

Fifth Grade Reading List 2007-08



Introduction

An important goal of the reading program within the Glencoe schools, is to develop lifelong readers who read for enjoyment, understanding, and information. To accomplish this goal, students must have ample opportunity to read food literature both in school and at home. In the intermediate grades, acquiring essential reading skills is important but is only part of the total reading program. The other part involves the enjoyable application of these skills through independent reading.

In order to guide students in selecting books, an independent reading list was compiled by a faculty committee. The aim of this list is to identify classic and outstanding literary selections to be read independently.

The following list of books is broken into three categories. The first is a list of books taught by the reading teachers during fifth grade. The second is a list of books that could be shared by the class. We request that students do not read books from these lists before they enter fifth grade. The third is a list of books we recommend students read when assigned independent reading. These books are excellent choices for students when they are looking for a good book to read.

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Books Taught in 5th Grade Listed by Genre

Possible In-Class Shared Literature 5th Grade

Realistic Fiction Unit

Byars, Betsy
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Konigsburg, E.L.
Paterson, Katherine

The Midnight Fox
The Summer of the Swans
From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E...
The Great Gilly Hopkins



Mystery Unit

Avi
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Pullman, Philip
Raskin, Ellen

Smuggler's Island
Who Stole the Wizard of Oz?
The Ruby in the Smoke
The Westing Game



Fantasy Unit

Atwater, Richard
Catling, Patrick
Cleary, Beverly
O'Brien, Robert
Pullman, Philip
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Steig, William

Mr. Popper's Penguins
Chocolate Touch
The Mouse and the Motorcycle
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH
The Amber Spyglass
The Golden Compass
I was a Rat
The Subtle Knife
Abel's Island



Colonial Unit/Historical Fiction Unit

Pulla, Clyde Robert
Fritz, Jean
Speare, Elizabeth George
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A Lion to Guard Us
The Double Life of Pocahontas
Sign of the Beaver
The Witch of Blackbird Pond

Author

Title

Easy

Cone, Molly
MacLachlan, Patricia
Smith, Doris

Come Back, Salmon
Skylark
A Taste of Blackberries

Intermediate

Babbitt, Natalie
Brink, Carol Ryrie
De Angeli, Marguerite
Fleishman, Sid
Hamilton, Virginia
Keehn, Sally M.
Lord, Bette Bao
Sleator, William
Spinelli, Jerry

Search for Delicious
Caddie Woodlawn
The Door in the Wall
The Whipping Boy
The House of Dies Drear
I am Regina
In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson
Into the Dream
Maniac Magee

Challenging

Lawson, Robert
North, Sterling
Paterson, Katherine
Sleator, William

Ben & Me
Rascal
Lyddie
Interstellar Pig



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Recommended for Independent Reading

EASY

Aiken, Joan Wolves of Willoughby Chase (The)
 Almond, David Skellig
 Anderson, Laurie H. Fever, 1793
 Avi Barn (The)
 Brittain, Bill Wish Giver; Three Tales of Coven Tree
 Byars, Betsy Blossom's Promise
 Byars, Betsy Night Swimmers (The)
 Byars, Betsy Pinballs
 Byars, Betsy Toro Says Beware
 Campbell, Joanna Wonder's Promise
 Clements, Andrew Jacket (The)
 Clements, Andrew Jake Drake (series)
 Colfer, Eoin Wish List (The)
 Creech, Sharon Love That Dog
 Creech, Sharon Ruby Holler
 DiCamillo, Kate Because of Winn-Dixie
 Fenner, Carol Yolanda's Genius
 Fleischman, Sid Bandit's Moon
 Fleischman, Sid Whipping Boy
 Gannett, Ruth Stiles My Father's Dragon and others
 Giff, Patricia Reilly Lily's Crossing
 Gilson, Jamie Thirteen Ways to Sink a Sub
 Gilson, Jamie Wagon Train 911
 Gutman, Dan Babe & Me
 Gutman, Dan Honus & Me
 Gutman, Dan Jackie & Me
 Gutman, Dan Million Dollar Shot
 Hermes, Patricia Kevin Corbett Eats Flies
 Horvath, Peggy Trolls
 Houston, Gloria Littlejim
 Howe, Deborah Bunnacula (and others)
 Klise, Kate Regarding the Fountain
 Lawrence, Iain Wreckers (The)
 Levine, Gail Carson Dave at Night
 Levine, Gail Carson Ella Enchanted
 McGovern, Ann If You Lived in Colonial Times
 McMullan, Kate Great Ideas of Lila Fenwick (The)
 Nature Company Volcanoes and Earthquakes
 Nature Company Weather
 Naylor, Phyllis R. Shiloh
 Peck, Robert Newton Soup & Me
 Penner, Lucille Recht Eating the Plates; a Pilgrim...
 Sharmat, Marjorie Chasing After Annie
 Smith, Robert Kimmel Chocolate Fever
 Spinelli, Jerry Crash
 Stolz, Mary Cat Walk
 Yep, Laurence Lator, Gator

INTERMEDIATE

Andrews, Julie E. Mandy
 Alphin, Elaine Marie Ghost Soldier
 Avi Wolf Rider: A Tale of Terror
 Barron, T.A. Merlin Effect (The) series
 Bauer, Joan Sticks
 Bauer, Marion Dane On My Honor (1)
 Beatty, Patricia Charley Skeddaddle
 Bellairs, John House with a Clock in its Walls (The)
 Blair, Walter Tall Tale America
 Blos, Joan Gathering of Days: A New... (A)
 Brittain, Bill Dr. Dredd's Wagon of Wonders
 DCarbone, Elisa Storm Warriors
 Collodi, Carlo Adventures of Pinocchio (The)
 Colfer, Eoin Artemis Fowl (series)
 Coville, Bruce Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher
 Creech, Sharon Absolutely Normal Chaos
 Cresswell, Helen Ordinary Jack (Bagthrope Series)
 Curtis, Christopher P. Watsons Go to Birmingham (The)
 Dahl, Roald Twits
 Danzinger, Paula P.S. Longer Letter Later
 Danzinger, Paula Snail Mail No More
 DeJong, Meindert House of Sixty Fathers
 Dorris, Michael Morning Girl
 Estes, Eleanor Ginger Pye
 Fitzgerald, John Great Brain (The) (series)
 Greene, Constance Beat the Drums
 Haddix, Margaret Among the Barons
 Haddix, Margaret Among the Betrayed
 Haddix, Margaret Among the Hidden
 Haddix, Margaret Among the Imposters
 Haddix, Margaret Escape From Memory
 Haddix, Margaret Just Ella
 Hamilton, Virginia M.C. Higgins the Great
 Hesse, Karen Letters From Rifka
 Hiaasen, Carl Hoot
 Hobbs, Will Down the Yukon
 Hobbs, Will Far North
 Holm, Jennifer L. Our Only May Amelia
 Holt, Kimberly Willis Dancing in Cadillac Light
 Holt, Kimberly Willis My Louisiana Sky
 Horowitz, Anthony Point Blank
 Horowitz, Anthony Stormbreaker
 Horowitz, Anthony Skeleton Key
 Houston, James White Archer: An Eskimo Legend (The)
 Hughes, Monica Invitation to the Game
 Hunter, Mollie Stranger Came Ashore (A)
 Hurwitz, Johanna Llama in the Family (A)
 Konigsburg, E.L. View From Saturday
 Krumgold, Joseph Onion John
 Lawlor, Laurie Addie Across the Prairie
 Lenski, Lois Strawberry Girl

Levoy, Myron
Lisle, Janet Taylor
Lowry, Lois
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Mills, Claudia
Morris, Gerald
Neville, Emily Cheney
Nixon, Joan Lowry
Oppel, Kenneth
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Paterson, Katherine
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Paulsen, Gary
Robertson, Keith
Rocklin, Joanne
Rockwell, Thomas
Ruckerman, Ivy
Seldon, George
Snyder, Zilpha Keatley
Stolz, Mary
Taylor, Mildred
Taylor, Sydney
Terhune, Albert
Whelan, Gloris
Wright, Betty

Alan and Naomi 2)
Afternoon of the Elves
Anastasia (series)
Gathering Blue
Losers, Inc.
Squire's Tale
It's Like This, Cat
Caught in the Act
Silverwing
Sunwing
Jacob Have I Loved
Same Stuff as Stars
Cookcamp (The)
Henry Reed, Inc.
For Your Eyes Only
How to Eat Fried Worms
Night of the Twisters
Genie of Sutton Place (The)
Witches of Worm (The)
Noonday Friends (The)
Let the Circle Be Unbroken
All-of-a-Kind Family
Lad: A Dog
Once on this Island
Dollhouse Murders (The)

Mikaelsen, Ben
Naylor, Phyllis R.
Nesbit, Edith
Paterson, Katherine
Pearce, Philippa
Pierce, Tamora
Rylant, Cynthia
Sachar, Louis
Seldon, George
Sewell, Anna
Speare, Elizabeth G.
Sutcliff, Rosemary
Wojciechowska, Maia

Touching Spirit Bear
Bessledorf (series)
Railway Children
Bridge to Terabithia
Tom's Midnight Garden
Magic Steps (series)
Missing May
Holes
Cricket in Time Square (The)
Black Beauty
Bronze Bow
Warrior Scarlet#
Shadow of a Bull

POETRY

Blake, William
Dunning, Stephen
Hughes, Langston
Larrick, Nancy, ed.

Songs of Innocence
Reflections on a Gift of Watermelon...
Dream Keeper and Other Poems (The)
Piping Down the Valley Wild

CHALLENGING

Alexander, Lloyd
Armer, Laura Adams
Avi
Boston, L.M.
Bodett, Tom
Card, Orson Scott
Clements, Andrew
Cooper, Susan
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Creech, Sharon
Cushman, Karen
DuBois, William
Estes, Eleanor
Forbes, Esther
Hautzig, Esther
Hesse, Karen
Hesse, Karen
Hobbs, Will
Horwath, Polly
Ibbotson, Eva
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Jacques, Brian
Juster, Norton
Knight, Eric
Meigs, Cornelia

Book of Three (The)
Waterless Mountain
Nothing But the Truth
Stranger at Green Knowe (A) (series)
Williwaw
Ender's Game (series)
Landry News
Dark is Rising (The) (series)
Boggart
Walk Two Moons
Midwife's Apprentice
Twenty-One Balloons (The)
Moffats (The)
Johnny Tremain
Endless Steppe (The)
Out of the Dust
Stowaway
Beardance
Everything on a Waffle
Great Ghost Rescue
Island of the Aunts
Secret of Platform 13
Which Witch
Redwall (series)
Phantom Tollbooth (the)
Lassie Come Home
Invincible Louisa

