

Book Recommendations

Grades 3-5

Here is a list of book recommendations that I think your child will enjoy. The list has a variety of genres in the reading range of 3rd – 5th graders so that your child has a whole plethora of books to keep him or her entertained for a while! If you come across a book that is too difficult for your child right now, but he or she wants to read it, try reading it with your child or to your child. Anything to get your child reading is going to help him or her grow!

- A Little Princess (Frances Hodgson Burnett)
- A Mango-Shaped Space (Wendy Mass)
- A Series of Unfortunate Events (Daniel Handler)
- A Taste of Blackberries (Doris Buchanan Smith)
- A to Z Mysteries series (Ron Roy)
- A Week in the Woods (Andrew Clements)
- A Wrinkle in Time (L'Engle)
- According to Humphrey series (Birney)
- Alice's Adventures in Wonderland (Lewis Carroll)
- All the Answers (Kate Messner)
- Allie Finkle's Rules For Girls series (Meg Cabot)
- All-of-a-Kind Family (Sydney Taylor)
- Amazing Leonardo Di Vinci Inventions You can Build Yourself (Maxine Anderson)
- America's Most Wanted Fifth-Graders (Linda Raskin)
- American Girls Collection series (Jacqueline Greene)

- Anastasia Krupnik (Lois Lowry)
- *Animorphs series* (K. A. Applegate)
- *Ann of Green Gables series* (L.M. Montgomery)
- Arnie the Doughnut (Laurie Keller)
- *Artemis Fowl series* (Colfer)
- Aurora County All-Stars (Deborah Wiles)
- *Bailey School Kids series* (Debbie Dadey)
- *Ballet Shoes* (Noel Streatfeild)
- *Baseball Card Adventure series* (Dan Gutman)
- Battle Bunny (Jon Scieszka and Mac Barnett)
- Because of Winn-Dixie (Kate DiCamillo)
- Big Nate (Lincoln Peirce)
- Big One-Oh (Dean Pitchform)
- Bingo Brown (Betsy Byars)
- Bluffton (Matt Phelan)
- Bobby vs. Girls (Accidentally) (Lisa Yee)
- Brian's Saga series (Gary Paulsen)
- Brian's Winter (Gary Paulsen)
- Bridge to Terabithia (Paterson)
- Bunnicula (James Howe)
- Caddie Woodlawn (Carol Ryrie Brink)
- Canned (Alex Shearer)
- Castle in the Attic (Elizabeth Windthrop)
- Champ (Marcia Thornton Jones)
- Chance Fortune in the Shadow Zone (Shane Berryhill)
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (Roald Dahl)
- Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator (Roald Dahl)
- Charlotte's Web (E.B. White)
- *Chet Gecko series* (Bruce Hale)
- Chocolate Touch (Patrick Skene Catling)
- *Chronicles of Narnia series* (C.S. Lewis)

- Circus Murandus (Cassie Beasley)
- *Class Trip from the Black Lagoon series* (Mike Thaler)
- *Clementine* (Sara Pennypacker)
- *Comeback Kids: Hot Hand series* (Mike Lupica)
- Comic Book Kid (Adam Osterweil)
- Culloo (Murielle Cyr)
- Danny, Champion of the World (Roald Dahl)
- Dear America series
- Dial-a-Ghost (Eva Ibbotson)
- Dog for Life (L.S. Matthews)
- Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray (Ann M. Martin)
- *Dork Diaries* (Rachel Renee Russell)
- Double Fudge (Judy Blume)
- Dragon of Lonely Island (Rebecca Rupp)
- Eggs (Jerry Spinelli)
- Ella Enchanted (Gail Carson Levine)
- *Emily Windsnap series* (Kessler)
- *Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective series* (Donald Sobol)
- Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library (Chris Grabenstein)
- Escaping the Giant Wave (Peg Kehret)
- *Extreme Adventures Series* (Justin D'Ath)
- Field Guide (Tony DiTerlizzi)
- Flush (Hiaasen)
- *Franny K. Stein series* (Jim Benton)
- Frindle (Andrew Clements)
- From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler (E.L. Konigsburg)
- *Geronimo Stilton series* (Geronimo Stilton)
- Ghosthunters and the Incredibly Revolting Ghost (Cornelia Funke)

- *Ghostville Elementary series* (Marcia Thornton Jones)
- Girls Who Rocked the World (Amelie Welden)
- *Goddess Girls series* (Holub & Williams)
- Good Dog (Avi)
- *Goosebumps series* (R. L. Stine)
- Half Magic (Edward Eager)
- Harriet the Spy (Louise Fitzhugh)
- *Harry Potter series* (J.K. Rowling)
- Heir Apparent (Vivian Van Velde)
- *Henry Huggins series* (Cleary)
- Herbie Jones and the Class Gift (Suzy Kline)
- Holes (Louis Sachar)
- Homework Machine (Dan Gutman)
- Honey (Weeks)
- *Honus & Me: A Baseball Card Adventure series* (Dan Gutman)
- Hoot (Hiaasen)
- Horrible Harry and the Dungeon (Suzy Kline)
- *House* (Laura Ingalls Wilder)
- How to Eat Fried Worms (Thomas Rockwell)
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- *I Survived... series* (Tarshis)
- *Info Adventure series* (Nick Griffiths)
- Island of the Blue Dolphin (O'Dell)
- *Ivy and Bean* (Annie Barrows)
- James and the Giant Peach (Dahl)
- Joey Pigza Loses Control (Jack Gantos)
- Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key (Jack Gantos)
- Journey to America (Levitin)
- *Judy Moody series* (McDonald)
- Kenny and the Dragon (DiTerlizzi)
- Kickoff (Tiki Barber)

- Knee-Knock Rise (Natalie Babbitt)
- Legend of Spud Murphy (Eoin Colfer)
- *Lemonade War* series (Davies)
- Liar, Liar (Paulsen)
- Lily B. on the Brink of Cool (Elizabeth Cody Kimmel)
- *Little Wolf's Book of Badness* series (Ian WhyBrow)
- *Lord of the Rings* series (Tolkien)
- Lost and Found (Andrew Clements)
- Lunch Money (Andrew Clements)
- *Magic Tree House* series (Mary Pope Osborne)
- Maniac Magee (Jerry Spinelli)
- *Marvin Redpost* series (Louis Sachar)
- Matilda (Roald Dahl)
- Maze of Bones (Rick Riordan)
- *McGrawl* series (Bob Balaban)
- *Measle and the Wrathmonk* series (Ian Ogilvy)
- *Melvin Beederman* series (Greg Trine)
- Midnight for Charlie Bone (Jenny Nimmo)
- *Millicent Min* series (Lisa Yee)
- Miracles on Maple Hill (Virginia Sorensen)
- Misty of Chincoteague (Marguerite Henry)
- Morgy Makes His Move (Maggie Lewis)
- Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle (Betty MacDonald)
- *My Life as a Book* series (Janet Tashjian)
- My Life As a Fifth-Grade Comedian (Elizabeth Levy)
- My Side of the Mountain (Jean Craighead George)
- *My Weird School* series (Dan Gutman)
- Mysterious Matter of I.M. Fine (Diane Stanley)
- *Nancy Drew* (Carolyn Keene)
- Nasty, Stinky Sneakers (Eve Bunting)
- Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales: One Dead Spy (Nathan Hale)

- Niagara Falls, Or Does It? (Henry Winkler)
- Nightmare at the Book Fair (Dan Gutman)
- No Talking (Andrew Clements)
- Nothing's Fair in Fifth Grade (Barthe DeClements)
- Oggie Cooder (Sarah Weeks)
- Out of My Mind (Sharon M. Draper)
- *Pack-n-Go Girls Adventures* (Lisa Travis)
- Pay it Forward ~For Young Readers~ (Hyde)
- Peak (Roland Smith)
- Pendragon (D.J. MacHale)
- Pepins and Their Problems (Polly Horwath)
- *Percy Jackson and the Olympians series* (Rick Riordan)
- Peter and the Starcatchers (Ridley Pearson)
- Phineas L. MacGuire...Erupts! (Francis O'Roark Dowell)
- Phoebe the Spy (Judith Barry Griffin)
- Pie (Sarah Weeks)
- Pink and Say (Patricia Polacco)
- Pippi Longstocking (Astrid Lindgren)
- Pirates Don't Wear Pink Sunglasses (Debbie Dadey & Maria Thornton Jones)
- *Poppy series* (Avi)
- Punished! (Lubar)
- Ralph S. Mouse (Beverly Cleary)
- *Ramona series*(Beverly Cleary)
- Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry (Mildred D. Taylor)
- Room One: A Mystery or Two (Andrew Clements)
- *Rotten School series* (R.L. Stine)
- Rules (Cynthia Lord)
- Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin (Liesl Shurtliff)
- Runt (Marion Dane Bauer)

- Sarah, Plain and Tall (Patricia MacLachlan)
- Secret Identity (Wendelin Van Draanen)
- *Secrets of Droon* series (Abbott)
- *Series of Unfortunate Events* series (Lemony Snicket)
- Sheep (Valerie Hobbs)
- Shiloh (Phyllis Reynolds Naylor)
- Shredderman (Wendelin Van Draanen)
- *Sideways Stories of Wayside School* (Louis Sachar)
- Sixth Grade Secrets (Louis Sachar)
- Smile: A Graphic Novel (Raina Telgemeier)
- Song Lee and the Hamster Hunt (Suzy Kline)
- *Spiderwick Chronicles* (DiTerlizzi)
- Spirit Animals: Book 1: Wild Born (Brandon Mull)
- *Sports Bio Bookshelf* series (Matt Christopher)
- Stargirl (Spinelli)
- Stink: The Incredible Shrinking Kid (Megan McDonald)
- Stone Fox (Gardiner)
- Stranded (Jeff Probst and Chris Tebbetts)
- Stuart Little (E. B. White)
- Sun & Spoon (Kevn Henkes)
- Superfudge (Judy Blume)
- Swindle (Gordan Korman)
- *Swindle* series (Korman)
- Tale of Desperaux (DiCamillo)
- *Tales from the Odyssey* series (Pope Osborne)
- Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing (Judy Blume)
- The 13-Story Treehouse (Andy Griffiths)
- *The 39 Clues* series (a collaboration of authors)
- The 6th Grade Nickname Game (Gordon Korman)
- The Adventure of Tempest & Serena (Marty Mokler Banks)
- The Anybodies (N.E. Bodes)

- *The Baby-Sitters Club* (Ann M. Martin)
- The BFG (Roald Dahl)
- *The Borrowers series* (Mart Norton)
- *The Boxcar Children* (Gertrude Chandler Warner)
- The Boy Who Lost His Face (Louis Sachar)
- The Chicken Doesn't Skate (Gordon Korman)
- The Cricket in Times Square (George Selden)
- The Dangerous Book for Boys (Conn Iggulden)
- The Dollhouse Murders (Betty Ren Wright)
- The Enormous Crocodile (Roald Dahl)
- The Enormous Egg (Oliver Butterworth)
- The Giver (Lowry)
- The Good, the Bad, and the Goofy (Jon Scieszka)
- *The Hardy Boys* (Franklin W. Dixon)
- *The Heros of Olympus series* (Riordan)
- The Indian in the Cupboard (Lynne Reid Banks)
- The Invention of Hugo Cabret (Selznick)
- The Jacket (Andrew Clements)
- *The Kane Chronicles series* (Riordan)
- The Kid Who Ran for President (Dan Gutman)
- *The Last Giraffe series* (Lauren St. John)
- The Library Card (Jerry Spinelli)
- *The Lightning Thief series* (Rick Riordan)
- The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (C. S. Lewis)
- The Mysterious Benedict Society (Trenton Lee-Stewart)
- The Mysterious Wood of Whistle Root (Christopher Pennell)
- The Mystic Princess and the Whirlpool (P.J. LaRue)
- The Name of this Book is Secret (Pseudonymous Bosch)
- The Neverending Story (Michael Ende)
- The New Way Things Work (David Macaulay)
- The One & Only Ivan (Applegate)

- The Phantom Tollbooth (Juster)
- The Rumpelstiltskin Problem (Vivian Vande Velde)
- The School Story (Andrew Clements)
- The Secret Garden (Frances Hodgson Burnett)
- The Secret School (Avi)
- The Seventh Most Important Thing (Shelley Pearsall)
- The Strange Case of Origami Yoda (Tom Angleberger)
- The Survivors (Will Weaver)
- The Swiss Family Robinson (Johann David Wyss)
- The Tarantula in My Purse: And 172 Other Wild Pets (Jean Craighead George)
- The Thief (Megan Whalen Turner)
- The Trap (John Smelcer)
- The Trumpet of the Swan (E. B. White)
- The TV Kid (Betsy Byars)
- The Twits (Roald Dahl)
- *The Underland Chronicles* (Collins)
- The Wanderer (Creech)
- The Winged Watchman (Hilda Van Stockum)
- The Witches (Roald Dahl)
- The Worst Class Trip Ever (Dave Barry)
- Thing About Georgie (Lisa Graff)
- Three Good Deeds (Vivian Vande Velde)
- Through the Looking Glass (Lewis Carroll)
- *Time Warp Trio* series (Scieszka)
- *Titanic* series (Korman)
- Unwanteds (Lissa McMann)
- Waggit's Tale (Peter Howe)
- *Wayside School* series (Louis Sachar)
- What Would Joey Do? (Jack Gantos)
- Windcatcher (Avi)

- *Wings of Fire* series (Sutherland)
- Winners Take All (Fred Bowen)
- Witches (Roald Dahl)
- Wonder (R.J. Palacio)
- Wonderstruck (Selznick)
- World According to Humphrey (Betty Birney)
- Year Mom Won the Pennant (Matt Christopher)
- *Zach Files* series (Dan Greenburg)
- Zoobreak (Gordan Korman)