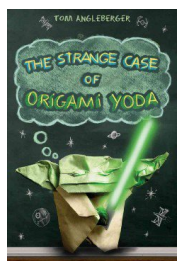




## 5th Grade Reading List



### **The Strange Case of Origami Yoda**

by Tom Angleberger

When unpopular sixth grader Dwight successfully dispenses sound advice to his classmates via an origami finger puppet, his classmate Tommy investigates the source of Dwight's accuracy and makes a surprising discovery.

### **Wishtree**

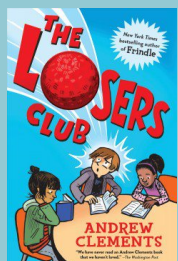
by Katherine Applegate

"A red oak tree and a crow help their human neighbors work out their differences"

### **The Dragon with a Chocolate Heart**

by Stephanie Burgis

After drinking enchanted hot chocolate, a brave young dragon is transformed into a twelve-year-old human girl with a passion for chocolate.



### **The Losers Club**

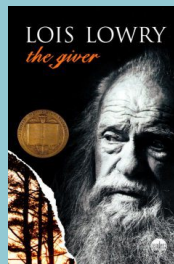
by Andrew Clements

Made an example of by a strict principal who forbids reading in classes that require attentive participation, Alec starts a club of one, intending to devote whatever time he can to his favorite books, before he is unexpectedly joined by a crush and an ex-best friend turned bully.

### **Positively Izzy**

by Terri Libenson

The award-winning cartoonist of the syndicated comic strip, *The Pajama Diaries*, and author of the best-selling *Invisible Emmie* presents the story of two middle-school girls, one who loves theater, the other who wishes she were valued for more than her good grades, whose lives converge in unexpected ways during a school talent show.



### **The Giver**

by Lois Lowry

At the age of twelve, Jonas, a young boy from a seemingly utopian, futuristic world, is singled out to receive special training from The Giver, who alone holds the memories of the true joys and pain of life.

### **Pax**

by Sara Pennypacker

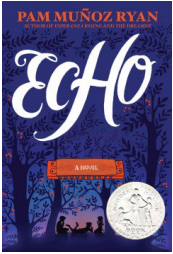
When his father enlists in the military and makes him return his beloved pet fox to the wild, Peter, who has been sent to live with his grandfather hundreds of miles away, embarks on a journey filled with astonishing discoveries in order to be reunited with his fox.

### **The Westing Game**

by Ellen Raskin

The mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim their inheritance.

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## Echo

by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Decades after a man is entwined in a prophecy-based quest involving three mysterious sisters and a harmonica, three individuals from different areas of the world confront daunting challenges involving the same harmonica. By the award-winning author of Paint the Wind.

## Fuzzy mud

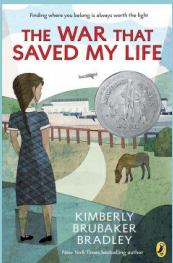
by Louis Sachar

Two middle-grade kids take a shortcut home from school and discover what looks like fuzzy mud but is actually a substance with the potential to wreak havoc on the entire world.

## Holes

by Louis Sachar

As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself. A Newbery Award Winner.



## The War That Saved My Life

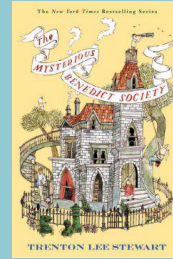
by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother.

## Betty Before X

by Ilyasah Shabazz

A powerful middle-grade novel about the childhood activism of Malcolm X's wife, written by their daughter, describes how young Betty finds confidence and purpose by volunteering for the Housewives League in 1945 Detroit, learning skills and developing awareness that inspires her future as a Civil Rights icon.



## The Mysterious Benedict Society

by Trenton Lee Stewart

As the only four children to pass the series of tests provided, Reynie, Kate, Sticky, and Constance are asked to go on a secret mission as undercover agents at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened and quickly realize they will have to use their collective wit to get their important task complete.

## Clayton Byrd Goes Underground

by Rita Williams-Garcia

Feeling most alive when he plays music with his grandfather, aspiring bluesman Clayton Byrd is devastated when his grandfather passes away and his mother forbids him from playing the blues, losses that compel him to run away in the hope of joining other bluesmen on the road. By the Coretta Scott King Award-winning author of One Crazy Summer.

## Septimus Heap, Book One : Magyk

by A. Sage

The first book in the internationally bestselling Septimus Heap series by Angie Sage, featuring the funny and fantastic adventures of a wizard apprentice and his quest to become an ExtraOrdinary Wizard.



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