

# Sixth Grade Reads!

**A listing of titles every sixth grader is sure to enjoy!**

Babbit, Natalie. Tuck Everlasting. The Tuck family is confronted with an agonizing situation when they discover that a ten-year-old girl and a malicious stranger now share their secret about a spring whose water prevents one from ever growing old. **jBAB**

Blume, Judy. Blubber. Jill goes along with the rest of the fifth-grade class in tormenting a classmate and then finds out what it's like when she becomes a target. **jBLU**

Clearly, Beverly. Dear Mr. Henshaw. In his letters to his favorite author, ten-year-old Leigh reveals his problems in coping with his parent's divorce, being a new boy in school, and generally finding his own place in the world. **jCLE**

Creech, Sharon. Walk Two Moons. After her mother leaves home suddenly, thirteen-year-old Sal and her grandparents take a car trip retracing her mother's route. Along the way, Sal recounts the story of her friend Phoebe, whose mother also left. **jCRE**

Curtis, Christopher Paul. Bud, Not Buddy. Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Michigan during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father. **jCUR**

Cushman, Karen. The Midwife's Apprentice. In medieval England, a nameless, homeless girl is taken in by a sharp-tempered midwife, and in spite of obstacles and hardships, eventually gains the three things she wants most. **YA CUS**

Funke, Cornelia. Inkheart (series). Twelve-year-old Meggie learns that her father, who repairs and binds books, can "read" fictional characters to life when one of those characters abducts them and tries to force him into service. **YA FUN & YAPB FUN**

Gantos, Jack. Joey Pigza (series). To the constant disappointment of his mother and his teachers, Joey has trouble paying attention or controlling his mood swings when his prescription meds wear off and he starts getting worked up and acting weird. **jGAN**

George, Jean Craighead. My Side of the Mountain. A young boy relates his adventures during the year he spends living in the Catskill Mountains. **jGEO**

Hesse, Karen. Witness. A series of poems express the views of various people in a small Vermont town during the early 1920's when the Ku Klux Klan is trying to infiltrate the town. **YA HES**

Hiaasen, Carl. Hoot. Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site. **YA HIA & YAPB HIA**

Jacques, Brian. Redwall (series). When the peaceful life of ancient Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrive of the evil rat Cluny, Matthias determines to find the legendary sword of Martin the Warrior. **jJAC**

Konigsburg, E. L. The View from Saturday. Four students, with their own individual stories, develop a special bond and attract the attention of their teacher who chooses them to represent their sixth-grade class in the Academic Bowl competition. **jKON**

Levine, Gail Carson. Ella Enchanted. In this novel based on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her. **jLEV**

Nimmo, Jenny. Children of the Red King (series). Charlie Bone's life with his widowed mother and two grandmothers undergoes a dramatic change when he discovers that he can hear people in picture talking. **jNIM**

Paulsen, Gary. Hatchet. After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends five-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given to him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parent's divorce. **jPAU, YA PAU & YAPB PAU**

Riordan, Rick. Percy Jackson & the Olympians (series). Twelve-year-old Percy Jackson learns he is a demigod, the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, the god of the sea. Sent to a summer camp for demigods, he and his friends set out on a quest to prevent a war between the gods. **YA RIO & YAPB RIO**

Spinelli, Jerry. Stargirl. In this story about the perils of popularity, the courage of nonconformity, and the thrills of first love, an eccentric student named Stargirl changes Mica High School forever. **jSPI**

Van Draanen, Wendelin. Sammy Keyes (series). Sammy Keyes is a thirteen-year-old amateur sleuth who loves to solve mysteries in her new hometown of Santa Maria, where she lives with her grandmother after being left by her mother. **jMYSTERY VAN**

Wrede, Patricia C. Dealing with Dragons (series). Bored with traditional palace life, a princess goes off to live with a group of dragons and soon becomes involved with fighting against some disreputable wizards who want to steal away the dragon's kingdom. **jWRE**

