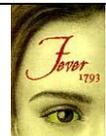
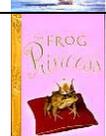
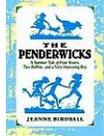
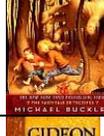
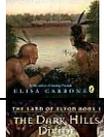
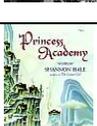
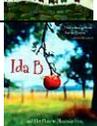


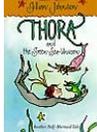
# GREAT READS FOR FIFTH & SIXTH GRADERS

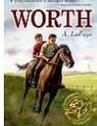
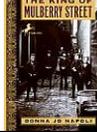
	<p><b>Abbott, Tony. <i>Firegirl</i> (TEEN ABBOTT)</b></p> <p>A middle school boy's life is changed when Jessica, a girl disfigured by burns, starts attending his Catholic school while receiving treatment at a local hospital.</p>
	<p><b>Abrahams, Peter. <i>Down the Rabbit Hole</i> (TEEN ABRAHAMS)</b></p> <p>Like her idol Sherlock Holmes, eighth-grader Ingrid Levin-Hill uses her intellect to solve the murder of an eccentric local woman in her hometown of Echo Falls.</p>
	<p><b>Anderson, Laurie. <i>Fever, 1793</i></b></p> <p>Sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of the yellow fever epidemic in Philadelphia in 1793.</p>
	<p><b>Anderson, M.T. <i>Whales on Stilts</i> (JFIC ANDERSON)</b></p> <p>Racing against the clock, shy middle-school student Lily and her best friends, Katie and Jasper, must foil the plot of her father's conniving boss to conquer the world using an army of whales.</p>
	<p><b>Applegate, Katherine. <i>Home of the Brave</i> (JFIC APPLGATE)</b></p> <p>Kek, an African refugee, is confronted by many strange things at the Minneapolis home of his aunt and cousin, as well as in his fifth-grade classroom, and longs for his missing mother, but finds comfort in the company of a cow and her owner.</p>
	<p><b>Armstrong, Alan. <i>Whittington</i> (JFIC ARMSTRONG)</b></p> <p>Whittington, a feline descendant of Dick Whittington's famous cat of English folklore, appears at a rundown barnyard plagued by rats and restores harmony while telling his ancestor's story.</p>
	<p><b>Avi. <i>Strange Happenings: Five Tales of Transformation</i> (JFIC AVI)</b></p> <p>Five original stories where strange changes occur, from a boy and a cat changing places and a young man learning the price of selfishness to an invisible princess finding herself.</p>
	<p><b>Avi. <i>The Good Dog</i> (JFIC AVI)</b></p> <p>McKinley, a malamute, is torn between the domestic world of his human family and the wild world of Lupin, a wolf that is trying to recruit dogs to replenish the dwindling wolf pack</p>
	<p><b>Baker E.D. <i>The Frog Princess</i> (JFIC BAKER)</b></p> <p>Dragon's breath. After reluctantly kissing a frog, an awkward, fourteen-year-old princess suddenly finds herself a frog, too, and sets off with the prince to seek the means--and the self-confidence--to become human again.</p>
	<p><b>Berkeley, Jon <i>The Palace of Laughter</i> (JFIC BERKELEY)</b></p> <p>Orphaned eleven-year-old Miles Wednesday and his companion, a Song Angel named Little, are helped by a talking tiger as they set off to find a missing Storm Angel and Miles's beloved stuffed bear, ending up in a peculiar circus where the audience cannot stop laughing.</p>
	<p><b>Bernstein, Nina. <i>Magic by the Book</i> (JFIC BERNSTEIN)</b></p> <p>After returning from a trip to the library, eleven-year-old Anne and her younger brother and sister discover a magic book which sends them on adventures in which they meet Robin Hood, giant bugs, and a dark, sinister man with a wolfish face.</p>

	<p><b>Birdsall, Jeanne</b> <i>The Penderwicks a Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy.</i> (JFIC BIRDSALL)</p> <p>While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters, ages four through twelve, share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother.</p>
	<p><b>Broach, Elise.</b> <i>Shakespeare's Secret</i> (JFIC BROACH)</p> <p>Named after a character in a Shakespeare play, misfit sixth-grader Hero becomes interested in exploring this unusual connection because of a valuable diamond supposedly hidden in her new house, an intriguing neighbor, and the unexpected attention of the most popular boy in school.</p>
	<p><b>Bruchac, Joseph.</b> <i>Wabi: a Hero's Tale</i> (TEEN BRUCHAC)</p> <p>After falling in love with an Abenaki Indian woman, a white great horned owl named Wabi transforms into a human being and has several trials and adventures while learning to adapt to his new life.</p>
	<p><b>Buckley, Michael.</b> <i>The Sisters Grimm, Book One: the Fairy-Tale Detectives</i> (JFIC BUCKLEY)</p> <p>Orphans Sabrina and Daphne Grimm are sent to live with an eccentric grandmother that they have always believed to be dead.</p>
	<p><b>Buckley-Archer, Linda.</b> <i>Gideon the Cutpurse</i> (JFIC BUCKLEY)</p> <p>Ignored by his father and sent to Derbyshire for the weekend, twelve-year-old Peter and his new friend, Kate, are accidentally transported back in time to 1763 England where they are befriended by a reformed cutpurse.</p>
	<p><b>Carbone, Elisa.</b> <i>Blood on the River: James Town, 1607.</i> (JFIC CARBONE)</p> <p>Traveling to the New World in 1606 as the page to Captain John Smith, twelve-year-old orphan Samuel Collier settles in the new colony of James Town, where he must quickly learn to distinguish between friend and foe.</p>
	<p><b>Carman, Patrick.</b> <i>The Dark Hills Divide</i> (JFIC CARMANA)</p> <p>Twelve-year-old Alexa realizes her lifelong wish when she finds the key to a secret passageway leading out of the walled city of Bridewell, and is free to explore the mysterious forests and mountains that lie beyond its confines.</p>
	<p><b>Creech Sharon.</b> <i>Castel Corona</i> (JFIC CREECH)</p> <p>Two orphaned peasant children discover a mysterious pouch, the contents of which lead them to the magaeistic Castle Carona</p>
	<p><b>DiCamillo, kate.</b> <i>The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane.</i> (FIC DICAMILLO)</p> <p>Edward Tulane, a cold-hearted and proud toy rabbit, loves only himself until he is separated from the little girl who adores him and travels across the country, acquiring new owners and listening to their hopes, dreams, and histories.</p>
	<p><b>Dowell, Francis.</b> <i>Chicken Boy</i> (JFIC DOWELL)</p> <p>Since the death of his mother, Tobin's family life and school life have been in disarray, but after he starts raising chickens with his seventh-grade classmate, Henry, everything starts to fall into place.</p>
	<p><b>Flanagan, John.</b> <i>The Ruins of Gorlan</i> (JFIC FLANAGAN)</p> <p>When fifteen-year-old Will is rejected by battleschool, he becomes the reluctant apprentice to the mysterious Ranger Halt, and winds up protecting the kingdom from danger.</p>

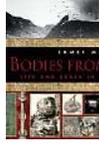
	<p><b>Gardner, Sally. <i>I, Coriander</i> (TEEN GARDNER)</b></p> <p>In 17th century London, Coriander, a girl who has inherited magic from her mother, must find a way to use this magic in order to save both herself and an inhabitant of the fairy world where her mother was born.</p>
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	<p><b>Giff, Patricia. <i>Eleven</i> (TEEN GIFF)</b></p> <p>When Sam, who can barely read, discovers an old newspaper clipping just before his eleventh birthday, it brings forth memories from his past, and, with the help of a new friend at school and the castle they are building for a school project, his questions are eventually answered.</p>
	<p><b>Giff, Patricia. <i>Pictures of Hollis Woods</i> (JFIC GIFF)</b></p> <p>A troublesome twelve-year-old orphan, staying with an elderly artist who needs her, remembers the only other time she was happy in a foster home, with a family that truly seemed to care about her.</p>
	<p><b>Going, K.L. <i>The Liberation of Gabriel King</i> (JFIC GOING)</b></p> <p>Gabriel, a white boy who is being bullied, and Frita, an African-American girl facing prejudice, decide to overcome their many fears together as they enter fifth grade in Georgia in 1976.</p>
	<p><b>Gregory, Nan. <i>I'll Sing You One-O</i> (JFIC GREGORY)</b></p> <p>Reunited with her long-lost twin brother, twelve-year-old Gemma constantly tests the boundaries of acceptable behavior while relying on angels to help her connect with her new family.</p>
	<p><b>Haddix, Margaret. <i>Double Identity</i> (JFIC HADDIX)</b></p> <p>Thirteen-year-old Bethany's parents have always been overprotective, but when they suddenly drop out of sight with no explanation, leaving her with an aunt she never knew existed, Bethany uncovers shocking secrets that make her question everything she thought she knew about herself and her family.</p>
	<p><b>Hahn, Mary. <i>The Old Willis Place</i> (JFIC HAHN)</b></p> <p>Tired of the rules that have bound them ever since "the bad thing happened," twelve-year-old Diana ignores her brother's warnings and befriends the daughter of the new caretaker, setting in motion events that lead to the release of the spirit of an evil, crazy woman who once ruled the old Willis place.</p>
	<p><b>Hale, Shannon. <i>Princess Academy</i> (JFIC HALE)</b></p> <p>While attending a strict academy for potential princesses with the other girls from her mountain village, fourteen-year-old Miri discovers unexpected talents and connections to her homeland.</p>
	<p><b>Hannigan, Katherine. <i>Ida B: And Her Plans to Maximize Fun</i> (JFIC HANNIGAN)</b></p> <p>In Wisconsin, fourth-grader Ida B spends happy hours being home-schooled and playing in her family's apple orchard, until her mother begins treatment for breast cancer and her parents must sell part of the orchard and send her to public school.</p>
	<p><b>Haptie, Charlotte. <i>Otto and the Flying Twins</i> (JFIC HAPTIE)</b></p> <p>Young Otto comes to the rescue when he discovers that his family and city are the last remnants of an ancient magical world now under threat from the Normal Police.</p>

	<p><b>Hiaasen, Carl. . <i>Flush</i> (JFIC HIAASEN)</b></p> <p>With their father jailed for sinking a river boat, Noah Underwood and his younger sister, Abbey, must gather evidence that the owner of this floating casino is emptying his bilge tanks into the protected waters around their Florida Keys home.</p>
	<p><b>Hicks, Betty. <i>Get Real</i> (JFIC HICKS)</b></p> <p>Destiny, a thirteen-year-old control freak who feels alienated in her messy, haphazard family, helps her adopted best friend when she finds her birth mother and decides to have a relationship with her.</p>
	<p><b>Himmelblau, Linda. <i>The Trouble Begins</i> (JFIC HIMELBLAU)</b></p> <p>Reunited with his family for the first time since he was a baby, fifth grader Du struggles to adapt to his new home in the United States.</p>
	<p><b>Holm, Jennifer. <i>Penny from Heaven</i>. (JFIC HOLM)</b></p> <p>As she turns twelve during the summer of 1953, Penny gains new insights into herself and her family while also learning a secret about her father's death.</p>
	<p><b>Johnson, Angela. <i>Bird</i> (JFIC JOHNSON)</b></p> <p>Devastated by the loss of a second father, thirteen-year-old Bird follows her stepfather from Cleveland to Alabama in hopes of convincing him to come home, and along the way helps two boys cope with their difficulties.</p>
	<p><b>Johnson, Gillian. <i>Thora and the Green Sea Unicorn</i> (JFIC JOHNSON)</b></p> <p>When an attempt to steal Shirley, a rare sea-unicorn, results in the sinking of their houseboat, ten-year-old Thora, her mermaid mother, and Mr. Walters stay at the estate of old friends and find a solution to the friends' financial troubles, but the would-be thief is still on their trail.</p>
	<p><b>Jonell, Lynne. <i>Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat</i> (JFIC JONELL)</b></p> <p>When Emmy discovers that she and her formerly loving parents are being drugged by their evil nanny with rodent potions that can change people in frightening ways, she and some new friends must try everything possible to return things to normal</p>
	<p><b>Kinney, Jeff. <i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Greg Heffley's Journal</i> (TEEN KINNEY)</b></p> <p>Greg records his sixth grade experiences in a middle school where he and his best friend, Rowley, undersized weaklings amid boys who need to shave twice daily, hope just to survive, but when Rowley grows more popular, Greg must take drastic measures to save their friendship.</p>
	<p><b>Kinney, Jeff. <i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Roderic Rules</i> (TEEN KINNEY)</b></p> <p>Greg Heffley tells about his summer vacation and his attempts to steer clear of trouble when he returns to middle school and tried to keep his older brother Roderic from telling everyone about Greg's most humiliating experience of the summer.</p>
	<p><b>Kinney, Jeff. <i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw</i> (TEEN Kinney)</b></p> <p>Middle-schooler Greg Heffley nimbly sidesteps his father's attempts to change Greg's wimpy ways until his father threatens to send him to military school.</p>
	<p><b>Korman, Gordon. <i>Swindle</i> (JFIC KORMAN)</b></p> <p>After unscrupulous collector S. Wendell Palamino cons him out of a valuable baseball card, sixth-grader Griffin Bing puts together a band of misfits to break into Palomino's heavily guarded store and steal the card back, planning to use the money to finance his father's failing invention, the Smart Pick fruit picker.</p>

	<p><b>LaFaye, A. <i>Worth</i> (JFIC LAFAYE)</b></p> <p>After breaking his leg, eleven-year-old Nate feels useless because he cannot work on the family farm in nineteenth-century Nebraska, so when his father brings home an orphan boy to help with the chores, Nate feels even worse.</p>
	<p><b>Levine, Gail. <i>Fairest</i> (JFIC LEVINE)</b></p> <p>In a land where beauty and singing are valued above all else, Aza eventually comes to reconcile her unconventional appearance and her magical voice, and learns to accept herself for who she truly is.</p>
	<p><b>Lin, Grace. <i>The Year of the Dog</i> (JFIC LIN)</b></p> <p>Frustrated at her seeming lack of talent for anything, a young Taiwanese American girl sets out to apply the lessons of the Chinese Year of the Dog, those of making best friends and finding oneself, to her own life.</p>
	<p><b>Lord, Cynthia. <i>Rules</i> (JFIC LORD)</b></p> <p>Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence, but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic.</p>
	<p><b>Lowry, Lois. <i>Gossamer</i> (JFIC LOWRY)</b></p> <p>While learning to bestow dreams, a young dream giver tries to save an eight-year-old boy from the effects of both his abusive past and the nightmares inflicted on him by the frightening Sinisteds.</p>
	<p><b>Mack, Tracy. <i>The Fall of the Amazing Zolindas</i> (JFIC MACK)</b></p> <p>The ragamuffin boys known as the Baker Street Irregulars help Sherlock Holmes solve the mysterious deaths of a family of circus tightrope walkers.</p>
	<p><b>Martin, Ann. <i>Here Today</i> (JFIC MARTIN)</b></p> <p>In 1963, when her flamboyant mother abandons the family to pursue her dream of becoming an actress, eleven-year-old Ellie Dingman takes charge of her younger siblings, while also trying to deal with her outcast status in school and frightening acts of prejudice toward the "misfits" that live on her street.</p>
	<p><b>McKissack, Patricia. <i>Porch Lies: Tales of Slicksters, Tricksters, and Other Wily Characters</i> (JFIC MCKISSAC)</b></p> <p>When Pete Bruce came to town -- Change -- The devil's guitar -- Aunt Gran and the outlaws -- By the weight of a feather -- A grave situation -- The best lie ever told -- The earth bone and the King of the Ghosts -- Cake Norris lives on, part one -- Cake Norris lives on, part two. Presents a collection of nine original tales drawn from African American oral tradition that blends history and legend with sly humor, creepy horror, villainous characters, and wild farce.</p>
	<p><b>Napoli, Donna. <i>The King of Mulberry Street</i> (JFIC NAPOLI)</b></p> <p>Dom, a nine-year old stowaway from Naples, Italy, arrives in New York and must learn to survive the perils of street life in the big city.</p>
	<p><b>Oppel, Kenneth. <i>Airborn</i> (JFIC OPPEL)</b></p> <p>Matt, a young cabin boy aboard an airship, and Kate, a wealthy young girl traveling with her chaperone, team up to search for the existence of mysterious winged creatures reportedly living hundreds of feet above the Earth's surface.</p>
	<p><b>Park, Linda. <i>Archer's Quest</i> (JFIC PARK)</b></p> <p>Twelve-year-old Kevin Kim helps Chu-mong, a legendary king of ancient Korea, return to his own time.</p>

	<p><b>Paterson, Katherine. <i>Jim: His Story</i> (JFIC PATERSON)</b></p> <p>While living on a Vermont poor farm during 1855 and 1856, Jip learns his identity and that of his mother and comes to understand how he arrived at this place.</p>
	<p><b>Patron, Susan. <i>Higher Power of Lucky</i> (JFIC PATRON)</b></p> <p>Fearing that her legal guardian plans to abandon her to return to France, ten-year-old aspiring scientist Lucky Trimble determines to run away while also continuing to seek the Higher Power that will bring stability to her life.</p>
	<p><b>Peck, Richard. <i>On the Wings of Heroes</i> (JFIC PECK)</b></p> <p>A boy in Illinois remembers the homefront years of World War II, especially his two heroes--his brother in the Air Force and his father--who fought in the previous war.</p>
	<p><b>Riordan, Rick. <i>The Lightning Thief</i> (JFIC RIORDAN)</b></p> <p>Percy, expelled from six schools for being unable to control his temper, learns the truth from his mother that his father is the Greek god Poseidon, and is sent to Camp Half Blood where he is befriended by a satyr and the demigod daughter of Athena who join him in a journey to the Underworld to retrieve Zeus's lightning bolt and prevent a catastrophic war.</p>
	<p><b>Roy, Jennifer Roziness. <i>Yellow Star</i> (JFIC ROY)</b></p> <p>From 1939, when Sylvia is four and a half years old, to 1945 when she has just turned ten, a Jewish girl and her family struggle to survive in Poland's Lodz ghetto during the Nazi occupation.</p>
	<p><b>Ryan, Pam. <i>Becoming Naomi Leon</i> (TEEN RYAN)</b></p> <p>When Naomi's absent mother resurfaces to claim her, Naomi runs away to Mexico with her great-grandmother and younger brother in search of her father.</p>
	<p><b>Schlitz, Laura. <i>A Drowned Maiden's Hair</i> (JFIC SCHLITZ)</b></p> <p>In the early twentieth century, young orphan Maud Flynn hopes to finally be loved when she is adopted by the elderly Hawthorne sisters, but she is instead roped into the family's crooked seance business.</p>
	<p><b>Sherlock, Patti. <i>Letters from Wolfie</i> (JFIC SHERLOCK)</b></p> <p>Certain that he is doing the right thing by donating his dog, Wolfie, to the Army's scout program in Vietnam, thirteen-year-old Mark begins to have second thoughts when the Army refuses to say when and if Wolfie will ever return.</p>
	<p><b>Shusterman, Neal. <i>The Schwa Was Here</i> (TEEN SHUSTERM)</b></p> <p>A Brooklyn eighth-grader nicknamed Antsy befriends the Schwa, an "invisible-ish" boy who is tired of blending into his surroundings and going unnoticed by nearly everyone.</p>
	<p><b>Stauffacher, Sue. <i>Harry Sue</i> (JFIC STAUFFAC)</b></p> <p>Although tough-talking Harry Sue Clotkin would like to start a life of crime in order to be "sent up" and find her incarcerated mother, she must first protect the children at her neglectful grandmother's home</p>
	<p><b>Tolan, Stephanie. <i>Listen!</i> (JFIC TOLAN)</b></p> <p>During her solitary convalescence from a crippling accident, twelve-year-old Charley finds a wild dog, and the arduous process of training him leads her to explore her feelings about her mother's death two years earlier.</p>

	<p><b>Vega, Denise.</b> <i>Click Here: (To Find Out How I Survived Seventh Grade)</i> (TEEN VEGA)</p> <p>Seventh-grader Erin Swift writes about her friends and classmates in her private blog, but when it accidentally gets posted on the school Intranet site, she learns some important lessons about friendship.</p>
	<p><b>Wiles, Debbie.</b> <i>Each Little Bird That Sings</i> (JFIC WILES)</p> <p>Comfort Snowberger is well acquainted with death since her family runs the funeral parlor in their small southern town, but even so the ten-year-old is unprepared for the series of heart-wrenching events that begins on the first day of Easter vacation with the sudden death of her beloved great-uncle Edisto.</p>
	<p><b>Wilkinson, Carole.</b> <i>Garden of the Purple Dragon</i> (TEEN WILKINSON)</p> <p>Ping, an orphaned slave during China's Han Dynasty, hides out in the mountains of Tai Shan struggling to raise Kai, the baby purple dragon that has been left in her care, but their capture by Imperial guards forces Ping to return to the Garden of the Purple Dragon where new friends--and enemies--await.</p>
	<p><b>Winthrop, Elizabeth.</b> <i>Counting on Grace</i> (JP WINTHROP)</p> <p>Twelve-year-old Grace Forcier and her friend Arthur, taken out of school and put to work in a Vermont textile mill in 1910, are championed by their teacher who urges them to write the National Child Labor Committee.</p>
	<p><b>Yee, Lisa.</b> <i>Stanford Wong Flunks Big-Time</i> (JFIC YEE)</p> <p>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.</p>
<b>NONFICTION TITLES</b>	
	<p><b>Deem, James.</b> <i>Bodies from the Ash</i> (J937 DEEM)</p> <p>Rediscovering Pompeii -- The plaster bodies of Pompeii -- Lives from the ashes -- Herculaneumaes different fate -- A final excavation. Describes the archaeological excavations that began on the ancient cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum which had been buried by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in AD 79.</p>
	<p><b>Fleischman, Sid.</b> <i>Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini</i> (J92 HOUDINI)</p> <p>A biography of the magician, ghost chaser, aviator, and king of escape artists whose amazing feats are remembered long after his death in 1926.</p>
	<p><b>Walker, Sally.</b> <i>Secrets of a Civil War Submarine</i> (J973.7 WALKER)</p> <p>The Confederate submarine that in 1864 became the first to ever sink an enemy ship but lay missing on the ocean floor for more than a century, describing its creation, its discovery, skeletons and objects found onboard, and facial reconstructions of several crew members by forensic anthropologists.</p>

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