







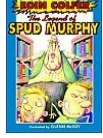
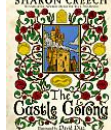
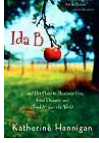


# GREAT READS FOR FOURTH & FIFTH GRADERS

	<p><b>Anderson, M. T. <i>Whales on Stilts</i> (JFIC ANDERSON)</b></p> <p>Racing against the clock, shy middle-school student Lily and her best friends, Katie and Jasper, must foil the plot of her father's conniving boss to conquer the world using an army of whales.</p>
	<p><b>Applegate, Katherine. <i>Home of the Brave</i> (JFIC APPEGATE)</b></p> <p>Kek, an African refugee, is confronted by many strange things at the Minneapolis home of his aunt and cousin, as well as in his fifth-grade classroom, and longs for his missing mother, but finds comfort in the company of a cow and her owner.</p>
	<p><b>Armstrong, Alan. <i>Whittington</i> (JFIC ARMSTRONG)</b></p> <p>Whittington, a feline descendant of Dick Whittington's famous cat of English folklore, appears at a rundown barnyard plagued by rats and restores harmony while telling his ancestor's story.</p>
	<p><b>Avi. <i>Strange Happenings: Five Tales of Transformation</i> (JFIC AVI)</b></p> <p>Five original stories where strange changes occur, from a boy and a cat changing places and a young man learning the price of selfishness to an invisible princess finding herself.</p>
	<p><b>Avi. <i>The Good Dog</i> (JFIC AVI)</b></p> <p>McKinley, a malamute, is torn between the domestic world of his human family and the wild world of Lupin, a wolf that is trying to recruit dogs to replenish the dwindling wolf pack.</p>
	<p><b>Baker, E. D. <i>Frog Princess</i> (JFIC BAKER)</b></p> <p>After reluctantly kissing a frog, an awkward, fourteen-year-old princess suddenly finds herself a frog, too, and sets off with the prince to seek the means--and the self-confidence--to become human again.</p>
	<p><b>Berkeley, Jon. <i>The Palace of Laughter</i> (JFIC BERKELEY)</b></p> <p>Orphaned eleven-year-old Miles Wednesday and his companion, a Song Angel named Little, are helped by a talking tiger as they set off to find a missing Storm Angel and Miles's beloved stuffed bear, ending up in a peculiar circus where the audience cannot stop laughing.</p>
	<p><b>Bernstein, Nina. <i>Magic by the Book</i> (JFIC BERNSTEIN)</b></p> <p>After returning from a trip to the library, eleven-year-old Anne and her younger brother and sister discover a magic book which sends them on adventures in which they meet Robin Hood, giant bugs, and a dark, sinister man with a wolfish face.</p>
	<p><b>Berry, Dave. <i>Peter and the Secret of Rundoon</i> (JFIC BERRY)</b></p> <p>Fearing that the sinister Lord Ombra was not destroyed, Peter and Molly travel to the land of Rundoon, which is ruled by the evil King Zarboff</p>
	<p><b>Birdsall, Jeanne. <i>The Penderwicks</i> (JFIC BIRDSALL)</b></p> <p>While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters, ages four through twelve, share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother.</p>

	<p><b>Birney, Betty. <i>The Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs</i> (JFIC BIRNEY)</b></p> <p>Eben McAllister searches his small town to see if he can find anything comparable to the real Seven Wonders of the World.</p>
	<p><b>Blume, Judy. <i>Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing</i> (JFIC BLUME)</b></p> <p>Peter finds his demanding two-year-old brother an ever-increasing problem.</p>
	<p><b>Broach, Elise. <i>Shakespeare's Secret</i> (JFIC BROACH)</b></p> <p>Named after a character in a Shakespeare play, misfit sixth grader Hero becomes interested in exploring this unusual connection because of a valuable diamond supposedly hidden in her new house, an intriguing neighbor, and the unexpected attention of the most popular boy in school.</p>
	<p><b>Bruchac, Joseph. <i>Wabi: A Hero's Tale</i> (JFIC BRUCHAC)</b></p> <p>After falling in love with an Abenaki Indian woman, a white great horned owl named Wabi transforms into a human being and has several trials and adventures while learning to adapt to his new life.</p>
	<p><b>Buckley, Michael. <i>The Sisters Grimm, Book One: the Fairy-Tale Detectives</i> (JFIC BUCKLEY)</b></p> <p>Orphans Sabrina and Daphne Grimm are sent to live with an eccentric grandmother that they have always believed to be dead</p>
	<p><b>Byars, Betsy. <i>Summer of the Swans</i> (JFIC BYARS)</b></p> <p>A teenage girl gains new insight into herself and her family when her mentally retarded brother gets lost</p>
	<p><b>Byars, Betsy. <i>Wanted—Mud Blossom</i> (JFIC BYARS)</b></p> <p>Convinced that Mud is responsible for the disappearance of the school hamster that was his responsibility for the weekend, Junior Blossom is determined that the dog should be tried for his "crime."</p>
	<p><b>Clements, Andrew. <i>No Talking</i> (JFIC CLEMENTS)</b></p> <p>The noisy fifth grade boys of Laketon Elementary School challenge the equally loud fifth grade girls to a "no talking" contest</p>
	<p><b>Colfer, Eoin. <i>The Legend of Spud Murphy</i> (JFIC COLFER)</b></p> <p>When their mother starts dropping them off at the library several afternoons a week, nine-year-old William and his brother dread boredom and the overbearing librarian, but they are surprised at how things turn out.</p>
	<p><b>Creech, Sharon. <i>Castle Corona</i> (JFIC CREECH)</b></p> <p>Two orphaned peasant children discover a mysterious pouch, the content of which lead them to the magestic Castle Carona, whwere their lives may be transformed forever.</p>

	<p><b>Curtis, Christopher. <i>Mr. Chickee's Funny Money</i> (JFIC CURTIS)</b></p> <p>Flint Future Detective Club members Steven Carter, his friend Russell, and Russell's dog Zoopy solve the mystery of a quadrillion-dollar bill with the image of James Brown on it.</p>
	<p><b>Dahl, Roald. <i>The BFG</i> (JFIC DAHL)</b></p> <p>Kidsnatched from her orphanage by a BFG (Big Friendly Giant), who spends his life blowing happy dreams to children, Sophie concocts with him a plan to save the world from nine other man-gobbling cannybull giants.</p>
	<p><b>Dicamillo, Kate. <i>Because of Winn-Dixie</i> (JFIC DICAMILLO)</b></p> <p>Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie</p>
	<p><b>DiCamillo, Kate. <i>The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane</i> (JFIC DICAMILLO)</b></p> <p>Edward Tulane, a cold-hearted and proud toy rabbit, loves only himself until he is separated from the little girl who adores him and travels across the country, acquiring new owners and listening to their hopes, dreams, and histories.</p>
	<p><b>Dowell, Frances. <i>Phineas L. Macguire Erupts!</i> (JFIC DOWELL)</b></p> <p>Fourth-grade science whiz Phineas MacGuire is forced to team up with the new boy in class on a science fair project, but the boy's quirky personality causes Phineas to wonder if they have any chance of winning.</p>
	<p><b>Dowell, Francis. <i>Chicken Boy</i> (JFIC DOWELL)</b></p> <p>Since the death of his mother, Tobin's family life and school life have been in disarray, but after he starts raising chickens with his seventh-grade classmate, Henry, everything starts to fall into place.</p>
	<p><b>Funke, Cornelia. <i>Igraine the Brave</i> (JFIC FUNKE)</b></p> <p>The daughter of two magicians, twelve-year-old Igraine wants nothing more than to be a knight; and when their castle is attacked by a treacherous neighbor bent on stealing their singing magic books, Igraine has an opportunity to demonstrate her bravery.</p>
	<p><b>Giff, Patricia. <i>Pictures of Hollis Woods</i> (TEEN GIFF)</b></p> <p>A troublesome twelve-year-old orphan, staying with an elderly artist who needs her, remembers the only other time she was happy in a foster home, with a family that truly seemed to care about her.</p>
	<p><b>Going, K. L. <i>The Liberation of Gabriel King</i> (JFIC GOING)</b></p> <p>Gabriel, a white boy who is being bullied, and Frita, an African-American girl facing prejudice, decide to overcome their many fears together as they enter fifth grade in Georgia in 1976.</p>
	<p><b>Haddix Margaret. <i>Double Identity</i> (TEEN HADDIX)</b></p> <p>Thirteen-year-old Bethany's parents have always been overprotective, but when they suddenly drop out of sight with no explanation, leaving her with an aunt she never knew existed, Bethany uncovers shocking secrets that make her question everything she thought she knew about herself and her family.</p>

	<p><b>Hale, Bruce. <i>The Chameleon Wore Chartreuse</i> (JFIC HALE)</b></p> <p>When hired by a fellow fourth-grader to find her missing brother, Chet Gecko uncovers a plot involving a Gila monster's revenge upon the school football team.</p>
	<p><b>Hannigan, Katherine. <i>Ida B: And Her Plans to Maximize Fun</i> (JFIC HANNIGAN)</b></p> <p>In Wisconsin, fourth grader ida B. spends happy hours being home schooled and playing in her family's apple orchard, until her mother begins treatment for breast cancer and her parents must sell part of the orchard and send her to public school.</p>
	<p><b>Himmelblau, Linda. <i>The Trouble Begins</i> (JFIC HIMELBA)</b></p> <p>Reunited with his family for the first time since he was a baby, fifth grader Du struggles to adapt to his new home in the United States.</p>
	<p><b>Hunter, Erin. <i>Dark River: Book Six - Warrior Series</i> (JFIC HUNTER)</b></p> <p>As Hollypaw, Lionpaw and Jaypaw, grandchildren of the legendary Firestar, continue their training to be warrior cats, each is haunted by a different internal struggle that could lead to trouble for all Clans.</p>
	<p><b>Johnson, Gillian. <i>Thora and the Green Sea-Unicorn</i> (JFIC JOHNSON)</b></p> <p>When an attempt to steal Shirley, a rare sea-unicorn, results in the sinking of their houseboat, ten-year-old Thora, her mermaid mother, and Mr. Walters stay at the estate of old friends and find a solution to the friends' financial troubles, but the would-be thief is still on their trail.</p>
	<p><b>Jonell, Lynne. <i>Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat</i> (JFIC JONELL)</b></p> <p>When Emmy discovers that she and her formerly loving parents are being drugged by their evil nanny with rodent potions that can change people in frightening ways, she and some new friends must try everything possible to return things to normal.</p>
	<p><b>Juster, Norton. <i>The Phantom Tollbooth</i> (JFIC JUSTER)</b></p> <p>Milo travels through a magical tollbooth and begins a journey to the Kingdom of Wisdom, where he and a "watch" dog named Tock try to end the feud between numbers and words.</p>
	<p><b>Kessler, Liz. <i>The Tail of Emily Windsnap</i> (JFIC KESSLER)</b></p> <p>After finally convincing her mother that she should take swimming lessons, twelve-year-old Emily discovers a terrible and wonderful secret about herself that opens up a whole new world.</p>
	<p><b>Korman, Gordon. <i>Swindle</i> (JFIC KORMAN)</b></p> <p>After unscrupulous collector S. Wendell Palamino cons him out of a valuable baseball card, sixth-grader Griffin Bing puts together a band of misfits to break into Palamino's heavily guarded store and steal the card back, planning to use the money to finance his father's failing invention, the Smart Pick fruit picker.</p>
	<p><b>LaFaye, A. <i>Worth</i> (JFIC LAFAYE)</b></p> <p>After breaking his leg, eleven-year-old Nate feels useless because he cannot work on the family farm in nineteenth-century Nebraska, so when his father brings home an orphan boy to help with the chores, Nate feels even worse</p>

	<p><b>Lin, Grace. <i>Year of the Dog</i> (JFIC LIN)</b></p> <p>Frustrated at her seeming lack of talent for anything, a young Taiwanese American girl sets out to apply the lessons of the Chinese Year of the Dog, those of making best friends and finding oneself, to her own life.</p>
	<p><b>Lowry, Lois. <i>Gossamer</i> (JFIC LOWRY)</b></p> <p>While learning to bestow dreams, a young dream giver tries to save an eight-year-old boy from the effects of both his abusive past and the nightmares inflicted on him by the frightening Sinisteeds.</p>
	<p><b>Lubar, David. <i>Punished!</i> (JFIC LUBAR)</b></p> <p>Logan and his friend Benedict are playing tag in the library when a mysterious man punishes him for his disrespect by making him speak only in puns.</p>
	<p><b>McKissak, Patricia. <i>Porch Lies</i> (JFIC MCKISSAK)</b></p> <p>Presents a collection of nine original tales drawn from African American oral tradition that blends history and legend with sly humor, creepy horror, villainous characters, and wild farce.</p>
	<p><b>Napoli, Donna. <i>The King of Mulberry Street</i> (JFIC NAPOLI)</b></p> <p>Dom, a nine-year old stowaway from Naples, Italy, arrives in New York and must learn to survive the perils of street life in the big city.</p>
	<p><b>Patron, Susan. <i>Higher Power of Lucky</i> (JFIC PATRON)</b></p> <p>Fearing that her legal guardian plans to abandon her to return to France, ten-year-old aspiring scientist Lucky Trimble determines to run away while also continuing to seek the Higher Power that will bring stability to her life.</p>
	<p><b>Peck, Richard <i>A Long Way From Chicago</i> (JFIC PECK)</b></p> <p>A boy recounts his annual summer trips to rural Illinois with his sister during the Great Depression to visit their larger-than-life grandmother.</p>
	<p><b>Peck, Richard. <i>On the Wings of Heroes</i> (JFIC PECK)</b></p> <p>A boy in Illinois remembers the homefront years of World War II, especially his two heroes--his brother in the Air Force and his father--who fought in the previous war.</p>
	<p><b>Riordan, Rick. <i>Lightning Thief</i> (JFIC RIORDAN)</b></p> <p>Percy, expelled from six schools for being unable to control his temper, learns the truth from his mother that his father is the Greek god Poseidon, and is sent to Camp Half Blood where he is befriended by a satyr and the demigod daughter of Athena who join him in a journey to the Underworld to retrieve Zeus's lightning bolt and prevent a catastrophic war.</p>
	<p><b>Roy, Jennifer. <i>Yellow Star</i> (JFIC ROY)</b></p> <p>From 1939, when Sylvia is four and a half years old, to 1945 when she has just turned ten, a Jewish girl and her family struggle to survive in Poland's Lodz ghetto during the Nazi occupation.</p>
	<p><b>Ryan, Pam. <i>Becoming Naomi Leon</i> (TEEN RYAN)</b></p> <p>When Naomi's absent mother resurfaces to claim her, Naomi runs away to Mexico with her great-grandmother and younger brother in search of her father.</p>

	<p><b>Schlitz, Laura. <i>A Drowned Maiden's Hair</i> (JFIC SCHLITZ)</b></p> <p>In the early twentieth century, young orphan Maud Flynn hopes to finally be loved when she is adopted by the elderly Hawthorne sisters, but she is instead roped into the family's crooked seance business.</p>
	<p><b>Sherlock, Patti. <i>Letters from Wolfie</i> (JFIC SHERLOCK)</b></p> <p>Certain that he is doing the right thing by donating his dog, Wolfie, to the Army's scout program in Vietnam, thirteen-year-old Mark begins to have second thoughts when the Army refuses to say when and if Wolfie will ever return</p>
	<p><b>Stauffacher, Sue. <i>Harry Sue</i> (JFIC STAUFFACHER)</b></p> <p>Although tough-talking Harry Sue Clotkin would like to start a life of crime in order to be "sent up" and find her incarcerated mother, she must first protect the children at her neglectful grandmother's home day care center and befriend a paralyzed boy.</p>
	<p><b>Van Draanen, Wendelin. <i>Secret Identity</i> (JFIC VAN DRAANEN)</b></p> <p>Fifth-grader Nolan Byrd, tired of being called names by the class bully, has a secret identity—Shredderman</p>
	<p><b>White, E.B. <i>The Trumpet of the Swan</i> (JFIC WHITE)</b></p> <p>A voiceless trumpeter swan named Louis, attempting to win the love of a beautiful swan named Serena, learns to play a trumpet stolen for him by his father, and then finds himself far from his wilderness home when he sets out to become a trumpeter and pay his father back.</p>
	<p><b>Wiles, Debbie. <i>Each Little Bird that Sings</i> (JFIC WILES)</b></p> <p>Comfort Snowberger is well acquainted with death since her family runs the funeral parlor in their small southern town, but even so the ten-year-old is unprepared for the series of heart-wrenching events that begins on the first day of Easter vacation with the sudden death of her beloved great-uncle Edisto.</p>
	<p><b>Yee, Lisa. <i>Stanford Wong Flunks Big-Time</i> (JFIC YEE)</b></p> <p>After flunking sixth-grade English, basketball prodigy Stanford Wong must struggle to pass his summer-school class, keep his failure a secret from his friends, and satisfy his academically demanding father.</p>
<p><b>NONFICTION TITLES</b></p>	
	<p><b>Hesse, Karen. <i>The Cats in Krasinski Square</i> (J940.54 HESSE)</b></p> <p>Two Jewish sister, escapees of the infamous Warsaw ghetto, devise a plan to thwart an attempt by the Gestapo to intercept food bound for starving people behind the dark Wall.</p>
	<p><b>Silverstein, Shel. <i>Runny Babbit</i> (J811 SILVERST)</b></p> <p>A collection of children's poetry about Runny Babbit by author, cartoonist, playwright, and poet Shel Silverstein in which he uses spoonerisms in place of traditional poetic form.</p>