

# Recommended Summer Reading ~ Grades Four and Five

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## Animal Stories

A Bear Named Trouble

Arrowhawk

Looking for Seabirds: Journal from  
an Alaskan Voyage

Christopher Mouse: The Tale of a  
Small Traveler

Bauer, Marion Dane

Schaefer, Lola

Webb, Sophie

Wise, William

## Humor

Trading Places with Tank Talbott

The SOS File

Mr. Chickee's Funny Money

Toad Rage

The Pepins and Their Problems

Fourth-Grade Fuss

Leon and the Spitting Image

The Pushcart War

The Artsy Smartsy Club

Sea Legs

The Big House

Butler, Dori Hillestad

Byars, Betsy

Curtis, Christopher Paul

Gleitzman, Morris

Horvath, Polly

Hurwitz, Johanna

Kurzweil, Allen

Merrill, Jean

Pinkwater, Daniel

Shearer, Alex

Coman, Carolyn

## Fantasy

The Witch of Clatteringshaws

The Various

Bright Shadow

Midnight Magic

Tree Girl

Peter and the Starcatchers

Diary of a Fairy Godmother

The Giant Rat of Sumatra

The Spoon in the Bathroom Wall

Urchin of the Riding Stars

Measle and the Wrathmonk

Aiken, Joan

Augarde, Steve

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Barron, T.A.

Barry, Dave

Codell, Esme Raji

Fleischman, Sid

Johnston, Tony

McAllister, M.I.

Ogilvy, Ian

## Mystery

The Scarecrow and His Servant

Pullman, Philip

## Historical Fiction

The Truth about Sparrows

Worth

Riding Freedom

Hale, Marian

LaFaye, A.

Ryan, Pam Munoz

The titles selected for this recommended summer reading list were chosen especially for those students finishing fourth and fifth grade. Titles included are just a sampling of the books you may enjoy reading during the summer. Many of the authors on this list have written more than one book. Check out some of those titles, too!



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## Nonfiction

<u>Enemies of Slavery</u>	Adler, David A.
<u>What Killed the Dinosaurs?</u>	Asimov, Isaac
<u>Maritcha: a Nineteenth Century American Girl</u>	Bolden, Tonya
<u>The Journey That Saved Curious George</u>	Borden, Louise
<u>Nascar</u>	Buckley, James
<u>Sasha Cohen: Autobiography of a Champion Figure Skater</u>	Cohen, Sasha
<u>Bodies from the Ash: Life and Death in Ancient Pompeii</u>	Deem, James M.
<u>Summer Stargazing: A Practical Guide for Recreational Astronomers</u>	Dickinson, Terence
<u>How Bright is Your Brain?: Amazing Games to Play with Your Mind</u>	DiSpezio, Michael
<u>Eric Gagne: Break Barriers</u>	Gagne, Eric
<u>Forces of Nature: The Awesome Power of Volcanoes, Earthquakes, and Tornadoes</u>	Grace, Catherine O'Neill
<u>Daniel Handler: the Real Lemony Snicket</u>	Haugen, Hayley Mitchell
<u>Tutankhamun: The Mystery of the Boy King</u>	Hawass, Zahi
<u>Tunnels, Tracks and Trains: Building a Subway</u>	Hewett, Joan
<u>A Kick in the Head: An Everyday Guide to Poetic Forms</u>	Janeczko, Paul
<u>Top Secret: A Handbook of Codes, Ciphers, and Secret Writing</u>	Janeczko, Paul
<u>The Temperate Forest: A Web of Live</u>	Johansson, Philip
<u>Fantastic Feats and Failures</u>	Kurusu, Jane
<u>Outside and Inside Killer Bees</u>	Markle, Sandra
<u>Humpback Whales</u>	McMillan, Diane M.
<u>Zoo Album</u>	Morecroft, Richard
<u>My Librarian is a Camel: How Books are Brought to Children Around the World</u>	Ruurs, Margriet
<u>George vs. George: The American Revolution as Seen by Both Sides</u>	Schanzer, Rosalyn
<u>Hurricanes</u>	Simon, Seymour
<u>Madam President</u>	Thimmesh, Catherine
<u>Gorilla Doctors: Saving Endangered Great Apes</u>	Turner, Pamela S.
<u>You Wouldn't Want to be...</u>	Various Authors

## Realistic Fiction

<u>The Naked Mole Rat Letters</u>	Amato, Mary
<u>Wing Nut</u>	Auch, Mary Jane
<u>The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits and a Very Interesting Boy</u>	Birdsall, Jeanne
<u>Lunch Money</u>	Clements, Andrew
<u>Report Card</u>	Clements, Andrew
<u>Sahara Special</u>	Codell, Esme Raji
<u>Chicken Boy</u>	Dowell, Francis O'Roark
<u>Darby</u>	Fuqua, Jonathan Scott
<u>The Liberation of Gabriel King</u>	Going, K.L.
<u>Alice in Blunderland</u>	Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds
<u>Project Mulberry</u>	Park, Linda Sue
<u>Becoming Naomi Leon</u>	Ryan, Patricia Munoz
<u>Fourth Grade Rats</u>	Spinelli, Jerry
<u>Each Little Bird that Sings</u>	Wiles, Deborah

## Science Fiction

<u>The Power of UN</u>	Etchemendy, Nancy
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## Books in a Series

Molly Moon's Hypnotic Time Travel Adventure	Byng, Georgia
Artemis Fowl	Colfer, Eoin
Redwall	Jacques, Brian
Regarding the...	Klise, Kate
Chasing the Falconers	Korman, Gordon
Chronicles of Narnia	Lewis, C.S.
A Series of Unfortunate Events	Snicket, Lemony

