

Reading Recommendations First Grade

Early Readers

- *Frog and Friends* by Eve Bunting*
- *Yasmin the Builder* by Saadia Faruqi *
- *The Good for Nothing Button* by Charise Mericle Harper
- *Carlos & Carmen* by Kirsten McDonald*
- *Worm and Caterpillar are Friends* by Kaz Windness
- *Fly Guy* by Tedd Arnold*
- *Nate the Great* by Marjorie Sharmat *
- *Amelia Bedelia Series* by Peggy Parish*
- *Elephant & Piggie series* by Mo Willems *
- *I'm On It* by Andrea Tsurumi
- *My Friends Make Me Happy* by Jan Thomas*
- *Flubby* by J. E. Morris*

Chapter Books

- *Greetings from Somewhere* by Harper Paris *
- *Heidi Heckelbeck* by Wanda Coven*
- *The Miniature World of Marvin & James* by Elise Broach*
- *An Elephant & Piggie Biggie!* by Mo Willems *
- *Mercy Watson* by Kate DiCamillo*
- *The Princess in Black* by Shannon & Dale Hale *
- *Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot* by Dav Pilkey *
- *Judy Moody and Friends* by Megan McDonald*
- *Wendy and Willow* by Laurie Friedman*

Graphic Novels

- *Tiger vs. Nightmare* by Emily Tetri
- *Magic Treehouse* by Mary Pope Osborne*
- *Narwhal and Jelly* by Ben Clanton*
- *Goalkeeper Goof* by Cari Meister

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- *Chez Bob* by Bob Shea
- *Dozens of Doughnuts* by Carrie Finison and Brianne Farley
- *Farmhouse* by Sophie Blackall
- *Hardly Haunted* by Jessie Sima
- *If You Find a Leaf* by Aimee Sicuro
- *Knight Owl* by Christopher Denise
- *Noodle and the No Bones Day* by Jonathan Graziano and Dan Tavis
- *Pizza: A Slice of History* by Greg Pizzoli

Reading Recommendations Second Grade

Early Readers

- *Pizza and Taco* by Stephen Shaskan*
- *Baby Monkey, Private Eye* by Brian Selznick
- *Doggo and Pupper* by Katherine Applegate
- *Spots & Stripes* by Laurie Friedman*
- *Penny and Her Doll* by Kevin Henkes*
- *Rabbit & Robot* by Cece Bell*
- *Unlimited Squirrels* by Mo Willems *
- *King & Kayla* by Dori Hillstead Butler

Realistic

- *Stink* by Megan McDonald*
- *Ivy & Bean* by Annie Barrows *
- *Freckle Juice* by Judy Blume
- *Jojo Makoons* by Dawn Quigley *

Funny Stories

- *Franny K. Stein* by Jim Benton*
- *Leroy Ninker Saddles Up* by Kate DiCamillo*
- *Bad Kitty* by Nick Bruel *

Adventure & Mysteries

- *A to Z Mysteries* by David Pittu *
- *Our Friend Hedgehog* by Lauren Castillo*
- *Magic Tree House* by Mary Pope Osborne *
- *The Secret Explorers* by SJ King

Fantasy

- *Isadora Moon* by Harriet Muncaster *
- *Dragon Masters* by Tracey West *
- *Eerie Elementary* by Jack Chabert*
- *Galaxy Zack* by Ray O’Ryan*

Graphic Novels

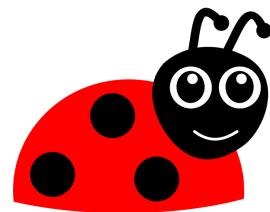
- *Press Start* by Thomas Flintham *
- *Scaredy Squirrel* by Melanie Watt
- *Binky to the Rescue* by Ashley Spires*
- *Baby-Sitters Club: Little Sisters* by Katy Farina*

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Reading Recommendations Third Grade

Realistic

- *Zara's Rules for Record-Breaking Fun* by Hena Khan
- *Kickers* by Rich Wallace*
- *Ellie, Engineer* by Jackson Pearce*
- *Too Small Tola* by Atinuke*

Funny Stories

- *13-Story Treehouse* by Andy Griffiths *
- *Wedgie & Gizmo* by Suzanne Selfors
- *Once Upon a Tim* by Stuart Gibbs*
- *The Bad Guys* by Aaron Blably*
- *Stick Dog* by Tom Watson *

Adventure & Mysteries

- *Ranger in Time* by Kate Messner*
- *I Survived...* by Lauren Tarshis *
- *Pugs of the Frozen North* by Phillip Reeve
- *Secret Agent Jack Stalwart*
by Elizabeth Singer Hunt*

Fantasy

- *Dragonbreath* by Ursula Vernon *
- *How to Train Your Dragon* by Cressida Cowell*
- *Magical Animal Adoption Agency* by Kallie George *

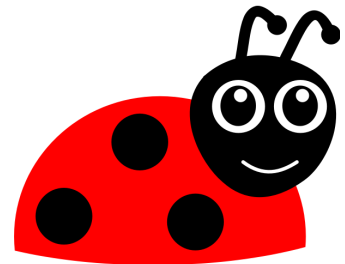
Graphic Novels

- *Phoebe and Her Unicorn* by Dana Simpson*
- *Bedhead Ted* By Scott Sangiacomo
- *Hilo! The Boy who Crashed to Earth* by Judd Winick *
- *The First Cat in Space Ate Pizza* by Mac Barnett*
- *Ham Helsing: Vampire Hunter* by Rich Moyer*



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Reading Recommendations Fourth Grade

Realistic

- *The Grip* by Marcus Stroman
- *Attack of the Black Rectangles* by Amy Sarig King
- *Ava and Pip* by Carol Weston *

Funny

- *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* by Jeff Kinney *
- *Planet Omar* by Zanib Mian*
- *Belly Up* by Stuart Gibbs*
- *The Double Life of Danny Day* by Mike Thayer
- *Swindle* by Gordon Korman



Adventure & Mystery

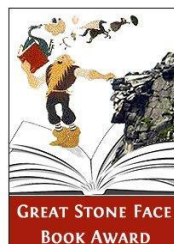
- *Last Kids on Earth* Series by Max Brallier*
- *39 Clues* by Jude Watson*
- *Wildfire* by Rodman Philbrick
- *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown

Fantasy

- *Upside-Down Magic* by Sarah Mlynowski*
- *The Bookwanderers* by Anna James*
- *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan*
- *The Unwanteds* by Lisa McMann*
- *Wings of Fire* by Tui T. Sutherland *

Graphic Novels

- *Cat Kid Comic Club* by Dave Pilkey*
- *The Baby Sitters Club* series by Ann Martin *
- *Garlic and the Vampire* by Bree Paulson*
- *Allergic* by Megan Wagner Lloyd
- *The Dam Keeper* by Robert Kondo*



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- *Anybody Here Seen Frenchie?* by Leslie Connor
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- *Thirst* by Varsha Bajaj
- *The Tryout* by Christina Soontornvat
- *Violet & Jobie in the Wild* by Lynne Rae Perkins
- *We Were the Fire, Birmingham 1963* by Shelia P. Moses

Reading Recommendations Fifth Grade

Realistic

- *From the Desk of Zoe Washington* by Janae Marks*
- *Ground Zero* by Alan Gratz
- *The Many Fortunes of Maya* by Nicole D. Collier
- *Alone in the Woods* by Rebecca Behrens
- *Middle School, the Worst Years of My Life* by James Patterson

Historical Fiction

- *The Patron Thief of Bread* by Lindsay Eagar
- *Barefoot Dreams of Petra Luna* by Alda P. Dobbs
- *Eleanor of Aquitaine* by Kristiana Gregory
- *A Place to Hang the Moon* by Kate Albus

Mystery

- *The Swifts: A Dictionary of Scoundrels* by Beth Lincoln
- *The Grave Thief* by Dee Hahn
- *Camp Shady Crook* by Lee Gjersten Malone

Funny

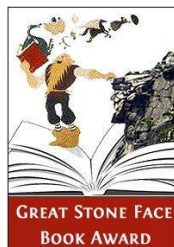
- *The BFG* by Roald Dahl
- *Frindle* by Andrew Clements
- *Darth Paper Strikes Back* by Tom Angleberger *

Sci-fi/Fantasy

- *Last Day on Mars* by Kevin Emerson*
- *Dragon Pearl* by Yoon Ha Lee
- *City of Ghosts* by Victoria Schwab
- *Coraline* by Neil Gaiman
- *The Witch, the Sword, and the Cursed Knights* by Alexandria Rogers

Graphic Novel

- *Dreamer* by Akim Aliu
- *Zita the Spacegirl* by Ben Hatke*
- *School Trip* by Jerry Craft
- *My Aunt is a Monster* by Reimena Yee



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Realistic

- *Good Different* by Meg Eden Kuyatt
- *Mighty Inside* by Sundee T. Frazier
- *Two Degrees* by Alan Gratz
- *Dress Coded* by Carrie Firestone
- *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds*
- *Different Kinds of Fruit* by Kyle Lukoff

Historical Fiction

- *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis
- *A Place to Belong* by Cynthia Kadohata
- *Iceberg* by Jennifer A. Nielsen
- *Prairie Lotus* by Linda Sue Park
- *Pony* by R.J. Palacio

Mystery

- *Loot* by Jude Watson*
- *Linked* by Gordon Korman
- *Belly Up* by Stuart Gibbs*
- *The Storyteller* by Brandon Hobson
- *Jennifer Chan is Not Alone* by Tae Keller
- *Absolutely Truly* by Heather Vogel Frederick*

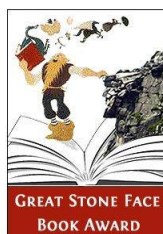
Fantasy

- *The Girl from Earth's End* by Tara Dairman
- *Wilderlore* by Amanda Foody*
- *Black Bird, Blue Road* by Sofiya Pasternak
- *I Am the Walrus* by Neal Shusterman
- *Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky* by Kwame Mbalia

Graphic Novel

- *Invisible* by Christina Diaz Gonzalez
- *This Was Our Pact* by Ryan Andrews
- *Estranged* by Ethan M. Aldridge*
- *Frizzy* by Claribel Ortega
- *A-Okay* by Jarad Greene
- *Another Kind* by Treavor Bream
- *Stargazing* by Jen Wang

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Realistic

- *Look Both Ways* by Jason Reynolds
- *Shug* by Jenny Han
- *Wink* by Rob Harrell
- *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander
- *Braced* by Alyson Gerber

Historical Fiction

- *Echo Mountain* by Lauren Wolk
- *Where the World Ends* by Geraldine McCaughrean
- *The Peach Rebellion* by Wendelin Van Draanen
- *Show Me a Sign* by Ann Clare LeZotte

Mystery

- *The Ambrose Deception* by Emily Ecton
- *City Spies* by James Ponti*
- *Greystone Secrets* by Margaret Peterson Haddix*
- *Greenglass House* by Kate Milford*

Fantasy

- *The Sun and the Star* by Rick Riordan
- *Six Crimson Cranes* by Elizabeth Lim
- *Grey mist Fair* by Francesca Zappia
- *Keeper of the Lost Cities* by Shannon Messenger*

Dystopian

- *The Roar* by Emma Clayton*
- *The Testing* by Joelle Charbonneau*
- *The City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau *
- *The Fog Diver* by Joel Ross *

Graphic Novels

- *D&D Dungeon Club* by Molly Knox Ostertag
- *Magical Boy* by The Kao*
- *Verse* by Sam Beck*
- *When Stars Are Scattered* by Victoria Jamieson
- *Pumpkinheads* by Rainbow Rowell
- *Buckhead* by Shobo

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Isinglass Teen Read Award Nominees

- *Bravely* by Maggie Stiefvater
- *The Drowned Woods* by Emily Lloyd-Jones
- *Gallant* by V.E. Schwab
- *Once Upon a K-Prom* by Kat Cho
- *This Golden State* by Marit Weisenberg
- *Jennifer Chan Is Not Alone* by Tae Keller
- *One for All* by Lillie Lainoff
- *Tiger Daughter* by Rebecca Lim
- *Medusa* by Jessie Burton
- *Ain't Burned All the Bright* by Jason Reynolds
- *Year of the Reaper* by Makiia Lucier



Reading Recommendations Eighth Grade

Realistic

- *Color Me In* by Natasha Diaz
- *Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie* by Jordan Sonnenblick
- *The Fountains of Silence* by Ruta Sepetys
- *Find Layla: a Novel* by Meg Elison
- *I Wish You All the Best* by Mason Deaver

Mystery

- *The Inheritance Games* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes*
- *All These Bodies* by Kendare Blake
- *Year on Fire* by Julie Buxbaum
- *The Many Half-Lived Lives of Sam Sylvester* by Maya MacGregor

Adventure

- *Dead Flip* by Sara Farizan
- *Luck of the Titanic* by Stacy Lee
- *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle*
- *Refugee* by Alan Gratz

Fantasy/Dystopian

- *The Valkyrie's Daughter* by Tiana Warner
- *We Set the Dark on Fire* by Tehlor Kay Mejia
- *Game Changer* by Neal Shusterman
- *These Witches Don't Burn* by Isabel Sterling

Graphic Novels

- *The Girl from the Sea* by Molly Knox Ostertag
- *Mamo* by Sas Milledge
- *Squire* by Nadia Shammas
- *Taproot* by Keezy Young
- *Button Pusher* by Tyler Page
- *In the Shadow of the Throne* by Kate Sheridan
- *Messy Roots* by Laura Gao

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Reading Recommendations High School

Realistic

- *Patron Saints of Nothing* by Randy Ribay
- *I Was Born for This* by Alice Oseman
- *Kings of B'more* by R. Eric Thomas
- *If I Can Give You That* by Michael Gray Bulla

Historical Fiction

- *They Went Left* by Monica Hesse
- *Berliners* by Vesper Stamper
- *The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue* by Mackenzi Lee
- *Last Night at the Telegraph Club* by Malinda Lo

Mystery

- *Five Survive* by Holly Jackson
- *Ace of Spades* by Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé
- *Promise Boys* by Nick Brooks
- *Sadie* by Courtney Summers

Romance

- *Perfect on Paper* by Sophie Gonzales
- *While You Were Dreaming* by Alisha Rai
- *The Long Run* by James Acker
- *The Wrong Kind of Weird* by James Ramos

Fantasy

- *Delicious Monsters* by Liselle Sambury
- *The Cruel Prince* by Holly Black *
- *Harvest House* by Cynthia Leitich Smith
- *When the Angels Left the Old Country* by Sacha Lamb

LGBTQ+

- *Here the Whole Time* by Vitor Martins
- *Lakelore* by Anna-Marie McLemore
- *Cinderella is Dead* by Kalynn Bayron
- *How It All Blew Up* by Arvin Ahmadi

Graphic Novels

- *Himawari House* by Harmony Becker
- *This One Summer* by Mariko Tamaki
- *Flamer* by Mike Curato
- *Sunshine* by Jarrett Krosoczka
- *Side Effects* by Ted Anderson

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Flume Teen Read Award Nominees

- *I Kissed Shara Wheeler* by Casey McQuiston
- *Hollow Fires* by Samira Ahmed
- *Ain't Burned All the Bright* by Jason Reynolds
- *The Rumor Game* by Dhonielle Clayton and Sona Charaipotra
- *All of Us Villains* by Amanda Foody and Christine Lynne Herman
- *You Truly Assumed* by Laila Sabreem
- *The One True Me and You* by Remi K England
- *All My Rage* by Sabaa Tahir
- *Daughters of a Dead Empire* by Carolyn Tara O'Neil
- *I Must Betray You* by Ruta Septys
- *Anatomy: A Love Story* by Dana Schwartz



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