

A READING LIST FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

YEAR 4 AND 5 (8^{ème} et 7^{ème})

Aiken, Joan

The Wolves of Willoughby Chase

There are wolves outside the walls of Willoughby Chase, but for cousins Bonnie and Sylvia, the real danger lies inside.

Alley, Zoe

There's a Princess in the Palace

Cinderella, Snow White, and three other well-known princesses share a surprising connection in these fairy tale retellings.

Almond, David

Skellig

by **David Almond** Hodder Children's Books Exploring a ramshackle garage with his new-found friend, Mina, Michael discovers a strange, magical creature.

Angleberger, Tom

The Strange Case of Origami Yoda

Sixth-grader Tommy and his friends describe their interactions with a paper finger puppet of Yoda, worn by their weird classmate Dwight, as they try to figure out whether or not the puppet can really predict the future.

Ayres, Katherine

Macaroni Boy

In Pittsburgh in 1933, sixth-grader Mike Costa notices a connection between several strange occurrences, but the only way he can find out the truth about what's happening is to be nice to the class bully.

Balliett, Blue

The Danger Box

In small-town Michigan, twelve-year-old Zoomy and his new friend Lorrol investigate the journal found inside a mysterious box and find family secrets and a more valuable treasure, while a dangerous stranger watches and waits...

Bawden, Nina

Carrie's War

During World War II, Carrie and her younger brother Nick are evacuated to Wales and billeted with the fierce old Mr Evans and his mousy sister, Louise.

Dahl, Roald

The Witches

Real witches disguise themselves as lovely ladies, when secretly they want to squish and squelch all the wretched children they despise.

Dahl, Roald and Blake, Quentin

Matilda

A modern fairy-tale with an inspiring young heroine.

Fine, Anne

Flour Babies

As part of a Child Development project, each boy in Class 4C is given a 'flour baby', a sack of flour which

must be looked after for three weeks, ensuring it does not get lost or dirty.

Flake, Sharon

The Broken Bike Boy and the Queen of 33rd Street

Ten-year-old Queen, a spoiled and conceited African American girl who is disliked by most of her classmates, learns a lesson about friendship from an unlikely "knight in shining armor."

Holm, Jennifer

Babymouse : Cupcake Tycoon

When her school library holds a fundraiser, the imaginative Babymouse is determined to sell the most cupcakes and win the grand prize.

Ibbotson, Eva

Journey to the River Sea

Orphan Maia is thrilled to learn she is to live with relatives in South America and cannot wait to experience the sights, sounds and smells of the Amazon.

Kelly, Jacqueline

The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate

In central Texas in 1899, eleven-year-old Callie Vee Tate is instructed to be a lady by her mother. She learns about love from the older three of her six brothers, and studies the natural world with her grandfather, the latter of which leads to an important discovery.

King, Clive

Stig of the Dump

Exploring an old chalk pit, Barney meets a strange boy who wears a rabbit skin and speaks in grunts.

Krieg, Jim

Griff Carver, Hallway Patrol

Legendary Griff Carver joins the Rampart Middle School Hallway Patrol and with the help of his new friends, Griff solves the case of counterfeit hall passes.

Law, Ingrid

Savvy

Recounts the adventures of Mibs Beaumont, whose thirteenth birthday has revealed her "savvy"--a magical power unique to each member of her family--just as her father is injured in a terrible accident.

Lewis, C.S.

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

When Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy step through a wardrobe door in the strange country house where they are staying, they find themselves in the land of Narnia.

Love, Ann

Talking Tails

Explores the ties that people and their pets have formed, from prehistoric times to present day.

Magorian, Michelle

Goodnight Mister Tom

Willie Beech, a lonely and deprived child, is evacuated to a tiny English village just before the Second World War, and finds himself living with reclusive widower Thomas Oakley.

Montgomery, Sy

Kakapo Rescue : Saving the World's Strangest Parrot

On remote Codfish Island off the southern coast of New Zealand live the last 91 kakapo parrots on earth.

Originally this bird numbered in the millions before humans brought predators to the islands. Now on the isolated island refuge, a team of scientists is trying to restore the kakapo population.

Morpurgo, Michael

Private Peaceful

Set during World War I, *Private Peaceful* charts eight hours in the life of Tommo, a young soldier at the Front.

Norton, Mary

The Borrowers

The Borrowers are tiny people who live in the secret places of old houses - behind the mantelpiece, inside the harpsichord, under the kitchen clock.

Ransome, Arthur

Swallows and Amazons

During the summer holidays, the Walker children are excited to set sail on their boat Swallow and camp on Wild Cat Island.

Riordan, Rick

The Lightning Thief : The Graphic Novel

After learning that he is the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea, twelve-year-old Percy is sent to a summer camp for demigods like himself, and joins his new friends on a quest to prevent a war between the gods.

Sachar, Louis

Holes

A miscarriage of justice sends young Yelnat to the Green Lake Juvenile Detention Camp.

San Souci, Robert

Haunted Houses

Ten chilling tales about untraditional haunted houses: a mansion full of pirate treasure, a ghost trapped in a mysterious dollhouse, a boy whose vacation house comes complete with people-eating spiders, and many more.

Scieszka, Jon

Knucklehead : Tall Tales & Mostly True Stories About Growing Up Scieszka

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.

Sidman, Joyce

Dark Emperor & Other Poems of the Night

A collection of poems that celebrates the wonder, mystery, and danger of the night and describes the many things that hide in the dark.

Singer, Marilyn

Venom

Learn about venom and the animals that produce it and use it to survive, including spiders, insects, snakes and other reptiles, frogs and toads, fish, and ocean invertebrates.

Sloan, Christopher

Mummies

Investigate mysteries from the grave in this creepy-fun compendium of the world's most fascinating mummies. Learn what the experts have discovered about each mummy's life and death.

Soto, Gary

Baseball in April and other stories

Set in a Latino community in Fresno, California, these contemporary short stories take on universal life lessons.

Springstubb, Tricia

What Happened on Fox Street

Fox Street means everything to Mo Wren, who is nearly eleven, and so she is very upset when a land developer offers to buy her father's house, especially since she has not yet found the fox she is sure lives in the nearby ravine.

Streatfeild, Noel

Ballet Shoes

Three very different girls work hard to master their talents.

Walker, Sally

Frozen Secrets : Antarctica Revealed

Join Sally M. Walker as she explores both historical and modern-day scientific expeditions to the Antarctica. She uncovers the secrets locked in its icy cloak that might help us understand what the future holds.

Williams-Garcia, Rita

One Crazy Summer

In the summer of 1968, after travelling from Brooklyn to Oakland, California, to spend a month with the mother they barely know, eleven-year-old Delphine and her two younger sisters arrive to a cold welcome as they discover that their mother, a dedicated poet and printer, is resentful of the intrusion of their visit and wants them to attend a nearby Black Panther summer camp.

Wilson, Jacqueline

The Story of Tracy Beaker

Tracy is a fanny and imaginative ten-year-old girl who lives in a children's home but constantly hopes that her absent, glamorous Mum will come and take her away.

Yee, Lisa

Stanford Wong Flunks Big-Time

After flunking sixth-grade English, basketball prodigy Stanford Wong must struggle to pass his summer-school class, keep his failure a secret from his friends, and satisfy his academically demanding father.