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Paquette, Ammi-Joan. **Two Truths and a Lie: It's Alive!**

Blending strange but true facts about the natural world with a handful of fictional accounts, this book challenges readers to discover which two out of every three stories are true.

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Burns, Loree Griffin. **Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam and the Science of Ocean Motion.**

(Scientists in the Field)

Follow a scientist who tracks trash as it travels great distances by way of ocean currents.

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Johnson, Rebecca L. **When Lunch Fights Back: Wickedly Clever Animal Defenses.**

Meet living things with some of the strangest defenses known to science: termites that blow themselves up to save the colony; fish that produce oodles of gooey, slippery slime, and more. E-book

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**Weird But True! Human Body: 300 Outrageous Facts About Your Awesome Anatomy.**

Did you know that your stomach is shaped like the letter J? Or that if you lined up all your blood vessels, they'd circle the Earth twice? From your head to your toes, you'll be surprised and amazed by what you'll discover about the always fascinating human body.

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**I Can Make a Difference: A Treasury to Inspire Our Children.** Selected by Marian Wright Edelman.

This book highlights goals that any child can aspire to achieve, such as being honest, compassionate, and kind. Edelman encourages children to take responsibility for the kind of people they are and will become.

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Sheinkin, Steve. **King George: What was his Problem?**

This humorous take on the history of the American Revolutionary War contains amazing information that you won't find in a textbook. E-book



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## FABULOUS BOOKS FOR 5<sup>TH</sup> AND 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS



J/YA Fic Draper

Draper, Sharon M. **Out of My Mind.**

A brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time. E-book, Audiobook

J/YA Fic Funke (Nene Award)

Funke, Cornelia. **Inkheart.**

When Meggie's father reads aloud from a book called "Inkheart," an evil ruler escapes the boundaries of fiction and lands in their living room. Suddenly, Meggie is smack in the middle of the kind of adventure she has only read about in books. E-book, Audiobook

J Fic Grabenstein.

Grabenstein, Chris. **Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library.**

Twelve-year-old Kyle and other students get to stay overnight in the new town library, designed by the famous gamemaker Luigi Lemoncello, but he finds that come morning he must work with his friends to solve puzzles in order to escape. E-book, Audiobook

J Fic Hiaasen

Hiaasen, Carl. **Squirm.**

Billy Dickens discovers that his mysterious father lives in Montana, so this summer Billy will fly across the country, hike a mountain, float a river, dodge a grizzly bear, shoot down a spy drone, and save his own father. E-book

J Fic Holm

Holm, Jennifer L. **Full of Beans.**

In Depression-era Key West, Florida, ten-year-old Beans Curry engages in various schemes to earn money, while "New Dealers" from Washington, D.C. arrive to turn run down Key West into a tourist resort. E-book, Audiobook

J Fic Hunt

Hunt, Lynda Mullaly. **Fish in a Tree.**

Ally has been smart enough to fool a lot of smart people. Every time she lands in a new school, she is able to hide her inability to read. However, her newest teacher sees the bright, creative girl underneath the troublemaker. E-book, Audiobook

J Fic Kelly

Kelly, Erin Entrada. **You Go First.**

Charlotte and Ben live in different states but compete with each other at online Scrabble, and that connection helps both as they face family issues and the turmoil of middle school. E-book

J/YA Fic Korman

Korman, Gordon. **Ungifted.**

Due to an administrative mix-up, Donovan is sent to the Academy of Scholastic Distinction, a special program for gifted and talented students, after pulling a major prank at middle school. E-book

J Fic Lee

Lee, Yoon Ha. **Dragon Pearl.**

Inspired by Korean folklore, this story follows 13-year-old Min, who comes from a long line of fox spirits, as she sets out to solve the mystery of what happened to her older brother in the Thousand World Space Forces.

J Fic McAnulty

McAnulty, Stacy. **The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl.**

After being struck by lightning at age six, Lucy Callahan became a math genius. Now for the first time, her grandmother is forcing her to attend public school. Math can solve a lot of problems, but this is one Lucy will have to work out herself. E-book, Audiobook

J/YA Fic Nielsen

Nielsen, Jennifer A. **The False Prince.**

(The Ascendance Trilogy)

In this fast-paced medieval adventure, Sage, an orphaned thief, is one of four boys chosen to participate in a lethal contest. One of the boys will be chosen to impersonate a long-lost prince in the hopes of averting a civil war. E-book, Audiobook

J Fic Patterson

Patterson, James. **Max Einstein: The Genius Experiment.**

Max Einstein and a group of international geniuses use their creativity and curiosity to help solve some of the world's toughest problems with science.

J Fic Pennypacker

Pennypacker, Sara. **Pax.**

When he is forced to give up his pet fox Pax, a young boy named Peter decides to leave home and get his best friend back. E-book, Audiobook

J/YA Fic Reynolds

Reynolds, Jason. **Ghost.**

Ghost, a naturally talented runner and troublemaker, is recruited for an elite middle school track team. He must stay on track, literally and figuratively, to reach his full potential. E-book, Audiobook

J Fic Riordan

Riordan, Rick. **Percy Jackson's Greek Gods.**

Percy Jackson takes time out from his exciting adventures to present a humorous and irreverent introduction to Greek mythology for his fans. E-book, Audiobook

J Fic Sachar

Sachar, Louis. **Fuzzy Mud.**

Two friends take a shortcut home from school and discover what looks like fuzzy mud, but is actually a substance with the potential to wreak havoc on the entire world. E-book, Audiobook

J Fic Selznick (Nene Award/Caldecott Award)

Selznick, Brian. **The Invention of Hugo Cabret: A Novel in Words and Pictures.**

A cryptic drawing, a treasured notebook, a stolen key, a mechanical man, and a hidden message from Hugo's dead father form the backbone of this spellbinding mystery. E-book, Audiobook

J Fic Tashjian

Tashjian, Janet. **My Life as a Book.** (My Life)

The good news: It's summer. The bad news: Derek hates to read, and he's got a summer reading list. Cartoon drawings by the author's teenaged son decorate the margins of this funny, quick read. E-book

J Fic Yang

Yang, Kelly. **Front Desk.**

Fifth-grader Mia Tang works hard helping her immigrant parents manage a motel while she dreams of becoming a writer. E-book

J 342.085 Kr

Krull, Kathleen. **A Kids' Guide to America's Bill of Rights.**

This book offers a lively approach to explaining the ten amendments to the United States Constitution that make up the Bill of Rights.

J 363.34092 Ta

Tarshis, Lauren. **Five Epic Disasters.**

The author of the "I Survived" series provides a thrilling exploration of five true stories of survival from some of history's greatest disasters. E-book

J 390.08 Wi

Wilkinson, Philip. **A Child Through Time: The Book of Children's History.**

An original look at history offering profiles of 30 children from different eras. Children can discover the lives of the cave people, Romans, Vikings, and beyond through the eyes of someone their own age.