A Universe of Stories

Suggested Books and Authors for 5th Graders

**JUVENILE FICTION**

Calonita, Jen  
Fairy Tale Reform School books  
The teachers are former fairy tale villains.

Dinerstein, Eric  
What Elephants Know  
An orphaned boy discovers his fate as a great elephant driver.

Edge, Christopher  
The Jamie Drake Equation  
When a mission goes wrong, can Jamie help his astronaut dad?

Hale, Shannon  
The Unbeatable Squirrel Girl books  
Girl with a tail balances being a teenager and a superhero.

Helget, Nicole Lea  
The End of the Wild  
A coming-of-age novel about poverty, grief and environmental protection.

Lupica, Mike  
Home Team books  
Star athletes face challenges on and off the field.

Messner, Kate  
Silver Jaguar Society Mysteries books  
A group of kids get caught up in adventures of historic proportions!

Oh, Ellen  
Flying Lessons & Other Stories  
Ten authors celebrate diversity in this short story collection.

Pérez, Celia C.  
The First Rule of Punk  
Malú tries to follow the first rule of punk: be yourself.

Reynolds, Jason  
Track books  
A fast but fiery group of kids compete on an elite track team.

Sepahban, Lois  
Paper Wishes  
A girl and her family are relocated to a Japanese internment camp during World War II.

Wells, Marcia  
Eddie Red Undercover books  
A sixth grader with a photographic memory becomes the NYPD’s secret weapon.

Woods, Brenda  
The Blossoming Universe of Violet Diamond  
A biracial girl meets the African American side of her family.

Yeager, Jackie  
Spin the Golden Light Bulb  
It’s 2071 and Kia wants to win the Piedmont Challenge and become a famous inventor.

**NON FICTION**

J 005.1 Get  
Get Coding: Learn HTML, CSS, & JavaScript & Build a Website, App & Game  
Learn coding basics on top secret cyber missions.

J 303.48 Chambers  
Resist: 35 Profiles of Ordinary People Who Rose Up Against Tyranny and Injustice

J 399.52 Castaldo  
Back from the Brink: Saving Animals from Extinction

J 523.8 Rey  
Find the Constellations

J 551.344 Castaldo  
Dirtmeister’s Nitty Gritty Plan  
All About Rocks, Minerals, Fossils, Earthquakes, Volcanoes, and Even Dirt!

J 599.67 Anthony  
The Elephant Whisperer: My Life with the Herd in the African Wild  
(Young Readers’ Edition)

J 629.13 White  
Cleared for Takeoff: The Ultimate Book of Flight

J 920.7 Drimmer  
The Book of Heroines: Tales of History’s Gutsiest Gals

J B Acevedo  
Path to the Stars: My Journey from Girl Scout to Rocket Scientist

J B Wallace  
Strong Inside: The True Story of How Perry Wallace Broke College Basketball’s Color Line  
(Young Readers’ Edition)

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