

Suggestions for Grades 5-6

***The Giver* by Lois Lowry.** A young boy chosen to be the Receiver of Memories realizes that his utopian society is not as perfect as it seems. Call No. YA Fic LOWRY

***Wonder* by R.J. Palacio.** Ten-year-old August Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails enduring the taunting and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student. Call No. Juv Fic PALAC

***The Mother-Daughter Book Club* by Heather Vogel Frederick.** When the mothers of four sixth-grade girls with very different personalities pressure them into forming a book club, they find they have much more in common than they could have imagined. Call No. Juv Paperbacks FREDE

***The Humming Room* by Ellen Potter.** Twelve-year-old orphan Roo Fanshaw is sent to live with an uncle she never knew in a largely uninhabited mansion on Cough Rock Island and discovers a wild river boy, an invalid cousin, and the mysteries of a hidden garden. Call No. Juv Fic POTTE

***The Last of the Gullivers* by Carter Crocker.** After orphaned twelve-year-old Michael Pine, who seems headed for trouble, meets old Lem Gulliver, he finds new purpose as protector of the Lilliputians who live in Lem's back garden, even if that means saving them from one another. Call No. Juv Fic CROCK

***Better Nate than Ever* by Tim Federle** Nate has a plan that—with a little luck—will take him from his non-fabulous Pennsylvania town to New York City and into *E.T.: Musical*. Call No. Juv Fic FEDER

***Moon Pie* by Simon Mason.** Eleven year-old Martha tries to keep her family together after her mother's death as her father struggles with alcoholism. Call No. Juv Fic MASON

***The Cabinet of Earths* by Anne Nesbet.** Thirteen-year-old Maya, in Paris with her family for a year, lands in the middle of the mysterious La Societe's quest for immortality when the magical Cabinet of Earths chooses her as its next Keeper, promising to restore her mother's health. Call No. Juv Fic NESBE

***Popular Clone* by M.E. Castle.** Twelve year old Fisher Bas, a science-loving bully magnet, clones himself, only to discover that his double is infinitely cooler than himself. Call No. Juv Fic CASTL

***Glory Be* by Augusta Scattergood.** A Mississippi town in 1964 gets riled when tempers flare at the segregated public pool. Call No. Juv Fic SCATT

***Warriors: Omen of the Stars #6: The Last Hope* (sixth book in the Warriors series) by Erin Hunter.** The future of the Warrior cats hangs in the balance in the thrilling conclusion to the action-packed Omen of the Stars story arc. Call No. Juv Fic HUNTE

***Hound Dog True* by Linda Urban.** Mattie, a shy fifth-grader, wants to hide out at her new school by acting as apprentice to her Uncle Potluck, the custodian, but her plan falls apart when she summons the courage to speak about what matters most and finds a true friend. Call No. Juv Fic URBAN

***The New Kid* by Mavis Jukes.** When almost-nine-year-old Carson Blum and his father move to Northern California, he is worried about adjusting to his new, large, public school and finding friends. Call No. Juv Fic JUKES

***The Rendering: A Cyberskunks Post* by Joel Naftali.** Thirteen-year-old Doug narrates in a series of blog posts (many interrupted by either his best friend, smart girl Jamie, or the artificial intelligence who mothers him, the avatar) how he came to temporarily save the world. Call No. Juv Fic NAFTA

***Bang Goes a Troll* (third book in the Awfully Beastly Business series) by David Sinden.** Rare wild trolls are being smoked out of their caves to be used as game at an evil beast-hunting range, and it's up to Ulf the werewolf and the members of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Beasts (RSPCB) to stop them. Call No. Juv Fic SINDE

***The Outcasts* (first book in the Broth-erband Chronicles series) by John Flanagan.** Skandian outcasts Hal, Stig and others do battle at sea against the Wolves and the Sharks, in the ultimate race across icy waters where not everyone thinks of the competition as play. Call No. Ya Fic FLANAGAN

***Big Nate: In a Class by Himself* by Lincoln Pierce.** Supremely confident middle-school student Nate Wright manages to make getting detention from every one of his teachers in the same day seem like an achievement. Call No. Juv Fic PIERC

***Dork Diaries: Tales from a Not-So-Fabulous Life* by Rachel Renee Russell.** Fourteen-year-old Nikki Maxwell writes in her diary of her struggle to be popular at her exclusive, new private school. Call No. Juv Fic RUSSE

***The Grand Plan to Fix Everything* by Uma Krishnaswami.** Bollywood fan Dini is moving to India. Will she get a chance to meet her favorite movie star? Call No. Juv Fic KRISH

***Wonderstruck: A Novel in Words and Pictures* by Brian Selznick.** Having lost his mother and his hearing in a short time, twelve-year-old Ben leaves his Minnesota home in 1977 to seek the father he never knew in New York City, and meets there Rose, who is also longing for something missing from her life. Ben's story is told in words; Rose's in pictures. Call No. Juv Fic SELZN

***Under Wildwood* by Colin Meloy.** Prue and Curtis are thrown together again to save themselves and the lives of their friends, and to bring unity to the divided country of Wildwood. Call No. Juv Fic MELOY

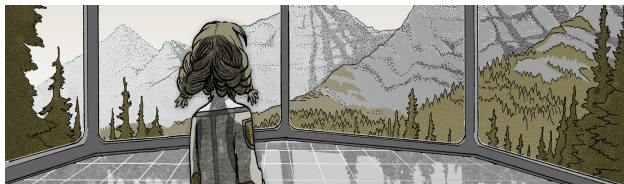
***Savvy* by Ingrid Law.** When Mibs turns thirteen and gets a "savvy", a special power, she goes on a quest to save her Poppa. Call No. Juv Fic LAW

***The Strange Case of Origami Yoda* by Tom Angleberger.** Sixth-grader Tommy and his friends describe their interactions with a paper finger puppet of Yoda, worn by their weird classmate Dwight, as they try to figure out whether or not the puppet can really predict the future. Call No. Juv Fic ANGLE

***Bunnica: A Rabbit Tale of Mystery* by Deborah and James Howe.** Though scoffed at by Harold the dog, Chester the cat tries to warn his family that their foundling baby bunny must be a vampire. Call No. Juv Fic HOWE

***Moon Over Manifest* by Claire Vanderpool.** Twelve-year old Abilene Tucker is the daughter of a drifter who, in the summer of 1936, sends her to stay with an old friend in Manifest, Kansas, where he grew up, and where she hopes to find out some things about his past. Call No. Juv Fic VANDE

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