

5th grade Summer Reading List 2021-2022

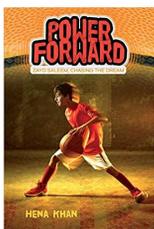
Students are expected to read at least three books this summer, but they don't have to be from this list. The following books are meant to be light and fun reading for the summer. There are a variety of reading levels so be sure to "look inside" the books on the Amazon links.

Student Assignment: Please try to read throughout the summer instead of waiting until the last minute. As you finish a book, go to the following link and create a post with your thoughts about it. How would you rate it? Would you recommend it to your classmates? What did you like or dislike about it? Did you make any connections? Be sure to read others' posts as well to get recommendations! I'll be posting too!!

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Fiction:



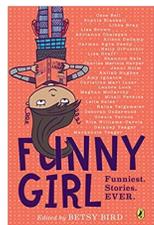
[Power Forward](#) (series) by Hena Kahn

Summer is the perfect time to get hooked on a new sports fiction series. This introduction to the Chasing the Dream series introduces Zayd Saleem, a likable fourth grader who's also a basketball fanatic.



[Trapped in a Video Game](#) (series) by Dustin Brady

An unknown villain imprisons Jessie in his least favorite activity—a video game. And if he can't figure out how to beat this mysterious culprit, he'll be stuck in the virtual world. Love Jessie? There's a whole series about him!



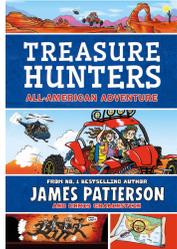
[Funny Girl: Funniest. Stories. Ever.](#) edited by Betsy Bird

What do you get when 25 of today's funniest women children's book writers combine their stories together in one book? A hilarious collection that will make you laugh until you cry! Bonus: A portion of the proceeds from this book goes to support WriteGirl, a nonprofit whose mission is to empower girls by promoting creativity and self-expression.



[Get a Grip, Vivy Cohen](#) by Sarah Kapit

Vivy Cohen has wanted to be a baseball pitcher ever since she met pro ballplayer VJ Capello. But things aren't so simple for Vivy: she has autism, and her mom says she can't play baseball because she's a girl. That doesn't stop Vivy from being invited to join a Little League team. And when Vivy writes a letter to VJ, she's surprised to get a reply.



[Treasure Hunters](#) (series) by James Patterson

The Kidd siblings have grown up diving down to shipwrecks and travelling the world, helping their famous parents recover everything from swords to gold doubloons from the bottom of the ocean. But after their parents disappear on the job, the kids are suddenly thrust into the biggest treasure hunt of their lives.



[Turtle in Paradise](#) by Jennifer L. Holm and Savanna Ganucheau

The bestselling and Newbery Honor-winning novel is now a graphic novel! Eleven-year-old Turtle knows that the world isn't perfect. In 1935, things like money and dreams are hard to come by. When her mother sends her to stay with relatives in Key West, she doesn't know what to expect. After a rough start, Turtle gradually gets to know her energetic cousins and their friends. (Students can also read the novel.)



[Kiki Kallira Breaks a Kingdom](#) by Sangu Mandanna

Drawing has always calmed Kiki's anxiety. Her sketchbook brims with sketches of mythological creatures and Indian legends. But when Kiki's drawings come to life, she gets trapped in the world that previously only existed in her sketchbook. Now, faced with an evil god determined to destroy the world, it's up to Kiki, her pencil, and some new friends to save it.



[Rain Reign](#) by Ann M. Martin

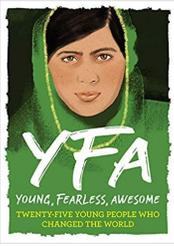
Rose Howard is obsessed with homonyms. She's thrilled that her own name is a homonym, and she purposely gave her dog Rain a name with two homonyms (Reign, Rein), which, according to Rose's rules of homonyms, is very special.



[The Magician's Elephant](#) by Kate DiCamillo

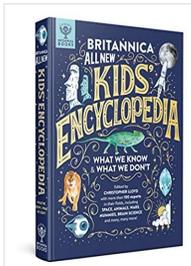
When a fortuneteller's tent appears in the market square of the city of Baltese, orphan Peter Augustus Duchene knows the questions that he needs to ask: Does his sister still live? And if so, how can he find her? The fortuneteller's mysterious answer (an elephant! An elephant will lead him there!) sets off a chain of events so remarkable, so impossible, that you will hardly dare to believe it's true.

Nonfiction:



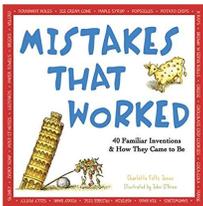
[Young, Fearless, Awesome: 25 Young People Who Changed the World](#) by Stella Caldwell

Meet 25 young people who changed the world! Learn about some of the most gifted and brave young people on the planet and the great things they achieved. From musical geniuses to environmental activists, *Young, Fearless, Awesome* is packed with inspiring tales of passion and courage. It features modern-day activists including Greta Thunberg, Felix Finkbeiner and Emma González, plus a selection of inspirational heroes from recent history, such as Anne Frank and Claudette Colvin. These amazing youths stood up for what they believed in, spoke out against injustice, and overcame huge obstacles to make a change.



[Britannica All New Kids' Encyclopedia: What We Know & What We Don't](#) by Britannica Group

With more than 100 expert consultants from around the world, and over 1000 images, including specially commissioned illustrations and stunning photography, this single-volume encyclopedia for kids takes Britannica's reputation for authentic, trustworthy information and brings it to a whole new audience.



[Mistakes That Worked: 40 Familiar Inventions & How They Came to Be](#) by Charlotte Foltz Jones

SANDWICHES came about when an English earl was too busy gambling to eat his meal and needed to keep one hand free. POTATO CHIPS were first cooked by a chef who was furious when a customer complained that his fried potatoes weren't thin enough. Coca-Cola, Silly Putty, and X rays have fascinating stories behind them too! Their unusual tales, and many more, along with hilarious cartoons and weird, amazing facts, make up this fun-filled book about everyday items that had surprisingly haphazard beginnings.



[The Challenging Riddle Book for Kids: Fun Brain-Busters for Ages 9-12](#) by Danielle Hall

Riddle me this—can you solve these super hard word puzzles? You sure can! Featuring nearly 200 brain benders, this riddle book for kids ages 9-12 is the ultimate option for clever children who love thinking outside the box.