



## Rising 5th Grade Summer Reading

### **3 BOOKS (1 required and 2 free choice)**

Please choose books that have not been previously read.

### **REQUIRED: Robin Hood (Dover Children's Evergreen Classics)**

**Please make sure to get this particular version.**

**ISBN-10: 0486410218 or ISBN-13: 978-0486410210**

Since most children of this age can read the majority of grade-level books for themselves, the following list will include a majority of independent reads, though there are a few that can be chosen as family read alouds, as [research](#) has proven that reading aloud into adulthood has a beneficial effect. Keep in mind that a Listening Vocabulary is almost always much higher than a Reading Vocabulary. Thus, you can read aloud a book that is above current school reading level, and most children will be able to understand it. After reading a short passage (and reading the illustrations as well), we suggest that you informally ask your child to tell back what he or she has heard, in order to improve comprehension, sequencing, synthesis, concentration, and enjoyment. Picture narrations are also a fun way to enliven the story while increasing comprehension.

The following is not an exhaustive list, but rather some of our particular favorites! There are obviously many more good books that are available. If you seek advice from a librarian, note that the terminology most librarians will best understand is "classic literature," which for our purposes we call "[living](#)" books. Remember that, with regard to all book suggestions, it is always your responsibility as the parent to assess a book's suitability for you and your family.

We have included books which employ fantastical themes, due to the fact that we encourage children to enjoy the proper use of the imagination. This is an important aspect of development, and one in which parents are urged to give their child guidance. That is, your child will be looking to you to help define the lines of fantasy versus reality and the proper guidelines therein.

If a title is not in your local library, you may want to check used bookstores, both [physical](#) and [virtual](#). A great summer activity is to visit some of the physical bookstores in your area and see what they have to offer. A must-see is The Story Shop in Monroe, Georgia! Do not neglect the [power](#) of [audiobooks](#), as they are great opportunities for everyone to listen and bond as a family. They can also help with books set in a different locale, as the narrators are often from that particular culture. Enjoy!

On the sheet enclosed, please keep track of the books your child reads or those that you have read to him or her this summer. You will give this record to your child's teacher at the beginning of school. If you like to purchase books, consider [thriftbooks.com](#)!

### Other Reading Lists:

[goodandbeautiful.com/summer-reading/](http://goodandbeautiful.com/summer-reading/)

(You can sign up for an account (no cost to you at all) and access their Summer Reading 2024 -or-

[goodandbeautifulbooklist.com/my-book-list/](http://goodandbeautifulbooklist.com/my-book-list/)

Click on "My Book List" after choosing your parameters (age, interest, etc.). After your list populates, select the pink button (Download and Print List)

<https://readaloudrevival.com/booklist/boys-8-12/>

<https://readaloudrevival.com/booklist/girls-8-12/>

Don't forget audiobooks!

<https://readaloudrevival.com/booklist/audiobooks-8-12/> (See links for additional audiobooks above )

<https://heritagemom.com/heritage-mom-book-recommendations/>

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## Summer Reading List for Rising 5th Grade Students

Aylward, Gladys  
Babbitt, Natalie  
Banks, Lynne Reid  
Barrie, J.M.  
Blos, Joan  
Brady, Esther Wood  
Brink, Carol Ryrie  
Burnett, Frances Hodgson  
Byars, Betsy  
Caselli, Giovanni  
Coerr, Eleanor  
Cousins, Margaret  
Dahl, Ronald

Dixon, Franklin  
Dodge, Mary Mapes  
Eager, Edward  
Edmonds, Walter  
Enright, Elizabeth  
Estes, Eleanor  
Farley, Walter  
Fox, Paula  
George, Jean Craig  
Graham, Kenneth  
Guy, John  
Henry, Marguerite  
Hook, Jason  
Juster, Norton  
Keene, Carolyn  
Knight, David  
Knight, Eric  
Krensky, Stephen

***Gladys Aylward: The Little Woman***  
***Tuck Everlasting***  
***The Indian in the Cupboard***  
***Peter Pan***  
***A Gathering of Days***  
***Toliver's Secret***  
***Caddie Woodlawn***  
***The Secret Garden, Little Lord Fauntleroy, The Little Princess***  
***Summer of the Swans***  
***The Middle Ages: History of Everyday Things***  
***Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes***  
***The Story of Thomas Alva Edison***  
***Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, The BFG, The Fantastic Mr. Fox and others***  
***Hunting for Hidden Gold***  
***Hans Brinker, or The Silver Skates***  
***Half Magic, Magic by the Lake (and many others)***  
***The Matchlock Gun***  
***Then There Were Five, The Saturdays, The Four Story Mistake***  
***The Moffats***  
***The Black Stallion***  
***A Likely Place***  
***The Cry of the Crow, My Side of the Mountain and other titles***  
***The Wind and the Willows***  
***Viking Life***  
***King of the Wind and other titles***  
***The Vikings***  
***The Phantom Tollbooth***  
***The Secret of the Old Clock (and other Nancy Drew mysteries)***  
***Isaac Newton: Mastermind of Modern Science***  
***Lassie Come Home***  
***Conqueror and Hero: The Search for Alexander***

Latham, Jean Lee  
Lasker, David  
Lewis, C.S.  
Lindgren, Astrid Eri  
Lofting, Hugh  
MacDonald, George  
Margeson, Susan M.  
McGovern, Ann  
Morey, Walk  
Morley, Jacqueline  
Nesbit, Edith  
Neuschwander, Cindy  
Norton, Mary  
O'Brien, Robert  
O'Dell, Scott  
Paulsen, Gary  
Peet, Bill  
Porter, Eleanor  
Pyle, Howard  
Quakenbush, Robert  
Reit, Seymour  
Roddy, Lee  
St. John, Patricia  
Sharp, Margery  
Sidney, Margaret  
Spear, Elizabeth  
Sperry, Armstrong  
Steig, William  
Sobol, Donald J.  
Wiggin, Kate Douglas  
Wilde, Oscar

*Carry On, Mr. Bowditch*  
*The Boy Who Loved Music: A Biography about Franz Joseph Haydn*  
*The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe, The Last Battle and other titles*  
*Pippi Longstocking*  
*Voyages of Dr. Doolittle*  
*The Princess and Curdie, At the Back of the North Wind*  
*Viking*  
*Wanted Dead or Alive: The True Story of Harriet Tubman*  
*Gentle Ben*  
*How Would You Survive as a Viking?*  
*The Railway Children, Five Children and It*  
*Sir Cumference and the First Round Table (first in a series)*  
*The Borrowers*  
*Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh*  
*Island of the Blue Dolphin*  
*Hatchet (and others)*  
*Bill Peet: An Autobiography*  
*Pollyanna*  
*The Arabian Nights*  
*Ahoy! Ahoy! Are you There? A story of Alexander Graham Bell*  
*Guns for General Washington: A Story of the American Revolution*  
*The Secret of the Howling Case, America Adventure Series books*  
*The Tanglewoods' Secret, Star Light and other titles*  
*The Rescuers*  
*Five Little Peppers and the sequels*  
*Calico Captive, The Bronze Bow*  
*Call It Courage*  
*Abel's Island*  
*Encyclopedia Brown: Boy Detective*  
*Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm*  
*The Happy Prince*