

Books for 5th and 6th Graders

Inside is a collection of titles suitable for fifth and sixth graders. Many of the books are part of a series or are written by an author who has created additional titles of note.

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Fiction

Anderson, M.T.

Whales on Stilts (760L)

Lily Gefely suspects her father is working for a mad scientist bent on taking over the world by fitting whales with stilts and laser beam eyes.

Balliet, Blue

Chasing Vermeer (770L)

Puzzles surround two sixth graders, Petra and Calder, who investigate the mystery of a stolen work of art.

Birdsall, Jeanne

The Penderwicks (800L)

The Penderwick sisters spend a summer holiday exploring the grounds of a beautiful estate and making friends with a very interesting boy.

Broach, Elise

Shakespeare's Secret (620L)

Named after a Shakespearean character, Hero uncovers further connections with the famous bard as she solves the mystery of a missing diamond.

Choldenko, Jennifer

Al Capone Does My Shirts (600L)

Moose Flanagan and his family have relocated to Alcatraz Island, where his father has gotten a job.

Colfer, Eoin

Artemis Fowl (600L)

Also Available in Spanish / Disponible también en español. Super-criminal twelve-year-old Artemis Fowl sets in motion a plan to rob the fairy folk of their gold.

Curtis, Christopher Paul

Bud, Not Buddy (950L), **Me llamo Bud, no Buddy** (870L)

It's 1936 and motherless ten-year-old Bud sets out in search of his father, who just might be a famous jazz musician.

DiCamillo, Kate

The Tale of Despereaux (670L), **Despereaux (en español)** (700L)

A thrilling tale of undersized mouse Despereaux Tilling, the princess whom he adores, a poor peasant girl who dreams of royalty, and a rat who loves light and soup.

Funke, Cornelia

The Thief Lord (640L), **El Señor de los Ladrones**

Prosper and Bo are on the run from a cruel aunt and uncle when they meet up with the Thief Lord, leader of a ragged band of Venetian street children.

Gantos, Jack

Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key (970L)

Joey has Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), which means he literally can't sit still. The harder he tries to do right, the worse things turn out.

Gutman, Dan

The Homework Machine (680L)

Members of school work group the "D Squad" exploit the invention of their smartest teammate, a homework-doing machine named Belch.

Hesse, Karen

Out of the Dust, Lejos del polvo

Told in a beautiful free verse form, Billie Jo chronicles the trials of her family during the Great Depression in the Oklahoma dust bowl.

Hiaasen, Carl

Hoot (760L), **S.O.S. la odisea de los búhos**

Roy, the new kid in town, uncovers a mystery and fights to save an endangered group of burrowing owls.

Jacques, Brian

Redwall (800L)

Redwall Abbey has come under the hateful eye of evil rat Cluny the Scourge. Young mouse Matthias vows to locate the legendary sword of Martín the Warrior and save the Abbey.

Kinney, Jeff

Diary of a Wimpy Kid (950L), **Diario de Greg: un renacuajo**

Greg Heffley is starting middle school, trying to achieve status and avoid the Cheese Touch.

Konigsburg, E. L.

The View from Saturday (870L)

Four students recount their distinct histories and what brought them to the best Academic Bowl Team in the history of Epiphany Middle School.

L'Engle, Madeleine

A Wrinkle in Time (740L), **Una arruga en el tiempo** (740L)

Meg Murray, her brother Charles Wallace, and their friend Calvin travel through time, match wits with forces of evil, and attempt to save Meg's scientist father.

Lord, Cynthia

Rules (780L)

Catherine deals with her brother David's autism by constructing rules for his behavior. Two new "friends" shake up her idea of what it means to be normal.

Lowry, Lois

Gossamer (660L)

Littlest one is learning to bestow dreams. An old woman who takes in an angry foster child poses problems when they draw the interest of the nightmare-giving Sinisteeds.

O'Brien, Robert C.

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH (790L) **La señora Frisby y las ratas de NIMH** (800L)

Mrs. Frisby's son Timothy lays deathly ill and his only hope for recovery requires the help of the rats who live under farmer Fitzgibbon's rose bush.

Paulsen, Gary

Hatchet (1020L), **El hacha** (1130L)

After crash landing a Cessna plane into the back country of Canada, Brian is forced to fight for his survival with little but a hatchet for company.

Raskin, Ellen

The Westing Game (750L)

The sixteen heirs of Samuel W. Westing are called upon to solve the mystery of Westing's demise and win his \$200 million fortune.

Sachar, Louis

Holes (660L), **Hoyos**

Stanley Yelnats has been sent to a brutal detention center for a crime he didn't commit. He spends his days digging holes and suffering under an ancestral curse.

Spinelli, Jerry

Maniac Magee (820L)

After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee gains renown for his athletic feats as he runs his way through a racially divided small town.

Steward, Trenton Lee

The Mysterious Benedict Society (890L) **La misteriosa Sociedad Benedict**

Four gifted children are drafted to infiltrate a mad scientist's school and stop his plans for world domination.

Nonfiction

Buchanan, Andrea

The Daring Book for Girls, El libro aventurado para las chicas

From the handclap games and cootie catchers to famous women, there is something daring for every girl.

Iggulden, Conn and Hal Iggulden

The Dangerous Book for Boys, El libro peligroso para los chicos

A packed how-to for the aspiring boy, includes everything from treehouse construction to the Navajo code talkers' dictionary.

Macaulay, David

The Way We Work

The human body is made up of many complex parts, all explored in great, visual detail.

Thimmesch, Catherine

Team Moon: How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon (1060L)

Putting a man on the Moon was an effort of many dedicated people. This true account builds the back story of the first Moon landing.

