Chasing Vermeer: (J FICTION)

By: Blue Balliett

When a famous Vermeer painting, *The Lady Writing*, goes missing on the way to a Chicago museum, Petra and Calder, two students, feel they can find it. Through supernatural clues and some crazy adventures they just might be able to find the painting. Accelerated Reader:

Book Level: 5.4 Quiz Points: 6.0

Scholastic Reading Counts:

Lexile Level: 770 Quiz Points: 6

The Shakespeare Stealer:* (J FICTION)

By: Gary Blackwood

Widge, an orphan, has always belonged to a master. His first master taught him how to write shorthand, and now his new master, Falconer, wants him to use it to steal Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. Will Widge choose to obey his master or lead a new path with good friends?

Accelerated Reader:

Book Level: 5.2 Quiz Points: 7.0 Scholastic Reading Counts:

Lexile Level: 840 Quiz Points: 12

Frindle: (J FICTION)

By: Andrew Clements

Nick Allen, a perpetual class clown, decides one day to rename the pen, calling it a frindle. As the name gains popularity Nick must try to calm the new craze or decide to leave it as is.

Accelerated Reader:

Book Level: 5.4 Quiz Points: 2.0

Scholastic Reading Counts:

Lexile Level: 830 Quiz Points: 5

No Talking: (J FICTION)

By: Andrew Clements

Dave has just read a book on how Gandhi spent one day a week not speaking and decides to try it himself. He then dares blabbermouth Lynsey to try the same. Better yet, this turns into a two-day contest between the boys and girls of the 5th grade.

Accelerated Reader:

Book Level: 5.0 Quiz Points: 4.0

Scholastic Reading Counts:

Lexile Level: 820 Quiz Points: 7

Artemis Fowl:*

(J FICTION)

By: Eoin Colfer

Artemis Fowl II, a teenage criminal mastermind, has stumbled across Holly Short, a police woman for an underground Fairy population. In order to restore his family's fortune, he holds her ransom. See what events transpire.

Accelerated Reader:

Book Level: 5.0 Quiz Points: 9.0

Scholastic Reading Counts:

Lexile Level: 600 Quiz Points: 14

Walk Two Moons: (TEEN FICTION)

By: Sharon Creech

Salamanca (Sal) Tree Hiddle's mother just left her and her father. Right before her mother's birthday, Sal embarks on a cross-country journey with her grandparents to bring her mother home, and figures out her life story along the way.

Accelerated Reader:

Book Level: 4.9 Quiz Points: 9.0

Scholastic Reading Counts:

Lexile Level: 770 Quiz Points: 13

Matilda: (J FICTION)

By: Roald Dahl

Matilda, an academically gifted five-year-old, is the daughter of a scheming car salesman and ditzy mother. Sent to Crunchem Hall, a primary school with a tyrannical headmistress, she faces daily struggles, but manages to befriend her teacher, Ms. Honey. Accelerated Reader:

Book Level: 5.0 Quiz Points: 6.0 Scholastic Reading Counts:

Lexile Level: 840 Quiz Points: 10

The Porcupine Year:* (J FICTION)

By: Louise Erdrich

In this historical fiction novel, Omakayas and her family have been forced to leave their island to make room for white settlers. On their journey to Minnesota they encounter hardship and Omakayas finds her way into adulthood.

Accelerated Reader:

Book Level: 5.6 Quiz Points: 6.0

Scholastic Reading Counts:

Lexile Level: 840 Quiz Points: 11

Accelerated Reader & Scholastic Reading Counts

Books for Fifth Graders



Please note: Not all of these books may be on your child's school's Reading Counts or Accelerated Reader Program.

*Inkheart:** (J FICTION)

By: Cornelia Funke

Meggie's father has a unique gift: when he reads aloud he can bring characters in and out of stories. One night he reads a story to Meggie's mother, transporting her into the story and two villains out. Nine years later as they continue to wreak havoc, it is up to Meggie to return the men back to their place. Accelerated Reader:

Book Level: 5.4 Quiz Points: 23.0

Scholastic Reading Counts:

Lexile Level: 780 Ouiz Points: 29

Hoot: (J FICTION)

By: Carl Hiaasen

Roy has just moved to Florida and is coping with being somewhat of an outsider. However, he is able to find his place making some unexpected friends to help protect endangered burrowing owls.

Accelerated Reader:

Book Level: 5.2 Quiz Points: 9.0

Scholastic Reading Counts:

Lexile Level: 760 Quiz Points: 15

Time Stops for No Mouse:* (TEEN FICTION)

By: Michael Hoeye

In the rodent city of Pinchester, Hermux is a watchmaker. When a beautiful adventuress enters his shop he falls head-over-heels, but when a shady rat comes to pick up her watch Hermux is thrown into a mystery to find Eternal Youth.

Accelerated Reader:

Book Level: 5.0 Quiz Points: 8.0

Scholastic Reading Counts:

Lexile Level: 640 Quiz Points: 13

The Quest Begins:* (J FICTION)

By: Erin Hunter

This story follow four young bears living alone in the wild who have been abandoned by various different means. Hopefully they will find each other to gain support.

Accelerated Reader:

Book Level: 5.4 Quiz Points: 12.0

Scholastic Reading Counts:

Lexile Level: 840 Quiz Points: 19

Diary of a Wimpy Kid:* (J FICTION)

By: Jeff Kinney

Written with many cartoons, Greg, the main character, is followed through his many struggles through middle school.

Accelerated Reader:

Book Level: 5.2 Quiz Points: 3.0 Scholastic Reading Counts:

Lexile Level: 950 Quiz Points: 7

Lone Wolf:* (J FICTION)

By: Kathryn Lasky

Abandoned by his pack, a baby wolf with a mysterious mark on his deformed paw survives and embarks on a journey that will change the world of the wolves of the Beyond.

Accelerated Reader:

Book Level: 6.2 Quiz Points: 7.0

Scholastic Reading Counts:

Lexile Level: 890 Quiz Points: 10

Island of the Blue Dolphins: (J FICTION)

By: Scott O'Dell

Based on a true story, this story tells the experiences of Karana, a Native-American girl/young woman who is left stranded on an island for many years.

Accelerated Reader:

Book Level: 5.4 Quiz Points: 6.0

Scholastic Reading Counts:

Lexile Level: 1000 Quiz Points: 12

Hatchet:* (J FICTION)

By: Gary Paulsen

Brian Robeson, a 13-year-old boy, is flying over the Canadian wilderness to visit his father in the oil fields for the summer when the pilot passes away mid-flight crashing the plane and leaving Brian to fend for himself in the wild.

Accelerated Reader:

Book Level: 5.7 Quiz Points: 7.0 Scholastic Reading Counts:

Lexile Level: 1020 Quiz Points: 10

The Westing Game:

(J FICTION)

By: Ellen Raskin

Upon Samuel Westing's death, sixteen heirs are chosen to hear the will at the mysterious Sunset Towers, home of the millionaire. The heirs are each provided with a partner and clues in order to take part in a contest to find Westing's killer and inherit his fortune. A **Newberv** award winner.

Accelerated Reader:

Book Level: 5.3 Quiz Points: 8.0

Scholastic Reading Counts:

Lexile Level: 750 Quiz Points: 13

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone:*

By: J.K. Rowling

(J FICTION)

Harry Potter's parents died at the hands of evil wizard Voldemort when he was a baby, leaving Harry to live with his Aunt and Uncle who treat him terribly. When he learns he is a wizard and is sent to Hogwarts school, he discovers more about his family, himself, and the mysteries that lurk within the castle.

Accelerated Reader:

Book Level: 5.5 Quiz Points: 12.0

Scholastic Reading Counts:

Lexile Level: 880 Quiz Points: 16

Magyk:* (J FICTION)

By: Angie Sage

Thrusting you into the ancient English tales of midwives and magic, Septimus Heap, the 7th son of the 7th son, is stolen from his parents on the same night they discover a mysterious new child they raise as their own. As curious occurrences unfold, questions are raised and readers will be captivated. Accelerated Reader:

Book Level: 6.0 Quiz Points: 18.0

Scholastic Reading Counts:

Lexile Level: 640 Quiz Points: 26

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