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## FIFTH GRADE RECOMMENDED READING LIST 2019-2020 | OPPL.ORG/KIDS

### FICTION

Arden, Katherine. ***Small Spaces***. After eleven-year-old Ollie's school bus mysteriously breaks down on a field trip, she and two classmates must use all of their wits to survive the night while being hunted in a dark forest.

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.

Cervantes, Angela. ***Lety Out Loud***. Lety loves writing adoption profiles for the shelter animals, who never mind when it takes her longer to speak English than Spanish. But the profiles turn into a rivalry that Lety worries will mean she can't adopt her favorite shelter dog.

Cline-Ransome, Lesa. ***Finding Langston***. Discovering a book of Langston Hughes' poetry in a 1940s Chicago library helps Langston cope with the loss of his mother, moving north, and being bullied.

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.

Ferruolo, Jeanne Zulick. ***Ruby in the Sky***. When Ruby and her mother move to tiny Fortin, Vermont, Ruby is surprised to make friends at school and in the neighborhood, where a reclusive lady hides a huge secret.

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 and Dean Hale. ***The Unbeatable Squirrel Girl: Squirrel Meets World*** (series). Doreen has the powers of a squirrel, though she has to hide them—and her tail—until she discovers how to use her super powers for super good.

Hood, Susan. ***Lifeboat 12***. In 1940, a group of British kids, their escorts, and some sailors struggle to survive for days in a lifeboat at sea when the ship taking them to safety is torpedoed. Based on a true story.

Johnson, Varian. ***The Parker Inheritance***. When Candice finds the letter that sent her grandmother on the treasure hunt that cost her her job, she and her friend Brandon set out to find the inheritance, exonerate her grandmother, and expose an injustice once committed against an African-American family in their town.

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.

Klages, Ellen. ***Out of Left Field***. Every boy in the neighborhood knows Katy is their best pitcher, but when she tries out for Little League in 1957, she's rejected for being a girl. Katy fights back and discovers the forgotten history of female ball players.

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.

Lien, Henry. ***Peasprout Chen: Future Leader of Skate and Sword*** (series). Peasprout dreams of becoming a legend of wu liu, the deadly and beautiful art of martial arts figure skating.

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.

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.

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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### FICTION CONT.

Solomons, David. *Doctor Who: Secret in Vault 13*. The Doctor and her friends Yaz, Ryan, and Graham travel to the coldest spot in the universe, the Galactic Seed Vault, in search of the vault rumored to hold a great treasure and a terrible weapon.

Stevens, Robin. *Murder Is Bad Manners* (series). In a 1930s English boarding school, crime-solving friends Hazel Wong and Daisy Wells struggle to find a mystery to investigate until Hazel discovers a teacher's dead body.

### NONFICTION

Armstrong Dunbar, Erica and Kathleen Van Cleve. *Never Caught: The Story of Ona Judge* (B JUDGE).

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

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).

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

Melvin, Leland. *Chasing Space* (B MELVIN).

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

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

Rhatigan, Joe. *Inventions That Could Have Changed the World* (609 RHA).

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

*We Rise, We Resist, We Raise Voices* (305.8 WE).

### GRAPHIC NOVELS

Aldridge, Ethan M. *Estranged*. Edmund and the Childe were swapped at birth; Edmund lives in secret as a changeling in the World Above, his fae powers hidden, while the Childe lives among the fae, where being a human makes him a curiosity at the royal palace. Now they must unite on a dangerous quest to save both worlds—even if they're not sure which world they belong to.

Cameron, Neill. *Mega Robo Bros* (series). 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.

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!

Nicholas, Jamar. *Leon: Protector of the Playground*. Leon is a super hero with a pedigree—his mom is one of the best heroes in town. Does he have what it takes to protect his school?

Thummler, Breanna. *Sheets*. When Marjorie, a practical teen in charge of her family's laundry business, encounters Wendell, a ghost seeking purpose in the forbidden human world, the pair must find a solution to Wendell's chaos-inducing hauntings.

Xu, Ru. *Newsprints* (series). 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.