



# SUMMER READING

5th and 6th Grade – Summer 2022

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## *For rising fifth graders, the required reading is:*

- *Save Me a Seat* by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan
- TWO choice books from the independent reading list.

## *For rising sixth graders, the required reading is:*

- *Hoodoo* by Ronald L. Smith
  - TWO choice books from the independent reading list
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## **Non-Fiction**

*Who Got Game?: Baseball: Amazing But True Stories* by Derrick Barnes

*This Is Your Time* by Ruby Bridges

*The Poison Eaters : Fighting Danger and Fraud in Our Food and Drugs* by Gail Jarrow

(+) *The Mayflower (History Smashers)* by Kate Messner, illustrated by Dylan Meconis

*Strange Nature: The Insect Portraits of Leon Bliss* by Gregory Mone

*William Still and His Freedom Stories: The Father of the Underground Railroad* by Don Tate

(+) *If a Tree Falls: The Global Impact of Deforestation (Orca Currents)* by Nikki Tate

*Genius Under the Table: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain* by Eugene Yelchin

## **Ancient World & Mythology**

(+) *The Iliad* by Gillian Cross, illustrated by Neil Packer

*Lugalbanda: The Boy Who Got Caught Up in a War* by Kathy Henderson, illustrated by Jane Ray

*The Magical Monkey King: Mischievous in Heaven* by Ji-Li Jiang, illustrated by Hui Hui Su-Kennedy

(+) *Treasury of Egyptian Mythology* by Donna Jo Napoli, illustrated by Christina Balit

(+) *Mark of the Thief* by Jennifer Nielsen

*Dreamtime: Aboriginal Stories* by Oodgeroo, illustrated by Bronwyn Bancroft

*Dragonfly Song* by Wendy Orr

*Aesop's Fables* by Jerry Pinkney

*Prince of Fire: The Story of Diwali* by Jatinder Nath Verma, illustrated by Nilesh Mistry

## **Historical Fiction**

*Ahimsa* by Supriya Kelkar

*War Stories* by Gordon Korman

*Brother's Keeper* by Julie Lee

*Indian No More* by Charlene Willing McManis

*Becoming Muhammad Ali* by James Patterson and Kwame Alexander, illustrated by Dawud Anyabwile

*Prairie Lotus* by Linda Sue Park

*My Year in the Middle* by Lila Quintero Weaver

*Echo Mountain* by Lauren Wolk

*Before the Ever After* by Jacqueline Woodson

## **Realistic Fiction**

*Once Upon an Eid* edited by S.K. Ali and Aisha Saeed

*Isaiah Dunn Is My Hero* by Kelly J. Baptist

*Rez Dogs* by Joseph Bruchac

*The Boys in the Back Row* by Mike Jung

*From the Desk of Zoe Washington* by Janae Marks

(+) *Merci Suárez Changes Gears* by Meg Medina

(+) *Accidental Trouble Magnet* by Zanib Mian, illustrated by Nasaya Mafaridik

*How to Win a Slime War* by Mae Respicio

*Look Both Ways* by Jason Reynolds

*Land of the Cranes* by Aida Salazar

*Pay Attention, Carter Jones* by Gary D. Schmidt

(+) *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang

## **Adventure, Survival and Sports**

*A High Five for Glenn Burke* by Phil Bildner

*Final Season* by Tim Green

*Jayla Jumps In* by Joy Jones

(+) *Power Forward* by Hena Khan

*A Wolf Called Wander* by Roseanne Parry, illustrated by Mónica Armijo

*Wildfire* by Rodman Philbrick

*Mananaland* by Pam Munoz Ryan

*Ana on the Edge* by A.J. Sass

*Takedown* by Laura Shovan

## **Horror, Mystery and Suspense**

(+) *Small Spaces* by Katherine Arden

*Trace* by Pat Cummings

(+) *Kazu Jones and the Denver Dognappers* by Shauna M. Holyoak

*The Parker Inheritance* by Varian Johnson

*Too Bright to See* by Kyle Lukoff

*Don't Turn Out the Lights: A Tribute to Alvin Schwartz's Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark* edited by Jonathan Maberry

*The Owls Have Come to Take Us Away* by Ronald L. Smith

*Me and Sam-Sam Handle the Apocalypse* by Susan Vaught

## **Fantasy**

*Samira & Hamza: The War to Save the Worlds* by Samira Ahmed

(+) *Amari and the Night Brothers* by B.B. Alston

*The Magic in Changing Your Stars* by Leah Henderson

(+) *Girl Giant and the Monkey King* by Van Hoang

*When You Trap a Tiger* by Tae Keller

*Ikenga* by Nnedi Okorafor

(+) *The Dactyl Hill Squad* by Daniel Jose Older

(+) *Forest of Wonders* by Linda Sue Park, illustrated by James Madsen

(+) *Anya and the Dragon* by Sofiya Pasternack, illustrated by Celeste Knudsen

(+) *Kingston and the Magician's Lost and Found* by Moses Rucker and Theo Gangi

## **Science Fiction**

*Maya and the Robot* by Eve L. Ewing, illustrated by Christina Almeda

(+) *The Last Last-Day-of-Summer* by Lamar Giles, illustrated by Dapo Adeola

(+) *Sal and Gabi Break the Universe* by Carlos Hernandez

(+) *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle

(+) *Tiger Honor* by Yoon Ha Lee, illustrated by Vivienne To

*We're Not From Here* by Geoff Rodkey

*Leonard (My Life as a Cat)* by Carly Sorosiak

(+) *Horizon* by Scott Westerfeld