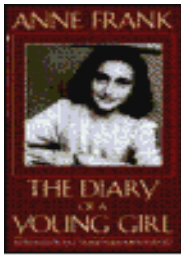


Fifth Grade Suggested Summer Reading List



Anne Frank, The Diary of a Young Girl

by Anne Frank

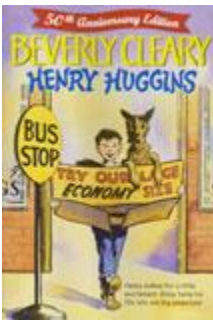
Discovered in the attic in which she spent the last years of her life, Anne Frank's remarkable diary has become a world classic -- a powerful reminder of the horrors of war and an eloquent testament to the human spirit.

Anne Frank; The Diary of a Young Girl

by Anne Frank

Interest Level: 7-12

Reading Level: 6.0



Henry Huggins

By Beverly Cleary

From the moment Henry adopts a stray dog named Ribsby, he winds up having one adventure after another.

Henry Huggins

By Beverly Cleary

Interest Level: 3-6

Reading Level: 4.9



Chasing Redbird

by Sharon Creech

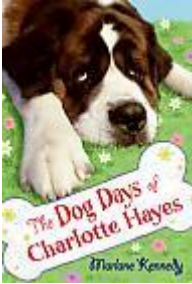
Zinnia Taylor lives in Bybanks, Kentucky, with too many brothers and sisters -- a mess of "tadpoles" and "pumpkins" is what her uncle Nate calls them. When Zinny discovers a mysterious, overgrown trail that begins on her family's farm, she's determined to clear it, from start to finish. For she's finally found a place of her own, a place where she can go, away from her family, to hear herself think.

Chasing Redbird

By Sharon Creech

Interest Level: 3-6

Reading Level: 5.0



The Dog days of Charlotte Hayes
By Kennedy, Marlane

Interest Level: 3-6

Reading Level: 6.2

The dog days of Charlotte Hayes
By Kennedy, Marlane

School Library Journal: Charlotte Hayes, upset by her family's neglect of their Saint Bernard, takes care of him even though she isn't much of a dog person. Her father, who likes bargains and the breed's looks, gets the pup cheap from a coworker and is attentive at first, as is her older sister. Charlotte knows that she needs to find a better home for Beauregard, one where he isn't kept outside all the time with a doghouse that is too small and a water dish that only she fills.



Newbery Medal

Dear Mr. Henshaw
By Beverly Cleary,

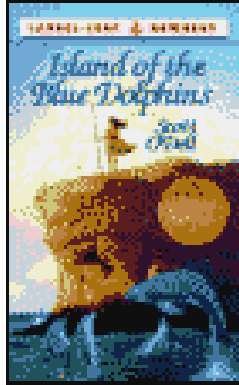
Interest Level: 3-6

Reading Level: 5.0

Dear Mr. Henshaw
By Beverly Cleary
Paul O. Zelinsky (illus.)

When fourth grader Leigh Botts asks Mr. Henshaw to write to him personally, he gets more than he bargained for. Mr. Henshaw's letters are full of questions, and Leigh is getting tired of answering them. But as he continues his correspondence with his favorite author, he not only gets plenty of tips on writing, but he also finds a wise and thoughtful friend to whom he can tell his troubles.

Education World



Island of the Blue Dolphins
by Scott O'Dell

In the Pacific there is an island that looks like a big fish sunning itself in the sea. Around it, blue dolphins swim, otters play, and sea elephants and sea birds abound. Once, Indians also lived on the island. And when they left and sailed to the east, one young girl was left behind. This is the story of Karana, the Indian girl who lived alone for years on the Island of the Blue Dolphins.

Newbery Medal

Island of the Blue Dolphins

by Scott O'Dell

Interest Level: 5-8

Reading Level: 5.5



Mick Harte was here

By Park, Barbara

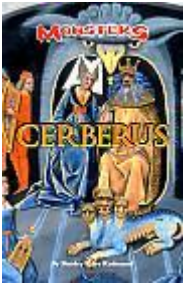
Thirteen-year-old Phoebe works through raw grief and depression after her younger brother, Mick, is killed in a bicycle accident. A loving family, a sense of humor, and memories of mischievous Mick give Phoebe the strength she needs to speak about her brother at a school assembly.

Mick Harte was here

By Park, Barbara

Interest Level: 3-6

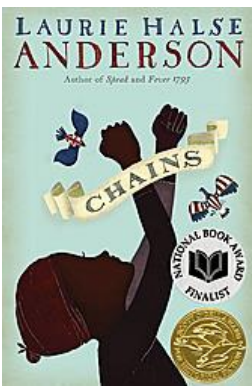
Reading Level: 5.5



Cerberus
By Redmond, Shirley-Raye
Interest Level: 5-8
Reading Level: 6.8

Cerberus
By Redmond, Shirley-Raye

Gr. 4-6-The overview of the multi-headed water beast of Greek myth focuses almost equally on the legendary Hercules and his trials. Stories about the Hydra as well as other sea monsters in world myths and legends are included as are their representations in science, art, literature, and popular culture.



Chains
By Anderson, Laurie Halse
Interest Level: 4 and up
Reading Level: 5 and up

Chains
By [Laurie Halse Anderson](#)

As the Revolutionary War begins, thirteen-year-old Isabel wages her own fight...for freedom. Promised freedom upon the death of their owner, she and her sister, Ruth, in a cruel twist of fate become the property of a malicious New York City couple, the Locktons, who have no sympathy for the American Revolution and even less for Ruth and Isabel. When Isabel meets Curzon, a slave with ties to the Patriots, he encourages her to spy on her owners, who know details of British plans for invasion. She is reluctant at first, but when the unthinkable happens to Ruth, Isabel realizes her loyalty is available to the bidder who can provide her with freedom.



By Henson, Heather

Interest Level: 5-9

Reading Level: 5-9

Here's how I see it

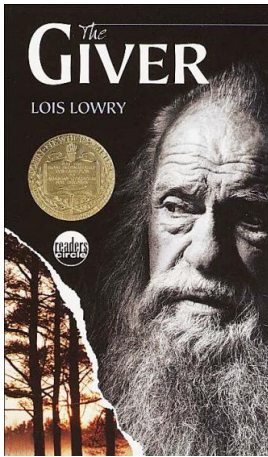
Rave reviews, an endless request for autographs, my name in lights on Broadway.

Here's how it is

The audience is half empty, I spend zero time onstage, my dad's midlife crisis is about to ruin the playhouse...and my family

By Heather Henson

Junebug dreams of being a leading lady someday. A serious actress, a stage actress, a real actress, and it should be easy for her to get her start -- her parents own the Blue Moon Playhouse, after all, and her dad performed on Broadway (once). But the truth is, at (almost) thirteen, she's not even a supporting actress or a stand-in or an understudy or even a child actor has-been. In the current Blue Moon production, her role is this: thunder, props...and stagehand (gopher, actually). And lately it seems like maybe the stagehand mindset -- go unnoticed, don't say a word -- is rubbing off on Junebug's personality. She's starting to feel as though her opinions never count, her worries aren't taken seriously, that she's becoming the ultimate stagehand: invisible. And that's not a role she's happy with.



The Giver

By Lowery, Lois

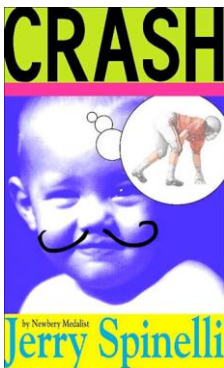
Interest Level: 4 -9

Reading Level: 4-9

The Giver

By Lois Lowery

Winner of the 1994 Newbery Medal, this thought-provoking novel centers on a 12-year-old boy's gradual disillusionment with an outwardly utopian futuristic society; in a starred review, PW said, ``Lowry is once again in top form... unwinding a tale fit for the most adventurous readers."(Sept.): The true joys and pain of life.



Crash

By Spinelli, Jerry

Interest Level: 6

Reading Level: 6 and up

Crash

By Jerry Spinelli

"Crash" John Coogan is the typical jock. At least that is what most of us have in mind as a jock. He's cool; he's popular; he's well-dressed. Crash has a wonderful life, until life deals him a hand that he could not have expected. When Crash's grandfather unexpectedly has a stroke, Crash unconsciously steps back and re-evaluates his life.