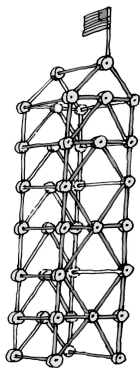


# 2023 4TH-5TH GRADE SUMMER READING LIST

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The titles selected for this recommended summer reading list were chosen specifically for those students leaving grades 4 and 5. Titles included are just a sampling of the books you may enjoy reading during this

summer. Many of the authors on this list have written more than one book. Check out some of these titles, too!

## FLASH TO THE PAST

*Born on the Water* by Hannah-Jones, Nikole

*Brother's Keeper* by Lee, Julie

*Choosing Brave: How Mamie Till-Mobley and Emmett Till Sparked the Civil Rights Movement* by Joy, Angela

*Code Breaker, Spy Hunter: How Elizebeth Friedman Changed the Course of Two World Wars* by Wallmark, Laurie

*Freewater* by Luqman-Dawson, Amina

*Girls Survive (series)* by various authors

*If You Traveled on the Underground Railroad* by Wilkins, Ebony Joy

*Letters From Cuba* by Behar, Ruth

*The Star That Always Stays* by Johnson, Anna Rose

*We Dream of Space* by Kelly, Erin Entrada

## GRAPHIC NOVELS

*Escape at 10,000 Feet: D. B. Cooper and the Missing Money* by Sullivan, Tom

*Kodi* by Cullum, Jared

*The Secret Garden* by Marsden, Mariah

*Your Pal Fred* by Rex, Michael

## COURAGEOUS CHARACTERS

*A Duet for Home* by Glaser, Karina Yan

*A Rover's Story* by Warga, Jasmine

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

*Barakah Beats* by Siddiqui, Maleeha

*Bee Fearless: Dream Like a Kid* by Ulmer, Mikaila

*Buzzing with Questions: The Inquisitive Mind of Charles*

*Henry Turner* by Harrington, Janice N.

*Dumpling Days* by Lin, Grace

*Gordon Parks: How the Photographer Captured Black and White America* by Weatherford, Carole Boston

*H is for Harlem* by Johnson, Dinah

*How to Become an Accidental Entrepreneur* by MacLeod, Elizabeth

*In the Beautiful Country* by Kuo, Jane

*Jennifer Chan is Not Alone* by Keller, Tae

*Land of the Cranes* by Salazar, Aida

*Lindbergh: The Tale of a Flying Mouse* by Kuhlmann, Torben

*Max & The Midnights* by Peirce, Lincoln

*Mesmerized: How Ben Franklin Solved a Mystery that Baffled All of France* by Rockliff, Mara

*No Boundaries: 25 Women Explorers and Scientists Share Adventures, Inspiration, and Advice* by Fieseler, Clare

*That Thing About Bollywood* by Kelkar, Supriya

*The Last Cuentista* by Higuera, Donna Barba

*The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise* by Gemeinhart, Dan

*This is Our Rainbow: 16 Stories of Her, Him, Them, and Us* by Melleby, Nicole & Sass, A.J.

*Tumble* by Perez, Celia C.



## SPINE-TINGLERS & HAIR-RAISERS



*History Smashers: Plagues and Pandemics* by  
Messner, Kate  
*How They Croaked: The Awful Ends of the Awfully  
Famous* by Bragg, Georgia  
*Living Ghosts & Mischievous Monsters: Chilling  
American Indian Stories* by Jones, Dan  
*Monstrous: The Lore, Gore, and Science Behind  
Your Favorite Monsters* by Beccia, Carlyn  
*Spirit Hunters* by Oh, Ellen  
*The Girl in the Lake* by Brown, India Hill  
*The Thirteenth Cat* by Hahn, Mary Downing

## NUMBER CRUNCHING

*Cardboard Box Engineering: Cool, Inventive  
Projects for Tinkerers, Makers & Future Scientists*  
by Adolph, Jonathan  
*Concrete: From the Ground Up* by Theule, Larissa  
*Disasters by the Numbers: A Book of Infographics*  
by Jenkins, Steve  
*Infinity: Figuring Out Forever* by Campbell, Sarah C.  
*It's a Numbers Game: Basketball* by Buckley, James  
*Killer Underwear Invasion: How to Spot Fake News,  
Disinformation & Conspiracy Theories* by Gravel,  
Elise  
*Playing the Cards You're Dealt* by Johnson, Varian  
*Super Good Cookies for Kids* by Goldman, Duff  
*The Big, Fun Kids Baking Book* by various authors



## HOCUS-POCUS & PIZZAZZ

*Amari and the Night Brothers* by Alston, B. B.  
*Cameron Battle and the Hidden Kingdoms* by Perry,  
Jamar J.  
*Delphine and the Dark Thread* by Moon, Alyssa  
*Etta Invincible* by Eschmann, Reese  
*Freddie vs. the Family Curse* by Badua, Tracy  
*Lia Park and the Missing Jewel* by Yoon, Jenna  
*Mapmaker* by Ramee, Lisa Moore  
*Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun* by Okogwu, Tola  
*Shinji Takahashi and the Mark of the Coatl* by Kagawa  
Julie  
*The Marvellers* by Clayton, Dhonielle  
*The Year I Flew Away* by Arnold, Marie  
*Willa of Dark Hollow* by Beatty, Robert  
*Winnie Zeng Unleashes a Legend* by Zhao, Katie  
*Witchlings* by Ortega, Claribel A

## NUTS ABOUT NATURE

*Full of Life: Exploring Earth's Biodiversity* by  
Thomas, Isabel  
*Monarch Butterflies* by Hobbie, Ann  
*Orangutan Hats and Other Tools Animals Use* by  
Haynes, Richard  
*Packing for Mars for Kids* by Roach, Mary  
*Rewilding: Bringing Wildlife Back Where it Belongs*  
by Steen, David  
*The Universe in You: A Microscopic Journey* by  
Chin, Jason  
*Unstoppable Us: How Humans Took Over the World*  
by Harari, Yuval N.  
*Wilds of the United States: The Animals' Survival  
Field Guide* by Vidal, Alexander