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!

**Dragons**
- *The Dragon with a Chocolate Heart* by Stephanie Burgis
- *The Fire Within* by Chris D'Lacey
- *The Serpent’s Secret* by Sayantani Dasgupta
- *The Griffin’s Feather* by Cornelia Funke
- *Igraine the Brave* by Cornelia Funke
- *The Tea Dragon Society* by Katie O'Neill
- *A Dragon's Guide to the Care and Feeding of Humans* by Laurence Yep

**Exploring Science**
- *Spit: What’s Cool About Drool* by Mary Batten
- *Pie in the Sky* by Remy Lai
- *30 Minute Edible Science Projects* by Anna Leigh
- *Two Truths and a Lie: It’s Alive* by Ammi-Joan Paquette and Laurie Anne Thompson
- *The Plant Planet* by Jon Scieszka
- *Extraordinary Birds* by Sandy Stark-McGinnis
- *Backyard Astronomy Experiments* by Alix Wood
- *My Life as an Ice Cream Sandwich* by Ibi Zoboi

**Inspire**
- *The Undefeated* by Kwame Alexander
- *This Promise of Change: One Girl’s Story in the Fight for School Equality* by Jo Ann Allen Boyce
- *Record Breakers! More than 500 Fantastic Feats* by DK
- *Ruby in the Sky* by Jeanne Zulick Ferruolo
- *Reach for the Skai: How to Inspire, Empower and Clapback* by Skai Jackson
- *More to the Story* by Hena Khan
- *Who Did it First?* by Julie Leung
- *Wish on all the Stars* by Lisa Schroeder
- *Just Like Jackie* by Lindsey Stoddard
- *Share Your Smile: Raina’s Guide to Telling Your Own Story* by Raina Telgemeier
- *Children’s Book of Philosophy: An Introduction to the World's Great Thinkers and their Big Ideas* by Sarah Tomley

**Let’s Go on an Adventure**
- *True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp* by Kathi Appelt
- *The Last* by Katherine Applegate
- *Camp Average* by Craig Battle
- *From the Notebooks of a Middle School Princess* by Meg Cabot
- *Carter Reads the Newspaper* by Deborah Hopkinson
- *Rescuing Rialto* by Lynda Mapes
- *125 Animals that Changed the World* by National Geographic Kids
- *Book of the Dead* by Michael Northrop
- *Around the World in 50 Ways* by Daniel Smith
- *Camp Panda* by Catherine Thimmesh
- *Some Places More Than Others* by Renee Watson

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Marvelous Mysteries

- History’s Mysteries: Legends and Lore by Anna Claybourne
- A Box of Bones by Marina Cohen
- Solve This!: Wild and Wacky Challenges for the Genius Engineer in You by Joan Marie Galat
- Closed for the Season by Mary Downing Hahn
- Sherlock Holmes and the Disappearing Diamond by Sam Hearn
- Archer’s Quest by Linda Sue Park
- Make This!: Building, Thinking, and Tinkering Projects for the Amazing Maker in You by Ella Schwartz
- Can You Crack the Code?: A Fascinating History of Ciphers and Cryptography by Ella Schwartz.

Mystical Mythology

- The Last Kids on Earth by Max Brallier
- Momotaro: Xander and the Lost Island of Monsters by Margaret Dilloway
- Who Let the Gods Out by Maz Evans
- Weird But True! Know-it-all: Greek Mythology by Sarah Wassner Flynn
- Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky by Kwame Mbalia
- Get Lost, Odysseus by Kate McMullen
- Pip Bartlett’s Guide to Magical Creatures by Jackson Pearce and Maggie Stiefvater
- Odd Gods by David Slavin
- Chicken of Thor by Paul Tillery and Meg Wittwer

Mythical Creatures

- Magnificent Magical Beasts: Inside their Secret World by Simon Holland
- Murderous Mythical Creatures You Wouldn’t Want to Meet! by Fiona Macdonald
- Aquicorn Cove by Katie O’Neill
- Giants, Trolls, Witches, Beasts: Ten Tales from the Deep, Dark Woods by Craig Phillips
- Jellaby: Monster in the City by Kean Soo

Reading Royalty

- The Big Book of Bling: Ritzy Rocks, Extravagant Animals, Sparkling Science, and More! by Rose Davidson
- Cucumber Quest 1: The Doughnut Kingdom by D.G. Gigi
- Charmed I’m Sure by Sarah Darer Littman
- Whatever After series by Sarah Mlynowski
- Bad Princess: True Tales from Behind the Tiara by Kris Waldherr

Terrific Tales

- The House With Chicken Legs by Sophie Anderson
- Wicked Nix by Lena Coakley
- The Girl Who Could Not Dream by Sarah Beth Durst
- Mighty Jack by Ben Hatke
- A Year Full of Stories: 52 Folktales and Legends From Around the World by Angela McAllister
- Straw Into Gold: Fairy Tales Re-Spun by Hilary McKay
- A Sprinkle of Spirits by Anna Meriano
- American Tall Tales by Mary Pope Osborne