

SUMMER READING LIST- Grades 3-5

A Bike Like Sergio's
by Maribeth Boelts
Candlewick, 2018
ISBN: 9781536202953
Ruben feels like he is the only kid without a bike. His friend Sergio reminds him that his birthday is coming, but Ruben knows that the kinds of birthday gifts he and Sergio receive are not the same.

A Ride to Remember: A Civil Rights Story
by Sharon Langley, et. al.
Harry N. Abrams, 2020
ISBN: 9781419736858
The true story of how a ride on a carousel made a powerful Civil Rights statement.

Barack Obama: Son of Promise, Child of Hope
by Nikki Grimes
Simon & Schuster, 2012
ISBN: 9781442440920
Ever since Barack Obama was young, Hope has lived inside him. From the beaches of Hawaii to the streets of Chicago, from the jungles of Indonesia to the plains of Kenya, he has held on to Hope.

Boss Stories: 11 Real Life Stories about the Impact of Incarceration on Students & Educators
by Dr. Jaelyn Walker, et. al.
INPB, 2019
ISBN: 9781094697369
These stories are from the perspective of 9 children and 2 adults that have been impacted by incarceration. However, these B.O.S.S. (Breaking Obstacles to Seek Success) stories will encourage others in similar situations that regardless of your circumstances, then you can still be a BOSS!

Code 7: Cracking the Code for an Epic Life
by Bryan Johnson
Candy Wrapper, 2019
ISBN: 9781940556048
Life at Flint Hill Elementary School may seem normal, but seven friends find themselves on a path to crack the code for an epic life. Whether they're chasing their dreams on stage, searching for an elusive monster fish, or running a makeshift business out of a treehouse, can these heroes find a way to work together to change their community?

Dream March: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. & the Civil Rights Movement
by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson
Random House, 2017
ISBN: 9781101936696
Set against Dr. King's historic march on Washington in the summer of 1963, a moving story and powerful illustrations combine to illuminate not only one of America's most celebrated leaders, but also one of America's most celebrated moments.

Emmanuel's Dream: The True Story of Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah
by Laurie Ann Thompson
Schwartz & Wade, 2015
ISBN: 9780449817445
Born in Ghana, West Africa, with one deformed leg, he was dismissed by most people—but not by his mother, who taught him to reach for his dreams.

Enemy Pie
by Derek Munson
Chronicle Books, 2000
ISBN: 9780811827782
It was the perfect summer. That is, until Jeremy Ross moved into the house down the street and became neighborhood enemy number one.

Going Down Home with Daddy
by Kelly Starling Lyons, et. al.
Peachtree Pub Company, 2019
ISBN: 9781561459384
"On reunion morning, we rise before the sun. Daddy hums as he packs our car with suitcases and a cooler full of snacks. He says there's nothing like going down home."

Hula Hooping Queen
by Thelma Lynne Godin
Lee & Low Books, 2017
ISBN: 9781620145791
Kameeka yearns to continue her hula hooping competition with her rival, Jamara, rather than help prepare for Miz Adeline's birthday party, and "the itch" almost ruins the party before the girls learn who the real winner is.

Janna and the Kings
by Patricia Smith
Lee & Low Books, 2016
ISBN: 9781620142530
Saturdays are special for Janna. That's when she and Granddaddy spend the whole day together. Walking down the street with Granddaddy is like strolling through a kingdom with a king

Kaia and the Bees
Maribeth Boelts
Candlewick, 2020
ISBN: 9781536201055
Kaia is the brave type. Like hottest-hot-pepper brave. But there is one thing that scares her: BEES

Knock, Knock: My Dad's Dream for Me
by Daniel Beaty
Little Brown Books, 2013
ISBN: 9780316209175
This powerful and inspiring book shows the love that an absent parent can leave behind, and the strength that children find in themselves as they grow up and follow their dreams.

Love to Langston
by Tony Medina
Lee & Low Books, 2006
ISBN: 9781584302834
Fourteen poems offer young readers an exciting glimpse into the life of Langston Hughes, one of America's most beloved poets.

Our Moms
by Q. Futrell
Morgan James Kids, 2018
ISBN: 9780692525586
Our Moms is an easy-to-read guide that lets kids with incarcerated parents know they're not alone.

Patricia's Vision: The Doctor Who Saved Sight (People Who Shaped Our World)
by Michelle Lord
Sterling Children's Books, 2020
ISBN: 9781454931379
The inspiring story of Dr. Patricia Bath, a groundbreaking ophthalmologist who pioneered laser surgery—and gave her patients the gift of sight.

Pop: The Invention of Bubblegum
by Meghan McCarthy
Simon & Schuster, 2010
ISBN: 9781416979708
Gum. It's been around for centuries—from the ancient Greeks to the American Indians, everyone's chewed it. But the best kind of gum—bubble gum!—wasn't invented until 1928, when an enterprising young accountant at Fleer Gum and Candy used his spare time to experiment with different recipes.

President of the Whole 5th Grade
by Sheri Winston
Little Brown Books, 2012
ISBN: 9780545541510
When Brianna Justice's hero, the famous celebrity chef Miss Delicious, speaks at her school and traces her own success back

to being president of her fifth grade class.

Separate is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez and Her Family's Fight for Desegregation
by Duncan Tonatiuh
Harry N. Abrams, 2014
ISBN: 9781419710544
Almost 10 years before Brown vs. Board of Education, Sylvia Mendez and her parents helped end school segregation in California.

Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch
by Hiteen Spinelli
Simon & Schuster, 1991
ISBN: 9780027860153
One wintry day, a postman delivers a mysterious package with a big pink bow to a lonely man named Mr. Hatch.

Tallulah the Tooth Fairy CEO
by Tamara Pizzoli
Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2019
ISBN: 9780374309190
Meet Tallulah. She's the Tooth Fairy CEO. Tallulah knows practically everything about being a tooth fairy. How to collect teeth. Dispense money. Train other fairies. And it's all in the Teeth Titans Incorporated Employee Manual. But when something happens that's not covered in the manual, what's a fairy to do?

The Bad Seed
by Jory John
HarperCollins, 2018
ISBN: 9780062467768
This is a book about a bad seed. A baaaaaaad seed. How bad? Do you really want to know?

The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read
by Rita Lorraine Hubbard
Schwartz & Wade, 2020
ISBN: 9781524768287
Imagine learning to read at the age of 116! Discover the true story of Mary Walker, the nation's oldest student.

Those Shoes
by Maribeth Boelts
Candlewick, 2009
ISBN: 9780763642846
All Jeremy wants is a pair of those shoes, the ones everyone at school seems to be wearing. Though Jeremy's grandma says they don't have room for "want," just "need," when his old shoes fall apart at school, he is more determined than ever to have those shoes, even a thrift-shop pair that are much too small.

Zoey and Sassafras: Dragons and Marshmallows
by Asia Citro
The Innovation Press, 2017
ISBN: 9781943147090
Zoey discovers a glowing photo and learns an amazing secret. Injured magical animals come to their backyard barn for help! When a sick baby dragon appears, it's up to Zoey and Sassafras to figure out what's wrong. Will they be able to help little Marshmallow before it's too late?

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