

BOOKS FOR GRADE FIVE

Because of Winn-Dixie

Kate DiCamillo

CHILD FICTION Dic

Because of Winn-Dixie, a big, ugly, happy dog ten year old Opal learns ten things from her preacher father about the mother that abandoned them.

Pick Up Sticks

Sarah Ellis

CHILD PAPERBACK Ell

A warm and funny story about being the daughter of a wonderful but infuriating mother.

Inkheart

Cornelia Funke

CHILD FICTION Fun

Twelve-year old Meggie learns that her father, who repairs and binds books for a living, can “read” fictional characters to life when one of those characters abducts them and tries to force him into service.

Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key

Jack Gantos

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To the constant disappointment of his mother and his teachers, Joey has trouble paying attention or controlling his mood swings when his prescription medications wear off and he starts getting worked up and acting wired.

Mistakes that Worked

Charlotte Foltz Jones

CHILD 609 Jon

Presents the stories behind 40 things that were invented or named by accident, including aspirin, x-rays, Frisbees, silly putty and Velcro.

Loser

Jerry Spinelli

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A touching book about the human spirit, the importance of failure and how any name can someday be replaced with “hero.”

The Phantom Tollbooth

Norman Juster

CHILD FICTION Jus

This ingenious fantasy centers around Milo, a bored ten-year old who comes home to find a large toy tollbooth sitting in his room. Joining forces with a watchdog named Tock, Milo drives through the tollbooths gates and begins a memorable journey.

They Saw the Future: Oracles, Psychics, Scientists, Great Thinkers and Pretty Good Guessers

Kathleen Krull

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Discusses the work of predictions of those who have speculated about or claimed to see the future, from the oracles of ancient Greece to such modern figures as Edgar Cayce and Jeane Dixon.

Seeing Earth from Space

Patricia Lauber

CHILD 525 Lau

Text and photographs taken from space depict the nature, evolution and future of Earth.

Ella Enchanted

Gail Carson Levine

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In this novel based on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her.

Afternoon of the Elves

Janet Taylor Lisle

CHILD FICTION Lis

As Hillary works in a miniature village, allegedly built by elves, in Sara-Kate’s backyard, she becomes more and more curious about Sara-Kate’s real life inside her big, gloomy house with her mysterious, silent mother.

The Moorchild

Eloise Jarvis McGraw

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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.

Silverwing

Kenneth Oppel

CHILD PAPERBACK Opp

Shade, a newborn silverwing is separated from his colony during their winter migrations. With the help of an exiled Brightwing, he must find his colony and save them from marauding cannibal bats.

Awake and Dreaming

Kit Pearson

CHILD FICTION Pea

This is a ghost story with a difference – by one of Canada’s greatest children’s fiction writers.

The Sky is Falling

Kit Pearson

CHILD FICTION Pea

CHILD PAPERBACK Pea

In the summer of 1940 as the war in Europe begins to intensify, a reluctant ten-year old Norah and her five-year old brother Gavin are sent by their parents to safety in Canada where to Norah’s dismay they are taken in by the rich Ogilvie family.

A Long Way from Chicago: A Novel in Stories

Richard Peck

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CHILD PAPERBACK Pec

A boy recounts his annual summer trips to rural Illinois with his sister during the Great Depression to visit their larger-than-life grandmother.

A Pizza the Size of the Sun: Poems

Jack Prelutsky

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A collection of humorous poetry on a variety of topics.

Holes

Louis Sachar

CHILD PAPERBACK Sac

Stanley Yelnats is under a curse, a curse that began with his no-good-dirty-rotten-stealing-great-great-grandfather and has since followed generations of Yelnats. Now Stanley has been unjustly sent to a boys detention center, where the warden makes the boys “build character” by spending all day, every day digging holes.

Maniac Magee

Jerry Spinelli

CHILD FICTION Spi

CHILD PAPERBACK Spi

After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee’s life becomes legendary, as he accomplishes athletic and other feats which awe his contemporaries.



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