

## Fantasy

**Lola** by Karla Arenas Valenti (J)

**Island of Whispers** by Frances Hardinge (J)

**Impossible Creatures** by Katherine Rundell (J)

**Sona and the Golden Beasts**  
by Rajani LaRocca (J)

**Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky\***  
by Kwame Mbalia (J)

**The Jumbies\*** by Tracey Baptiste (J)

**A Dash of Trouble\*** by Anna Meriano (J)

**Amari and the Night Brothers\*** by B.B. Alston

**The Secret Library** by Kekla Magoon (J)

**Keeper of the Lost Cities\***  
by Shannon Messenger (J)

**Lalani of the Distant Sea** by Erin Entrada Kelly (J)

**Amira & Hamza: The War to Save the Worlds**  
by Samira Ahmed (J)

**The Girl Who Drank the Moon**  
by Kelly Barnhill (J)

**Dragonet Prophecy\*** by Tui T. Sutherland (J)

**The Beatryce Prophecy** by Kate DiCamillo (J)

**Artemis Fowl\*** By Eoin Colfer (J)

**Paola Santiago and the River of Tears**  
by Kay Tehlor Mejia (J)

**The Unwanteds\*** by Lisa McMann (J)

**The Beyonders\*** by Brandon Mull (J)

**The Lightning Thief\***  
by Rick Riordan (J)

## Nonfiction & Bio

**The Vincent Van Gogh Atlas** by Nienke Denekamp  
(JBIO Van Gogh)

**City of Leafcutter Ants: A Sustainable Society of Millions** by Amy Hevron (J 595.79 HEVRON, AMY)

**Octopus Ocean: Geniuses of the Deep**  
by Mark Lieren-Young (J594.56 Lieren)

**Stonewall: a Building, an Uprising, a Revolution**  
by Rob Sanders (J 323.3)

**Eyewitness Forensic Science**

by Christopher Cooper (J 363.25)

**When Beavers Flew** by Kristen Tracy (J 599.37 Tracy)

**Bomb** By Steve Sheinkin (YA 623.4 )

**Mighty Mission Machines: From Rockets to Rovers**  
by Dr. Dave Williams (J 629.4 )

**Titanic: Voices from the Disaster**

by Deborah Hopkinson (YA 910.9163 HOPKINSON)

**How They Croaked** by Georgia Bragg (YA 920)

**Grand Canyon** by Jason Chin (J 979.1)

**Normal: One Kid's Extraordinary Journey**

by Magdalena M. Newman (JBio Newman)

**The Heartbeat Drum: The Story of Carol Powder, Creed Drummer and Activist**

by Deidre Havrelock (Bio Powder))

**Brown Girl Dreaming** by Jacqueline Woodson (JBIO)

## Graphic Novels

**Bog Myrtle** by Sid Sharp (JGN)

**We Are Big Time** by Hena Khan (JGN)

**The Girl Who Sang: A Holocaust Memoir of Hope and Survival** by Estelle Nadell (JGN BIO)

**New Kid\*** by Jerry Craft (JGN )

**Lunar Boy** by Jes & Cin Wibowo (JGN)

**When Stars Are Scattered**

by Victoria Jamieson (JGN Jamieson)

**The Legend of Auntie Po** by Shing Yin Khor (JGN)

**The Cardboard Kingdom\*** by Chad Sell (JGN)

**Snapdragon** by Kat Leyh (JGN)

**Spy School\*** by Stuart Gibbs (JGN)

**El Deafo** By Cece Bell (JGN)

**Frizzy** by Claribel A. Ortega (JGN)

**Awkward** by Svetlana Chmakova (YAG)

**Swim Team** by Johnnie Christmas (JGN)

**Emmie & Friends\*** by Terri Liebenson (JGN)

**Lunch Lady** series by Jarrett Kosoczka (JGN)

**Smile** (and other titles) by Raina Telgemeier (JGN)

**Big Nate\*** by Lincoln Peirce (JGN)

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# Fifth & Sixth Grade Suggested Reading



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SUGGESTED READING

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## Adventure

**Concealed** by Christina Diaz Gonzalez (J)

**Sisters of the Neverseas**

by Cynthia Leitich Smith(J)

**The Last Last-Day-of-Summer\***

by Lamar Giles (J)

**The Forbidden Stone\*** by Tony Abbott (J)

**Jinx\*** by Sage Blackwood (J)

**Masterminds\*** by Gordon Korman (J)

**Maximum Ride\*** by James Patterson (YA)

**The Night of the Howling Dogs**

by Graham Salisbury (J/YA)

## Mystery/ Thriller

**The Van Gogh Deception\*** by Deron R. Hicks (J)

**Framed\*** by James Ponti (J)

**The Carefour Curse** by Dianne K. Salerni (J)

**From the Desk of Zoe Washington**

by Janae Marks (J)

**The Parker Inheritance** by Varian Johnson (J)

**Clean Getaway** by Nic Stone (J)

**Missing on Superstitious Mountain\***

by Elise Broach (J)

**Last Shot\*** by John Feinstein (YA)

**Chester Keene Cracks the Code**

by Kekla Magoon (J)

**Absolutely Truly: A Pumpkin Falls Mystery\***

by Heather Vogel Frederick (J)

**Spy School\*** by Stuart Gibbs (J)

## Historical Fiction and Classics

**The Enemy's Daughter** by Anne Blankman (J)

**Buffalo Dreamer** by Violet Duncan (J)

**The Lost Year** by Katherine Marsh (J)

**Across So Many Seas** by Ruth Behar (J)

**The Blackbird Girls** by Anne Blankman (J)

**Max in the House of Spies** by Adam Gidwitz (J)

**Finding Langston** by Lesa Cline-Ransome (J)

**Indian No More** by Charlene Willing McManis (J)

**Refugee\*** by Alan Gratz (J)

**Show Me a Sign** by Ann Claire Lezotte (J)

**Prairie Lotus** by Linda Sue Park (J)

**Just Like That** by Gary D. Schmidt (J)

**The Birchbark House\*** by Louise Erdrich (J)

**One Crazy Summer\***

by Rita Williams-Garcia (J)

**A Long Walk to Water** by Linda Sue Park (J)

**The Night Diary** by Veera Hiranandani (J)

**Chains\*** by Laurie Ralse Anderson (J/YA)

**Root Magic** by Eden Royce (J)

**The War That Saved My Life\***

by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley\* (J)

**Turtle in Paradise** by Jennifer Holm (J)

**Before the Ever After**

by Jacqueline Woodson (J)

**The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate**

by Jacqueline Kelly\* (J)

**Inside Out and Back Again** by Thanhha Lai (J)

**Elephant Run** by Roland Smith (YA)

**The Witch of Blackbird Pond**

by Elizabeth George Speare (J)

**Treasure Island** By Robert Louis Stevenson (J)

**King of the Mound** By Wes Tooke (J)

**Countdown\*** by Deborah Wiles (J)

## Science Fiction & Dystopian

**The Last Cuentista**

by Donna Barba Hegera (YA)

**Shuri: A Black Panther Novel** by Nic Stone (J)

**Sal & Gabi Break the Universe \***

by Carlos Hernandez (J)

**Among the Hidden \***

by Margaret Peterson Haddix (J)

**The Fourteenth Goldfish** by Jennifer L. Holm(J)

## Realistic Fiction

**The First State of Being**

by Erin Entrada Kelly (J Kelly)

**Magnolia Wu Unfolds it All**

by Chanel Miller (J)

**Shark Teeth** by Sherri Winston (J Winston)

**Kareem Between** by Shifa Saltagi Safadi (J)

**The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street\***

by Karina Yan Glaser\* (J)

**Johnny, the Sea, and Me** by Melba Escobar (J)

**Cruzita and the Mariacheros**

by Ashley Granillo (J)

**Harbor Me** by Jacqueline Woodson (J)

**Mid-Air** by Alicia D. Williams (J)

**The Tenth Mistake of Hank Hooperman**

by Gennifer Choldenko (J)

**Ghost\*** by Jason Reynolds (YA)

**The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise\***

by Dan Gemeinhart (J)

**King and the Dragonflies** by Kacen Callender(J)

**Genesis Begins Again** by Alicia D. Williams(J)

**The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle**

by Leslie Connor (J)

**Counting By 7s** by Holly Goldberg Sloan (YA)

**Merci Suarez Changes Gears**

by Meg Medina\*(J)

**When You Trap a Tiger** by Tae Keller (J)

**Blended** by Sharon Draper (J)

**Hello Universe** by Erin Entrada Kelly (J)

**Fast Pitch** by Nic Stone (J)

**Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to the World**

by Ashley Herring Blake (J)

**The Shape of Thunder**

by Jasmine Warga (J)

**The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora**

by Pablo Cartaya (J)

**Front Desk\*** by Kelly Yang (J)

**Melissa's Story** by Alex Gino (J)

**Emmy in the Key of Code** By Aimee Lucido (J)

**Becoming Muhammad Ali**

by James Patterson(J)

**Heat** by Mike Lupica (J)