



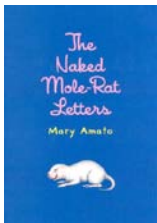
5th Grade Booklist

by Allison Madsen 3/10

The books on this list were selected for their appeal to fifth graders and include a variety of fiction genres, some new books, a few old favorites and a bit of nonfiction.

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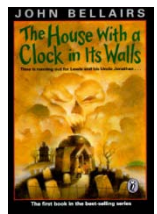
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The Naked Mole Rat Letters

By Mary Amato

Call #: JF Amato

When her father begins a long-distance romance with a Washington, D.C. zookeeper, twelve-year-old Mary Amato asks her father to help her find a new zookeeper in an attempt to end the relationship.



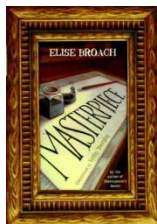
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The House With a Clock in Its Walls

By John Bellairs

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A boy goes to live with his magician uncle in a mansion that has a clock hidden in the walls with the power to stop time.



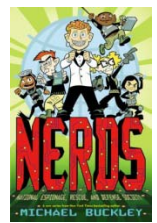
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Masterpiece

By Elsie Broach

Call #: JF Broach

After Marvin, a beetle, makes a miniature drawing as an eleventh birthday gift for James, a human with whom he shares a house, the two new friends work together to help recover a drawing stolen from the Art Museum.



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NERDS : National Espionage, Rescue, and Defense

By Michael Buckley

Call #: JF Buckley

While running a spy network from their elementary school, five unpopular misfits combine their talents and use cutting-edge gadgetry to fight evil around the world.





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No Talking

By Andrew Clements

Call #: JF Clements

The noisy fifth grade boys of Laketon Elementary School challenge the equally loud fifth grade girls to a "no talking" contest.



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Extra Credit

By Andrew Clements

Call #: JF Clements

As letters flow back and forth across cultural and religious divides--sixth-grader Abby, ten-year-old Amira, and eleven-year-old Sadeed begin to speak and listen to each other.



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Z. Rex

By Steve Cole

Call #: JF Cole

From Santa Fe, New Mexico, to Edinburgh, Scotland, thirteen-year-old Adam Adlar must elude police while being hunted by a dinosaur come-to-life from a virtual reality game invented by his father, who has gone missing.



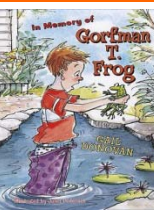
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The Magician's Elephant

By Kate DiCamillo

Call #: JF DiCamillo

When ten-year-old orphan Peter Augustus Duchene encounters a fortune teller in the marketplace one day and she tells him that his sister, presumed dead, is in fact alive, he begins an adventure to find her.



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In Memory of Gorfman T. Frog

By Gail Donovan

Call #: JF Donovan

When irrepressible fifth-grader Josh finds a five-legged frog in his backyard pond, it leads to him learning a lot about amphibians--and himself.



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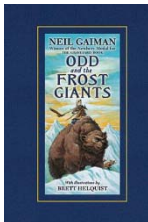
The Ruins of Gorlan: The Ranger's Apprentice

By John Flanagan

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When fifteen-year-old Will is rejected by the battle school, he becomes the reluctant apprentice to the mysterious Ranger Halt, and winds up protecting the kingdom from danger.





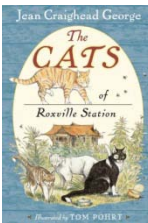
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Odd and the Frost Giants

By Neil Gaiman

Call #: JF Gaiman

An unlucky Norwegian boy named Odd leads the Norse gods Loki, Thor, and Odin in an attempt to outwit the evil Frost Giants who have taken over Asgard.



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The Cats of Roxville Station

By Jean Craighead George

Call #: JF George

A young tiger-striped cat fights to survive amid feral cats and other creatures, aided by Mike, who is not allowed to have a pet.



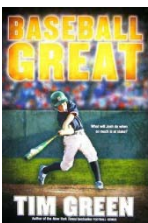
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Dragon Slippers

By Jessica Day George

Call #: JF George

Orphaned after a fever epidemic, Creel befriends a dragon and unknowingly inherits an object that can either save or destroy her kingdom.



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Baseball Great

By Tim Green

Call #: JF Green

All twelve-year-old Josh wants to do is play baseball but when his father signs him up for a youth championship team, Josh finds himself embroiled in a situation with potentially illegal consequences.



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Getting Air

By Dan Gutman

Call #: JF Gutman

After foiling a terrorist hijacking aboard their airplane, fourteen-year-old Jimmy, his younger sister, and two skateboarding friends crash-land the plane and try to survive in a forest wilderness until help arrives.



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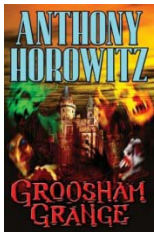
Nightmare at the Book Fair

By Dan Gutman

Call #: JF Gutman

When fifth-grader Trip Kindleman, who does not like to read very much, is hit on the head by a heavy box and becomes a character in a series of different books, his view of reading changes.





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Groosham Grange

By Anthony Horowitz

Call #: JF Horowitz

After being expelled from school, thirteen-year-old David Eliot is sent to Groosham Grange, a spooky and sinister boarding school where nothing seems quite right.



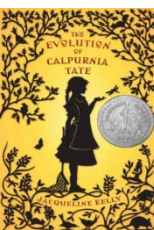
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Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat

By Lynne Jonell

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When Emmy discovers that she and her formerly loving parents are being drugged by their evil nanny, she and some new friends must try everything possible to return things to normal.



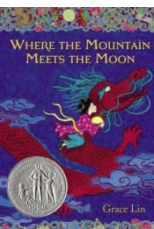
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The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate

By Jacqueline Kelly

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In central Texas in 1899, eleven-year-old Callie Vee Tate learns about life from her family, and an important discovery.



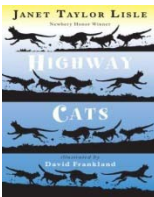
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Where the Mountain Meets the Moon

By Grace Lin

Call #: JF Lin

Minli buys a magical goldfish, and then joins a dragon who 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.



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Highway Cats

By Janet Taylor Lisle

Call #: JF Lisle

A hard-bitten group of many highway cats is changed forever after the mysterious arrival of three kittens.



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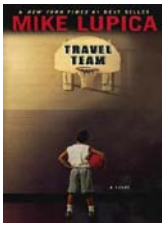
Rules

By Cynthia Lord

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Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence.





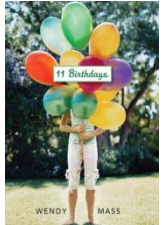
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Travel Team

By Mike Lupica

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After he is cut from his travel basketball team twelve-year-old Danny Walker forms his own team of cast-offs that might have a shot at victory.



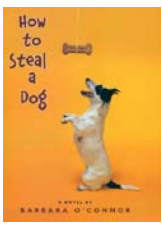
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11 Birthdays

By Wendy Mass

Call #: JF Mass

After celebrating their first nine same-day birthdays together, Amanda and Leo prepare to celebrate their eleventh birthday separately but peculiar things begin to happen.



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How to Steal a Dog

By Barbara O'Connor

Call #: JF O'Connor

Living out of the family car, Georgina, desperate to improve their situation, persuades her younger brother to help her steal a dog in order to claim the reward that the owners are bound to offer.



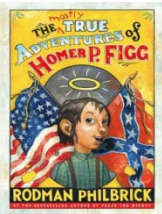
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Keeping Score

By Linda Sue Parks

Call #: JF Parks

In Brooklyn in 1951, a die-hard Giants fan teaches nine-year-old Maggie, who is a "Bums" (Dodgers) fan, how to use a technique to keep score of a baseball game which creates a special friendship between them.



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The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg

By W. Rodman Philbrick

Call #: JF Philbrick

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.



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The Magic Thief

By Sarah Prineas

Call #: JF Prineas

A young thief is drawn into a life of magic and adventure after picking the pocket of the powerful wizard Nevery Flinglas, who has returned from exile to attempt to reverse the troubling decline of magic in Wellmet City.





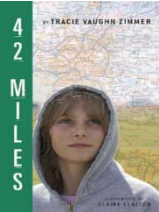
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A Crooked Kind of Perfect

By Linda Urban

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Ten-year-old Zoe Elias, who longs to play the piano but must resign herself to learning the organ instead, finds that her musicianship has a positive impact on her family.



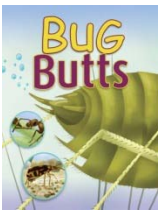
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42 Miles

By Tracy Vaughn Zimmerman

Call #: JF Zimmerman

As her thirteenth birthday approaches, JoEllen decides to bring together her two separate lives.



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Bug Butts

By Dawn Cusick

Call #: J595.7 Cus

Learn about the diverse ways insects use their butt ends to survive and thrive.



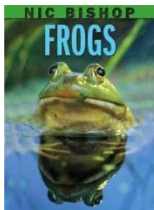
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Face to Face with Sharks

By David Doubilet

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Learn all about the sharks' physical characteristics, the different kinds of sharks, how not to get eaten, and conservation of this predator.



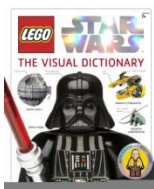
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Nic Bishop: Frogs

By Nic Bishop

Call #: J597.89 Bis

Nic Bishop's photographs show all different kinds of frogs, big ones, very tiny ones, frogs with beautiful colors of skin, and one frog you can see inside of.



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LEGO Star Wars: Visual Dictionary

By Simon Beecroft

Call #: J688.725 Bee

Learn about the history, manufacture, and construction of the minifigures of the "Star Wars" galaxy, and come away a LEGO® Jedi Master.



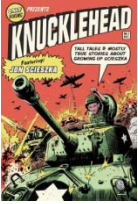
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Oops!

By Alan Katz

Call #: J811.6 Kat

A collection of humorous poems for children.



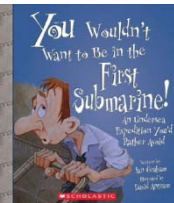
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Knucklehead

By Jon Scieszka

Call #: J813.54 Sci

How did Jon Scieszka get so funny? He grew up as one of six brothers with Catholic school, lots of comic books, lazy summers at the lake with time to kill, babysitting misadventures, TV shows, and jokes told at family dinner.



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You Wouldn't Want to Be in the First Submarine

By Ian Graham

Call #: J973.757 Gra

Get ready...as a young man in Civil War America, you are about to become involved in a highly dangerous underwater arms race. You could get into very deep water in the first submarine...