



Books for Fifth Grade SRC 2010

Chapter Books (J)

Angleberger, Tom. The Strange Case of Origami Yoda.

Tommy and his friends describe their interactions with a paper finger puppet of Yoda, worn by their weird classmate Dwight, as they try to figure out whether or not the puppet can really predict the future.

Boyce, Frank Cottrell. Cosmic.

Liam is a twelve-year old boy who feels like he is stuck between two worlds because of his abnormal growth spurt. Liam cons his way onto the first spaceship to take civilians into space, and he is going as the adult chaperone. It's not long before Liam, along with his friends, is stuck between two worlds again—only this time he's 239,000 miles from home.

Cody, Matthew. Powerless.

Daniel is an ordinary 12-year-old boy who moves to a town full of young superheroes who are in danger of losing their powers when they reach their 13th birthdays. Can Matthew use his brain power to protect them?

DiCamillo, Kate. The Magician's Elephant.

When ten-year-old orphan Peter Augustus Duchene encounters a fortune teller in the marketplace one day and she tells him that his sister, who is presumed dead, is in fact alive, he embarks on a remarkable series of adventures as he desperately tries to find her.

Ebbitt, Carolyn. The Extra-Ordinary Princess.

Although Amelia, the youngest of the four princesses in Gossling, seems in all ways ordinary, she discovers that she has an important role to play in saving her kingdom from destruction by her evil uncle.

Ignatow, Amy. Popularity Papers: Research for the Social Improvement and General Betterment of Lydia Goldblatt and Julie Graham-Chang.

Lydia and Julia have one year to become popular for Junior High. This is their scrapbook, which details their progress.

Knudsen, Michelle. The Dragon of Trelian.

A mage's apprentice, a princess and a dragon combine their strength and magic to bring down a traitor and restore peace to the kingdom of Trelian.

Korman, Gordon. Zoobreak.

When Griffin Bing's class goes to a floating zoo, they don't expect to see animals being treated so badly. They don't expect to find Cleo, Savannah's pet monkey who's been missing for weeks. And they really don't expect to have to hide the animals once they've rescued them!

Lin, Grace. Where The Mountain Meets The Moon.

Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish, and then joins a dragon that cannot fly on a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon in hopes of bringing life to Fruitless Mountain and freshness to Jade River.

Mass, Wendy. Finally.

After her twelfth birthday, Rory checks off a list of things she is finally allowed to do, but unexpected consequences interfere with her involvement in the movie being filmed at her school, while a weird prediction starts to make sense.

Myers, Anna. Stolen by the Sea.

Maggie McKenna loves living by the sea, but she soon faces the battle of her life when one of the most powerful hurricanes of the century ravages Galveston, destroying homes and lives in a powerful and violent flood.

Petersen, P. J. Wild River.

Considered lazy and unathletic, 12-year-old Ryan discovers his heroic side when a kayak trip with his older brother Tanner goes horribly wrong.

Philbrick, Rodman. The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg.

Twelve-year-old Homer, a poor but clever orphan, has extraordinary adventures after running away from his evil uncle to rescue his brother who has been sold into service in the Civil War.

Stead, Rebecca. When You Reach Me.

As her mother prepares to be a contestant on the 1980's television show, "The \$20,000 Pyramid," a twelve-year-old New York City girl tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes.

Wood, Maryrose. The Incurable Children of Ashton Place: The Mysterious Howling.

Fifteen-year-old Miss Penelope Lumley, a recent graduate of the Swanburne Academy for Poor Bright Females, is hired as a governess to three young children who have been raised by wolves and must teach them to behave in a civilized manner quickly, in preparation for a Christmas Ball.

Chapter Book Series (J)

Buckley, Michael. Sisters Grimm.

Sabrina and Daphne are the latest in a long line of fairy-tale detectives, and their new hometown is filled with Everafters (as magical folks like to be called)—some good and some very, very bad.

Collins, Suzanne. Underland Chronicles.

When 11-year-old Gregor and his 2-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving men, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy.

Mull, Brandon. Fablehaven.

For centuries mystical creatures of all description were gathered into a hidden refuge called Fablehaven to prevent their extinction. The sanctuary survives today as one of the last strongholds of true magic. Enchanting? Absolutely. Exciting? You bet. Safe? Well, actually, quite the opposite.

Nonfiction

Hillman, Ben. How Weird Is It? A Freaky Book All About Strangeness.

Strange but fascinating facts about everyday things (like cats, locusts and angelfish) that turn out to be extraordinary. (500 Hi)

Stone, Tanya Lee. Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream.

This book chronicles the efforts of 13 women to gain acceptance into NASA's initial training program in the early 1960s. They were the best of the best – great pilots who were denied the dream of going into space simply because they were women. (629.45 St)

YES Magazine, ed. Hoaxed! Fakes and Mistakes in the World of Science.

Examines the fictions and facts surrounding eleven hoaxes throughout history and how the truth about each hoax was discovered and revealed. (500 Hu)