

Recommended Reads

5th Grade



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J
BALA, R



Shine on, Luz Véliz!
Rebecca Balácarcel

Eleven-year-old injured soccer player Luz has a hard enough time reframing her identity as a computer programmer, but when her Guatemalan half-sister moves in, she learns what it truly means to start over.

J
CURR, L



Girl in White
Lindsay Currie

Mallory is still adapting to life in her new town of Eastport when she is haunted by a reoccurring nightmare, leading her to investigate the legend of Sweet Molly.

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DAO, J



Team Chu and the Battle of Blackwood Arena
Julie C. Dao

Competitive siblings Sadie and Clip Chu must set aside their differences and work together when they get stuck in a virtual reality laser tag game.

J
ESCH, R



Etta Invincible
Reese Eschmann

Etta Johnson has hearing loss and because of it, she has Loud and Quiet Days where she retreats into her thoughts. She spends most of her time alone, working on her comic book about Invincible Girl. That is until Louisa May Alcott, a dog from across the street disappears onto a magical train that arrived at the station near the houses of the dog's boy Eleazer and Etta. Now they must find their inner hero to save her!

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GEME, D



The Midnight Children
Dan Gemeinhart

When lonely Ravani Foster discovers his new friend Virginia and her six mysterious runaway companions are in danger, he must fight to keep them safe, or lose the only person who has ever understood him.

J
HOWE, D



High Score
Destiny Howell

At DJ's old school, he was the go-to guy for all kinds of tricky problems that needed creative solutions. But at his new school, Ella Fitzgerald Middle, he's just trying to blend in. That is until his best friend gets himself transferred too...and now owes the biggest bully 100,000 arcade tickets--with only two weeks to make it happen.

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MARK, D



The Final Cut
Denis Markell

When seventh-grader Alex is stuck taking Film, he has to learn to work with two very different students to make the movie they want to make, even as someone tries to stop them.

J
REYN, J



It's the End of the World and I'm in My Bathing Suit
Justin A. Reynolds

When the electricity goes out, twelve-year-old Eddie and his friends set out to investigate what is going on when they make the startling discovery that they are the only ones left in their neighborhood--and perhaps the only people left anywhere.

**J
YANG, K**

New from Here
Kelly Yang



Knox works to keep his family together as they move from Hong Kong back to northern California during the initial outbreak of the coronavirus.

**J GN
SOON, C**

The Tryout
Christina Soontornvat



As one of the only Asian Americans in her school, Christina confronts both well-meaning ignorance and cruel racism, but in middle school fitting in is important, which is why she and her best friend Megan are both excited and nervous to try out for the popular cheerleading squad.

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ROACH, M**

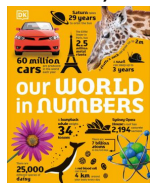
Packing for Mars for Kids
Mary Roach



In this whip-smart, funny, and informative young readers adaptation of her best-selling Packing for Mars, Roach guides us through the irresistibly strange, frequently gross, and awe-inspiring realm of space travel and life without gravity.

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GIFF, C**

Our World in Numbers: An Encyclopedia of Fantastic Facts
Clive Gifford



Are you mad about measurements, devoted to dates, or just generally fond of figures? Then use this incredible encyclopedia to uncover the stats behind every topic under the sun -- from the numbers of stars in the Universe to the amount of blood cells in your body!

**OS J 591.47
REEV, J**

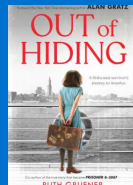
How Not to Get Eaten
Josette Reeves



Packed with stunning photos and beautiful illustrations, this book takes you on a wild tour of the incredibly smart, strange, and surprising ways that animals and plants avoid being eaten by predators.

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GRUE, R**

Out of Hiding: A Holocaust Survivor's Journey to America
Ruth Gruener



Ruth Gruener was a hidden child during the Holocaust. At the end of the war, she and her parents were overjoyed to be free. But their struggles as displaced people had just begun. The family's perseverance is a classic story of the American dream, but also illustrates the difficulties that millions of immigrants face in the aftermath of trauma.

MORE BOOKS YOU MAY ENJOY:

Ghosted | J Fry

Taking Back the Block | J Giles

Greystone Secrets: The Strangers | J Haddix

That Thing About Bollywood | J Kelkar

Unplugged | J Korman

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