

## Reading List for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

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### CLASSICS & ALMOST CLASSICS

*Abel's Island*, by William Steig  
*All-of-a-Kind Family*, by Sidney Taylor  
*Anne of Greene Gables*, by L.M. Montgomery  
*Bambi: A Life in the Woods*, by Felix Salten  
*Black Beauty*, by Anna Sewell  
*The Black Stallion*, by Walter Farley  
*The Prydain Chronicles*, by Lloyd Alexander  
*Castle in the Attic*, by Elizabeth Winthrop  
*The Phoenix and the Carpet*, by E. Nesbit  
*The Railway Children*, by E. Nesbit  
*Five Children and It*, by E. Nesbit  
*Five Little Peppers*, by Margret Sydney  
*Daughter of the Mountains*, by Louise Rankin  
*The Secret Garden*, by Frances Hodgson Burnett  
*My Friend Flicka*, by Mary O'Hara  
*Homer Price*, by Robert McCloskey  
*Half Magic*, by Edward Eager  
*Heidi*, by Johanna Spyri  
*Hitty*, by Rachel Field  
*The Chronicles of Narnia*, by C.S. Lewis  
*The Borrowers*, by Mary Norton  
*The Incredible Journey*, by Shelia Burford  
*Lassie Come Home*, by Eric Knight  
*Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIHM*,  
by Robert C. O'Brien  
*Bright Island*, by Mabel L. Robinson  
*A Little Princess*, by Frances Hodgson Burnett  
*Light Princess*, by George MacDonald  
*The Moffats*, by Elenor Estes  
*Old Yeller*, by Fred Gibson  
*Gone-Away Lake*, by Elizabeth Enright

*Magic Maize*, by Mary Buff  
*The Thirteen Clocks*, by James Thurber  
*The Children of Green Knowe*, by L.M. Boston  
*The Wizard of Oz*, by Frank Baum  
*A Wrinkle in Time*, by Madeleine L'Engle  
*Miracles on Maple Hill*, by Virginia Sorenson  
*The Island of Adventure*, by Enid Blyton  
*Misty of Chincoteague*, by Marguerite Henry  
*In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson*,  
by Bette Lord  
*Soup*, by Richard Newton Peck  
*The Twenty-One Balloons*,  
by William Pene DuBois  
*Caddie Woodlawn*, by Carol Ryrie Brink  
*Swallows and Amazons*, by Arthur Ransome

### TALES FROM THE NORSE

*Odd and the Frost Giants*, by Neil Gaimon  
*The Sea of Trolls*, by Nancy Farmer  
*The Shipwreck*, by Jorn Riel  
*Icefall*, by Matthew J. Kerby

### TALES OF ANIMALS

*Don't Feed the Boy*, by Irene Latham  
*Gentle Ben*, by Walt Morey  
*Rascal*, by Sterling North  
*Ivy Takes Care*, by Rosemary Wells  
*The Last Wild*, by Piers Torday  
*Minn of the Mississippi*, by Holling C. Holling  
*One White Dolphin*, by Gill Lewis  
*A Nest for Celeste*, by Henry Cole  
*Shiloh*, by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor  
*Tua and the Elephant*, by R.P. Harris

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- The Magician's Elephant*, by Kate DiCamillo  
*Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer*,  
by Kelly Jones  
*Wild Robot*, by Peter Brown  
*Little Cat's Luck*, by Marion Dane Bauer

## TALES OF THE WILD WEST

- Bandit Moon*, by Sid Fleischman  
*The Secret School*, by Avi  
*The Cabin Faced West*, by Jean Fritz  
*The Quilt Walk*, by Sandra Dallas  
*Tucket's Travels*, by Gary Paulsen  
*Jim Ugly*, by Sid Fleischman  
*On to Oregon*, by Honoré Morrow  
*Our Only May Amelia*, by Jennifer Holm  
*Riding Freedom*, by Pam Munoz Ryan  
*The Year of Miss Agnes*, by Kirkpatrick Hill  
*Bo at Ballard Creek*, by Kirkpatrick Hill  
*The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate*, by Jacqueline Kelly

## TALES OF FRIENDSHIPS

- Bluish*, by Virginia Hamilton  
*Dancing Home*, by Alma Flor Ada  
*Because of Winn Dixie*, by Kate DiCamillo  
*January 1905*, by Katherine Boling  
*Harriet the Spy*, by Louise Fitzhugh  
*Cicada Summer*, by Andrea Beaty  
*The Gold Dust Letters*, by Janet Taylor Lisle  
*How Tia Lola Came to (Visit) Stay*,  
by Julia Alvarez  
*The Janitor's Boy*, by Andrw Clements  
*Jake and Lily*, by Jerry Spinelli

- The Great Unexpected*, by Sharon Creech  
*The Liberation of Gabriel King*, by K.L. Going

- The Penderwicks*, by Jeanne Birdsall  
*Garvey's Choice*, by Nikki Grimes

- Ms. Bixby's Last Day*, by John David Anderson

- The Wolf Keepers*, by Elise Broach  
*Fish in a Tree*, by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

- Wolf Hollow*, by Lauren Wolk

- When Mischief Came to Town*, by Katrina Nannestad

- Nothing But Trouble*, by Jacqueline Davies

## TALES OF ADVENTURE

- A Bear Named Trouble*, by Marion Dane Bauer

- Binny for Short*, by Hilary McKay

- Ghoulish Song*, by William Alexander

- The Ordinary Princess*, by M.M. Laye

- The Buddha's Diamonds*, by Carolyn Mardsen

- Snicker of Magic*, by Natalie Lloyd

- The Haunting of Granite Falls*, by Eva Ibbotson

- When the Circus Came to Town*, by Laurence Yep

- Bliss*, by Kathryn Littlewood

- Handbook of Dragon Slayers*, by Merrie Haskell

- Ice Drift*, by Theodore Taylor

- Noah Barleywater Runs Away*, by John Boyne

- The Mighty Miss Malone*, by Christopher Paul Curtis

- Ruby Hollar*, by Sharon Creech

- Racing the Moon*, by Alan Armstrong

- Skinnybones*, by Barbara Park

- The Clockwork Three*, by Matthew J. Kerby

- S.O.R. Losers*, by Avi

- Sun and Spoon*, by Kevin Henkes

- Under the Egg*, by Laura Fitzgerald

- Chasing Vermeer*, by Blue Balliett

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- Wooden Bones*, by Scott William Carter  
*Yang the Youngest and his Terrible Ear*, by  
*The Key to Extraordinary*, by Natalie Lloyd  
*To Catch a Cheat*, by Varian Johnson  
*The Inquisitor's Tale, or, The Three Magical Children  
and Their Holy Dog*, by Adam Gidwitz  
*All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook*,  
by Leslie Connor  
*Waiting for Augusta*, by Jessica Lawson  
*Chasing Secrets* by Gennifer Choldenko  
*The Water Horse*, by Dick King-Smith  
*Nim's Island*, by Wendy Orr

### TALES OF MAGIC

- Any Which Wall*, by Lynn Snyder  
*The Arkadians*, by Lloyd Alexander  
*The Time Cat*, by Lloyd Alexander  
*The Castle Corona*, by Sharon Creech  
*The City of Ember*, by Jeanne DuPrau  
*The Conch Bearer*, by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni  
*Fog Magic*, by Julia L. Sauer  
*The Overlander Series*, by Suzanne Collins  
*Books of Begining Series*, by John Stephens  
*Tuesdays at the Castle*, by Jessica Day George  
*Jinx*, by Sage Blackwood  
*Where the Mountains Meet the Moon*, by Grace Lin  
*Ophelia and the Marvelous Boy*, by Karen Foxlee  
*Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstilskin*,  
by Liesl Shurtliff  
*Splendors and Glooms*, by Laura Amy Schlitz  
*Snow Treasure*, by Marie McSwagan  
*A Tale of Two Castles*, by Gail Carson Levine

*A Tangle of Knots*, by Lisa Graf

- Tilly's Moonlight Garden*, by Julia Green  
*Serafina and the Black Cloak*, by Robert Beatty  
*Tuesdays at the Castle*, by Jessica Day George  
*The Last of the Really Great Whangdoodles*,  
by Julie Andrews Edwards

### MANY CULTURES

- Flying Lessons & Other Stories*, by Ellen Oh  
*Book Uncle and Me*, by Uma Krishnaswami  
*Ada's Violin:*  
*The Story of the Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay*,  
by Susan Hood  
*Juana & Lucas*, by Juana Medina  
*Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*, by Grace Lin  
*Starry River of the Sky*, by Grace Lin  
*When the Sea Turned to Silver*, by Grace Lin  
*One Half from the East*, by Nadia Hashimi  
*It Ain't So Awful, Falafel*, by Firoozeh Dumas  
*Stella by Starlight*, by Sharon M. Draper  
*Blue Birds*, by Caroline Starr Rose  
*Paper Wishes*, by Lois Sepahban  
*The Lightning Queen*, by Laura Resau

### AMAZING PEOPLE & EVENTS

- I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark*,  
by Debbie Levy  
*Ada Lovelace, Poet of Science:*  
*The First Computer Programmer*, by Diane Stanley  
*Whoosh:*  
*Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions*,  
by Chris Barton  
*Fannie Never Flinched: One Woman's Courage in the  
Struggle for American Labor Union Rights*,  
by Mary Cronk Farrell

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*Some Writer!: The Story of E. B. White*, by Melissa Sweet

*Breakthrough! How Three People Saved “Blue Babies”  
and Changed Medicine Forever*, by Jim Murphy

*The Boys in the Boat (Young Readers Adaptation)*,  
by Daniel James Brown

*Bubonic Panic: When Plague Invaded America*,  
by Gail Jarrow

## THE NATURAL WORLD

*Giant Squid*, by Candace Fleming

*Orangutan Orphanage*, by Suzi Eszterhas

*The Great White Shark Scientist*, by Sy Montgomery