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Oceans of Possibilities

Suggested Books and Authors for 5th Graders

**JUVENILE FICTION**

Armstrong, Kelley


A princess would rather hunt monsters than sit on the throne.

Bohls, Steven

*Jed and the Junkyard War* (Jed and the Junkyard Wars)

Jed’s world changes dramatically on his twelfth birthday.

Chase, Paula

*Dough Boys*

Simp and Rollie play on their housing project’s basketball team.

Cisneros, Ernesto

*Efrén Divided: a Novel*

A boy deals with his mom’s deportation.

Cummings, Pat

*Trace*

For Trace Carter, the past isn’t always past.

Durrant, S. E.

*Running on Empty*

A.J. loves to run, but running a household is a different thing.

Fipps, Lisa

*Starfish*

Ellie begins to defy her own Fat Girl Rules.

Födi, Lee Edward

*The Secret of Zoone* (Zoone)

The portal to Earth explodes, leaving Ozzie stranded.

Hiranandani, Veera

*How to Find What You’re Not Looking For*

Ariel struggles to understand the changing world around her.

Larwood, Kieran

*Podkin One-Ear* (Longburrow)

Podkin and his rabbit siblings run for their lives and fight the Gorm.

Marks, Janae

*From the Desk of Zoe Washington*

Zoe attempts to uncover the truth about her imprisoned father.

Mbala, Kwame

*Last Gate of the Emperor*

When Yared plays an augmented reality game, he accidentally triggers a real-world attack.

Meriano, Anna

*A Dash of Trouble* (Love Sugar Magic)

Leonora finds out her family bakes treats and cooks up spells.

Van Eekhout, Greg

*Weird Kid*

Will Jake’s new friend discover that he’s actually a shape-shifting alien?

Woods, Brenda

*The Unsung Hero of Birdsong, USA*

12-year-old Gabriel is saved by a Black WWII veteran in 1946.

Zhao, Katie

*The Dragon Warrior* (Dragon Warrior)

Faryn may be destined to lead an army of dragons.

**GRAPHIC NOVEL**

Meconi, Dylan

*Queen of the Sea*

An orphan’s and a queen’s fates intertwine.

Ostertag, Molly Knox

*The Witch Boy* (The Witch Boy)

Aster discovers a forbidden power that will save his family.

Zhao, Katie

*Marine Science for Kids: Exploring and Protecting Our Watery World, Includes Cool Careers and 21 Activities (For Kids)*

**NON-FICTION**

J 324.623 Roberts

*Suffragette: The Battle for Equality*

J 363.735 Andrus

*The Plastic Problem: 60 Small Ways to Reduce Waste and Save the Earth (Lonely Planet Kids)*

J 551.46 Hestermann

*Marine Science for Kids: Exploring and Protecting Our Watery World, Includes Cool Careers and 21 Activities (For Kids)*

J 551.55 Carson

*The Tornado Scientist: Seeing Inside Severe Storms (Scientists in the Field)*

J 591.47 Johnson

*Nature’s Ninja: Animals with Spectacular Skills*

J 598 Bulion

*Superlative Birds*

J 623.82 Macaulay

*Crossing on Time: Steam Engines, Fast Ships, and a Journey to the New World*

J 745.584 REC

*Recycle and Remake*

J 796.52 Aronson

*Rising Water: The Story of the Thai Cave Rescue*

J B Brown

*Box: Henry Brown Mails Himself to Freedom*

J B Reeves

*Born Just Right*

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