

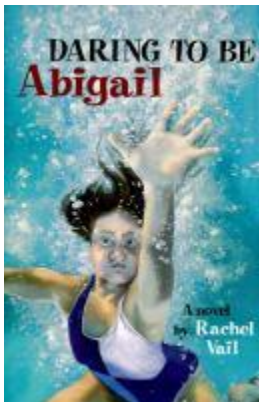
## Sixth Grade Summer Reading List



### ***A Long Way From Chicago*** by Richard Peck

In a series of related short stories, siblings Joey and Mary Alice from Chicago spend a week each summer with their eccentric grandmother in small-town Illinois during the Depression. They had quite an adventure.

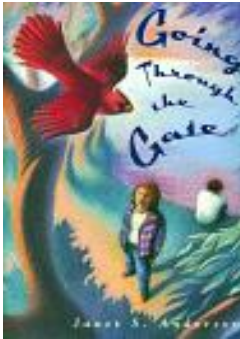
***A Long Way From Chicago***  
by Richard Peck  
**Interest Level: 6 and Up**  
**Reading Level: 7 and Up**



### ***Daring to be Abigail***

by Rachel Vail  
"Abby Silverman, 11, decides that during her summer at Camp Nashaquitsa she will try to learn courage so that she can become the person she thinks others want her to be. She tells her bunkmates that she never says no to a dare, and what follows gets her kicked out of camp – but not before she learns to like herself.

***Daring to be Abigail***  
by Rachel Vail  
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**Reading Level: 4.9**

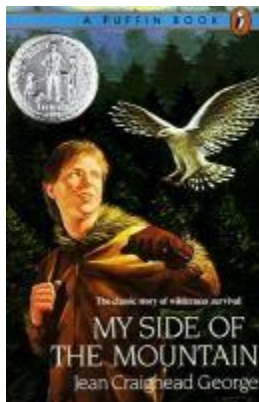


***Going Through the Gate***  
by Janet Anderson

**Interest Level: 5-9**  
**Reading Level: 5-9**

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On graduation day, the whole town closes down but one man, a peddler with one eye, who has forgotten that this is graduation day. When he sees the sixth graders heading to school, he insists that they remember him to Miss Clough -- an ominous sign that the day may be dangerous.



***My Side of the Mountain***  
by Jean Craighead George

**Interest Level: 5-8**  
**Reading Level: 5-8**

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Jean Craighead George's classic never goes off the "best reads" lists for many good reasons—strong writing, a beautiful setting, and most of all, the inspiring young protagonist Tom, a central character who exudes confidence while living alone, off the grid. Though there are challenges and some suspenseful moments, readers feel that his survival is guaranteed. The following titles evoke many of the same feelings of embracing nature and facing one's own fears, all with a sense of hope and accomplishment.

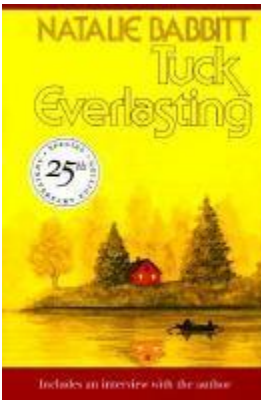


***The Shimmershine Queens***  
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Gr 5-8 Shimmershine, according to Angie's elderly cousin, is that good feeling and pride which people have in their racial heritage and physical features. Ten-year-old Angie desperately needs this shimmershine to overcome the taunts from her classmates about her dark complexion and kinky hair, as well as the negative feelings that she has about her parents' separation. With the help of a friend, Angie learns how to be her own person by speaking up for herself and standing her ground against a group of class bullies.

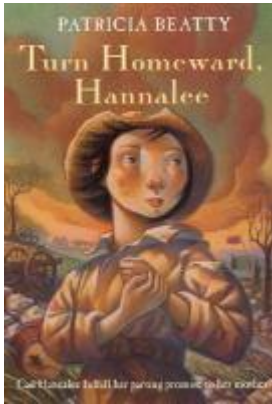


***Tuck Everlasting***  
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Doomed to-or blessed with-eternal life after drinking from a magic spring, the Tuck family wanders about trying to live as inconspicuously and comfortably as they can. When ten-year old Winnie Foster stumbles on their secret, the Tucks take her home and explain why living forever at one age is less a blessing that it might seem. Tuck Everlasting has become a much-loved modern-day classic. This new edition features an interview conducted by educator Betsy Hearne in which Natalie Babbitt discusses the book twenty-five years after its first publication.

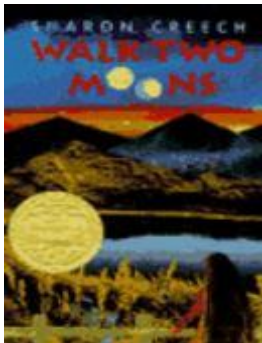


***Turn Homeward, Hannalee***  
by Patricia Beatty  
**Interest Level: 5 and Up**  
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During the closing days of the Civil War, plucky 12-year-old Hannalee Reed, sent north to work in a Yankee mill, struggles to return to the family she left behind in war-torn Georgia. A fast-moving novel based upon an actual historical incident.



***Walk Two Moons***  
by Sharon Creech  
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**Reading Level: 4.9-5**

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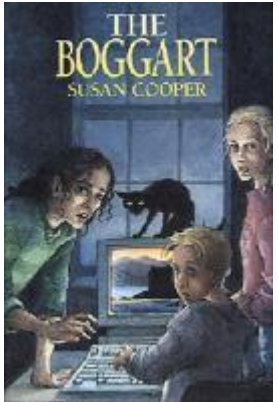
This Newbery Winning book brought mixed reactions. Salamanca's mother has left without explanation and not returned. Now 13 year old Sal is traveling across the country with her grandparents following the route her mother took. Along the way her kind and fun-loving grandparents ask her to tell them a story. She shares a long tale about herself and her best friend whose mother has also left her family.



***You're a Brave Man, Julius Zimmerman***  
by Claudia Mills

Seventh-grader Julius Zimmerman's plans for an idle summer are spoiled when his mother signs him up for a five-week French course and an afternoon baby-sitting job. After only 45 minutes of French, the boy is convinced that he is the worst student in the class. Then, he meets his young charge, Edison Blue, and is horrified to learn that the child still wears diapers.

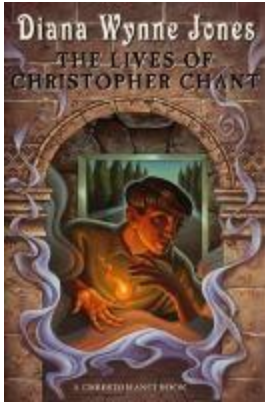
***You're a Brave Man, Julius Zimmerman***  
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**Reading Level: 4-7**



***The Boggart***  
by Susan Cooper

The Volnik family inherits a rundown old castle on an island off Scotland and visits their new property. After returning home, 12-year-old Emily and 10-year-old Jessup notice strange things happening. Their detective work eventually discloses the cause--a mischievous boggart has accidentally become trapped in a piece of furniture the family shipped home to Canada. Unfortunately, no adults believe them. The children claim innocence on Halloween night as pieces of furniture fly through the air and a bucket of water soaks their mother.

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***The Lives of Christopher Chant***  
***(One in a series of books)***

by Diana Wynne Jones

His father and uncles are enchanters, his mother a powerful sorceress, yet nothing seems magical about Christopher Chant except his dreams. Night after night, he climbs through the formless Place Between and visits marvelous lands he calls the Almost Anywheres. Then Christopher discovers that he can bring real, solid things back from his dreams. Others begin to recognize the extent of his powers, and they issue an order that turns Christopher's life upside down.

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by Diana Wynne Jones

**Interesting Level: 5-9**

**Reading Level: 4.8**