 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.

Polonsky, Ami. *Threads*. An American girl finds a note written by a Chinese girl forced to work in a factory in Beijing.

Ponti, James. *Framed!* In Washington, DC, 12-year-old Florian Bates, a consulting detective for the FBI, helps thwart the biggest art heist in United States history.

Sepahban, Lois. *Paper Wishes*. Near the start of World War II, young Manami and her family are evacuated

from their home and sent to Manzanar, a dreary internment camp in the desert.

Smith, Greg Leitich. Little Green Men at the Mercury Inn. Two boys race to get an undercover alien back to her ship while dodging UFO chasers, reporters, and retirees.

Stevens, Robin. *Murder Is Bad Manners* (series). At an English boarding school in the 1930s, crimesolving friends Hazel Wong and Daisy Wells struggle to find an exciting mystery to investigate until Hazel discovers the dead body of Miss Bell, the science teacher.

#### **NONFICTION**

Appel, Marty. Pinstripe Pride: The Inside Story of the New York Yankees (796.357 APP).

Copeland, Misty. Life in Motion: An Unlikely Ballerina: Young Readers' Edition (B COP).

Freedman, Russell. We Will Not Be Silent: The White Rose Student Resistance Movement That Defied Adolf Hitler (943.086 FRE).

Jazynka, Kitson. Mission: Wolf Rescue: All About the Wolves and How to Save Them (599.773 JAZ).

Kamkwamba, William. The Boy Who Harnessed The Wind: Young Reader's Edition (621.45 KAM).

Kwak, Sarah. Face-Off: The Top 10 Lists of Everything Hockey (796.962 KWA).

Lee Shetterly, Margot. *Hidden Figures: Young Readers' Edition* (510.92 LEE).

Montgomery, Sy. *The Great White Shark Scientist* (578.77 MON).

Stabler, David. Kid Athletes: True Tales of Childhood from Sports Legends (796.092 STA).

Stone, Tanya Lee. Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream (629.45 STO).

Williams, Rachel. Atlas of Adventures (912 WIL).