

BOOKS 5TH AND 6TH GRADERS WILL ENJOY

Applegate, Katherine. [The Last](#). (Juvenile Fiction Applegate)

Byx is the youngest member of her daire pack. After her pack is hunted down and killed, Byx fears she may be the last of her kind. The Endling. So Byx sets out to find safe haven, and to see if the legends of other hidden dairens are true. Along the way, she meets new allies--animals and humans alike--who each have their own motivations for joining her quest. (**The Endling** series, book 1)

Angleberger, Tom. [Fuzzy](#). (Juvenile Fiction Angleberger)

When Max (Maxine Zealster) befriends her new robot classmate Fuzzy, she helps him navigate Vanguard Middle School and together they reveal the truth behind the Robot Integration Program.

Barnhill, Kelly. [The Girl Who Drank the Moon](#). (Juvenile Fiction Barnhill)

An epic fantasy about a young girl raised by a witch, a swamp monster, and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon, who must unlock the powerful magic buried deep inside her.

Clements, Andrew. [The Losers Club](#). (Juvenile Fiction Clements)

Alec, a sixth-grade bookworm always in trouble for reading instead of listening and participating in class, starts a book club, solely to have a place to read, and discovers that real life, although messy, can be as exciting as the stories in his favorite books.

Davis, Kent. [A Riddle In Ruby](#). (Juvenile Fiction Davis)

In an era called The Chemysral Age, thirteen-year-old Ruby is a smuggler's daughter and picklock prodigy, and she and her mostly faithful servant, Cram, navigate a world filled with cobalt gearbeasts, alchemical automatons, and devilish secret societies.

DiCamillo, Kate. [Louisiana's Way Home](#). (Juvenile Fiction DiCamillo)

When Louisiana's granny wakes her up in the middle of the night to tell her they have to leave home immediately, Louisiana isn't overly worried. After all, Granny has many middle-of-the-night ideas. But this time, things are different: Granny intends for them never to return. Separated from her best friends, Raymie and Beverly, Louisiana struggles to oppose the winds of fate (and Granny) and find a way home.

Gidwitz, Adam. [The Inquisitor's Tale](#). (Juvenile Fiction Gidwitz)

Crossing paths at an inn, thirteenth-century travelers impart the tales of a monastery oblate, a Jewish refugee, and a psychic peasant girl with a loyal greyhound, the three of whom join forces on a chase through France to escape persecution.

Grabenstein, Chris. [Mr. Lemoncello's Great Library Race](#). (Juvenile Fiction Grabenstein)

Mr. Lemoncello holds a contest for his young friends where they must race to bring interesting facts back to his library.

Gratz, Alan. [Refugee](#). (Juvenile Fiction Gratz)

Although separated by continents and decades, Josef, Isabel, and Mahmoud embark on harrowing journeys in search of refuge, discovering shocking connections that tie their stories together.

Grimes, Nikki. [Garvey's Choice](#). (Juvenile Fiction Grimes)

Garvey is a bookworm whose father wants him to be a jock. He tries to fill the father-sized hole in his heart with food; now his classmates can't see who he really is either. All they see is an overweight, awkward kid who doesn't fit in anywhere. How can Garvey get people--including his father--to see and accept the real him?

Gutman, Dan. [Flashback Four: The Lincoln Project](#). (Juvenile Fiction Gutman)

Miss Z, a mysterious billionaire and a collector of rare photographs, is sending her four recruits back in time on a mission to capture, for the first time, one of the most important moments in American history-- Abraham Lincoln giving his famous Gettysburg address.

- Jamieson, Victoria. [All's Faire In Middle School](#). (Juvenile Nonfiction JUV 741.59 J243a)
Homeschooled by Renaissance Fair enthusiasts, eleven-year-old Imogene has a hard time fitting in when her wish to enroll in public school is granted.
- Martin, Ann M. [Rain Reign](#). (Juvenile Fiction Martin)
Struggling with Asperger's, Rose shares a special bond with her beloved dog, but when the dog goes missing during a storm, Rose is forced to confront the limits of her comfort levels in order to search for her pet.
- Oh, Ellen. [Flying Lessons & Other Stories](#). (Juvenile Fiction Flying)
From basketball dreams and family fiascoes to first crushes and new neighborhoods, this anthology, written by award-winning children's authors, celebrates the uniqueness and universality in all of us.
- Patterson, James. [Word of Mouse](#). (Juvenile Fiction Patterson)
That's right Isaiah can read, and write. He can also talk to humans...if any of them are willing to listen! After a dramatic escape from a mysterious laboratory, Isaiah is separated from his family and has to use his special skills to survive in the dangerous outdoors, and hopefully find his missing family.
- Perez, Celia. [The First Rule of Punk](#). (Juvenile Fiction Perez)
Twelve-year-old Malú reluctantly moves with her Mexican-American mother to Chicago and starts seventh grade with a bang--violating the dress code with her punk rock aesthetic and spurning the middle school's most popular girl in favor of starting a band with a group of like-minded weirdos.
- Reynolds, Jason. [Ghost](#). (Juvenile Fiction Reynolds)
Ghost, a naturally talented runner and troublemaker, is recruited for an elite middle school track team. He must stay on track, literally and figuratively, to reach his full potential.
- Schmidt, Gary. [Pay Attention, Carter Jones](#). (Juvenile Fiction Schmidt)
Sixth-grader Carter must adjust to the unwelcome presence of a know-it-all butler who is determined to help him become a gentleman, and also to deal with burdens from the past.
- Stroud, Jonathan. [The Screaming Staircase](#). (Juvenile Fiction Stroud)
Follows three young operatives of a Psychic Detection Agency as they battle an epidemic of ghosts in London. (**Lockwood & Co.** series, book 1)
- Sutherland, Tui. [The Dragonet Prophecy](#). (Juvenile Fiction Sutherland)
The seven dragon tribes have been at war for generations, locked in an endless battle over an ancient, lost treasure. A secret movement called the Talons of Peace is determined to bring an end to the fighting, with the help of a prophecy--a foretelling that calls for great sacrifice. Five dragonets are collected to fulfill the prophecy, raised in a hidden cave and enlisted, against their will, to end the terrible war. (**Wings of Fire** series, book 1)
- Townsend, Jessica. [Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow](#). (Juvenile Fiction Townsend)
A cursed child destined to die on her eleventh birthday is rescued and whisked away to a secret realm called Nevermoor and given the chance to compete for a place in a prestigious organization called the Wondrous Society.
- Venkatraman, Padma. [The Bridge Home](#). (Juvenile Fiction Venkatraman)
Life is harsh in Chennai's teeming streets, so when runaway sisters Viji and Rukku arrive, their prospects look grim. Fortunately, the girls find shelter--and friendship--on an abandoned bridge. With two homeless boys, Muthi and Arul, the group forms a family of sorts. And while making a living scavenging the city's trash heaps is the pits, the kids find plenty to laugh about and take pride in too.
- Woodson, Jacqueline. [Harbor Me](#). (Juvenile Fiction Woodson)
When six students are chosen to participate in a weekly talk with no adults allowed, they discover that when they're together, it's safe to share the hopes and fears they have to hide from the rest of the world.