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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.

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*** (series). Corinne must call on her courage and an ancient magic to stop an evil spirit and save her island home.

Bauer, John. ***Soar***. 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.

Chambliss Bertman, Jennifer. ***Book Scavenger*** (series). Emily and her 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.

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.

Green, Shari. ***Macy McMillan and the Rainbow Goddess***. Dealing with her mother's remarriage and her family moving, deaf sixth-grader Macy is told she must help her elderly neighbor Iris Gillan, who is getting ready to move to a nursing home.

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.

Kelkar, Supriya. ***Ahimsa***. Gandhi asks for one member of each family to join the fight for independence from the British, and when 10-year-old Anjali's mother is jailed for doing so, Anjali must step out of her comfort zone to take over her mother's work.

Kelly, Erin Entrada. ***Hello, Universe***. Lives of four misfits are intertwined when a bully's prank lands shy Virgil at the bottom of a well, and Valencia, Kaori, and Gen band together in a quest to find and rescue him.

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

L'Engle, Madeleine. ***A Wrinkle in Time*** (series). Meg 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. ***Pax***. 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.

Pérez, Celia C. ***The First Rule of Punk***. Twelve-year-old María Luisa O'Neill-Morales reluctantly moves with her Mexican-American mother to Chicago and starts school with a bang—violating the dress code with her punk rock aesthetic and spurning the most popular girl in favor of starting a band with like-minded weirdos.

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

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

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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.

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

### NONFICTION

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).

Grimes, Nikki. *One Last Word: Wisdom From the Harlem Renaissance* (811 GRI).

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).

Pinkney, Andrea Davis. *Martin Rising: Requiem for a King* (811 PIN).

Sandler, Martin W. *The Whydah: A Pirate Ship Feared, Wrecked, and Found* (910.45 SAN).

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).

### GRAPHIC NOVELS

Cameron, Neill. *Mega Robo Bros*. London! The future! Alex and Freddy are just like any other brothers. They squabble. They drive their parents crazy. There's only one difference; They're the most powerful robots on Earth!

Chanani, Nidhi. *Pashmina*. Indian-American teen Priyanka attempts to reconnect with her mother's homeland through a magical pashmina shawl.

Chmakova, Svetlana. *Awkward* (series). 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* (series). 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.

Mercado, Yehudi. *Sci-Fu*. Hip-hop, sci-fi, and kung fu all hit the turntables when a young mix-master scratches the perfect beat and accidentally summons a UFO.

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!

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.