



## GRADE 5 SUMMER READING

Make the summer fun with books! This list is recommended for students entering Grade 5. Let these books serve as inspiration for you and your child. Spend some time together at your local bookstore and library and see what strikes your fancy. Encourage your child to choose his or her own books and watch how quickly they become engaged!

### GET YOUR BOOKS!

The library is the place to be this summer! Brooklyn Public Library locations can be found at [www.bklynlibrary.org](http://www.bklynlibrary.org). If you choose to purchase books, Greenlight Bookstore in Fort Greene or Prospect Lefferts Gardens is a good local and independent source. Visit [www.greenlightbookstore.com/northside](http://www.greenlightbookstore.com/northside) to see all summer reading titles -- you can shop online and then pick up your purchase at the bookstore, or have it shipped to you. As our bookstore partner, Greenlight donates a percentage of all online sales of summer reading titles back to the school to help fill our library shelves! Make sure to mention "Northside" in the order comments when checking out online. You can visit the Fort Greene location at 686 Fulton Street or online at [greenlightbookstore.com](http://greenlightbookstore.com).



#### REQUIRED TEXT

##### **Maniac Magee** by Jerry Spinelli

After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary, as he accomplishes athletic and other feats which awe his contemporaries.

#### CHAPTER BOOKS

##### **The Shadow Cipher** by Laura Ruby

From National Book Award finalist Laura Ruby comes an epic alternate history series about three kids who try to solve the greatest mystery of the modern world: a puzzle and treasure hunt laid into the very streets and buildings of New York City.

##### **Dara Palmer's Major Drama** by Emma Shevah

Dara Palmer knows for a fact that she was meant to be on stage. But when *The Sound of Music* is selected for the school musical, Dara isn't cast as Maria—or at all. She can't help but wonder: is it because she's different?

##### **Gertie's Leap to Greatness** by Kate Beasley

Gertie is a girl on a mission to be the best fifth grader ever in order to show her estranged mother that Gertie doesn't need her--not one bit. There's just one problem: Seat-stealing new girl Mary Sue Spivey wants to be the best fifth grader, too. And there is simply not enough room at the top for the two of them. A classic tale of hope and homecoming.

##### **The Book That Proves Time Travel Happens** by

Henry Clark

Twelve-year-olds Ambrose, Tom, and Frankie are transported to the boys' hometown of Freedom Falls, Ohio, in 1852 when Frankie blows her Romani family's magical trombone. This twist on time travel adventure explores the theme of accepting those who are different--and having the courage to join them.

##### **Raymie Nightengale** by Kate DiCamillo

Hoping that if she wins a local beauty pageant her father will come home, Raymie practices twirling a baton and performing good deeds as she is drawn into an unlikely friendship with a drama queen and a saboteur.

##### **Ghost** by Jason Reynolds

Ghost, a naturally talented runner and troublemaker, is recruited for an elite middle school track team. He must stay on track, literally and figuratively, to reach his full potential.

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#### GRAPHIC NOVELS

##### **Real Friends** by Shannon Hale

Newbery Honor author Shannon Hale and *New York Times* bestselling illustrator LeUyen Pham join forces in this graphic memoir about how hard it is to find your real friends--and why it's worth the journey.

##### **Bera the One Headed Troll** by Eric Orchard

Bera doesn't ask for much in life. She's a solitary troll, tending her patch in cheerful isolation. She isn't looking for trouble. But when trouble comes to find her, it comes in spades. Like it or not, Bera has gone and found herself a quest.

##### **Calamity Jack** by Shannon Hale

In this graphic novel interpretation of "Jack and the Beanstalk," Jack is a born schemer who climbs a magical beanstalk in the hope of exacting justice from a mean giant and gaining a fortune for his widowed mother, aided by some friends.

#### NON-FICTION

##### **Human Body Theater** by Maris Wicks

A nonfiction graphic novel that looks at the eleven systems of the human body.

##### **Voyager's Greatest Hits** by Alexandra Siy

Learn the fascinating story of the scientists, how the *Voyager* probes work, where the probes have been and what they've seen, and what they carry on board--including the Golden Record, a recording of sounds and images about life on Earth.

##### **A Time to Act: John F. Kennedy's Big Speech** by Shana Corey

This is the story of JFK--from his childhood to the events that led to his game-changing speech and the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Offers a deeply human look at the thirty-fifth president, underscoring how each one of us, no matter who we are, have the power to make a difference.

#### SPANISH LANGUAGE

##### **La Cocina de Chato** by Gary Soto

**Cuckoo-Cucú: Un Cuento Folklórico Mexicano** by Lois Ehler

##### **Tortillas y Cancioncitas** by Lynn Reiser