

A Snicker of Magic

Natalie Lloyd • *J Llo*

Midnight Gulch used to be a magical place, but a curse drove the magic away. When Felicity arrives, she wants to stay there more than anything, but first, she'll need to figure out how to break the spell that's been cast over the town.

Travel Team

Mike Lupica • *J Lup Travel #1*

No one plays with more heart than Danny. But none of that matters when he is cut from his local travel team. Danny's father knows he wasn't the only kid cut for the wrong reason, and together they try to make things right.



Rain Reign

Ann Martin • *J Mar*

Rose is obsessed with homonyms. She purposely gave her dog Rain a name with two homonyms. When a storm hits their rural town, Rain goes missing. Now Rose has to find her dog, even if it means leaving her safe places to search.

All the Answers

Kate Messner • *J Mes*

When Ava finds a scratched up pencil, she doodles. But when she writes a question, she hears a clear answer in a voice no one else seems to hear. The pencil is getting shorter with every sharpening, and then it reveals a scary truth.

War Horse

Michael Morpurgo • *J Mor*

In 1914, Joey, a beautiful horse with a distinctive cross on his nose, is sold to the army. Joey's courage touches the soldiers around him. But his heart aches for Albert, the farmer's son he left behind. Will he ever see his true master again?

Bill the Boy Wonder: The Secret Co-Creator of Batman

Marc Tyler Nobleman • *J 741.5973 Nob*

Every Batman story is marked with the words "Batman created by Bob Kane." But that isn't the whole truth. Bill Finger dreamed up Batman's haunting origins and his colorful nemeses. It was only after his death that fans called for his acknowledgment.

Dogs on Duty: Soldiers' Best Friends on the Battlefield and Beyond

Dorothy Hinshaw Patent • *J 355.424 Pat*

Throughout history, dogs have been key contributors to military units. This book shows why dogs are uniquely qualified for the job, how they are trained, how they contribute to missions, and what happens when they retire.

Magyk

Angie Sage • *J Sag Sep #1*

Septimus, the seventh son of the seventh son, disappears the night he is born. That same night, the baby's father comes across an abandoned child in the snow—a newborn girl. Who is this mysterious baby girl, and what happened to Septimus?

Nimona

Noelle Stevenson • *Youth - Graphic Novel Nim*

Nimona is an impulsive young shapeshifter. Lord Ballister Blackheart is a villain with a vendetta. Their mission: prove that members of the Institution of Law Enforcement and Heroics aren't the heroes everyone thinks they are.



Janitors

Tyler Whitesides • *J Whi Janitors #1*

Are you easily distracted at school? Well, it may not be your fault. The janitors at Welcher Elementary know a secret, and it's draining all the smarts out of kids.

One Crazy Summer

Rita Williams-Garcia • *J Wil One #1*

Delphine is like a mom to her two younger sisters ever since their mother left them seven years ago. When they arrive to spend the summer with their estranged mother, she is nothing like they imagined.



The Blossoming Universe of Violet Diamond

Brenda Woods • *J Woo*

When Violet is invited to spend two weeks with her Bibi and learn about her lost heritage, she discovers she's not a shrinking Violet after all.

FIFTH GRADE

SUGGESTED READING

- Look for these books in the following sections:
 - Teen
 - Juvenile Fiction
 - Juvenile Nonfiction
 - Youth Graphic Novels
- Other titles by these authors are also great options

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The Terrible Two

Mac Barnett • *J Bar Terrible #1*

In his old school, everyone knew Miles as the best prankster. He quickly discovers this school already has a prankster. If Miles is going to take the title, he is going to have to up his game.

Anya's Ghost

Vera Brosgol • *Youth - Graphic Novel Any*

Anya could really use a friend. Of all the things Anya expected to find at the bottom of an old well, a new friend was not one of them...especially not one who's been dead for a century!

NERDS: National Espionage, Rescue, and Defense Society

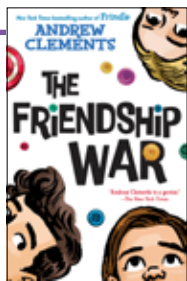
Michael Buckley • *J Buc Nerds #1*

A group of unpopular fifth graders runs a spy network from inside their school. With the help of cutting-edge science, they transform their nerdy qualities into incredible abilities!

Because of Mr. Terupt

Rob Buyea • *J Buy Terupt #1*

Mr. Terupt makes the classroom a fun place, even if he doesn't let them get away with much, until the snowy winter day when an accident changes everything—and everyone.



The Friendship War

Andrew Clements • *J Cle*

Grace and Ellie have been best friends forever, but what happens when one friend outshines the other? Could the new button fad Ellie started cause their friendship to end?

The Serpent's Secret

Sayantani DasGupta • *J Das Kiranmal #1*

Kiranmala is a regular girl, until her parents mysteriously vanish on her birthday and a drooling monster slams into her kitchen. Turns out there might be some truth to her parents' fantastical stories!

Out of My Mind

Sharon Draper • *Teen Dra*

Melody cannot walk or talk, but she can remember every detail of everything. Melody refuses to be defined by cerebral palsy, and she's determined to let everyone know it...somehow.



Ophelia and the Marvelous Boy

Karen Foxlee • *J Fox*

Ophelia doesn't believe in anything that can't be proven by science. Then her father takes a job in a strange museum. On her very first day, Ophelia discovers a boy locked away in a long-forgotten room, waiting for her help.

The Mother-Daughter Book Club

Heather Vogel Frederick • *J Fre Mother #1*

The new book club is scheduled to meet—even if Megan would rather be shopping, Cassidy is late for hockey practice, Emma's already read every book, and Jess is missing her mother too much to care.

Inkheart

Cornelia Caroline Funke • *J Fun Ink #1*

One night, Meggie's father reads aloud from a book called INKHEART—and an evil ruler escapes. Suddenly, Meggie is smack in the middle of the kind of adventure she has only read about in books.



Belly Up

Stuart Gibbs • *J Gib FunJungl #1*

Teddy believes that Henry, the hippopotamus at the brand new FunJungle, has been murdered. The zoo claims not, but the deeper Teddy and Summer dig, the more danger they're in—because truth can't be caged!

A Tale Dark & Grimm

Adam Gidwitz • *J Gid Grimm #1*

Hansel and Gretel walk out of their own story and into eight other classic fairy tales. As the siblings roam a forest brimming with menacing foes, they learn the true stories as well as how to take charge of their destinies.

Refugee

Alan Gratz • *J Gra*

Follow three children on their harrowing journeys in search of refuge. Facing unimaginable dangers, the three children still have hope to reach the next day.

Found

Margaret Peterson Haddix • *J Had Mis #1*

One night a plane appeared out of nowhere, and the only passengers aboard were thirty-six babies. As soon as they were taken off the plane, it vanished. Now, thirteen years later, two of those children are receiving sinister messages.

The Ghost of Crutchfield Hall

Mary Downing Hahn • *J Hah*

After moving into her great-aunt's house, Florence didn't expect to be greeted by the ghost of her cousin. Not only is it strange, the ghost plans to use Florence to achieve her own murderous goals.

The Hero's Guide to Saving Your Kingdom

Christopher Healy • *J Hea Hero #1*

Cast out of their castles, the fairytale princes stumble upon an evil plot. It's up to them to take on trolls, bandits, dragons, and witches to become the heroes no one ever thought they could be.



All's Faire in Middle School

Victoria Jamieson
Youth - Graphic Novel All

Imogene is eager to be a squire at the Renaissance faire and start public school! Imogene has always felt like a heroic knight, but when she does something mean to fit in, she begins to wonder if she's so heroic after all.

Elvis and the Underdogs

Jenny Lee • *J Lee Elvis #1*

All his life, Benji has been sick and targeted by the school bullies, but after a seizure, he gets a therapy dog that is not only big enough to protect him—he also talks!

Dragon Pearl

Yoon Ha Lee • *J Lee*

Min, a girl with fox-magic, stows away on a battlecruiser and impersonates a cadet to solve the mystery of what happened to her older brother in the Thousand World Space Forces.