

Alexander, Kwame. **THE PLAYBOOK: 52 RULES TO AIM, SHOOT, AND SCORE IN THIS GAME CALLED LIFE**

The game of basketball presented as a metaphor for how to live your life.

Engle, Margarita. **BRAVO!**

Brief poems featuring people of Hispanic origin, both famous and lesser known.

Freedman, Russell. **ANGEL ISLAND: GATEWAY TO GOLD MOUNTAIN**

Considered the 'Ellis Island of the West', Angel Island served as the primary gateway to the Pacific Coast between 1910 and 1940.

Lakin, Patricia. **BICYCLES ***

A creator of custom bicycles talks about his love of 'making' and how it led to his life's work.

Macy, Sue. **MOTOR GIRLS**

Race car driver Danica Patrick introduces this book about how women took the automotive wheel and drove boldly into the 20th century.

Markle, Sandra.

THE GREAT MONKEY RESCUE

Scientists and citizens work together to keep the Golden Lion Tamarin from becoming extinct.

Silvey, Anita. **UNTAMED: THE WILD LIFE OF JANE GOODALL**

A biography of "the most recognized scientist in the world" with additional focus on the chimps she observed.

Challenging Reads

Carson, Mary Kay. **MISSION TO PLUTO ***

Follow a small spacecraft as it travels to Pluto and learn how its mission came to be.

Jarrow, Gail. **FATAL FEVER**

The search to find the source of the New York City typhoid fever epidemic in the early 1900s.

Kanefield, Teri. **ALEXANDER HAMILTON**

His story epitomizes the American dream—a poor immigrant who made good in America.

Philbrick, Rodman. **ZANE AND THE HURRICANE: A STORY OF KATRINA**

Hurricane Katrina and the flood that followed are experienced by 12-year-old Zane when he is visiting his grandmother for the first time.

Pla, Sally J. **THE SOMEDAY BIRDS**

When his father suffers a brain injury, 12-year-old Charlie retreats to his OCD rituals and birds.

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Books for Fifth Graders

Fiction

Angleberger, Tom. **FUZZY**

When robots take over jobs formerly done by humans, the students learn about fuzzy logic.

Barnett, Mac. **THE TERRIBLE TWO ***

Rival pranksters team up for an epic April Fool's prank.

Behar, Ruth. **LUCKY BROKEN GIRL**

Cuban-Jewish immigrant Ruthie struggles to recover from an accident and feel at home in America.

Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker.

THE WAR THAT SAVED MY LIFE

Two children find a kinder life in the English countryside during World War II.

Brown, Peter. **THE WILD ROBOT**

Roz, a robot, survives a shipwreck on a remote island and adapts to the environment.

Cassidy, Sara. **A BOY NAMED QUEEN**

What happens when a girl who is expected to live by the rules meets a boy who makes his own.

Creech, Sharon. **MOO**

A pair of siblings discover many surprises while adjusting to life in rural Maine.

Clarke, Cat. **THE PANTS PROJECT**

Liv effects a major change in his new middle school's antiquated dress code while also gaining the courage to come out as transgender.

Grimes, Nikki. **GARVEY'S CHOICE**

Told in verse, a young boy searches for his own voice which is lost among his father's wishes.

Hale, Shannon. **REAL FRIENDS**

Semi-autobiographical tale about one girl's struggle to make and keep "one good friend." (Graphic Novel)

Johnson, Varian.

THE GREAT GREENE HEIST *

Jackson Greene is trying to reform his reputation as a prankster. Can he?

Leonard, M.G. **BEETLE BOY ***

In their search for his missing father, a young teen and his eccentric uncle are aided by a rhinoceros beetle and a band of "rare" beetles.

Lloyd, Natalie.

THE KEY TO EXTRAORDINARY

Emma must solve a ghostly mystery in order to save her grandmother's Boneyard Café.

Lupica, Mike. **THE ONLY GAME ***

Baseball player Jack wonders if baseball is "the only game" after the death of his brother.

Martin, Ann M. **RAIN REIGN**

Rose, diagnosed with Asperger's, has a difficult home life but finds solace with her dog Rain.

Messner, Kate. **ALL THE ANSWERS**

Finding a magic pencil makes geometry a lot more easier and life a lot more complicated for 12 year-old Ava.

Mlynowski, Sarah. **STICKS & STONES ***

Nory and her friends are misfits in an alternate universe where everyone has magical talent.

Murray, Martine. **MOLLY AND PIM AND THE MILLIONS OF STARS**

Molly loves her magical mother but wishes for a normal life.

Nye, Bill.

AT THE BOTTOM OF THE WORLD *

Jack and his genius siblings accompany an eccentric scientist to Antarctica.

Spratt, R.A.

FRIDAY BARNES, UNDER SUSPICION *

Friday Barnes solves mysteries at her exclusive boarding school.

Wolk, Lauren.

BEYOND THE BRIGHT SEA

Set adrift on the ocean as a newborn, 12 year-old Crow embarks on a quest to find the missing pieces of her history.

Informational Books

125 WACKY ROADSIDE ATTRACTIONS

National Geographic presents crazy attractions from around the world.

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