

Suggested Reading for

5th Grade

at the Sioux City Public Library

The Puzzling World of Winston Breen

Eric Berlin J Ber
Puzzle-crazy 12-year-old Winston and his sister find themselves involved in a dangerous mystery involving a hidden ring. Includes puzzles to solve.

The Penderwicks at Point Mouette

Jeanne Birdsall J Bir
The three younger Penderwick sisters go to Maine with Aunt Claire and are separated from oldest sister Rosalind for the first time in their lives.

The Name of this Book is Secret

Pseudonymous Bosch J Bos
Two 11-year-old misfits must solve the mystery of a dead magician and stop the evil Dr. L who is searching for the secret of immortality.

Cosmic

Frank Cottrell Boyce J Boy
Super-sized 11-year-old Liam makes a giant leap for boy-kind by competing with a group of adults for a chance to go into space.

The Fairy Tale Detectives: #1 Sisters Grimm

Michael Buckley J Buc
Two sisters are sent to live with their eccentric grandmother, and learn they are descendants in a long line of fairy tale detectives.

The Secret Garden

Francis Hodgson Burnett J Bur
Ten-year-old Mary moves into a lonely house on the Yorkshire moors and discovers an invalid cousin and a mysterious garden.

No Talking

Andrew Clements J Cle
The noisy 5th-grade boys of Laketon Elementary School challenge the equally loud 5th-grade girls to a "no talking" contest.

Waiting for Normal

Leslie Connor J Con
Twelve-year-old Addie copes with her mother's erratic behavior and longs for a normal home, but her mom's all-or-nothing approach to life never adds up to normal.

Lexie

Audrey Couloumbis J Cou
On vacation with her father for a week, 10-year-old Lexie is surprised when his girlfriend and her two sons join them.

Ruby Holler

Sharon Creech J Cre
The lives of 13-year-old twins change forever when an eccentric older couple invites them on an adventure to a magical place.

The Magician's Elephant

Kate DiCamillo J DiC
After encountering a fortune teller in the marketplace, a 10-year-old orphan embarks on a remarkable series of adventures to find his sister.

School of Fear

Gitty Daneshvari J Dan
Three 12-year-olds and a 13-year-old are sent to a remote Massachusetts school to overcome their phobias and get more than they bargained for. First in a series.

Inkheart

Cornelia Caroline Funke J Fun
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 forces her father into service. First in a series.

Dork in Disguise

Carol Gorman J Gor
Starting middle school in a new town, brainy Jerry Flack changes his image from "dork" to "cool."

Theodore Boone, Kid Lawyer

John Grisham J Gri
Thirteen-year-old Theodore dreams of being a great trial lawyer, but a sensational murder trial forces him into the arena sooner than expected.

Roberto and Me: A Baseball Card Adventure

Dan Gutman J Gut
Stosh travels back to 1969 to try to prevent the untimely death of Roberto Clemente, a legendary baseball player and humanitarian.

Hoot

Carl Hiassen J Hia
New to his small Florida community, Roy attempts to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.

Turtle in Paradise

Jennifer Holm J Hol
In 1935, when her mother gets a job housekeeping for a woman who does not like children, 11-year-old Turtle is sent to live with relatives she has never met in faraway Key West, Florida.

The Popularity Papers

Amy Ignatow J Ign
Two best friends embark on a project to study the behaviour and taste of the popular girls at their elementary school so that by the time they get to middle school they, too, will be in the right crowd.

Savvy

Ingrid Law J Law
Recounts the adventures of a 13-year-old whose revelation of magical power comes just when her father is injured in a terrible accident.

The Willoughbys

Lois Lowry J Low

The four Willoughby children set out to become “deserving orphans” after their neglectful parents embark on an around-the-world adventure, leaving them in the care of an odious nanny.

Number the Stars

Lois Lowry J Low

During the 1943 German occupation of Denmark, 10-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.

Ten Rules for Living with My Sister

Ann M. Martin J Mar

With their grandfather moving into the family’s apartment, Pearl and Lexie must share a room, which seems like an impossible task since they couldn’t be more different.

Meanwhile: Pick Any Path. 3,856 Story Possibilities

Jason ShigaYA graphic novel Mea In this choose-your-own adventure graphic novel, a boy stumbles on the laboratory of a mad scientist who asks him to choose between testing a mind-reading device, a time machine, and a doomsday machine.

Kakapo Rescue: Saving the World’s Strangest Parrot

Sy Montgomery J639.9 Mon

On remote Codfish Island off the southern coast of New Zealand live the last 91 kakapo parrots on earth. Follow the scientists as they try to restore the population of these flightless parrots.

Mick Harte Was Here

Barbara Park J Par

Thirteen-year-old Phoebe recalls her younger brother Mick and his death in a bicycle accident.

Higher Power of Lucky

Susan Patron J Pat

Fearing that her legal guardian plans to abandon her to return to France, 10-year-old Lucky runs away while continuing to seek the Higher Power that will bring stability to her life.

Hatchet

Gary Paulsen J Pau

After a plane crash, 13-year-old Brian spends 54 days surviving in the wilderness.

Big Nate: In a Class by Himself

Lincoln Peirce J Pei

Supremely confident middle school student Nate Wright manages to make getting detention from all of his teachers in the same day seem like an achievement.

Storm in the Barn

Matt Phelan YA graphic novel Sto Facing his share of challenges, from local bullies to his father’s failed expectations, 11-year-old Jack must deal with the effects of the Dust Bowl in 1937 Kansas, including rising tensions in his small town and the spread of a shadowy illness.

The Shipwreck

Jorn Riel J Rie

Shipwrecked off the coast of Greenland, Leiv, a young Viking boy, is helped by two Inuit children and is accepted into their community, gladly leaving his violent lifestyle behind.

The Red Pyramid

Rick Riordan J Rio

After their father’s research experiment unleashes the Egyptian god Set, Carter and Sadie embark on a dangerous journey across the globe and discover their link to a secret order existing since the time of the Pharaohs. Kane Chronicles, book 1.

Esperanza Rising

Mary Munoz Ryan J Rya

Esperanza and her mother are forced to exchange their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico for work in the labor camps of Southern California, on the eve of the Great Depression.

The Invention of Hugo Cabret

Brian Selznick J Sel

When 12-year-old Hugo, an orphan living within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toy seller and his goddaughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are put in jeopardy.

Emma Jean Lazarus Fell Out of a Tree

Lauren Tarshis J Tar

A quirky and utterly logical seventh-grade girl, Emma-Jean Lazarus discovers some interesting results when she gets involved in the messy everyday problems of her peers.

Magyk

Angie Sage J Sag

After learning that she is the Princess, Jenna is whisked from her home and carried toward safety by the Extraordinary Wizard, only to be pursued by agents of those who killed her mother ten years earlier.

Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark

Alvin Schwartz J398.2 Sch

Tapping American folklore, these tales of ghosts, witches, graveyards and weird happenings have startling, funny or surprising endings.

Knucklehead: Tall Tales and Mostly True Stories of growing up Scieszka

Jon Scieszka J 813.54 Sci

How did Jon Scieszka become so funny? Part memoir and part scrapbook, this hilarious trip down memory lane provides a glimpse into the formation of a creative mind and a free spirit.

The Maze of Bones

Rick Riordan J Thi

At the reading of their grandmother’s will, Dan and Amy are given the choice of receiving a million dollars or uncovering the 39 clues hidden around the world that will lead to the source of the family’s power. Series: 39 Clues, Book 1.

Young Fredle

Cynthia Voigt J Voi

Fredle, a young mouse cast out of his home, faces dangers and predators, makes some discoveries and allies, and learns the meaning of freedom as he struggles to return home.



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