



# Summer Reading List For Students Entering Grade 5

**A Galaxy of Sea Stars** by Jeanne Zulick Ferruolo  
**\*A Rover's Story** by Jasmine Warga  
**Alias Anna** by Susan Hood  
**Amal Unbound** by Aisha Saeed  
**American as Paneer Pie** by Supriya Kelkar  
**\*Anybody Here Seen Frenchie?** by Leslie Connor  
**Aru Shah (series)** by Roshani Chokshi  
**Ban This Book** by Alan Gratz  
**Ben Yokoyama and the Cookie of Doom** by Matthew Swanson & Robbi Behar  
**\*Chester Keene Cracks the Code** by Kekla Magoon  
**City of Ghosts** by Victoria Schwab  
**COG** by Greg Van Eekhout  
**\*Cookies & Milk** by Shawn Amos  
**Crenshaw** by Katherine Applegate  
**Curveball**, by Pablo Cartaya  
**Dangerous Deception** by Peg Kehret  
**Each Spark** by Pablo Cartaya  
**Exquisite: The Poetry and Life of Gwendolyn Brooks** by Suzanne Slade  
**\*Falling Short** by Ernesto Cisneros  
**Fighting Words** by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley  
**Front Desk (series)** by Kelly Yang  
**Get a Grip Vivy Cohen!** by Sarah Kapit  
**Grace Hopper: Queen of Computer Code** by Laurie Wallmark  
**Greetings from Witness Protection!** by Jake Burt  
**Here in the Real World** by Sara Pennypacker  
**How to Talk to your Succulent** by Zoe Persico  
**I Love You, Michael Collins** by Lauren Baratz-Logsted  
**\*Invisible** by Christina Diaz Gonzalez  
**Impossible Creatures** by Katherine Rundell  
**Isle of the Lost** by Melissa de la Cruz  
**Just Like Jackie** by Lindsey Stoddard  
**Katie the Catsitter** by Colleen AF Venable  
**Leonard (My Life as a Cat)** by Carlie Sorosiak  
**Linus & Etta Could Use a Win** by Caroline Huntoon  
**\*Loki: A Bad God's Guide to Being Good** by Louie Stowell  
**Macy McMillan and the Rainbow Goddess** by Shari Green  
**Merci Suarez Plays It Cool** by Meg Medina  
**New Kid** by Jerry Craft  
**Nightbooks** by J.A. White  
**Other Words for Home** by Jasmine Warga  
**Planet Earth is Blue** by Nicole Panteleakos  
**Prairie Lotus** by Linda Sue Park  
**Raising Lumie** by Joan Bauer  
**Restart** by Gordon Korman (2021 Intermediate winner)  
**Sam(ira)'s Worst (Best) Summer** by Nina Hamza  
**Sanity & Tallulah** by Molly Brooks

**Save Me a Seat** by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan  
**Saving Sunshine** by Saadia Faruqi  
**Scratch Scratch** by Lindsay Currie  
**Separate is Never Equal** by Duncan Tonatiuh  
**Show Me a Sign** by Clare Ann LeZotte  
**Singing with Elephants** by Margarita Engle  
**Spy School** (series) by Stuart Gibbs  
**Starry River of the Sky** by Grace Lin  
**Storm Runner** by Roland Smith  
**The Accidental Apprentice** by Amanda Foody  
**The Beast and the Bethany** by Jack Meggitt-Phillips  
**\*The Canyon's Edge** by Dusti Bowling  
**The Forgotten Magic of Zoey Turner** by Erin Stewart  
**The Great Treehouse War** by Lisa Graff  
**The Lion of Mars** by Jennifer L. Holm  
**The Lost Library** by Rebecca Stead and Wendy Mass  
**The Nameless City** by Faith Erin Hicks  
**The Parker Inheritance** by Varian Johnson  
**The Peculiar Incident on Shady Street** by Lindsay Currie  
**The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise** by Dan Gemeinhart  
**The Secret Files of Fairday Morrow (series)** by Jessica Haight & Stephanie Robinson  
**The Unwants** by Lisa McMann  
**The Vanderbeekers (series)** by Karina Yan Glaser  
**The War I Finally Won** by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley  
**The Wild Robot (series)** by Peter Brown  
**Trapped!** by James Ponti  
**Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Universe** by Kwame Mbalia  
**\*Tumble** by Celia C. Perez  
**Unbound: A Novel in Verse** by Ann E. Burg  
**Unplugged** by Gordon Korman  
**Washed Ashore-Making Art from Ocean Plastic** by Kelly Crull  
**Ways to Make Sunshine** by Renee Watson  
**Wayward Creatures** by Dayna Lorentz  
**We're Not From Here** by Geoff Rodkey  
**When Stars Are Scattered** by Victoria Jamieson & Omar Mohamed  
**When You Trap a Tiger** by Tae Keller  
**Wink** by Rob Harrell  
**Wish** by Barbara O'Connor  
**Witches of Brooklyn** by Sophie Escabasse  
 \* 2025 Intermediate Nutmeg Nominee

### **2026 INTERMEDIATE NUTMEG NOMINEES (grades 4-6)**

**Air** by Monica Roe  
**The Carrefour Curse** by Dianne K. Salerni  
**The Dog Knight** by Jeremy Whitley  
**Dogtown** by Katherine Applegate and Gennifer Choldenko  
**Frizzy** by Claribel A. Ortega  
**Grounded** by Aisha Saeed, Huda Al-Marashi, Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow, & S.K. Ali  
**It Found Us** by Lindsay Currie  
**Moongarden** by Michelle A. Barry  
**Speak Up!** by Rebecca Burgess  
**Trex** by Christyne Morrell

