

Thelma L. Sandmeier Elementary School  
James Caldwell Elementary School  
Recommended Reading List (2021-2022)  
Grade 5



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## **Biography**

Bridges, Ruby	<i>Through My Eyes: The Autobiography of Ruby Bridges</i>
Cleary, Beverly	<i>A Girl from Yamhill</i>
Cornerstones of Freedom	<i>The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln</i>
Cornerstones of Freedom	<i>First Ladies</i>
Cousins, Margaret	<i>Ben Franklin of Old Philadelphia</i>
Cox, Clinton	<i>Mark Twain</i>
Dahl, Roald	<i>Boy: Tales of Childhood</i>
Denenberg, Barry	<i>Stealing Home: The Story of Jackie Robinson</i>
Equiano, Olaudah	<i>The Kidnapped Prince</i>
Filipovic, Zlata	<i>Zlata's Diary</i>
Farris, Christine King	<i>My Brother Martin: A Sister Remembers Growing Up with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.</i>
Freedman, Russell	<i>Eleanor Roosevelt, A Life of Discovery</i>
Freedman, Russell	<i>Franklin Delano Roosevelt</i>
Freedman, Russell	<i>Lincoln: A Photobiography</i>
Fritz, Jean	<i>The Double Life of Pocahontas</i>
Giblin, James	<i>Charles A. Lindbergh: A Human Hero</i>
Goodall, Jane	<i>My Life with the Chimpanzees</i>
Greenfield, Eloise	<i>Childtimes</i>
Haskins, James	<i>Champion: The Story of Muhammad Ali</i>
Hurwitz Johanna	<i>Anne Frank: Life in Hiding</i>
Lalicki, Tom	<i>Spellbinder: The Life of Harry Houdini</i>
Parks, Rosa	<i>Rosa Parks: My Story</i>
Petry, Ann	<i>Harriet Tubman: Conductor on the Underground Railroad</i>
Spinelli, Jerry	<i>Knots in My Yo-Yo String: The Autobiography of a Kid</i>
Woodruff, Elvira	<i>George Washington's Socks</i>

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## **Historical Fiction**

Anderson, Laurie H.	<i>Fever 1793</i>
Applegate, Stan	<i>The Devil's Highway</i>
Avi	<i>The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle</i>
Baylis-White, Mary	<i>Sheltering Rebecca</i>
Beatty, Patricia	<i>Charley Skedaddle</i>
Cohen, Barbara	<i>Thank you, Jackie Robinson</i>
Curtis, Christopher Paul	<i>Bud, Not Buddy</i>
Cushman, Karen	<i>Catherine, Called Birdy</i>
De Angeli, Marguerite	<i>The Door in the Wall</i>
Dorris, Michael	<i>Guests</i>
Fritz, Jean	<i>Brady</i>
Gutman, Dan	<i>Jackie and Me: A Baseball Card Adventure</i>
Hamilton, Virginia	<i>House of Dies Drear</i>
Hesse, Karen	<i>A Light in the Storm</i>
Latham, Jean L.	<i>Carry on, Mr. Bowditch</i>
Levitin, Sonia	<i>Journey to America</i>
Lord, Bette	<i>In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson</i>
Lowry, Lois	<i>Autumn Street</i>
McKissack, Patricia	<i>A Picture of Freedom</i>
McSwigan, Marie	<i>Snow Treasure</i>
Myers, Anna	<i>The Keeping Room</i>
Paterson, Katherine	<i>Lyddie</i>

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Paulsen, Gary	<i>Soldier's Heart</i>
Pearsall, Shellehy	<i>Trouble Don't Last</i>
Pinkey, Andrea Davis	<i>Silent Thunder: A Civil War Story</i>
Reeder, Carolyn	<i>Shades of Gray</i>
Reiss, Johanna	<i>The Upstairs Room</i>
Reit, Seymour	<i>Behind Rebel Lines</i>
Rinaldi, Ann	<i>Numbering All the Bones</i>
Scieszka, Jon	<i>Me Oh Maya!</i>
Speare, Elizabeth George	<i>The Witch of Blackbird Pond</i>
Stolz, Mary	<i>A Ballad of the Civil War</i>
Taylor, Mildred D.	<i>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</i>
Walsh, Jill Paton	<i>Grace</i>
Watkins, Yoko Kawashima	<i>So Far from the Bamboo Grove</i>
Wilder, Laura Ingalls	<i>Little House on the Praire (and series)</i>
Willaims, Laura E.	<i>Behind the Bedroom Wall</i>
Wisler, G. Clifton	<i>Mr. Lincoln's Drummer</i>
Yolen, Jane	<i>The Devil's Arithmetic</i>
Various Authors	<i>Dear America Series</i>
Various Authors	<i>My Name is America Series</i>
Various Authors	<i>Royal Diary Series</i>

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## Realistic Fiction

Armstrong, William	<i>Sounder</i>
Bloor, Edward	<i>Tangerine</i>
Blos, Joan	<i>A Gathering of Days</i>
Byars, Betsy	<i>The Pinballs</i>
Cleary, Beverly	<i>Dear Mr. Henshaw</i>
Clements, Andrews	<i>Frindle</i>
Conrad, Pam	<i>My Daniel</i>
Creech, Sahron	<i>Granny Torrelli Makes Soup</i>
Danziger, Paula	<i>Earth to Matthew</i>
DeClements, Barthe	<i>Nothing's Fair in the Fifth Grade</i>
Estes, Eleanor	<i>Ginger Pye</i>
Fitzhugh, Louise	<i>Nobody's Family Is Going to Change</i>
George, Jean Craighead	<i>My Side of the Mountain</i>
Giff, Patricia Reilly	<i>Rat Teeth</i>
Greene, Bette	<i>Philip Hall Likes Me, I Reckon Maybe</i>
Greenfield, Eloise	<i>Sister</i>
Hesse, Karen	<i>The Music of the Dolphins</i>
Ho, Mingfong	<i>The Clay Marble</i>
Horvath, Polly	<i>Everything on a Waffle</i>
Konigsburg, E.L.	<i>From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler</i>
MacLachlan, Patricia	<i>Baby</i>
MacLachlan, Patricia	<i>The Facts and Fictions of Minna Pratt</i>
Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds	<i>Outrageously Alice</i>
Paterson, Katherine	<i>The Great Gilly Hopkins</i>
Paulsen, Gary	<i>Dancing Carl</i>

Paulsen, Gary

*Hatchet*

Paulsen, Gary

*The Voyage of the Frog*

Peck, Richard

*A Long Way from Chicago*

## Realistic Fiction

Rawls, Wilson

*Where the Red Fern Grows*

Ritter, John H.

*Choosing Up Sides*

Ryan, Pam Munoz

*Esperanza Rising*

Salata, Estelle

*Blue Ice*

Spinelli, Jerry

*Crash*

Taylor, Mildred

*Song of the Trees*

Uchida Yoshiko

*The Best Bad Thing*

Wallace, Bill

*The Biggest Klutz in the Fifth Grade*

Winthrop, Elizabeth

*The Castle in the Attic*

## Traditional Literature: Folktales, Fables, Myths & Legends

Datlow, E. & Windling T.

*A Wolf at the Door: And Other Retold Fairy Tales*

Hamilton, Virginia

*The Girl Who Spun Gold*

Hamilton, Virginia

*People Could Fly, American Black Folktales*

Literacy 2000

*Beowulf*

MacDonald, M.R.

*Earth Care: World Folktales to Talk About*

San Souci, Robert D.

*Cut From the Same Cloth: American Women of Myth, Legend, and Tell Tale*

Sandburg, Carl

*The Huckabuck Family and How They Raised Popcorn in Nebraska and Quit and Came Back*

Yolen, Jane

*Merlin and the Dragons*

## **Fantasy and Science Fiction**

Alexander, Lloyd	<i>The Book of Three</i>
Avi	<i>Bright Shadow</i>
Babbitt, Natalie	<i>Tuck Everlasting</i>
Carson Levine, Gail	<i>Ella Enchanted</i>
Christopher, John	<i>Beyond the Burning Lands</i>
Clearly, Beverly	<i>The Mouse and the Motorcycle</i>
Cooper, Susan	<i>The Boggart</i>
Creech, Sharon	<i>Pleasing the Ghost</i>
Dahl, Roald	<i>The BFG</i>
DuBois, William	<i>The Twenty-One Balloons</i>
Field, Rachel	<i>Hitty: Her First Hundred Years</i>
Fleishman, Sid	<i>The 13<sup>th</sup> Floor: A Ghost Story</i>
Gaiman, Neil	<i>Coraline</i>
Hahn, Mary Downing	<i>Wait Till Helen Comes</i>
Hobbs, Valerie	<i>Carolina Crow Girl</i>
Hobbler, D. & T.	<i>The Ghost in the Tokaido Inn</i>
Jacques, Brian	<i>Redwall</i>
Juster, Norton	<i>The Phantom Tollbooth</i>
Key, Alexander	<i>The Forgotten Door</i>
Konigsburg, E.L.	<i>The View from Saturday</i>
Langton, Jane	<i>The Fledgling</i>
Lawson, Robert	<i>Mr. Revere and I</i>

L'Engle, Madeleine	<i>A Wind in the Door</i>
Lewis, C.S.	<i>The Chronicles of Narnia (series)</i>
McKissack, Patricia	<i>The Dark Thirty: Southern Tales of the Supernatural</i>
O'Brien, Robert C.	<i>Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH</i>
Peck, Richard	<i>The Dreadful Future of Blossom</i>
Rodgers, Mary	<i>Freaky Friday</i>

## **Fantasy and Science Fiction**

Rowling, J.K.	<i>The Harry Potter Series</i>
Seider, Tor	<i>A Rat's Tale</i>
Seldon, George	<i>A Cricket in Times Square</i>
Snicket, Lemony	<i>Series of Unfortunate Events</i>
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## **Poetry**

Creech, Sharon	<i>Love That Dog</i>
Fleishman, Paul	<i>Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices</i>
Florian, Douglas	<i>Mammalabilia</i>
Grimes, Nikki	<i>Under the Christmas Tree</i>
Hopkins, Lee Bennett	<i>My America: A Poetry Atlas of the United States</i>
Hughes, Langston	<i>The Dream Keeper and Other Poems</i>
Longfellow, Henry W.	<i>Paul Revere's Ride</i>

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Myers, Walter Dean

*Blues Journey*

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*Harlem*

Prelutsky, Jack

*The Random House Book of Poetry for Children*

Silverstein, Shel

*Falling Up*

Silverstein, Shel

*Where the Sidewalk Ends*

Woodson, Jacqueline

*Locomotion*

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## **Information Books**

Arnosky, Jim	<i>Field Trips: Bug Hunting, Animal Tracking Bird-Watching, Shore Walking</i>
Arnosky, Jim	<i>Secrets of a Wildlife Watcher</i>
Bial, Raymond	<i>Tenement: Immigrant Life on the Lower East Side</i>
Chang, Ina	<i>A Separate Battle: Women and the Civil War</i>
Christelow, Eileen	<i>What do Author's Do?</i>
Cornerstones of Freedom	<i>The Gettysburg Address</i>
Curlee, Lynn	<i>Seven Wonders of the Ancient World</i>
Fritz, Jean	<i>Around the World in a Hundred Years</i>
Jones, Charlotte Foltz	<i>Mistakes That Worked</i>

## **Classics**

Alcott, Louisa May	<i>Little Women</i>
Baum L. Frank	<i>The Wizard of Oz</i>
Burnett, Frances H.	<i>The Secret Garden</i>
Farley, Walter	<i>The Black Stallion</i>
Gibson, Fred	<i>Old Yeller</i>
Kipling, Rudyard	<i>The Jungle Book</i>
Lindgren, Astrid	<i>Pippi Longstocking</i>
London, Jack	<i>Call of the Wild</i>
Montgomery, L.M.	<i>Anne of Green Gables</i>
Pyle, Howard	<i>The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood</i>
Tolkien, J.R.R.	<i>The Hobbit and The Lord of the Ring Series</i>
Twain, Mark	<i>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i>
Verne, Jules	<i>Journey to the Center of the Earth</i>
Verne, Jules	<i>Around the World in Eighty Days</i>
Wells, H.G.	<i>The War of the Worlds</i>

## **Picture Books**

Gerstein, Mordicai	<i>The Man Who Walked Between the Towers</i>
Heide, Florence P.	<i>Sami and the Time of Troubles</i>
Polacco, Patricia	<i>Pink and Say</i>
Weisner, David	<i>Tuesday</i>
Williams, Sherley Ann	<i>Working Cotton</i>
Yolen, Jane	<i>Letting Swift River Go</i>

## **Short Story**

Dahl, Roald	<i>Roald Dahl Treasury</i>
Kipling, Rudyard	<i>Just So Stories</i>
Martin, Ann Matthews	<i>Friends: Stories About New Friends, Old Friends, And Unexpectedly True Friends</i>
Packer, Tina	<i>Tales From Shakespeare</i>
Soto, Gary	<i>Local News: Stories</i>