

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.

