

Fifth Grade Reading List

The Holy Bible

Anderson **Guarding of the Tablets of Stone**

Join in on the action as Bill solves such cases as the vanishing "Big Green Slime Time" video game, and even uses "Slugtop", the cosmic comic superhero, to put the Ten Commandments under the magnifying glass for Nick and his friends.

Anderson **Quest for the Temple of Truth**

Quest for the Temple of Truth, the fourth book in the Bill the Warthog Mysteries series, has Bill and his buddy Nick on exciting and mysterious adventures as they uncover the wonders of Jesus' parables

Archer **A House Divided**

Presents the lives and military careers of Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee, the two generals who led the fighting during the Civil War.

Armstrong **Dear Mr. President: Thomas Jefferson, Letters from a Philadelphia Bookworm**

An educated, inquisitive young girl in Philadelphia corresponds with President Thomas Jefferson about current events, including the Lewis and Clark expedition, new inventions, and life at Monticello.

Avi **Don't You Know There's a War On**

In wartime Brooklyn in 1943, eleven-year-old Howie Crispers mounts a campaign to save his favorite teacher from being fired.

Wiles **Each Little Bird That Sings**

Ten-year-old Comfort describes life in her family's funeral home.

Avi **Fighting Ground**

Thirteen-year-old Jonathan goes off to fight in the Revolutionary War and discovers the real war is being fought within himself.

Bacon **Teammates**

Describes the racial prejudice experienced by Jackie Robinson when he joined the Brooklyn Dodgers and became the first black player in Major League baseball and depicts the acceptance and support he received from his white teammate Pee Wee Reese.

Barleth **Samuel's Choice**

Samuel, a fourteen-year-old slave in Brooklyn in 1776, faces a difficult choice when the fighting between the British and the colonists reaches his doorstep and only he can help the rebels.

Beatty **Charley Skedaddle**

During the Civil War, a twelve-year-old Bowery Boy from New York City joins the Union Army as a drummer, deserts during a battle in Virginia, and encounters a hostile old mountain woman.

Belton **From Miss Ida's Porch**

In the evening the residents of Church Street gather on Miss Ida's porch to share memories and hear stories about events in the past, events significant to them as black people.

Bishop **Twenty and Ten**

Twenty school children hide ten Jewish children from the Nazis occupying France during World War II.

Black **Kingdom Series**

Blackwood **The Shakespeare Stealer**

A young orphan boy is ordered by his master to infiltrate Shakespeare's acting troupe in order to steal the script of "Hamlet," but he discovers instead the meaning of friendship and loyalty.

Blivens, Jr. **The American Revolution**

Presents an account of events leading up to and occurring during the American Revolution.

Blumberg **The Incredible Journey of Lewis and Clark**

Describes the expedition led by Lewis and Clark to explore the unknown western regions of America at the beginning of the nineteenth century.

Bray **Martin Luther King**

Bray starts with King's early years in the American South, his exposure to segregation and racism, his schooling, and his family life before detailing his civil rights experiences.

Brenner **Wagon Wheels**

Shortly after the Civil War a black family travels to Kansas to take advantage of the free land offered through the Homestead Act.

Bunting **The Blue and the Gray**

As a black boy and his white friend watch the construction of a house which will make them neighbors on the site of a Civil War battlefield, they agree that their homes are monuments to that war.

Burgen **The Time to Choose**

Byars **Wanted...Mud Blossom**

When Junior brings home the classroom hamster, Scooty, he decides to build the best hamster tunnel ever. But when Scooty goes missing, all evidence points to Mud.

Carson **Colonial America**

Complete resource guide helps children understand Colonial American life with hands-on activities, maps, photos and more reproducible items

Clark **Freedom Crossing**

When Laura Eastman comes home from a vacation with relatives in the South, her loyalties are challenged by abolitionist ideals. Her own father and brother are helping runaway slaves escape. Will Laura help them?

Cleary **Ralph S. Mouse**

Presents the further adventures of a motorcycle-riding mouse who goes to school and becomes the instigator of an investigation of rodents and the peacemaker for two lonely boys.

Clements **Frindle**

When he decides to turn his fifth grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.

Clifford **When the Great Canoes Came**

A seventeenth-century Pamunkey Indian describes how the coming of the English colonists has changed her life forever.

Cochrane **Purely Rosie Pearl**

In 1936 twelve-year-old Rosie Pearl Bush and her family of migrants endure the hardships of the Great Depression as they find work picking fruit in the California Valley.

Coleman **White Socks Only**

Grandma tells the story about her first trip alone into town during the days when segregation still existed in Mississippi.

Colman **Rosie the Riveter**

When America's men went off to war in 1942, it was the women who held the country together by taking nontraditional jobs in defense plants, factories, and anywhere else workers were needed.

Conrad **Pedro's Journal**

The cabin boy on the "Santa Maria" keeps a diary which records his experiences when he sails with Columbus on his first voyage to the New World in 1492.

Coville **Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher**

Small for his age, but artistically talented, twelve-year-old Jeremy Thatcher unknowingly buys a dragon's egg.

Craven **Kathleen's Unforgettable Winter**

It should be a happy New Year for Kathleen McKenzie, but 1930 is off to a tumultuous start since her family was forced to move in with relatives on a primitive farm in Ohio due to the stock market crash of 1929.

Creech **Ruby Holler**

As they pulled onto a narrow dirt road, Sairy said, "You are now entering Ruby Holler, the one and only Ruby Holler! Your lives are never going to be the same -- " Ruby Holler is the beautiful, mysterious place that changes all of their lives forever.

Curtis **The Bat Boy and His Violin**

Reginald is more interested in practicing his violin than in his father's job managing the worst team in the Negro Leagues, but when Papa makes him the bat boy and his music begins to lead the team to victory, Papa realizes the value of his son's passion.

Dalgliesh **The Courage of Sarah Noble**

An eight-year-old girl finds courage to go alone with her father to build a new home in the Connecticut wilderness, and to stay with the Indians when her father goes back to bring the rest of the family.

Daugherty **The Landing of the Pilgrims**

In order to escape religious persecution, a group of English Separatists set sail for America in 1620, hoping to establish a new colony.

DeClements **Nothing is Fair in Fifth Grade**

A fifth grade class, repelled by the overweight new student who has serious home problems, finally learns to accept her.

Denenberg **Dear America-Early Sunday Morning The Pearl Harbor Diary of Amber Billows**

In her diary, twelve-year-old Amber describes moving to Hawaii in 1941 and experiencing the horror of the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

Donnelly **A Wall of Names**

Surveys the history of the Vietnam War, chronicles the construction of the Vietnam Memorial, and discusses what the Memorial means to many Americans.

Field **Calico Bush**

The classic pioneer story of Marguerite, a young French orphan in the New World, who promises to serve the Sargent family for six long years in return for shelter, food and clothing.

Freedman **Children of the Wild West**

Historical photographs with explanatory text present a picture of life in the American West from 1840 to the early 1900s.

Fritz **Shh! We're Writing the Constitution**

Describes how the Constitution came to be written and ratified. Also includes the full text of the document produced by the Constitutional Convention of 1787.

Fritz **Around the World in 100 Years**

Examines the great wave of European exploration during the fifteenth century which resulted in more accurate maps.

Gauch **Thunder at Gettysburg**

Fourteen-year-old Tillie becomes involved in the tragic battle of July 1-3, 1863.

Gipson **Old Yeller**

Strong and courageous, Old Yeller proved that he could protect Travis's family from any sort of danger. But can Travis do the same for Old Yeller?

Gourley **Welcome To Molly's World: 1944**

Inside this book you'll see what growing up was like in World War Two America. Take a peek at real letters and diaries of girls and women, soldiers and civilians.

Gregory **Dear America - Winter of the Red Snow**

Eleven-year-old Abigail presents a diary account of life in Valley Forge from December 1777 to July 1778 as General Washington prepares his troops to fight the British.

Haddix **Running Out of Time**

When a diphtheria epidemic hits her 1840 village, thirteen-year-old Jessie discovers it is actually a 1996 tourist site under unseen observation by heartless scientists, and it's up to Jessie to escape the village and save the lives of the dying children.

Hale **Princess Academy**

Princess training is not all it's cracked up to be for spunky Miri in the isolated school overseen by cruel Tutor Olana. But through education, Miri and the girls eventually gain confidence and knowledge that helps transform their village.

Harvey **Cassie's Journey**

A young girl relates the hardships and dangers of traveling with her family in a covered wagon from Illinois to California during the 1860's.

Haskins **Black, Blue & Gray**

An historical account of the role of African-American soldiers in the Civil War.

Haskins **Get on Board**

Haskins relates the history of the Underground Railroad in the U. S., and introduces those who made it a success.

Herbert **Lewis and Clark for Kids**

Twenty-one activities bring to life the experiences of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

Jenkins Red Rock Mysteries series

Jimenz **Breaking Through**

Having come from Mexico to California ten years ago, fourteen-year-old Francisco is still working in the fields but fighting to improve his life and complete his education.

Keen **Nancy Drew Series**

Keith **Rifles for Watie**

Jeff Bussey walked briskly up the rutted wagon road toward Fort Leavenworth on his way to join the Union volunteers. It was 1861 in Linn County, Kansas, and Jeff was elated at the prospect of fighting for the North at last.

Klages **The Green Glass**

It is 1943, and eleven-year-old Dewey Kerrigan is en route to New Mexico, to live with her mathematician father. Soon she arrives at a town that, officially, doesn't exist.

Klise **Regarding the Fountain**

When the principal asks a fifth-grader to write a letter regarding the purchase of a new drinking fountain for their school, he finds that all sorts of chaos results.

Korman **Chasing the Falconers**

Aidan and Meg Falconer are their parents' only hope. The Falconers are facing life in prison -- unless Aidan and Meg can follow a trail of clues to prove their innocence.

Lawson **Ben and Me**

Benjamin Franklin's companion, Amos the mouse, recounts how he was responsible for Franklin's inventions and discoveries.

Lenski **Indian Captive: The Story of Mary Jemison**

A fictional retelling of the experiences of twelve-year-old Mary Jemison, who after being captured by a Shawnee war party during the French and Indian War, is rescued and subsequently adopted by two Seneca sisters with whom she ultimately chooses to stay.

Levine **If You Traveled on the Underground Railroad**

In a question-and-answer format, the reader is introduced to what the underground railroad was and how it was used between 1830 and 1860 to help slaves in America escape to the North.

Levine **Freedom's Children: Young Civil Rights**

Southern blacks who were young and involved in the civil rights movement during the 1950s and 1960s describe their experiences.

Levine **If Your Name was Changed at Ellis Island**

Describes, in question and answer format, the great migration of immigrants to New York's Ellis Island, from the 1880s to 1914.

Lewis **Narnia Series**

Lord **In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson**

In 1947, a Chinese child comes to Brooklyn where she becomes Americanized at school, in her apartment building, and by her love for baseball.

Lutz **The American Adventure Series**

Lutz **Sisters in Time Series**

MacLachlan **Sarah Plain and Tall**

When their father invites a mail-order bride to come live with them in their prairie home, Caleb and Anna are captivated by their new mother and hope that she will stay.

Maestro **Coming to America**

With clearly written prose and warm, child-friendly illustrations, this picture book is a wonderful first introduction to the moving story of the history of immigration to the United States--a story that belongs to all Americans.

Mahy **The World in 1492**

Introduces the history, customs, beliefs, and accomplishments of people living in Europe, Asia, Africa, Polynesia, and the Americas during the fifteenth century.

Matas **Daniel's Story**

Daniel, whose family suffers as the Nazis rise to power in Germany, describes his imprisonment in a concentration camp and his eventual liberation.

Metcalf **Portraits of Outstanding Explorers**

This resource book provides information and activity sheets on explorers of North America. The five sections of the book trace the explorers' contributions both geographically and chronologically.

Millender **Martin Luther King, Jr.**

A biography, emphasizing the early years, of the civil rights leader whose philosophy and practice of nonviolent civil disobedience helped American blacks win many battles for equal rights.

Miller **Night Golf**

Despite being told that only whites can play golf, James becomes a caddy and is befriended by an older African American man who teaches him to play on the course at night.

Miller **The Bus Ride**

A black child protests an unjust law in this story loosely based on Rosa Parks' historic decision not to give up her seat to a white passenger on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1955.

Mitchell **Uncle Jed's Barbershop**

Despite serious obstacles and setbacks Sarah Jean's Uncle Jed, the only black barber in the county, pursues his dream of saving enough money to open his own barbershop.

Mochizuki **Baseball Saved Us**

A Japanese American boy learns to play baseball when he and his family are forced to live in an internment camp during World War II, and his ability to play helps him after the war is over.

Montgomery **Anne of Green Gables series**

Myers **The Incredible Worlds of Wally McDoogie series**

Nhuong **Water Buffalo Days**

The author describes his close relationship to two water buffalo that were part of his family when he was growing up in a village in the central highlands of Vietnam.

O'Dell **Streams to the River, Rivers to the Sea**

A young Indian woman, accompanied by her infant and cruel husband, experiences joy and heartbreak when she joins the Lewis and Clark Expedition seeking a way to the Pacific.

Oleksy **The Boston Tea Party**

Traces the events leading up to the Boston Tea Party, and examines the Party's impact on the Revolution.

Paterson **Lyddie**

Impoverished Vermont farm girl Lyddie Worthen is determined to gain her independence by becoming a factory worker in Lowell, Massachusetts, in the 1840s.

Peretti **The Cooper Kids Adventure Series**

Pringle **Dog of Discovery**

Introduces Seaman, the Newfoundland dog that served as hunter, retriever, and guard dog on the Lewis and Clark expedition through the Northwest Territory of the United States at the beginning of the nineteenth century.

Quiri **Ellis Island**

Describes how the immigration station on Ellis Island served as a gateway into the United States for millions of immigrants.

Reeder **Shades of Gray**

At the end of the Civil War, twelve-year-old Will, having lost all his immediate family, reluctantly leaves his city home to live in the Virginia countryside with his aunt and the uncle he considers a "traitor" because he refused to take part in the war.

Reit **Behind Rebel Lines**

Recounts the story of the Canadian woman who disguised herself as a man and slipped behind Confederate lines to spy for the Union army.

Rue **Sophie Series**

Russell **Along the Santa Fe Trail**

In 1852, seven-year-old Marion Sloan travels with her mother and older brother in a wagon train along the Santa Fe Trail, experiencing both hardship and wonder.

Sansevere-Dreher **Explorers Who Got Lost**

Examines the adventures of such early explorers of America as Columbus, Dias, and Cabot. Includes information on the events, society, and superstitions of the times.

Schissel **Black Frontiers**

Of the 38,000 cowboys who drove cattle in the Old West in the late 1800s, one in four was black. Black Frontiers chronicles the achievements of the brave men and women who settled the Western frontier from the end of the Civil War to the beginning of the 20th century.

Schnur **The Shadow Children**

While spending the summer on his grandfather's farm in the French countryside, eleven-year-old Etienne discovers a secret dating back to World War II and encounters the ghosts of Jewish children who suffered a dreadful fate under the Nazis.

Schur **Samantha's Surprise: A Christmas Story**

The two weeks before Christmas are filled with activity as Samantha finishes her homemade presents and makes preparations for visiting relatives.

Scott **Settlers on the Eastern Shore**

Selections from original accounts of life in early settlements, linked by the editor's historical narrative, show the hardship and hope of servant, slave, and settler in early America.

Singh **Young uncle Comes to Town**

In a small town in northern India, three siblings await their father's youngest brother. They have heard many stories about Young uncle, so when he arrives, nine-year-old Sarita, seven-year-old Ravi, and the baby know their lives will be changed.

Snyder **Cat Running**

A teenage girl gains new insight into herself and her family when her mentally handicapped brother gets lost.

Speare **Calico Captive**

Based on an actual narrative diary, written by a New Hampshire girl captured in an Indian raid during the French and Indian war and taken to live in Montreal.

Sperry **Call it Courage**

Relates how Mafatu, a young Polynesian boy whose name means Stout Heart, overcomes his terrible fear of the sea and proves his courage to himself and his people.

Spinelli **Stargirl**

Leo Borlock follows the unspoken rule at Mica Area High School: don't stand out--under any circumstances! Then Stargirl arrives at Mica High and everything changes--for Leo and for the entire school.

Spyri **Heidi**

Beloved classic about the effervescent, nature-loving Swiss miss who ultimately transforms the lives of many people — among them Clara, a handicapped young lady, and Heidi's embittered, reclusive grandfather.

Stanley **Children of the Dust Bowl**

Describes the plight of the migrant workers who traveled from the Dust Bowl to California during the Depression and were forced to live in a federal labor camp and discusses the school that was built for their children.

Sterling **Freedom Train: The Story of Harriet Tubman**

A biography of the American woman who helped free more than three hundred slaves via the Underground Railroad.

Stolz **The Ballad of the Civil War**

Weary of the war, a Union lieutenant recalls his life with his twin brother on their family's Virginia plantation and the events that led them to fight on different sides in the Civil War.

Taylor **Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry**

A black family living in Mississippi during the Depression of the 1930s is faced with prejudice and discrimination which its children do not understand.

Tolkein **The Hobbit**

Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to take part in an adventure from which he may never return.

Tripp **Meet Molly**

World War Two turns Molly's family upside down. While her father is away, war threatens to break out on the McIntires' home front, too.

Turner **Nettie's Trip South**

A ten-year-old northern girl encounters the ugly realities of slavery when she visits Richmond, Virginia, and sees a slave auction.

Turner **Katie's Trunk**

Katie, whose family is not sympathetic to the rebel soldiers during the American Revolution, hides under the clothes in her mother's wedding trunk when they invade her home.

Uchida **The Bracelet**

Emi, a Japanese American in the second grade, is sent with her family to an internment camp during World War II, but the loss of the bracelet her best friend has given her proves that she does not need a physical reminder of that friendship.

Van Leeuwen **Bound for Oregon**

A fictionalized account of the journey made by nine-year-old Mary Ellen Todd and her family from their home in Arkansas westward over the Oregon Trail in 1852.

Wilder **Little House Series**

Wilder **Farmer Boy**

This is Laura Ingalls Wilder's beloved story of how her husband Almanzo grew up as a farmer boy far from the little house where Laura lived.

Wiles **Each Little Bird That Sings**

Ten-year-old Comfort describes life in her family's funeral home.

Williams **The Velveteen Rabbit**

Thrown out when his owner becomes ill, a toy rabbit who has longed to be real receives his dearest wish.

Winter **Follow the Drinking Gourd**

By following the directions in a song, "The Drinking Gourd," taught to them by an old sailor named Peg Leg Joe, runaway slaves journey north along the Underground Railroad to freedom in Canada.

Wisler **Mr. Lincoln's Drummer**

Recounts the courageous exploits of Willie Johnston, an eleven-year-old Civil War drummer, who became the youngest recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Wolfman **Do People Grow on Family Trees?**

A guide to finding out one's own family history and how to formally record it.

Woodruff **George Washington's Socks**

A magical rowboat transports five adventurous kids back in time to the eve of the Battle at Trenton where they get a first-hand lesson on the American Revolution.

Woodruff **Dear Levi-Letters from the Overland Trail**

Twelve-year-old Austin Ives writes letters to his younger brother describing his three-thousandmile journey from their home in Pennsylvania to Oregon in 1851.

Woods **Elijah Creek & The Armor of God series**

Wrede **Dealing With Dragons**

Cimorene is everything a princess is not supposed to be: headstrong, tomboyish, smart. . . . And bored. So bored that she runs away to live with a dragon . . . and finds the family and excitement she's been looking for.

Wright **Journey to Freedom**

Joshua and his family, runaway slaves from a tobacco plantation in Kentucky, follow the Underground Railroad to freedom.

Yates **Amos Fortune Freeman**

The life of the eighteenth-century African prince who, after being captured by slave traders, was brought to Massachusetts where he was a slave until he was able to buy his freedom at the age of sixty.

Yep **When the Circus Came to Town**

An Asian cook and a Chinese New Year celebration help a ten-year-old girl at a Montana stage coach station to regain her confidence after smallpox scars her face.

How did the story end? (Conclusion)

Sign if this statement is true. I have read the entire book.

Signature