



Suggested Books & Authors for Summer Reading  
Fifth Grade into Sixth Grade – Summer 2015  
Middletown Public Schools



**REALISTIC FICTION**



**Buyea, Rob**

**Because of Mr. Terupt**

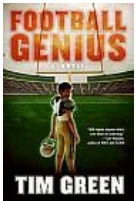
Seven fifth-graders at Snow Hill School in Connecticut relate how their lives are changed for the better by "rookie teacher" Mr. Terupt. (Publisher) Note: There is a sequel titled *Mr. Terupt Falls Again*.



**Clements, Andrew**

**A Week in the Woods**

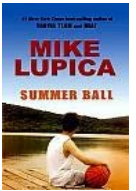
The fifth grade's annual camping trip in the woods tests Mark's survival skills and his ability to relate to a teacher who seems out to get him. (Publisher)



**Green, Tim**

**Football Genius** (Any book in the series)

Troy, a sixth-grader with an unusual gift for predicting football plays before they occur, attempts to use his ability to help his favorite team, the Atlanta Falcons, but he must first prove himself to the coach and players. (Publisher)



**Lupica, Mike**

**Summer Ball / The Big Field**

Thirteen-year-old Danny must prove himself all over again for a disapproving coach and against new rivals at a summer basketball camp. (Publisher)



**Palacio, R.J.**

**Wonder**

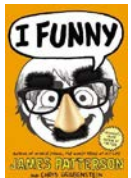
Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive..., struggles to be seen as just another student. (Publisher)



**Vawter, Vance**

**Paperboy**

An 11-year-old boy living in Memphis in 1959 throws the meanest fastball in town, but talking is a whole different ball game. He can barely say a word without stuttering, not even his own name. (Publisher)

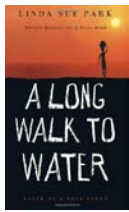


**James Patterson and Chris Grabenstein**

**I Funny**

Jamie Grimm tries to win the Planet's Funniest Kid Comic Contest, while also dealing with his stepfamily, friends, and a school bully. (Publisher)

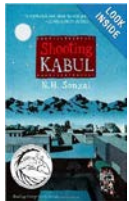
## HISTORICAL FICTION



**Park, Linda Sue**

### **A Long Walk to Water**

When the Sudanese civil war reaches his village in 1985, eleven-year-old Salva becomes separated from his family and must walk with other Dinka tribe members through southern Sudan, Ethiopia, and Kenya in search of safe haven. Based on the life of Salva Dut, who after immigrating to America in 1996, began a project to dig water wells in Sudan. (Publisher)



**Senzai, N.H.**

### **Shooting Kabul**

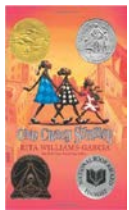
Escaping from Taliban-controlled Afghanistan in the summer of 2001, eleven-year-old Fadi and his family immigrate to the San Francisco Bay Area, where Fadi schemes to return to the Pakistani refugee camp where his little sister was accidentally left behind. (Publisher)



**Stead, Rebecca**

### **When You Reach Me**

As her mother prepares to be a contestant on the 1980s television game show, "The \$20,000 Pyramid," a twelve-year-old New York City girl tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source that seems to defy the laws of time and space. (Publisher)



**Williams-Garcia, Rita**

### **One Crazy Summer**

In the summer of 1968, after traveling from Brooklyn to Oakland, California, to spend a month with the mother they barely know, eleven-year-old Delphine and her two younger sisters arrive to a cold welcome as they discover that their mother, a dedicated poet and printer, is resentful of the intrusion of their visit and wants them to attend a nearby Black Panther summer camp. (Publisher)

## ADVENTURE/SCIENCE FICTION/FANTASY



**Buckley, Michael**

**The Sisters Grimm Series** -- Any book **except** for the first in the series: *The Fairy-Tale Detectives*.

When orphaned sisters Sabrina and Daphne are sent to live with their mysterious grandmother, Relda Grimm, who lives in a strange town in New York State, known for its extraordinary number of unexplained and unusual crimes, they begin to unravel a mystery that leads to their ancestors' magical beginnings. (Publisher)



**Colfer, Chris**

**The Land of Stories** (Any book in the series)

Through the mysterious powers of a cherished book of stories, twins Alex and Conner leave their world behind and find themselves in a foreign land full of wonder and magic where they come face-to-face with the fairy tale characters they grew up reading about. (Publisher)

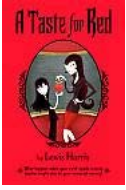


**Haddix, Margaret Peterson**

### **Among the Hidden**

(The Shadow Children Series: Any book in the series)

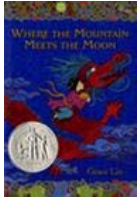
In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong. (Publisher)



**Harris, Lewis**

**A Taste for Red**

A sixth-grade Goth girl who thinks she's a vampire encounters her greatest nemesis when she enrolls at Sunny Hill Middle School in this hilarious and entirely original take on the vampire genre for middle graders. (Publisher)



**Lin, Grace**

**Where the Mountain Meets the Moon**

Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish, and then joins a dragon who cannot fly on a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon in hopes of bringing life to Fruitless Mountain and freshness to Jade River. (Publisher)



**Nielsen, Jennifer A.**

**The False Prince**

In the country of Carthya, a devious nobleman engages four orphans in a brutal competition to be selected to impersonate the king's long-missing son in an effort to avoid a civil war. (Publisher)

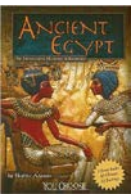


**Stewart, Trent Lee**

**The Mysterious Benedict Society**

After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules. (Publisher)

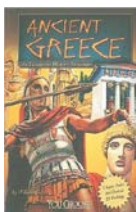
**NONFICTION**



**Adamson, Heather**

**Ancient Egypt- Interactive**

Readers learn about three periods in Ancient Egypt: the age of the pyramid builders, the mummy makers, and Queen Cleopatra's reign. By choosing the path that interests them, readers learn about the lives of people who actually lived in Ancient Egypt.



**Caper, William**

**Ancient Greece-Interactive**

Ancient Greece is an age of amazing achievements in art, literature, and science. Its people enjoy a rich culture and experience times of both peaceful democracy and violent war. Will you: • Explore a career in government, art, or philosophy as a citizen of Athens? • Experience the hardworking, disciplined life of a resident of Sparta?



**Cunningham, Darryl**

**How to fake a moon landing: exposing the myths of science denial**

Author-illustrator Darryl Cunningham looks at hot-button science topics and presents a fact-based, visual assessment of current thinking and research on eight different issues everybody's arguing about. (Publisher)



**Sid Fleischman**

**Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini**

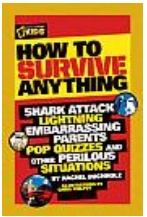
Who was this man who could walk through brick walls and, with a snap of his fingers, make elephants vanish? In these pages you will meet the astonishing Houdini—magician, ghost chaser, daredevil, pioneer aviator, and king of escape artists. No jail cell or straitjacket could hold him! He shucked off handcuffs as easily as gloves. (Publisher)



**Ford, Gabriella**

**Gabe & Izzy: Standing Up for America's Bullied**

In middle school, Gabrielle “Gabe” Ford developed a degenerative muscle disease, and was harassed by bullies as a result. She did her best to keep her head high, but it wasn’t easy. Then Gabe got a dog, Izzy, who developed an uncannily similar disorder. They were invited to appear on Animal Planet to talk about their bond, which in turn led, to her ongoing mission to put an end to bullying, one school at a time.

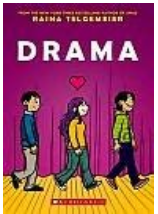


**National Geographic**

**How to Survive Anything**

Offers advice on how to survive any challenge, whether at school or in the jungle. (Publisher)

**GRAPHIC NOVELS**



**Telgemeier, Raina**

**Drama**

Callie rides an emotional roller coaster while serving on the stage crew for a middle school production of Moon over Mississippi as various relationships start and end and others never quite get going. (Publisher)



**Telgemeier, Raina**

**Smile**

Raina just wants to be a normal sixth grader. But one night after Girl Scouts she trips and falls, severely injuring her two front teeth. What follows is a long and frustrating journey with on-again, off-again braces, surgery, embarrassing headgear, and even a retainer with fake teeth attached. And on top of all that, there's still more to deal with: a major earthquake, boy confusion, and friends who turn out to be not so friendly. (Publisher)

**CLASSICS**

**Burnett, Frances Hodgson**

***The Secret Garden***

**Burnford, Shelia**

***The Incredible Journey***

**Montgomery, L.M.**

***Anne of Green Gables***

**Sewel, Anna**

***Black Beauty***

**Spyri, Johanna**

***Heidi***