

Trout and Me

Shreve, Susan

Ben's troubles at school get worse when he starts hanging around Trout, a learning disabled boy in his fifth grade class. (860L)

Sammy Keyes and the Sisters of Mercy

Van Draanen, Wendelin

Sammy makes life with her grandmother more interesting when she tries to discover who is stealing from St. Mary's Church, befriends a homeless girl, and plays in a softball tournament. (850L)

Listening for Lions

Whelan, Gloria

Orphaned after the 1918 flu epidemic in British East Africa, 13-year-old Rachel is tricked into assuming a deceased neighbor's identity in order to travel to England. (900L)

Bat 6

Wolff, Virginia Euwer

Twenty-one sixth grade girls in a small town in Oregon, tell the story of a softball game where one girl's bigotry comes to the surface. (930L)

The Orphan of Ellis Island: a Time-Travel Adventure

Woodruff, Elvira

During a school trip to Ellis Island, Dominick Avaro, a 10-year-old foster child, travels back in time to 1908 Italy and accompanies two young immigrants to America. (810L)

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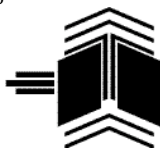
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Good Books For

5TH GRADE

These books are shelved by the author's last name in the J Fiction area.

Whales on Stilts!

Anderson, M.T.

Shy middle-school student Lily and her best friends, Katie and Jasper, must foil the plot of her father's conniving boss to conquer the world using an army of whales. (760L)

Tyler on Prime Time

Atinky, Steve

While visiting his uncle, a writer on the most popular show on television, 12-year-old Tyler auditions for a part on the show. (860L)

Sticks

Bauer, Joan

Ten-year-old Mickey's chances of winning the pool tournament improve when a friend who is a pool ace moves into town. (750L)

The Greatest Skating Race: a WWII Story from the Netherlands

Borden, Louise

During World War II in the Netherlands, a 10-year-old boy's dream of skating in a famous race allows him to help two children escape from the Germans. (750L)

Throwing Smoke

Brooks, Bruce

When his teammates on the Breadhurst Newts baseball team continue their losing ways, Whiz uses an unusual printing press to create several star players in hopes of winning a game. (810L)

The Double Life of Zoe Flynn

Carey, Janet Lee

When Zoe's family has to live in their van for months so her father can find work, Zoe tries to keep her sixth-grade classmates from discovering that she is homeless. (770L)

The Dark Hills Divide

Carman, Patrick

When she finds the key to a secret passageway, 12-year-old Alexa realizes her lifelong wish to explore the mysterious forests and mountains that lie beyond the wall. (940L)

Lunch Money

Clements, Andrew

Twelve-year-old Greg, who has always been good at moneymaking projects, is surprised to find himself teaming up with his lifelong rival, Maura, to create a series of comic books to sell at school. (840L)

The Monsters of Morley Manor

Coville, Bruce

Anthony and his sister discover that the monster figures he got at an estate sale are alive, but they have no way of knowing that the "monsters" will lead them on fantastical adventures to other worlds in an effort to try to save Earth. (770L)

The Ghost of Cutler Creek

DeFelice, Cynthia

When Allie is contacted by the ghost of a dog, she and Dub investigate the surly new boy at school and his father, who may be running a puppy mill. (790L)

Heads or Tails: Stories From the Sixth Grade

Gantos, Jack

Jack's diary helps him deal with his problems, which include dog-eating alligators, a terror for an older sister, a younger brother who keeps breaking parts of himself and next-door neighbors who are really weird. (750L)

The Hero of Ticonderoga

Gauthier, Gail

When Therese is chosen to do the coveted oral report on Ethan Allen, she learns a great deal about the Vermont hero and discovers what pleasure she gets from writing and presenting the report. (850L)

Among the Hidden

Haddix, Margaret Peterson

A government decree allows each family only two children, which condemns third child, Luke, to a lifetime of hiding. (800L)

The Gate in the Wall

Howard, Ellen

In 19th-century England, Emma, who is accustomed to poverty, hunger and long working hours at the silk mill, finds her life completely changed when she gets a job on a canal boat. (750L)

Interference Powder

Korelitz, Jean Hanff

Fifth-grader Nina happens upon a strange powder that causes her life to change. (820L)

The Moorchild

McGraw, Eloise

Feeling that she is neither fully human nor "Folk", a changeling learns her true identity and attempts to find the human child whose place she has been given. (940L)

The Scarecrow and his Servant

Pullman, Philip

A scarecrow and his boy servant, Jack, set off on a dangerous adventure as they try to outwit the crooked Buffaloni family and stake their claim to valuable Spring Valley. (850L)

The Boy of a Thousand Faces

Selnick, Brian

Obsessed with horror films, 10-year-old Alonzo dreams of transforming himself into the Boy of a Thousand Faces and gets his wish. (790L)