

Great Reads for 5th Graders



*Selected by librarians from Milwaukee Public Library
and Milwaukee Public Schools*

The Adventures of Marco Polo by Russell Freedman.
92 P778F.

Rich illustrations and excellent writing will make you feel as if you are along on the journey of one of the most interesting adventures of all time.

Archer's Quest by Linda Sue Park. FIC PAR.

What would you do if an ancient Korean warrior fell off the back of a tiger and somehow landed in your bedroom? It happens to Kevin in this thrilling time travel tale.

The Broken Bike Boy and the Queen of 33rd Street
by Sharon Flake. FIC FLAKE.

Fifth-grader Queen Marie Rosseau acts like "Queen of Thirty-third Street," alienating new classmates and teachers, until she meets Leroy.

Frankenstein Makes a Sandwich by Adam Rex.
811.6 R455.

Spend time with some of your favorite monsters in these hilarious poems.

A Friendship for Today by Patricia McKissack.
FIC MACK.

After a care-free summer, Rosemary begins 6th grade in an integrated school, one of only a few African-American students.

Half-Moon Investigations by Eoin Colfer. FIC COL.
Twelve-year-old Fletcher Moon is an online graduate of a private detective academy. Join him as he tries to solve some tricky mysteries at his school.

Here Lies the Librarian by Richard Peck. FIC PEC.
Take a trip to a small Indiana town in 1914 to meet Peewee, a tomboy who learns about being female and independent from some very unique part-time librarians.

The Homework Machine by Dan Gutman.
FIC GUT.

Wouldn't it be great to have a machine that would do your homework? Four 5th graders find out that perhaps it's not as wonderful as it sounds.

Jazz by Walter Dean Myers; illustrated by
Christopher Myers. 811.54 M996J.

The father-and-son team create scintillating poetry with a jazzy beat.

Miss Spitfire: Reaching Helen Keller by Sarah
Miler. FIC MIL.

There are two Miss Spitfires in this novel—Helen Keller, a blind and deaf 6-year-old, and Annie Sullivan, her strong-willed teacher.

No Talking by Andrew Clements. FIC CLEMENT.
Dave tries to keep silent for a day at school, a plan that expands into a school-wide, boys-against-the-girls no-talking contest.

Penny From Heaven by Jennifer Holm. FIC HOL.
Penny is turning 12 in Brooklyn during the summer of 1953 and still doesn't know how her father died.

**Porch Lies: Tales of Tricksters, Slicksters, and
Other Wily Characters** by Patricia McKissack.
FIC MACK.

This collection is based on McKissack's own experiences listening to stories told on a summer porch.

Satch and Me by Dan Gutman. FIC GUT.

Joe and his baseball coach time travel back to 1942 to spend some time with Satchel Paige and other Negro League greats.

**Tales Our Abuelitas Told: A Hispanic Folktale
Collection** by Alma Flor Ada. 398.208968 T143.

Twelve traditional folktales are delightfully retold and illustrated in this book celebrating Hispanic culture.

Team Moon by Catherine Thimmesh. 629.454 T443.

A dramatic account of the people who worked behind the scenes in the Apollo 11 program-- from the space suit designers to the TV satellite dish operators.

The Wright 3 by Blue Balliett.
MYS BAL.

Three friends try to solve a perplexing mystery and save an historic landmark in this fast-paced thriller.



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