

# Great Reads for Grade 5



**The One and Only Ivan** by Katherine Applegate. FIC APPLAGA.

Ivan, a silverback gorilla, poignantly narrates life at the Big Top Mall and Video Arcade. After a tragedy, Ivan can no longer ignore the deplorable conditions of their captivity.



**The Surprise Attack of Jabba the Puppert: An Origami Yoda Book\*** by Tom Angleberger. FIC ANGLEBE.

FunTimes Educational Program devised to boost test scores has descended upon McQuarrie Middle School and is anything but fun. Can Star Wars origami strike a blow to this latest torture?



**One Crazy Summer\*** by Rita Williams Garcia. FIC WILLIAM.

Delphine, Vonetta and Fern are sent to California to spend the summer of 1968 with their estranged mother. The girls learn about the Black Panthers, revolution, their mom and themselves.



**Half-Minute Horrors** edited by Susan Rich. FIC HALF.

This fantastically creepy book is filled with extremely short and bone-chilling stories by some well-known authors including Neil Gaiman and Jack Gantos.



**Zombie Makers: True Stories of Nature's Undead** by Rebecca L. Johnson. 578.65 J687.

Find out all about fungus, worms, and other living things that take over a variety of animals creating real versions of zombies!



**Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures** by Kate DiCamillo. FIC DICAMIL.

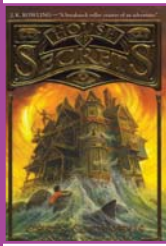
When Flora, a comic-loving girl, rescued the squirrel, Ulysses, she never imagined what came next in this unexpected tale of friendship and superheroes.



**Hideout\*** by Gordon Korman. FIC KORMAN.  
In the fifth Swindle book, the heartless Swindle shows up to take back his dog, Luthor. Griffin and his friends hide Luthor until they can figure out a way to keep him out of Swindle's clutches.



**Wonder** by R.J. Palacio. FIC PALACIO.  
Auggie (August) was born with a rare genetic disorder that caused facial deformity. When he attends school for the first time in his life as a 5th grader, he encounters issues of acceptance in this moving and riveting story.



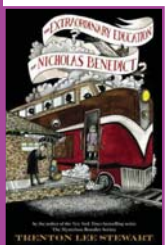
**House of Secrets** by Chris Columbus & Ned Vizzini. SF COLUMBU.  
The three Walker children are sent to a forest teeming with warriors, pirates, and tyrannical rulers. They must uncover the truth behind the Kristoff legacy... the key to their survival and that of the world.



**Treasure Hunters** by James Patterson & Chris Grabenstein, with Mark Shulman. FIC PATTERS.  
In this comically adventurous mystery, twins Bickford and Rebecca set out to rescue their missing parents who are famous treasure-hunters.



**The Dragonet Prophecy** by Tui T. Sutherland. SF SUTHERL.  
Stolen from their nests before hatching, five dragons from different tribes are tied to a prophecy foretelling a peace between the warring clans. Can these young dragons live up to their destiny?



**The Extraordinary Education of Nicholas Benedict\*** by Trenton Lee Stewart. MYS STEWART.  
Discover the story of Nicholas Benedict, the man responsible for the plucky children who became "The Mysterious Benedict Society."

**\*Part of a series.**

## Reading Tips

The most important this is to encourage your child to read for pleasure and make sure they have time to do so. Having a life-long love for reading is crucial to opening doors and opportunities for their future.

Help your child build vocabulary and spelling skills by playing word games like Scrabble, Bananagrams, and hangman. Encourage them to use big words. Tips from [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com)

