

Grade 5

summer reading choices

Choose **ONE** book from this list to read this summer. Arrive at school in the fall ready to discuss your book!

Psst! You can find these books at your local library!

REALISTIC FICTION

Shouting at the Rain by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Delsie's always lived with her kindhearted Grammy, but now she's looking at their life with new eyes and wishing for a "regular" family. As she and her friend Ronan traipse around Cape Cod on their adventures, they both learn what it means to be angry versus sad, broken versus whole, and abandoned versus loved. And that, together, they can weather any storm.

FANTASY

Amari and the Night Brothers by BB Alston

Amari Peters has never stopped believing her missing brother, Quinton, is alive. So when she finds a ticking briefcase in his closet, containing a nomination for a summer tryout at the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs, she's certain the secretive organization holds the key to locating Quinton—if only she can wrap her head around the idea of magicians, fairies, aliens, and other supernatural creatures all being real.

SCIENCE FICTION

The Wild Robot by Peter Brown

When robot Roz opens her eyes, she discovers that she is all alone on a remote, wild island. She has no idea how she got there or what her purpose is, but she knows she needs to survive. As Roz slowly befriends the island's animals, the island starts to feel like home—until, one day, the robot's mysterious past comes back to haunt her.

HISTORICAL FICTION

Show Me A Sign by Ann Clare Lezotte

Mary Lambert has always felt safe and protected on Martha's Vineyard. Her great-great-grandfather was an early English settler and the first deaf islander. Now, more than 100 years later, many people there, including Mary, are deaf, and nearly everyone can communicate in sign language. However, a cunning young scientist arrives, who hopes to discover the origin of the island's prevalent deafness. His maniacal drive to find answers soon renders Mary a "live specimen" in a cruel experiment, and Mary fights to survive.

FOLKLORE

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin

In the valley of Fruitless mountain, a young girl named Minli lives in a ramshackle hut with her parents. In the evenings, her father regales her with old folktales of the Jade Dragon and the Old Man of the Moon, who knows the answers to all of life's questions. Inspired by these stories, Minli sets off on an extraordinary journey to find the Old Man of the Moon to ask him how she can change her family's fortune. She encounters an assorted cast of characters and magical creatures along the way.

GRAPHIC NOVEL

El Deafo by Cece Bell

Starting at a new school is scary, especially with a giant hearing aid strapped to your chest. Cece is sure the kids are staring at the Phonic Ear, the powerful aid that will help her hear her teacher. Then she discovers that with the Phonic Ear she can hear her teacher anywhere in the school—even in the teacher's lounge! This is like a superpower! Cece is on her way to becoming El Deafo, Listener for All. Can Cece channel her powers into finding the thing she wants most, a true friend?

