

Fifth Grade

Summer Reading 2009

Young Adult (Y) and Juvenile (J) Fiction:

Appelt, Kathi. The Underneath. Deep in the bayou, a dog befriends a cat and her family, hiding them underneath the porch where they can be safe from humans.

Avi. Seer of Shadows. Horace, apprentice of a society photographer in 1872, brings hauntings to life when he develops pictures. Not for the faint of heart.

Baggott, Julianna. The Prince of Fenway Park. Someone deliberately jinxed the Boston Red Sox, and the secret to breaking the Curse lies deep below Fenway Park..

Beil, Michael D. The Red Blazer Girls: The Ring of Rocamadour. It all begins with a scream. Three girls find themselves on a scavenger hunt set up by a girl they've never met, in search of a ring that is supposed to grant wishes.

Broach, Elise. Masterpiece. Marvin the beetle makes a drawing for James, but his human friend gets all the credit. Soon after, they must work together to recover stolen artwork from the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Creech, Sharon. Hate That Cat. Jack is studying poetry again in school, and he continues to write poems reflecting his understanding of famous poems and how they relate to life.

Dowd, Siobhan. The London Eye Mystery. Ted and Kat take their cousin Salim for a ride on the London Eye ferris wheel. But then Salim disappears...

Erdrich, Louise. Porcupine Year. An Ojibwa girl struggles to survive with her family as they look for a new place to call home. A survival tale based on the author's family history.

Gaiman, Neil. Graveyard Book. (Y) Bod, a human child, is raised by ghosts after wandering into a graveyard as a baby. He is safe and loved... as long as he doesn't leave.

George, Jessica Day. Dragon Slippers. Creel encounters dragon tired of fighting knights and makes a deal with him that she will leave his lair if he will give her a treasure from his hoard.

Hennesy, Carolyn. Pandora Gets Jealous. Thirteen-year-old Pandy is hauled before Zeus and given six months to gather all of the evils that were accidentally released from the box she brought to school for a project.

Kerr, P.B. Akhenhaten Adventure. (Y) Twins John and Philippa discover they are Djinn (genies) when their wisdom teeth come in and they start accidentally granting wishes.

Leszczynski, Diana. Fern Verdant and the Silver Rose. The daughter of two botanists, Fern uses the power of plants to contact her mother when she disappears on her quest to study a rare plant.

Maas, Wendy. 11 Birthdays. Two former friends (who share a birthday) find they must repeat their day until they set things right between themselves.

Pinkwater, Daniel. The Yggyssey: How Iggy Wondered What Happened to All the Ghosts, Found Out Where They Went, and Went There. Iggy Birnbaum, who lives in a haunted hotel, discovers that the hotel's ghosts are disappearing. After following a ghostly rabbit down a hole, Iggy and her friends encounter one strange Alice in Wonderland-type adventure after another.

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Preller, James. Six Innings. More than a baseball game, the boys on two championship teams are thinking about their futures.

Prineas, Sarah. Magic Thief. When Conn touches a powerful magician's stone and lives, he becomes involved in the mystery surrounding the town's vanishing magic.

Ramthun, Bonnie. White Gates. When Tor moves to Snow Park, CO, he learns more than snowboarding. A curse terrorizes the town every time they get a new doctor—like his mother.

Sanderson, Brandon. Alcatraz Versus the Scrivener's Bones. On his way to the ancient Library of Alexandria, Alcatraz must find Grandpa Smedry and look for clues leading to Alcatraz's missing (and potentially un-dead) father. Book two.

Selfors, Suzanne. Fortune's Magic Farm. Isabelle learns she is the last surviving member of a family that lives on a magic-producing farm.

Selzer, Adam. I Put a Spell on You. Someone is sabotaging the annually televised spelling bee, and Chrissy must find out who!

Snyder, Zilpha Keatley. Bronze Pen. When Audrey is given a magic pen, strange things begin happening whenever she writes.

St. John, Lauren. The White Giraffe. After a fire kills her parents, eleven-year-old Martine must leave England to live with her grandmother on a wildlife game reserve in South Africa, where she befriends a mythical white giraffe.

Stewart, Trenton. The Mysterious Benedict Society. (Y) Four children pass a series of mind-bending tests and are selected to carry out a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened.

Yohalem, Eve. Escape Under The Forever Sky. As a future conservation zoologist, thirteen-year-old Lucy uses her knowledge for survival when she is kidnapped and escapes.

Nonfiction:

Why is Snot Green? : And Other Extremely Important Questions (and Answers) by Glenn Murphy. Why do stars twinkle? Why is the Sky Blue? Are people with bigger heads smarter? Technology, animal life, space travel, physics, and much more are discussed in this lively science book. **502 Mu**

The Encyclopedia of Immaturity. This is the most complete guide to everything awesome! A super how-to book! Learn how to do all kinds of crazy things from how to make radio controlled underwear to how to read a grown up's mind! **790.13 En**

Insiders: Egypt by Joyce Tyldesley. Get a glimpse inside the chambers of King Tut's tomb, examine each layer of mummification, and see the inner workings of pyramid-building. **932 Ty**

The Tomb of King Tutankhamen by Michael Woods. For 3,000 years his tomb was undisturbed. Then archaeologist Howard Carter made the greatest discovery of his lifetime. **932 Wo**

Knucklehead by Jon Scieszka. An autobiography of the popular author (*Stinky Cheese Man*, *True Story of the Three Little Pigs*) who tells of his hilarious childhood growing up with five brothers. **B Scieszka**

