

**Grades 4-5**  
**Recommended Summer Reading**  
**2002**

**Series**

Blossom Family series	Betsy Byars
Amber Brown series	Paula Danziger
Bunnicula series	James Howe
Redwall series	Brian Jacques
The Princess Tales series	Gail Carson Levine
Chronicles of Narnia series	C.S. Lewis
Anastasia series	Lois Lowry
Shiloh series	Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
The Circle Opens series	Tamora Pierce
Protector of the Small series	Tamora Pierce
Harry Potter series	J.K. Rowling
Wayside School series	Louis Sachar
Time Warp Trio series	Jon Scieszka
Series of Unfortunate Events	Lemony Snicket
Help! I'm Trapped series	Todd Strasser
Encyclopedia Brown series	Donald Sobol
Sammy Keyes series	Wendelin Van Draanen
Royal Diaries series	various authors
My Name Is America series	various authors

**Non-Fiction**

Dinosaurs with Feathers: The Ancestors of Modern Birds	Carolyn Arnold
Genre Writing: Mysteries, Movies, Monsters, & More	Nancy Bentley
Don't Know Much About the Solar System	Kenneth C. Davis
Sing a Song of Popcorn: Every Child's Book of Poems	Beatrice S. De Regniers
Eye-Popping Optical Illusions	Michael DiSpezio
Dougal Dixon's Amazing Dinosaurs: The Fiercest, the Tallest, the Toughest, the Smallest	Dougal Dixon
Ghost of the White House	Cheryl Harness
Wake Up, World!: A Day in the Life of Children Around the World	Beatrice Hollyer
They Shaped the Game	William J. Jacobs
The Place My Words Are Looking For	Paul Janeczko
The Top of the World: Climbing Mount Everest	Steve Jenkins
Accidents May Happen: Fifty Inventions Discovered by Mistake	Charlotte Foltz Jones
The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins	Barbara Kerley
Lives of the Athletes: Thrills, Spills (And What the Neighbors Thought)	Kathleen Krull
Crime & Detection	Brian Lane

Helen Keller: Rebellious Spirit  
Ten Queens: Portraits of Women of Power  
First Ladies  
Spy  
Imagine That!: Poems of Never-Was  
So You Want to Be President?  
Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious  
Inventions by Women

Laurie Lawlor  
Milton Meltzer  
Amy Pastan  
Richard Platt  
Jack Prelutsky  
Judith St. George  
  
Catherine Thimmesh

### **Patriotic**

Don't Know Much About the 50 States  
USA from Space: Maps Come Alive for Kids  
This Land Is Your Land  
Days of Destiny: Crossroads in American History  
A Is For America: An American Alphabet

Kenneth C. Davis  
Anne-Catherine Fallen  
Kathy Jakobsen (illus)  
James McPherson  
Devin Scillian

### **Realistic Fiction**

Vendela in Venice  
Starting School with an Enemy  
Nothing's Fair In Fifth Grade  
Because of Winn Dixie  
Joey Pigza Loses Control  
Swimming with Sharks  
Zooman Sam  
You're A Brave Man, Julius Zimmerman  
Mick Harte Was Here  
101 Ways to Bug Your Parents

Christina Bjork  
Elisa Carbone  
Barthe De Clements  
Kate DiCamillo  
Jack Gantos  
Twig George  
Lois Lowry  
Claudia Mills  
Barbara Park  
Lee Wardlaw

### **Science Fiction**

Time Cat: The Remarkable Journeys of Jason and Gareth  
Among the Hidden  
Among The Impostors

Lloyd Alexander  
Margaret Peterson Haddix  
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### **Adventure**

The Incredible Journey  
The Twenty-One Balloons  
The Neverending Story  
Jason's Gold  
The Castaways of the Flying Dutchman  
Adaline Falling Star

Shelia Burnford  
Willam Pene Du Bois  
Michael Ende  
Will Hobbs  
Brian Jacques  
Mary Pope Osborne

**Historical Fiction**

The Birchbark House  
Waiting For Anya  
The Spy Who Came in from the Sea  
The Orphan of Ellis Island

Louise Erdrich  
Michael Morpurgo  
Peggy Nolan  
Elvira Woodruff

**Humorous**

The School Story  
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory  
George's Marvelous Medicine  
The Giggler Treatment  
No More Dead Dogs  
The Boys Start the War  
Rosie Swanson: Fourth-Grade Geek for President  
My Brother is a Superhero  
101 Ways to Bug Your Parents

Andrew Clements  
Roald Dahl  
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Roddy Doyle  
Gordon Korman  
Phyllis Reynolds Naylor  
Barbara Park  
Dyan Sheldon  
Lee Wardlaw

**Fantasy**

Harry the Poisonous Centipede  
The Wizard of Oz  
Well Wished  
Artemis Fowl  
Seven-Day Magic  
The Hobbit  
Merlin and the Dragons

Lynne Reid Banks  
Frank L. Baum  
Franny Billingsley  
Eoin Colfer  
Edward Eager  
J.R.R. Tolkien  
Jane Yolen

**Mystery**

The Missing 'Gator of Gumbo Limbo  
The Case of the Missing Cutthroats  
Following Fake Man  
What Eric Knew  
The Ink Drinker

Jean Craighead George  
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Barbara Ware Holmes  
James Howe  
Eric Sanvoisin