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LOOKING FOR SOME GREAT BOOKS TO READ OVER THE SUMMER?

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First Grade-Fifth Grade Summer Reading Suggestions

Fiction and nonfiction books by some of the best authors for children and young adults. These titles were acquired from professional evaluation sources and recommendations from students, librarians and teachers. Additional lists of award winning titles may be obtained from your public librarian.

First Grade Summer Reading List

ADLER, David, A. *Young Cam Jansen and 100th Day of School.* Cam Jansen and her best friend Eric are looking forward to the class's 100th day of school party, but the celebration takes a sour turn when the pizza disappears, leaving Cam and her photographic memory to find the missing pizza. *Series*

APLEGATE, Katherine. *Never Glue Your Friends to Chairs.* Roscoe Riley, upset with the notion that his teacher could get in trouble, comes up with a plan to keep the bee antennae on the first graders' heads, and help the drummers stay in their seats for the open house play. *Series*

BARBER, Tiki. *Game Day.* Brothers Tiki and Ronde Barber, two NFL superstars, tell their story and explain how loyalty, determination and the power of teamwork help all to succeed.

BEARD Alex. *The Jungle Grapevine.* Reminiscent of Chicken Little, this cleverly illustrated book demonstrates how rumors get started and quickly get out of hand.

BECKER, Bonny. *A Visitor for Bear.* Bear's efforts to keep out visitors to his house are undermined by a very persistent mouse.

BLACKFORD, Harriet, *Tiger's Story.* A tiger cub grows up and must leave the safety of his mother's protection by venturing out to seek and mark his new territory.

BRETT, Jan. *Hedgie Blasts Off.* When the spectacular, sparkling explosions at a popular tourist site slow down, Hedgie the hedgehog is the only one capable of flying to tiny planet Mikkop to see what is wrong.

BRUCHAC, Joseph. *Crazy Horse's Vision.* Embodying the spirit and culture of the legendary Lakota warrior, this fictionalized biography focuses on his journey to adulthood and the life paths that created the man he was.

BURLEIGH Robert. *One Giant Leap..* An illustrated retelling of Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin's lunar landing in 1969

CRONIN, Doreen. *Diary of a Fly.* A young fly discovers, day by day, that there is a lot to learn about being an insect, including the dangers of flyswatters, and that heroes come in all shapes and sizes.

DICAMILLO, Kate. *Mercy Watson Thinks Like a Pig..* Two sisters move in next door to where Mercy the pig lives, and frustrated when Mercy continues to eat their flowers, they decide to call for the help of an Animal Control Officer, Francine Poulet, to handle the case. *Series*

FALCONER, Ian. *Olivia.* Whether she is playing dress-up, enduring a time-out, or bargaining for more bedtime reading, this effervescent young pig's indomitable spirit and boundless imagination shine through.

FLORIAN, Douglas. *Comets, Stars, the Moon, and Mars* A collection of twenty whimsical poems about comets, the stars, moon, and the planets.

GERAS, Adele. *Little Ballet Star.* Every little girl dreams of becoming a ballet star and Tilly is no exception. In this story, Tilly visits her Aunt Gina behind-the-scenes of a real ballet. It's Tilly's birthday and she unexpectedly finds herself performing in front of a live audience.

GIBBONS, Gail. *The Vegetables We Eat..* A clear, informative introduction to eight groups of vegetables, categorized by the part of the plant that is eaten.

GRAHAM, Bob. *Max.* Young Max has no interest in following in his superhero parents' footsteps, but when a baby bird is in peril, he leaps to the rescue with a single bound. Droll details and a tongue-in-cheek text create a caped crusader who is just a regular child.

GRAHAM, Lorenz. *How God Fix Jonah*. Breath-taking blockprints, the vibrant vernacular of West-Africa and lyrical retellings showcase twenty-three Bible stories in this pioneering collection.

GROGAN, John. *Bad Dog Marley!*. Marley, a rambunctious puppy causes lots of trouble in his new home and feels very sad about it. He then proves beyond a doubt that he is a valuable member of the household.

HENKES, Kevin. *Wemberly Worried*. Every little girl dreams of becoming a ballet star and Tilly is no exception. In this story, Tilly visits her Aunt Gina behind-the-scenes of a real ballet. It's Tilly's birthday and she unexpectedly finds herself performing in front of a live audience.

HILLS, Tad. *Duck and Goose*. Duck and Goose learn to work together to take care of a ball that they think is an oversized egg.

HOBERMAN, Mary Ann. *You Read to Me, I'll Read to you: Very Short Fairy Tales to Read Together*. This title presents short retellings of familiar fairy tales, each told in two voices and designed especially for young children and adults to read together. *Series*.

LANDRY, Leo. *Sea Surprise*. Kate, a mermaid and her best friend Dave, a shark, have planned a special surprise to their best friend Ed who has lost his zap. A funny story with silly illustrations makes this a delightful tale of friendship.

LINDBERGH, Reeve (Editor). *In Every Tiny Grain of Sand: A Child's Books of Prayers and Praise*. A diverse collection of prayers, affirmations and poems in praise of God, nature, and the good things in life is supported by joyous, colorful illustrations. .

MCDONALD, Megan. *Judy Moody*. Judy Moody, an irrepressible third-grader is working on her class project, a "Me Collage," in this contemporary story full of child-appealing humor and situations, presented in an accessible, attractive, generously illustrated package.

MYERS, Christopher. *Wings*. New to the neighborhood, Ikarus Jackson's ability to fly casts him in the role of outsider, until a shy, quiet girl finds the courage and voice to speak for a friend's special gift.

SHANNON, David. *Too Many Toys*. After he finally concedes that he had far too many toys, Spencer agrees to give many of them away but realizes that there is one special toy that he absolutely can't part with.

SHARMAT, Marjorie. *Nate the Great Talks Turkey*. Nate the Great and his cousin Olivia are on the case of a runaway turkey, but unfortunately the clues appear to contradict each other. *Series*

STEIG, William. *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble*. In a moment of fright, Sylvester the donkey asks his magic pebble to turn into a rock but then can not hold the pebble to wish himself back to normal again.

THOMAS, Shelley Moore. *Good Night, Good Knight*. A courageous cavalier hears a roar in the forest and investigates, only to discover three tiny dragons in need of tucking in. Warm watercolors and inventive language work together to take beginning readers on a delightful quest.

UMANSKY, Kaye. *I Don't Like Gloria*. Candlewick, 2007. The family dog tries to cope with the arrival of a new cat.

WINTER, Jonah. *Roberto Clemente: Pride of the Pittsburgh Pirates*. This is the story of Roberto Clemente, a young Puerto Rican who followed his baseball dream to the big leagues and went on to help the poor in his homeland.

VAN LEEUVAN, Jean. *Amanda Pig and the Wiggly Tooth*. When Amanda Pig has her first loose tooth, she is reluctant to pull it. *Series*

Easy Readers:

“Hello Reader” series

“I Can Read” series

Chapter Books:

Cam Jansen series

Pinky and Rex series

Henry and Mudge series

Van Leeuvan Amanda Pig series

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Second Grade Summer Reading List

ADLER, David. *Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Dinosaur Bones.* Who is taking the bones from the museum?

ALIKI. *A Weed is a Flower: The Life of George Washington Carver.* A slave becomes a great scientist.

BECKER, Bonny. *A Visitor for Bear..* Bear's efforts to keep out visitors to his house are undermined by a very persistent mouse.

BROWNE, Anthony. *Little Beauty.* This beautifully illustrated, simple story describes a gorilla with the ability to communicate in sign language who asks for a new friend and is not disappointed.

BRUCHAC, Joseph. *Crazy Horse's Vision.* Embodying the spirit and culture of the legendary Lakota warrior, this fictionalized biography focuses on his journey to adulthood and the life paths that created the man he was.

BRUCHAC, Joseph. *The First Strawberries: A Cherokee Story .* Sun brings sweet berries to Earth.

BUCKLEY, Carol. *Tarra and Bella: The Elephant and Dog Who Became Best Friends.* This book shares the story of an elephant named Tarra who befriends a dog, Bella, at an elephant sanctuary.

CAMERON, Ann. *The Stories Julian Tells.* Julian loses a tooth and finds a new friend.

CHACONAS, Dori. *Cork & Fuzz: The Collectors..* Cork, a short muskrat, and Fuzz, a tall possum, both like to collect shiny stones, but Cork must act fast to save his friend when Fuzz angers a mother duck by trying to take a "stone" from her nest. *Series*

CHRISTELOW, Eileen. *What Do Authors Do?* How authors write, get published, and sign autographs. .

COLE, Brock. *Buttons.* When a portly gent bursts the buttons off his britches, his wife and daughters go to great lengths to procure new ones. A rib-tickling tale with comically unfettered illustrations.

DEFELICE, Cynthia. *One Potato, Two Potato*. Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 2006. A very poor, humble couple live so simple a life they share everything, until the husband discovers a pot with magical powers buried under the very last potato in the garden.

FRANCO, Betsy. *A Curious Collection of Cats: Concrete Poems*. Full of humor and colorful illustrations, this book of concrete poems about cats is a delight.

FRANCO, Betsy. *Messing Around on the Monkey Bars: And Other School Poems for Two Voices*. Find a partner and enjoy reading poems about life at school from this entertaining collection of poetry for two voices.

GIOVANNI, Nikki. *The Grasshopper's Song: an Aesop's Fable Revisited*. It is the alleged "frivolous" grasshopper's day in court as he tries to prove his case against the industrious ants who did not share their food with him through the long, cold winter.

HARPER, Charise Mericle. *Just Grace Walks the Dog..* Grace hopes to prove to her parents that she can be dependable and responsible enough to have a real dog, not just the cardboard dog she has been pulling around. *Series*

HILLS, Tad. *Duck and Goose..* Duck and Goose learn to work together to take care of a ball that they think is an oversized egg.

JOHNSON, D. B. *Henry Hikes to Fitchburg*. While his friend works to earn the train fare to make a 30-mile journey, Henry hoofs it instead, taking the time to smell the roses. Simple text and parallel poses reveal both bears' experiences and guiding philosophies as they follow their paths.

KELLER, Laurie. *Do Unto Otters: A Book About Manners*. Mr. Rabbit is worried that he might not get along with his new neighbors. A wise owl gives him the advice, "Do unto otters as you would have otters do unto you." and proceeds to explain what this means.

KENNEDY, Senator Edward M. *My Senator and Me: A Dog's Eye View of Washington D.C.* Illustrated by David Small and narrated by Splash, the Portuguese Water Dog, this is a clear and concise introduction to the American political process.

KLINE, Suzy. *Song Lee and the Hamster Hunt*. The whole class searches for the missing pet.

LEEDY, Loreen. *Missing Math: A Number Mystery*. A numerical mystery ensues when the numbers all over town suddenly disappear bringing a halt to everyday activities.

LINDBERGH, Reeve (Editor). *In Every Tiny Grain of Sand: A Child's Books of Prayers and Praise*. A diverse collection of prayers, affirmations and poems in praise of God, nature, and the good things in life is supported by joyous, colorful illustrations. .

LOBEL, Arnold. *Frog and Toad are Friends.* Be entertained by the classic, short, delightful tales about best friends Frog and Toad. *Series*

MCDONALD, Megan. *Judy Moody.* Judy Moody, an irrepressible third-grader is working on her class project, a "Me Collage," in this contemporary story full of child-appealing humor and situations, presented in an accessible, attractive, generously illustrated package.

MOSS, Lloyd. *Zin! Zin! Zin! a Violin.* The instruments of the orchestra assemble onstage for a joyful and rhythmic concert.

MOSS, Marissa. *Amelia's Notebook.* Amelia writes about her older sister, a new school and an old best friend. .

MYERS, Christopher. *Wings.* New to the neighborhood, Ikarus Jackson's ability to fly casts him in the role of outsider, until a shy, quiet girl finds the courage and voice to speak for a friend's special gift.

NAMIOKA, Lensey. *Yang the Youngest and His Terrible Ear.* Yingtao would rather play baseball than the violin. .

NEVIUS Carol. *Baseball Hour.* All baseball players will enjoy the rhythmic rhyming of this story and photo-like illustrations of children practicing baseball in an effort to build a winning team and, ultimately, a circle of friends.

O'CONNOR, Jane. *Fancy Nancy and the Boy from Paris.* Nancy is delighted that the new boy in her class is from Paris and sets out to become his friend.

OSBORNE, Mary Pope. *Kate and the Beanstalk.* A saucy girl outwits an unctuous-looking giant, avenges her father's death, and recovers his castle in this clever twist on the traditional tale.

PRINGLE, Laurence. *Bats!: Strange and Wonderful* A first-rate introduction to the anatomy, lifestyle, and environmental benefits of these flying mammals. Delightful watercolor paintings illustrate the unusual abilities, physical features, and habits of some of the individual species.

RYLANT, Cynthia. *Poppleton.* A small-town pig goes to the library.

YOLEN, Jane. *Commander Toad and the Planet of the Grapes.* The spaceship "Star Warts" goes where no toad has gone before. .

YOLEN, Jane. *Here's a Little Poem: A Very First Book of Poetry.* A collection of poems for children with the various themes of self, family, going outside, and when it is time for bed.

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Third Grade Summer Reading List

ALDRIN, Buzz. *Look in the Stars*. Apollo 11 astronaut Buzz Aldrin traces the history of air and space exploration from Isaac Newton to the International Space Station and Mars using personal insights.

BAGERT, Brod. *School Fever*. Hilarious poems, clever art work and wacky subjects combine to change the way you'll think of school forever.

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.

BUNTING, Eve. *Reggie*. 8 yr old Alex is determined to keep the toy mouse he finds tied to a balloon even after posters appear asking for its return. But when his dog Patch disappears, Alex discovers what it is like to lose something you love more than anything.

BUTTS, Nancy. *The Door in the Lake*. After vanishing without a trace one night during a camping trip, twelve-year-old Joey reappears two years later, showing no signs of having aged and carrying memories of a strange light in the sky.

BYARS, Betsy. *My Dog, My Hero*. A panel of three judges has to decide which dog out of eight finalists deserves to win the title of "My Hero."

CLEARY, Beverly. *Ribsy*. When Ribsy gets lost from his family at the shopping center, he begins a series of humorous escapades and wanderings in his quest to find his family. *Series*.

CLEMENTS, Andrew. *The Landry News: A Brand New School Story*. A fifth-grader starts a newspaper with an editorial that prompts her burnt-out classroom teacher to really begin teaching again, but he is later threatened with disciplinary action as a result.

COREY, Shana. *Mermaid Queen : the Spectacular True Story of Annette Kellerman, Who Swam Her Way to Fame, Fortune, & Swimsuit History!* This brightly illustrated picture-book biography of Annette Kellerman details how she overcame physical difficulties to become a world famous swimmer, water ballerina, and swimsuit innovator.

CRISP Marty. *Titanicat*. Every ship had a cat, and in this historical fiction picture book, the story of the Titanic's cat is told, but just where is the cat's luck during the Titanic's doomed voyage?

DENNIS, Brian. *Nubs : The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine & a Miracle*. Heartwarming true tale of a United States Marine and his canine friend as they met and bonded in Iraq, and how Nubs came to America.

FLEISCHMAN, Sid. *Bandit's Moon*. Twelve-year-old Annyrose, left behind when her brother joins the Gold Rush, escapes the unscrupulous woman she is staying with and sets out on a grand adventure with the notorious bandit Joaquin Murieta and his band of outlaws.

GIBBONS Gail. *Hurricanes!* Informative text and drawings present an overview of how hurricanes are formed, their categories, the destruction they can cause, and how they are forecasted and tracked.

HARPER, Charise Mericle. *Just Grace Walks the Dog*. Grace hopes to prove to her parents that she can be dependable and responsible enough to have a real dog, not just the cardboard dog she has been pulling around. *Series*

HELMAN, Andrea. *Hide and Seek: Nature's Best Vanishing Acts*. This beautifully photographed book takes the reader to ecosystems around the world to show how animals camouflage themselves for protection in each unique habitat.

HENKES, Kevin. *Sun & Spoon*. After the death of his grandmother, ten-year-old Spoon tries to find the perfect artifact to preserve his memories of her.

HICKS, Betty. *Scaredy-Cat Catcher*. Rocky had all-star catcher potential until a play at the plate broke his arm resulting in his needing help from his friends, coach, and dog to overcome his fear of getting hurt again.

HOLT, Kimberly Willis. *When Zachary Beaver Came to Town*. During the summer of 1971 in a small Texas town, thirteen-year-old Toby and his best friend Cal meet the star of a sideshow act, 600-pound Zachary, the fattest boy in the world.

KARR, Kathleen. *The Great Turkey Walk*. In 1860, fifteen-year-old third-grader Simon Green attempts to herd one thousand turkeys from Missouri to Denver, Colorado, in hopes of selling them at a profit.

KLISE, Kate. *Regarding the Fountain : A Tale in Letters, of Liars and Leaks*. When the principal asks a fifth-grader to write a letter regarding the purchase of a new drinking fountain for their school, he finds that all sorts of chaos results.

LAMARCHE, Jim. *The Raft*. Spending the summer with his "river rat" grandmother, a city boy discovers the joys of rafting and of sketching the wildlife and "hitchhikers" he encounters. Luminous art filled with the wonders of nature capture the reflective text.

LOOK, Lenore. *Alvin Ho, Allergic to Camping, Hiking, and Other Natural Disasters*. Laugh as you read about young Alvin Ho, anxious about almost everything, as he experiences his first family camping trip. *Series*

MACLACHLAN, Patricia. *Sarah, Plain and Tall*. First published 1985. This sweet prairie tale of a family's experiences with Sarah, a mail-order bride from Maine, begins with children Anna and Caleb worried that their new mother might not like being away from the sea. *Series*.

MARKEY, Kevin. *Slumpbuster*.. Just when his team is counting on him to lead them into the division championship, Banjo Bishbash goes into a horrendous hitting slump. Book 1 of the *Super Slugger series*.

MARKLE, Sandra. *Animal Heroes: True Rescue Stories*. Nine riveting tales share examples of animals saving humans, along with photos and extra information and insights into animal behavior.

MYERS, Laurie. *Surviving Brick Johnson*. Fifth-grader Alex discovers that the classmate he fears as bully is nothing of the sort--in fact, he becomes a friend. With an open format and quirky, humourous illustrations, it's a perfect choice for reluctant readers.

NAYLOR, Phyllis Reynolds. *Shiloh*.. Marty must make some painful decisions about returning a dog to his abusive owner. Newbery Honor Book. *Series*

PECK, Richard. *A Long Way from Chicago: A Novel in Stories*. A boy recounts his annual summer trips to rural Illinois with his sister during the Great Depression to visit their larger-than-life grandmother.

PETERSEN, P. J. *Wild River*. When their kayak hits a log and his older brother is seriously hurt, Ryan must overcome his fears and go for help.

POLACCO, Patricia. *The Keeping Quilt*. First published 1988. Follow the author's family's quilt through several generations, from it's creation by the first generation immigrant family, all the way to the present generation.

SIMON, Seymour. *Horses*.. Horse-lovers will enjoy this book of photographs and accompanying text which provides interesting information about horses

SOREL, Edward & Cheryl Carlesimo. *The Saturday Kid*. Leo imagines himself right alongside his Saturday matinee heroes. When his routine is threatened, the boy bests a bully by playing the violin and landing a spot on the silver screen. Gloriously rendered cartoon images bring the world of the 1930s to life.

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Fourth Grade Summer Reading List

ARNOLD, Caroline. *Easter Island: Giant Stone Statues Tell of a Rich and Tragic Past*. In their search for the meaning of the monolithic statues on a remote Polynesian island, archeologists have uncovered a fascinating tale of clashing clans and decimated resources. Spectacular color photos capture the mystery and drama of the stones and the setting.

BARASCH, Lynne. *Radio Rescue*. In 1923, a 10-year-old boy learns Morse code and follows his dream of becoming a licensed ham radio operator. Story and art unite together to telegraph one child's persistence and cool, focused attention in a crisis.

BARSHAW, Ruth McNally. *Ellie McDoodle: New Kid in School*. Armed only with humor, a pen, and a sketchbook, eleven-year-old Ellie McDoodle chronicles her adventures and mishaps as the "new kid" in her new school. *Series*

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CLEARY, Beverly. *Ramona the Pest*. Ramona is off to kindergarten, and it's the greatest day of her life. So why is she sitting on the bench while the rest of the students play the game gray duck? Laughs and minor upsets abound in an enormously popular story starring the one and only Ramona Quimby! *Series*

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CLINE-RANSOME, Lesa. *Satchel Paige*. The life of one of baseball's greatest pitchers and the first African American inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame is celebrated in a biography that captures the spirit of this sports legend.

CUSHMAN, Karen. *Matilda Bone*. Apprenticed to medieval bonesetter, Matilda struggles to reconcile her privileged, pious upbringing with the coarser ways of the common folk. This coming-of-age novel has fascinating accounts of medicine, a touch of romance, and a healthy dose of humor.

DEMI. *Marco Polo*. Travel with the legendary explorer, Marco Polo, through colorful, exotic lands, experiencing the dangers and adapting to strange cultures over his 24-year, 3,000-mile journey through the Far East.

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GANTOS, Jack. *Joey Pigza Loses Control*. Having gotten his hyperactivity in hand at last, Joey visits his father and discovers an adult version of his off-kilter self. Insightful, outrageously funny, and heartbreakingly real, this novel is right on target and in perfect control.

GOLDSTONE, Bruce. *Great Estimations*. This book will show you how to train your eyes and your mind to make really great estimations using photographs and easy-to-follow text.

HADDIX, Margaret Peterson. *Among the Hidden*. In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong.

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MILLS, Claudia. *Being Teddy Roosevelt*. When he is assigned Teddy Roosevelt as his biography project in School, 4th grader Riley finds himself inspired by Roosevelt's tenacity and perseverance and resolves to find a way to get what he most wants – a saxophone and music lessons.

MYERS, Laurie. *Surviving Brick Johnson*. Fifth-grader Alex discovers that the classmate he fears as bully is nothing of the sort--in fact, he becomes a friend. With an open format and quirky, humorous illustrations, it's a perfect choice for reluctant readers.

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ST. GEORGE, Judith. *So You Want to Be President?* Quotes, quips, and comical anecdotes provide a lighthearted picture of our nation's highest office and the 42 men who have held it. The piquant political cartoons put a human profile--warts and all--on this powerful post.

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THAYER, Ernest Lawrence *Casey at the Bat: A Ballad of the Republic Sung in the Year 1888*. In the format of an aging 1888 scrapbook, the immortal ballad of Ernest Thayer finds new life through Christopher Bing's innovative treatment. Pen and ink scratchboard "engravings" in the late 19th century style are seamlessly blended with memorabilia and trompe l'oeil recreations in an homage to the great American pastime. *Caldecott Honor Book* .

WILLEY, Margaret. *Clever Beatrice: an Upper Peninsula conte*. A small, but clever young girl outwits a rich giant and wins all his gold. *Series*

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Fifth Grade Summer Reading List

ALLEN, Thomas B. *Harriet Tubman, Secret Agent: How Daring Slaves and Free Blacks Spied for the Union During the Civil War.* Tells the story of Harriet Tubman and other slaves and free African-Americans who risked death to gather information about the Confederacy for the Union during the Civil War.

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COLFER, Eoin, *Airman.* In the late nineteenth century on an island off the Irish coast, Conor Brockhart discovers a conspiracy to overthrow the king. He is branded a traitor, imprisoned and forced to mine diamonds while he plans a daring escape from prison by way of a flying machine he designs and builds.

COLLINS, Suzanne. *Gregor the Overlander.* When eleven year old Gregor follows his little sister through the grate in the laundry room in their New York apartment building, He hurdles in to the dark Underland underneath the city. There, humans live uneasily beside giant spiders, bats, cockroaches and rats but the fragile peace is about to fall apart.
Series

CORBETT, Sue. *Free Baseball.* Baseball is in 11 yr old Felix Piloto's blood. His Cuban father plays professionally, but Felix knows little else about him. When he runs away to serve as a batboy for a professional baseball team, Felix ultimately discovers his father's story, as well as his love for his mother, a dog and of course, the game.

CREECH, Sharon. *The Wanderer*. A transatlantic sail Sophie, her three uncles, and two male cousins to her adopted family's ancestral homeland. Alternating points of view reveal disparate personalities and rocky relationships as the unseasoned crew pulls together to weather a whale of a storm.

DICAMILLO, Kate. *Because of Winn-Dixie*. India Opal, a motherless preacher's daughter, is lonely in her new Florida home until a scraggly, smiling, stray mutt enters her life and together they win over the town. A heartfelt story that is sure to touch a chord with readers.

DIXON, Dougal. *The Future is Wild*. This companion book to the Animal Planet series uses a variety of scientific principles to imagine how life on planet Earth may evolve over the next 200 million years.

FELDMAN, Jody. *The Gollywhopper Games*.. When the Golly Toy & Game Company announces the Gollywhopper Games, Gil Goodson wants to be the lucky winner this could be the perfect opportunity for his family to move away from Orchard Heights. Can he solve the puzzles and complete the stunts? This may remind you of a modern day *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory!*

HADDIX, Margaret Peterson. *Among the Hidden*. In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong.

HENKES, Kevin. *Sun & Spoon*. After the death of his grandmother, ten-year-old Spoon tries to find the perfect artifact to preserve his memories of her.

HESSE, Karen. *Stowaway*. A boy bribes his way onboard the *Endeavour* with Captain James Cook and learns that adventure can be deadly serious business. Nicholas records his impressions, insights, and internal dialogues in this deliberately paced and dutifully detailed diary.

HOBBS, Will. *Jackie's Wild Seattle*. 14 year old Shannon and her little brother Cody spend the summer with their uncle, helping at a wildlife rescue center named Jackie's Wild Seattle.

HOLT, Kimberly Willis. *When Zachary Beaver Came to Town*. During the summer of 1971 in a small Texas town, thirteen-year-old Toby and his best friend Cal meet the star of a sideshow act, 600-pound Zachary, the fattest boy in the world.

IBBOTSON, Eva. *Island of the Aunts*. Four aunts bring three children to their remote island to help them guard and care for the unique and magical wildlife that thrives there. A wacky fantasy of intrigue, kidnapping, and derring-do.

JACKSON, Ellen. *The Mysterious Universe: Supernova, Dark Energy and Black Holes*. A fascinating and mysterious look at the universe with beautiful photographs, this book discusses various space phenomena: supernova, black holes and dark energy.

KLISE, Kate. *Regarding the Fountain: A Tale in Letters, of Liars and Leaks*. When the principal asks a fifth-grader to write a letter regarding the purchase of a new drinking fountain for their school, he finds that all sorts of chaos results.

LYNCH, Chris. *Gold Dust*. Set against the backdrop of the Boston bussing order of the 1970's, baseball-obsessed Richard Riley Moncrief befriends Napoleon Charlie Ellis, newly arrived from Dominca, at St. Colmcille's parochial school.

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PECK, Richard. *A Long Way from Chicago: A Novel in Stories*. A boy recounts his annual summer trips to rural Illinois with his sister during the Great Depression to visit their larger-than-life grandmother.

PECK, Richard. *A Year Down Yonder*. Mary Alice is sent to live with her unscrupulous, conniving grandmother and comes to discover the soft side of this hardheaded individual. A warm and winning novel set in 1937.

ROWLING, J.K. *The Tales of Beedie the Bard*. Readers are first introduced to *The Tales of Beedie the Bard* as the book bequeathed to Hermione in *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*. The five wizard fairy tales are cleverly noted and commented upon by Dumbledore.

ST. GEORGE, Judith. *So You Want to Be President?* Quotes, quips, and comical anecdotes provide a lighthearted picture of our nation's highest office and the 42 men who have held it. The piquant political cartoons put a human profile--warts and all--on this powerful post.

TOWNLEY, Roderick. *The Great Good Thing*. Nothing ever changes inside the storybook kingdom inhabited by 12 yr old Princess Sylvie, her parents and many other characters until Sylvie discovers that by allying herself with the Reader she can experience new adventure beyond the confines of the book. Sequel is into the *Labyrinth: A Novel*.

WEBB, Sophie. *My Season with Penguins: An Antarctic Journal*. Webb deftly uses illustrated journal entries to document her participation in a two-month expedition to Antarctica to study Adelie penguins in 1996. She includes absorbing details of daily life for a scientist in the field, as well as the life and behavior of penguins. Clear prose and engaging illustrations done in watercolor, gouache and graphite convey how an ornithologist works and lives in the field.