

Good Books For 5th & 6th Grades



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Betancourt, J. My Name is Brain Brian

Although he is helped by his new sixth grade teacher after being diagnosed as dyslexic, Brain still has some problems with school and with people he thought were his friends.

Blume, J. Just as Long as We're Together

Stephanie's relationship with her best friend, Rachel, changes during her first year in junior high as she tries to conceal a family problem and meets a new girl from California.

Clements, A. The Landry News

A fifth-grader starts a newspaper with an editorial that prompts her burnt-out classroom teacher to really begin teaching again, but he is later threatened with disciplinary action as a result.

Conrad, P. Stonewords: A Ghost Story

Zoe discovers that her house is occupied by the ghost of an eleven-year-old girl, who carries her back to the day of her death in 1870 to try to alter that tragic event.

Curtis, C. Bud, Not Buddy

Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father-the renowned bandleader, H. E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.

Cushman, K. The Ballad of Lucy Whipple

In 1849, twelve-year-old California Morning Whipple, who renames herself Lucy, is distraught when her mother moves the family from Massachusetts to a rough California mining town.

DeFelice, C. Weasel

Alone in the frontier wilderness in the winter of 1839 while his father is recovering from an injury, eleven-year-old Nathan runs afoul of the renegade killer known as Weasel and makes a surprising discovery about the concept of revenge.

Gantos, J. Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key
To the constant disappointment of his mother and his teachers, Joey has trouble paying attention or controlling his mood swings when his prescription meds wear off and he starts getting worked up and acting wired.

George, J. My Side of the Mountain
Young Sam Gribble leaves New York City and spends a year living by himself in a remote area of the Catskill Mountains.

Giff, P. Lily's Crossing
During a summer spent at Rockaway Beach in 1944, Lily's friendship with a young Hungarian refugee causes her to see the war and her own world differently.

Kinney, J. Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Greg Heffley's journal
Greg records his sixth grade experiences in a middle school where he and his best friend, Rowley, undersized weaklings amid boys who need to shave twice daily, hope just to survive, but when Rowley grows more popular, Greg must take drastic measures to save their friendship.

L'Engle, M. A Wrinkle in Time
Meg Murry and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers and a search for Meg's father, who has disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.

Levy, E. My Life as a Fifth Grade Comedian
Although Bobby's father thinks that he might be expelled just like his older brother, with the encouragement of a new fifth-grade teacher, Bobby tries to channel his penchant for humor into a learning experience.

Naylor, P. Shiloh
When he finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, Marty tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner, a mean-spirited man known to shoot deer out of season and to mistreat his dogs.

O'Dell, S. Island of the Blue Dolphins
When her younger brother died in 1800, Karana, an Indian girl, spent eighteen years alone on the Island of San Nicholas, far off the coast of California.

Paterson, K. The Great Gilly Hopkins
An eleven-year-old foster child tries to cope with her longings and fears as she schemes against everyone who tries to be friendly.

Paulsen, G. Hatchet
After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brain spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive with only the aid of a hatchet given to him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.

Sachar, L. Holes
As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

Selden, G. Cricket in Times Square
A little country cricket named Chester finds himself in New York. Chester is an unusual cricket. When he rubs his wings together he can play beautiful violin music. Befriended by Tucker the mouse and Harry the cat, Chester uses his talent to help his human friends.

Speare, E. Sign of the Beaver
Left alone to guard the family's wilderness home in eighteenth-century Maine, a boy is hard-pressed to survive until local Indians teach him their skills.

Spinelli, J. Maniac Magee
After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary, as he accomplishes athletic and other feats which awe his contemporaries.

Stine, R.L. Nightmare Hour
Ten new horrific stories by the author of Goosebumps.

Taylor, M. Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry
A black family living in the South during the 1930's are faced with prejudice and discrimination which their children don't understand.