

Fifth Grade Reads!

A listing of titles every fifth grader is sure to enjoy!

Ayres, Katherine. Macaroni Boy. In Pittsburgh in 1933, sixth-grader Mike Costa notices a connection between several strange occurrences, but the only way he can find out the truth about what's happening is to be nice to the class bully. **jAYR**

Balliett, Blue. Chasing Vermeer. When seemingly unrelated and strange events start to happen and a precious Vermeer painting disappears, thirteen-year-olds Petra and Calder combine their talents to solve an international art scandal. **jMYSTERY BAL**

Blackwood, Gary. The Shakespeare Stealer. A young orphan boy is ordered by his master to infiltrate Shakespeare's acting troupe in order to steal the script of "Hamlet," but he discovers instead the meaning of friendship and loyalty. **jBLA**

Boston, L. M. The Children of Green Knowe (series). Tolly comes to live with his great-grandmother at the ancient house of Green Knowe and becomes friends with three children who lived there in the seventeenth century. **jBOS**

Buckley, Michael. The Sisters Grimm (series). Orphans Sabrina and Daphne Grimm have been brought to live with a grandmother whom they thought was dead. Heartbroken and wary, the girls are immediately swept up in a mystery that includes giants, pixies, fairies, and witches. **jBUC**

Clements, Andrew. A Week in the Woods. The fifth grade's annual camping trip in the woods test Mark's survival skills and his ability to relate to a teacher who seems out to get him. **jCLE**

Colfer, Eoin. Artemis Fowl (series). When twelve-year-old evil genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll. **jCOL**

Funke, Cornelia. Dragon Rider. After learning that humans are headed toward his hidden home, Firedrake, a silver dragon, is joined by a orphan boy in a quest to find the legendary valley Rim of Heaven. **jFUN**

Gutman, Dan. The Homework Machine. Four fifth-grade students – a geek, a class clown, a teacher's pet, and a slacker – relate events surrounding a computer programmed to complete homework assignments. **jGUT**

Hesse, Karen. Out of the Dust. In a series of poems, fifteen-year-old Billie Jo relates the hardships of living on her family's wheat farm in Oklahoma during the Dust Bowl years of the Great Depression. **jHES**

Juster, Norton. The Phantom Tollbooth. A journey through a land where Milo learns the importance of words and numbers provides a cure for his boredom. **jJUS**

Lewis, C. S. The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe (series). Four English school children find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia and assist Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch who has cursed the land into eternal winter. **jLEW**

Lupica, Mike. Travel Team. After he is cut from his travel basketball team, twelve-year-old Danny Walker forms his own team of cast-offs that might have a shot at victory. **jSPORTS LUP**

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. Boys Start the War (series). Disgusted that a family with three girls moves into the house across the river, nine-year-old Wally and his three brothers declare a practical joke war on the girls. **jNAY**

Norton, Mary. The Borrowers (series). Miniature people who live in an old country house by borrowing things from the humans are forced to emigrate from their home under the clock. **jNORT**

O'Brien, Robert C. Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH. Having no one to help her with her problems, a widowed mouse visits the rats whose former imprisonment in a laboratory made them wise. **jOBR**

Rowling, J. K. Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (series). Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School for Wizards and Witches. **jROW**

Sachar, Louis. Holes. As further evidence of his family's bad fortune, Stanly Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself. **jSAC & YA SAC**

DiTerlizzi, Tony. The Spiderwick Chronicles (series). When the Grace children go to stay at their Great Aunt Lucinda's worn Victorian house, they discover a field guide to fairies and other creatures and begin to have some unusual experiences. **jDIT**

Stewart, Trenton Lee. The Mysterious Benedict Society. After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that required them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules. **jSTE**

