

## **Fifth Grade**

### **Around the World in a Hundred Years, Jean Fritz**

This story examines the great wave of European exploration during the fifteenth century which resulted in more accurate maps.

### **Becoming Naomi Leon, Pam Munoz Ryan**

When Naomi's absent mother resurfaces to claim her, Naomi runs away to Mexico with her great-grandmother and younger brother in search of their father.

### **Darth Paper Strikes Back: An Origami Yoda Book, Tom Angleberger**

Harvey, upset when his Darth Paper finger puppet brings humiliation, gets Dwight suspended and requests a new case file to persuade the School Board to reinstate Dwight.

### **Five Brave Explorers, Wade Hudson**

The life stories of five African-American explorers; Esteban Dorantes, Jean Baptiste Pointe DuStable, Matthew A. Henson, Mae Jemison and James Pierce Beckwourth.

### **Followers of the North Star, Susan Lechner & Susan Alman**

This rhyming story explores the history of African-Americans from the early slaves who followed the North Star to freedom, to young blacks today.

### **Follow the Drinking Gourd, Jeanette Winter**

A young slave girl sets off north with her brother and mother, following the star in the Drinking Gourd, or Big Dipper, which points to freedom.

### **Helen Keller, The Story of My Life, Helen Keller**

This autobiography tells of her early life, her relationship with her favorite teacher, and her struggle to overcome the difficulties of being blind and deaf.

### **Indian in the Cupboard, Lynne Reid Banks**

A nine-year-old boy receives a toy Native American, a cupboard, and a little key for his birthday, and embarks on an adventure when the boy comes to life and befriends him.

### **A Light in the Attic, Shel Silverstein**

A humorous collection of poems and drawings

### **The One and Only Ivan, Katherine Applegate**

When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life.

**The Return of the Indian in the Cupboard, Lynne Reid Banks**

Omri tries to see his friend (Little Bear) again, but finds himself in the middle of astonishing and dangerous adventures.

**Rosa Parks, My Story, Rosa Parks**

Parks tells the deliberate choices she made that earned her title of “Mother of the Movement”

**This Time, Temple Wick, Patricia Lee Gauch**

Everyone knows Temple Wick is a most surprising girl, but she exceeds even her own reputation when two Revolutionary soldiers try to steal her beloved horse.

**The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp, Kathi Appelt**

Twelve-year-old Chap Brayburn, ancient Sugar Man, and his raccoon-brother Swamp Scouts Bingo and J'miah try to save Bayou Tourterelle.

