



## Books for Fifth Grade SRC 2011

### **Chapter Books (J)**

**Connor, Leslie.** Crunch.

The oldest Marriss brother, fourteen-year-old Dewey, attempts to be the "embodiment of responsibility" as he juggles the management of the family's bicycle repair business while sharing the household and farm duties with his siblings after a sudden energy crisis strands their parents far from home.

**Cook, Kacy.** Nuts: a Novel.

Sometimes even the smallest thing can change your life forever. A squeaking sound outside Nell's bedroom leads her to a baby squirrel abandoned in her yard. Nell and her younger brothers end up saving two wild squirrels that appear to be orphaned. Nell is willing to do anything to keep her new pets safe, even if involves telling a few lies.

**DiTerlizzi, Tony.** The Search for WondLa.

When a marauder destroys the underground sanctuary that Eva Nine was raised in by the robot Muthr, the twelve-year-old girl is forced to flee aboveground. Eva Nine is searching for anyone else like her, for she knows that other humans exist, because of an item she treasures—a scrap of cardboard on which is depicted a young girl, an adult, and a robot, with the strange word, "WondLa."

**Draper, Sharon M.** Out of My Mind.

Melody has a photographic memory. She remembers everything that has ever happened to her in precise, exact detail. She's the smartest kid in her whole school—but, NO ONE knows because she has virtually no way of communicating. Melody has cerebral palsy. All most people see is a special needs kid--never suspecting that trapped inside this eleven-year old girl is more information and insight than they ever imagined.

**Epstein, Adam.** The Familiars.

When three young wizards-in-training get kidnapped by the evil queen of the land, it is up to their magical companions to go a dangerous journey to rescue them. See what happens when these three animal assistants -- typically relegated to the background or found sitting quietly on their wizard's shoulders -- go on a heroic adventure of their own!

**Gutman, Dan.** Mission Unstoppable.

In eight days, Coke and Pepsi McDonald are going to turn thirteen. Before then, they'll jump off a cliff, get trapped in the locked basement of their burning school, chased cross-country by murderous lunatics, left for dead in the pit of a sand dune, forced to decipher mysterious coded messages, thrown into a giant vat of SPAM, and visit the world's largest . . . ball of twine!

**Hawkins, Aaron R.** The Year Money Grew on Trees.

With frostbitten fingers, sleepless nights and sore muscles, 14-year-old Jackson Jones and his posse of cousins discover the lost art of winging it when they take over an orchard of 300 wild apple trees. They know nothing about pruning or irrigation or pest control, but figure it out they must—if they are to avoid losing \$8,000 (because of an unfair contract).

**Law, Ingrid.** Scumble.

Ledger Kale's savvy is a total dud--all he does is make little things fall apart. Worse, his savvy disaster has an outside witness: Sarah Jane Cabot. Just like that, Ledge's beloved normal life is over. Now he has to keep Sarah from turning family secrets into headlines, stop her father from foreclosing on Uncle Autry's ranch, and scumble his savvy into control so that, someday, he can go home.

**Paulsen, Gary.** Masters of Disaster.

Henry Mosley decides that he and his pals Riley and Reed need to go on some earth-shaking adventures and make a name for themselves. Roped into wacky attempts to break world records, reenact scenes from books, solve a hundred-year-old murder, and carry out Henry's other inspired ideas, Riley and Reed follow their fearless leader everywhere: into the wilderness (truly terrifying), inside a bull-riding ring, into a haunted house, off the neighbors' roof, and into a cataclysmic collision with explosive life-forms.

**Van Cleve, Kathleen.** Drizzle.

Polly Peabody knows her family's world-famous rhubarb farm is magical. The plants taste like chocolate, jewels appear in the soil, bugs talk to her, and her best friend is a rhubarb plant named Harry. But the most magical thing is that every single Monday, at exactly 1:00, it rains. Until the Monday when the rain just stops. Now it's up to Polly to figure out why.

**Vanderpoole, Clare.** Moon Over Manifest.

Abilene Tucker feels abandoned. Her father has put her on a train, sending her off to live with an old friend for the summer while he works a railroad job. Armed only with a few possessions and her list of universals, Abilene jumps off the train in Manifest, Kansas, aiming to learn about the boy her father once was.

**Williams-Garcia, Rita.** One Crazy Summer.

Eleven-year-old Delphine has it together which is good because she has to take care of her younger sisters. Set during one of the most tumultuous years in recent American history, one crazy summer is the heartbreaking, funny tale of three girls in search of the mother who abandoned them

## **Chapter Book Series (J)**

**Kerr, Philip.** Children of the Lamp.

Meet John and Philippa Gaunt, twelve-year-old twins who one day discover themselves to be descended from a long line of djinn. All of a sudden, they have the power to grant wishes, travel to extraordinary places, and make people and objects disappear.

**Sage, Angie.** Septimus Heap.

All the books in the Septimus Heap series are filled with nonstop action, humor, and fantastical adventure as Septimus continues his journey of magical self-discovery.

## **Nonfiction**

**Carson, Mary Kay.** The Bat Scientists.

Bats fly the night skies in nearly every part of the world, but they are the least studied of all mammals. Unfortunately bats are facing a terrifying new disease. White-nose Syndrome is infecting and killing millions of hibernating bats in North America. But Dr. Tuttle, with the help of his fellow bat scientists are in the trenches—and caves—on the front line of the fight to save their beloved bats. **(599.4 Ca)**

**Thomas, Keltie.** Animals That Changed the World.

Outlines the ways different types of animals including livestock, pets, working beasts, noxious animals, and those that inspire the imagination, have influenced civilization. **(590 Th)**

**Woodward, John.** This Book Made Me Do It.

Brush up on your know-how by doing, making, and exploring just about everything! Activities come in all shapes and sizes, and this book shows you an incredible variety of them, from panning for gold to doing the Moonwalk. Perfect for budding artists, scientists, sports stars, and chefs! **(790.1922 Wo)**