

## 2022 Suggested Reading List, Grades 3-5

### Fiction

Abdo, Dan. **Barb the Last Berzerker** (series). 2021

When her band of Zerks is captured by the evil Witch Head, only Barb is able to escape, stealing the Shadow Blade, Witch Head's magical sword, in the process. Teaming up with Porkchop, a friendly blue yeti, it's up to Barb to harness the power of the Shadow Blade and journey to recruit the Northern Zerks to help defeat Witch Head. Join them on a quest filled with danger, treachery, and yummy sausages!

J GN ABDO, POP NOW

Alston, B. B. **Amari and the Night Brothers**. 2021.

Amari has been struggling since her brother mysteriously disappeared six months ago. One day, she receives an invitation to join a summer camp at the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs where she hones her skills to fight against an evil magician.

J FIC ALSTON, POP NOW, J PLAYAWAY ALSTON, eBook, eAudiobook

Applegate, Katherine. **Doggo and Pupper Save the World** (series). 2022

Younger readers will enjoy the second book in Katherine Applegate's fun new series. Doggo likes routine: napping, eating, and more napping. Life is good. Life is good for Pupper, too, even though he worries a lot about things (like giant squirrels!). If he were braver, he might even be a hero... maybe even a hero who can fly!

J FIC APPLGATE, POP NOW

Bacon, Lee. **Imaginary**. 2021.

11-year-old Zach knows he is too old to have an imaginary playmate, but between grieving for the loss of his father and coping with bullying at school the only place he seems to find joy is in his fantasy world with his best friend Shovel.

J FIC BACON, POP NOW

Bowman, Akemi Dawn. **Generation Misfits**. 2021

An 11-year-old Japanese-American girl joins her performing arts school's J-Pop club, where the members form an imitation band of their favorite girl group, coming together from different corners of the school to help and support one another along the way.

J FIC BOWMAN, POP NOW

Brown, India Hill. **The Girl in the Lake**. 2022

When strange things begin to happen while staying at her grandparents' lake house, Celeste spies a twisted version of herself in the mirror and must discover who this girl is

and what she wants before it's too late.  
J FIC BROWN, POP NOW, eAudiobook

Chokshi, Roshani. **Aru Shah and the Nectar of Immortality** (series). 2022  
In this fifth adventure, The Pandavas call on old friends, make new allies, and face fearsome trials as they embark on a mission to stop the Sleeper from accessing the nectar of immortality, but ultimately Aru must decide who deserves immortality--the devas or the asuras--and an unexpected answer comes from an unexpected place. Haven't read this series yet? Start with **Aru Shah and the End of Time**.  
J FIC CHOKSI, eBook, eAudiobook

Clayton, Dhonielle. **The Marvellers**. 2022  
Bestselling author Dhonielle Clayton makes her middle-grade debut with a fantasy adventure set in a global magic school in the sky, perfect for fans of Rick Riordan, Soman Chainani, and Philip Pullman. 11-year-old Ella, the first Conjuror to attend the Arcanum Training Institute, must prove her innocence with the help of a new friend, when a dangerous criminal escapes prison and her mentor disappears.  
J FIC CLAYTON, POP NOW

Costner, Arianne. **Confessions of a Class Clown**. 2021  
Seventh-grader Jack Reynolds loves making people laugh but he needs help to make his wacky MyTube channel take off, and making friends is not exactly his strong suit.  
J FIC COSTNER, POP NOW, eBook

Cusick, John. **Dimension Why 2: Revenge of the Sequel**. 2021  
Before Lola Ray can return to the 21st century, she and Phineas T. Fogg must stop a mysterious Twinkie-stealing, dragon-riding girl from destroying the universe, escape the clutches of the Golden Cathedral and face down an all-powerful, evil A.I.  
J FIC CUSICK, POP NOW

Dillard, J. **J.D. and the Great Barber Battle**. 2021  
8-year-old J.D. turns a tragic home haircut into a thriving barber business in this hilarious new illustrated chapter book series. --Provided by publisher.  
J FIC DILLARD, eBook

Fairbairn, Nathan. **Gabby Gets It Together** (Paws, Book 1). 2022  
Best friends Gabby, Priya and Mindy create a dog walking business, and quickly learn that running a business is no walk in the park.  
J GN FAIRBAIRN, POP NOW, eBook

Fawcett, Heather. **The School Between Winter and Fairyland**. 2021  
12-year-old Autumn, the beastkeeper at Inglenook School for Magicians, befriends Cai Morrigan, the young magician prophesied to destroy the dragon suspected of devouring Autumn's twin brother, and together they uncover the dark truth that lies at the heart of

Inglenook School.  
J FIC FAWCETT, POP NOW

Grabenstein, Chris. **Mr. Lemoncello's Very First Game.** 2022  
Go back to the START and meet thirteen-year-old, PUZZLE-obsessed Luigi Lemoncello in this prequel to the Mr. Lemoncello's Library series. When 13-year-old, puzzle-obsessed Luigi Lemoncello attends a carnival, he receives a mysterious puzzle box along with a clue that leads him and his friends on a fantastical treasure hunt for a prize beyond anything they could imagine.  
J FIC GRABENSTEIN, POP NOW, J FIC PLAYAWAY GRABENSTEIN

Gratz, Alan. **Ban This Book.** 2017  
When fourth grader Amy Anne's favorite book is removed from the library because of a complaint by a parent, she takes action by starting a banned book library out of her locker. Things escalate when this lending library is discovered. Follow Amy Anne along as she fights for her right to read.  
J FIC GRATZ, J PAPERBACK GRATZ, eBook, eAudiobook

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. **The School for Whatnots.** 2022  
Ever since they met in kindergarten, Max and Josie have been inseparable. Until the summer after fifth grade, when Josie disappears, leaving only a note reading "No matter what anyone tells you, I'm real," and whispering something about "whatnot rules." But why would Max ever think that Josie wasn't real? And what are whatnots? As Max sets to uncover what happened to Josie--and what she is or isn't--little does he know that she's fighting to find him, too. But there are forces trying to keep Max and Josie from ever seeing each other again. Because Josie wasn't supposed to be real.  
J FIC HADDIX, J PLAYAWAY HADDIX, eBook

Hart, Kevin. **Marcus Makes It Big.** 2022  
After Marcus's movie goes viral and he gets an invite to The Helen Show, he experiences the challenges of sudden fame and risks losing the friends who helped him along the way. The sequel to Marcus Makes a Movie.  
J FIC HART, POP NOW, J FIC PLAYAWAY HART

Hauke, Joshua. **Doom's Day Camp.** 2022  
In a postapocalyptic world where everyone has unusual abilities, Doom Thorax, whose only power is reading, gets left in charge and is responsible for the survival of all the other kids at camp.  
J GN HAUKE, POP NOW

Higuera, Donna Barba. **The Last Cuentista.** 2021  
Earth has been destroyed by a comet, and only a few hundred scientists and their children – among them Petra and her family – have been chosen to journey to a new planet. Hundreds of years later, Petra wakes to this new planet – and the discovery that

she is the only person who remembers Earth. Petra alone now carries the stories of our past, and with them, any hope for our future. Can she make them live again?

J FIC HIGUERA, POP NOW, eBook, eAudiobook, Hoopla

Hoena, Blake. **Fighting for Independence: An Interactive American Revolution Adventure**. 2019

Vivid storytelling brings American history to life and places readers in the shoes of real people who experienced some of the most pivotal moments of the American Revolution. Readers dive into history and make choices throughout that affect the outcome of the story. Scenarios create choices for the readers to take control of the direction of the character and story. Check out the entire You Choose: Founding the United States series!

J PAPERBACK YOU CHOOSE FOUNDING

Lasky, Kathryn. **The Haunting (The Secret of Glendunny, Book 1)**. 2022

Deep in the wilds of Scotland, a secret colony of beavers has been hiding from humans who crave their fur, until Dunwattle, a young beaver kit, exposes their hidden colony and faces a fate worse than death. Will Dunwattle and the ancient beaver colony survive?

J FIC LASKY, POP NOW, J PLAYAWAY LASKY, eBook, eAudiobook

Liu, Marjorie. **Wingbearer**. 2022

When a sinister force threatens the life-giving magic of the Great Tree, Zuli, along with her guardian owl, Frowly, must get to the root of it, and so embark on an epic journey to find the truth. Fans of the Amulet books and the Wings of Fire series will enjoy this new series!

J GN LIU, POP NOW

Lowery, Mike. **Out in the Wild (Bug Scouts, Book 1)**. 2022

Younger readers will enjoy Graphix Chapters, ideal for beginning and newly independent readers - with approachable page counts, easy-to-follow paneling, and artwork that supports text comprehension. To earn their "foraging" bug badge, Doug, Abby and Josh embark on an adventure in the wilderness to find an edible plant and encounter a clever, yet hungry, frog who distracts them from their mission.

J GN LOWERY, POP NOW

Maguire, Gregory. **Cress Watercress**. 2022

When Papa doesn't return from a nocturnal honey-gathering expedition, Cress holds out hope, but her mother assumes the worst. It's a dangerous world for rabbits, after all. Mama moves what's left of the Watercress family to the basement unit of the Broken Arms, a run-down apartment oak with a suspect owl landlord, a nosy mouse super, a rowdy family of squirrels, and a pair of songbirds who broadcast everyone's business. Can a dead tree full of annoying neighbors, and no Papa, ever be home?

J FIC MAGUIRE, POP NOW, eBook, eAudiobook

Mbalia, Kwame. **Last Gate of the Emperor**. 2021

Yared Heywat, a thrill seeker with a smart mouth (and a bionic lioness names Besa), is a star player of the underground augmented reality game, The Hunt for Kaleb's Obelisk. When a change in the game rules prompts Yared to log in with his real name, it triggers an attack that rocks his city, Addis Prime. Suddenly, all the stories Yared's uncle told him as a young boy are coming to life, of kingdoms in the sky and city-razing monsters. And somehow Yared is at the center of them!

J FIC MBALIA, POP NOW, eBook

McMann, Lisa. **Map of Flames**. 2022

In this first entry in McMann's (The Unwanteds) new series, five children who are the offspring of supernatural criminals and who have special abilities of their own leave their isolated tropical home and head to the city of Estero, where they hope to find their parents and the treasure they hid years ago.

J FIC MCMANN, POP NOW, eBook, eAudiobook

Patterson, James. **Dinosaur Disaster (Dog Diaries series)**. 2022

In this latest entry in the Dog Diaries, Junior leads his pack of dog friends on a sneaky mission into a museum to steal dinosaur bones for Lola's midnight birthday feast.

J FIC PATTERSON, POP NOW

Patterson, James. **The Ultimate Quest (Treasure Hunters series)**. 2022

Determined to rescue their kidnapped mother and find their missing father, the four Kidd siblings escape from their New York boarding school and travel to Africa. Mysterious clues, an encrypted message, and treasure maps send the intrepid kids traveling across the continent as they attempt to throw their cartoonlike enemies off the trail before homing in on their secret destination. This is the 8th adventure in the Treasure Hunters series.

J FIC PATTERSON, POP NOW

Peters, Shawn. **The Unforgettable Logan Foster**. 2022

Logan, an undersized twelve-year-old orphan with a photographic memory and no filter, discovers that his foster parents are superheroes in grave danger and only Logan's highly logical mind can save them.

J FIC PETERS, POP NOW, J PLAYAWAY PETERS, eBook

Pilkey, Dav. **On Purpose (Cat Kid Comic Club, Book 3)**. 2022

Trying to stay true to their vision as the comic club goes in all different directions, Naomi, Melvin, and siblings search for their purpose until a desire for money and power clouds Naomi's judgment, which could mean the end for the club.

J GN PILKEY, POP NOW

Reynolds, Jason. **Stuntboy, in the Meantime**. 2021

Portico Reeves has a secret identity that only his best friend Zola knows about. As

Stuntboy, he is the superhero who keeps all the other superheroes, and his fellow residents of Skylight Gardens (aka the Castle), safe. Lately, that means protecting Zola from their archnemesis, Herbert Singletary the Worst, learning to tame his own anxiety attacks (the Frets), and trying to keep his mother and father's fighting (which always reminds him of an episode of Super Space Warriors) from turning into an Explosion of Great Magnitude.

J FIC REYNOLDS, POP NOW, eBook, eAudiobook

Riordan, Rick. **Daughter of the Deep**. 2021

In this story inspired by Jules Verne's **20,000 Leagues Under the Sea**, Ana Dakkar, a freshman at Harding-Pencroft Academy--a five-year high school that graduates the best marine scientists, naval warriors, navigators, and underwater explorers in the world--makes astounding discoveries about her heritage and puts her leadership skills to the test against deadly enemies from a rival school.

J FIC RIORDAN, POP NOW, eBook, eAudiobook, Hoopla

Tarshis, Lauren. **I Survived the Attack of the Grizzlies, 1967**. 2018

Eleven-year-old Melody Vega and her family visit Glacier National Park every summer, but this year Mel comes face-to-face with a terrifying grizzly bear.

J FIC TARSHIS, J PAPERBACK TARSHIS, J PLAYAWAY TARSHIS, eBook, eAudiobook, Hoopla. Also available as a graphic novel: J GN TARSHIS, POP NOW

Turnbloom, Lucas. **Steve L. McEvil**. 2022

Middle-school supervillain-in-training Steve L. McEvil believes that no one is more villainous than his new neighbor Vic Turry, who is just too NICE, and sets out to expose Vic's true nature.

J GN TURNBLOOM, POP NOW

Venable, Colleen AF. **Katie the Catsitter**. 2021

Katie is dreading the boring summer ahead while her best friends are all away at camp--something that's way out of Katie and her mom's budget, UNLESS Katie can figure out a way to earn the money for camp herself. When Katie gets a job cat sitting for her mysterious upstairs neighbor, life gets interesting. First, Madeline has 217 cats (!) and they're not exactly... normal. And why is Madeline always out EXACTLY when the city's most notorious villain commits crimes?! Is it possible that Katie's upstairs neighbor is really a super villain? Can Katie wrangle a whole lot of wayward cats, save a best friendship (why is Beth barely writing back? And who's this boy she keeps talking about?!), AND crack the biggest story in the city's history? Some heroes have capes... Katie has cats!

J GN VENABLE, POP NOW, eBook

Yee, Lisa. **Maizy Chen's Last Chance**. 2022

San Francisco city-girl Maizy has never been to Last Chance, Minnesota... until now. Her Mom's plan is just to stay for a couple weeks, until her grandfather gets better. But

plans change, and as Maizy spends more time in Last Chance (where she and her family are the only Asian-Americans) and at The Golden Palace—the restaurant that’s been in her family for generations—she makes some discoveries. And when she discovers that a beloved family treasure has gone missing—and someone has left a racist note—Maizy decides it’s time find the answers.

J FIC YEE, eBook, eAudiobook

## **Non-Fiction**

Buckley, James. **All-Star Sports Trivia: Fun Facts You Need to Know!** 2021

Sports Illustrated Kids presents a full-color, interactive book that details the answers to sports' curious questions.

J 796 BUCKLEY

Klepeis, Alicia. **New York.** 2022

Learn about New York state! Blastoff Discovery State Profiles series combines engaging images with high-interest subject matter and narrative text. Perfect for younger readers or those looking to improve their reading skills. More states in this series are available.

J 974.7 KLEPEIS

Klepeis, Alicia. **The Science and Technology of Ben Franklin.** 2021

This Build It Yourself science biography examines the life and work of Ben Franklin and offers kids the opportunity to make their own designs and inventions with hands-on activities. This series also contains biographies of Marie Curie and Leonardo da Vinci.

J 507.8 KLEPEIS

Messner, Kate. **History Smashers: Plagues and Pandemics.** 2021

This latest book in Messner’s entertaining History Smashers series uses a mix of sidebars, illustrations, photos, and graphic panels to uncover the hidden truths about history's pandemics, from the Black Death to COVID-19.

J 614.49 MESSNER, POP NOW

Sheinmel, Courtney. **Helen Keller.** 2021

Younger readers will learn about the amazing life of Helen Keller. She lost her sight and hearing after a childhood illness, but she didn't let that stop her from learning to read, speak, and make a difference. She was the first person who was both deaf and blind to go to and graduate from college, and she continued to write books and articles, speak in public, and stand up for the rights she believed everyone should have, inspiring others to do the same. Part of the She Persisted series. We have plenty of biographies for

older readers, too!  
J BIO KELLER

Osborne, Mary Pope. **Magic Tree House Survival Guide**. 2021

Find out how you can tackle lots of scary situations, including shark encounters, earthquakes, fires, shipwrecks, pandemics, and many more! With full-color photographs and illustrations, facts about real-life survival stories, and tips from Jack and Annie.  
J 613.69 OSBORNE

Sorell, Traci. **We Are Still Here! Native American Truths Everyone Should Know**. 2021

A group of Native American kids from different tribes presents twelve historical and contemporary time periods, struggles, and victories to their classmates, each ending with a powerful refrain: we are still here. --Provided by publisher.  
J 305.897 SORELL, POP NOW

Tougas, Michael. **The Finest Hours: The True Story of a Heroic Sea Rescue**. 2021

On the night of February 18th, 1952, during one of the worst winter storms that New England has even seen, two oil tankers off the shore of Cape Cod are torn in half by the force of the seas. For the men on board, survival seemed impossible. What follows is a harrowing Coast Guard rescue in a tiny lifeboat, where four young heroes beat the odds and bring more than thirty stranded sailors to safety.  
J 910.91 TOUGIAS

Tsui, Bonnie. **Sarah and the Big Wave: The True Story of the First Woman to Surf Mavericks**. 2021

Have you ever seen a big wave? 20, 30, 40, even 50 feet tall? This biography about Sarah Gerhardt, the first woman to surf Mavericks, a break known as 'Mount Everest meets Niagara Falls,' is full of thrills and scientific facts. --Provided by publisher.  
J BIO GERHARDT