

5th Grade Book Club Titles - Unit 1

Reading Level	Title	Author	Parent comments about summaries found online
L-P	Clubhouse Mysteries	Sharon Draper	<p>Book #1: The Buried Bones Mystery</p> <p>The plot is fine but there is an incredible emphasis on skin color.</p> <p>Four neighborhood boys basketball court was vandalized. They rise up and become the "Black Dinosaurs." The story seems super cute but I am not sure there is any value added to identifying as "black." Imagine if Sharon rewrote this book with 4 white boys and they were called "White Dinosaurs."</p> <p>Author: Sharon Draper. Local to Cincinnati.</p>
	Riding Freedom	Pam Munoz Ryan	<p>A girl growing up in the mid-1800s and does not have freedom. How she overcomes and lives a life by turning into a man.</p> <p>The book outlines how oppressed women were in the 1800s.</p> <p>Strange: the girl becomes a man so that she can be free but it's never stated in the book that she is</p>

			transgender?
	Gooseberry Park	Cynthia Rylant	Unusual friendship btw a dog and a squirrel. Funny and fun for kids. Harmless.
	The Worst Witch	Jill Murphy	A cute novel about a child wanting to be a witch.
	PS Brothers	Maribeth Boelts	P is for poop S is for Scoop Two best friends who want a puppy.
	The Kid Coach	Fred Bowen	Teammates lose their coach (baseball) and decide to coach themselves.
	Flat Stanley	Jeff Brown	
Q-R			
	Amulet: The Stonekeeper	Kazu Kibuishi	Graphic novel star Kazu Kibuishi creates a world of terrible, man-eating demons, a mechanical rabbit, a giant robot---and two ordinary children on a life-or-death mission.
	El Deafo	Cece Bell	A child growing up hearing impaired starts a new school.
	Hatchet	Gary Paulsen	
	Island: Shipwreck	Gordon Korman	6 kids stuck at sea. Trouble makers

	The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez	Adrianna Cuevas	
	The One and Only Bob	Katherine Applegate	So good.
	What Lane?	Torrey Maldonado	<p>“As a mixed kid, he feels like he's living in two worlds with different rules--and he's been noticing that strangers treat him differently than his white friends.”</p> <p>“This book also brings up the topic of white allyship”</p>
	The Homework Machine	Dan Gutman	
	The Wild Robot	Peter Brown	Fine.
	Look Both Ways	Jason Reynolds	Author involved with Ibrahim X Topics: bullying, homophobia, parents with cancer, and death of siblings.
S-T			
	Chester & Gus	Cammie McGovern	
	Out of My Mind	Sharon Draper	
	Save Me a Seat	Sarah Weeks & Gita Varadarajan	
	Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus	Dusti Bowling	
	The First Rule of Punk	Celia C. Perez	

	Take Back the Block	Chrystal D. Giles	
	The New Kid	Jerry Craft	
	Harbor Me	Jacqueline Woodson	
	Clayton Byrd Goes Underground		
	Schooled	Gordon Korman	
U-V			
	The Best Man	Richard Peck	The child is the Best man at the teacher and uncle's wedding (gay).
	Front Desk	Kelly Yang	
	All of the Above	Shelley Pearsall	
	Restart	Gordon Korman	
	Merci Suarez Changes Gears	Meg Medina	
	Efren Divided	Ernesto Cisneros	
	The Benefits of Being an Octopus	Ann Braden	
	The Goldfish Boy	Lisa Thompson	
	Brown Girl Dreaming	Jacqueline Woodson	
	Hoot	Carl Hiassen	

W-X			
	All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook	Leslie Connor	
	The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora	Pablo Cartaya	
	Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish	Pablo Cartaya	
	Black Brother, Black Brother	Jewell Parker Rhodes	
	Clean Getaway	Nic Stone	
	One Crazy Summer	Rita Williams-Garcia	
	Scar Island	Dan Gemeinhart	
	Clues to the Universe	Christiana Li	
	The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl	Stacy McAnulty	
	Blended	Sharon Draper	
Y-Z			
	The Seventh Most Important Thing	Shelley Pearsall	
	Echo	Pam Munoz Ryan	
	Other Words for Home	Jasmine Warga	Published 2019 Immigrant from Syria relocated in Cincinnati. Labeled as Middle Eastern.

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	Nowhere Boy	Katherine Marsh	Migration and Social Disadvantage
	Resistance	Jennifer Nielsen	
	The Crossover	Kwame Alexander	2014
	A Night Divided	Jennifer Nielsen	2015
	The Endling	Katherine Applegate	
	A Good Kind of Trouble	Lisa Moore Ramee	<p>Black Lives Matter Propaganda Invokes violence and bashed police by saying they are racist killers. Plays victim card to justify bad actions.</p> <p>Fuel for racial hatred</p> <p>BLM is a term everyone agrees with but does nothing but harm the black society.</p> <p>Spreads falsehoods about the police</p>
	Breakout	Kate Messner	<p>Messner allows the characters and circumstances to delve into deeper issues of racism and systemic oppression good</p> <p>Uses words like “racial profiling”</p>

			The prison system is broken and racially biased
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