

# 2023 Suggested Reading for FRES Students Entering 5th Grade

Reading is good for your brain and helps keep it in shape when school is out. It can take you on adventures, be a window to help you gain new ideas and learn about others, or a mirror to help you understand yourself and your experiences.

We encourage you to read what you enjoy but have created this list to give you some ideas. Questions? Just ask! Happy reading! - *BML Children's Staff*

Alternate format availability: Overdrive Hoopla Playaway Wonderbook Book on CD

## Science Fiction & Fantasy



**Space Case** by *Stuart Gibbs*

Dashiell Gibson, who lives on Moon Base Alpha, has to solve the murder of one of the moon's most prominent doctors.



**Winterhouse** by *Ben Guterson*

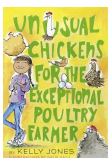
Elizabeth spends break at Winterhouse hotel where she discovers that she has magic, and solves a mystery with her new friend.



**The Fourteenth Goldfish**

by *Jennifer Holm*

Ellie's grandfather discovers a way to reverse aging, turns into a teenager, and moves in with Ellie and her mom.



**Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer** by *Kelly Jones*

Through letters, Sophie Brown tells of her move to her Great Uncle's farm, where she begins caring for some very unusual chickens.



**The Phantom Tollbooth** by *Norton Juster*

Milo journeys through the Phantom Tollbooth to a land where he learns the importance of words and numbers and finds a cure for his boredom.



**Malamander** by *Thomas Taylor*

Herbert Lemon, the Grand Nautilus Hotel's Lost and Founder, has an unexpected visitor in Violet Parma, who wants his help finding her parents.



**Lost Girl** by *Anne Ursu*

Twins Iris and Lark struggle with insecurities over their individual identities and at the same time things begin to go missing around town.



**Wink** by *Rob Harrell*

After being diagnosed with a rare eye cancer, Ross discovers how music, art, and friends can help him survive middle school.



**Song for a Whale** by *Lynne Kelly*

Iris and her grandmother, both deaf, drive to Alaska to help Blue-55, a whale unable to communicate with other whales.



**From the Desk of Zoe Washington**

by *Janae Marks*

Avid baker Zoe Washington receives a letter on her twelfth birthday from her biological father, who is in prison for a terrible crime.



**One Crazy Summer** by *Rita Williams-Garcia*

In the summer of 1968, eleven-year-old Delphine and her two younger sisters have to spend a month with the mother they barely know.



**Front Desk** by *Kelly Yang*

Mia must be courageous, kind, and work hard to get through this year. Will she be able to hold on to her job, help the immigrants and guests, escape Mr. Yao, and go for her dreams?

## Realistic & Historical



**The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise** by *Dan Gemeinhart*

Living on the road in an old bus, Coyote devises a plan to get her father home to Washington state to save a memory box.



**Pie in the Sky** by *Remy Lai*

As a distraction from moving to Australia, Jingwen daydreams about baking at Pie in the Sky, the bakery his father had planned to open before he passed away.



**Macy McMillan and the Rainbow Goddess** by *Shari Green*

With her mother getting married and a For Sale sign in their yard, Macy could use a best friend right now, but the only person who has time for her these days is the crabby old next door neighbor who doesn't even know sign language.

Adventure & Humor

**Rescue at Lake Wild**

by Terry Lynn Johnson



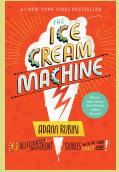
When Madi and her friends rescue orphaned beaver kits, she discovers a local conspiracy that's putting the beavers and their habitats in danger.

**Stand Up, Yumi Chung** by Jessica Kim



When Yumi Chung stumbles into a kids' comedy camp, she is mistaken for another student and so she decides to play the part.

**The Ice Cream Machine** by Adam Rubin



Six stories, all with the same title. Except the stories are all totally different. The only thing they have in common? Ice cream.

**Fins** by Randy Wayne White



Luke, Maribel, & Sabina are new to Florida and feel like fish out of water but must work together to help protect black-tipped sharks.

Nonfiction & Poetry

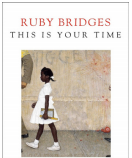
**Lonely Planet Kids: Myths and Legends of the World** by Alli Brydon;

illus. by Julia Iredale j292 BRY



**This is Your Time** by Ruby Bridges

j323.1196 BRI



**If...Disappeared**

(Series) by Lily Williams (various call numbers)



**The Great Stink: How Joseph Bazalgette Solved London's Poop Pollution Problem** by Colleen Paeff;

illus. by Nancy Carpenter j628.3 PAE



**A Sporting Chance: How Ludwig Guttmann Created the Paralympic Games** by Lori Alexander; illus. by Allen Drummond

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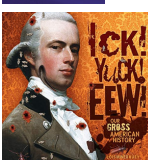
**Cast Away: Poems of Our Time** by

Naomi Shihab Nye j811.54 NYE



**Ick! Yuck! Eew!: Our Gross American History** by Lois Miner Huey

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Mystery & Spooky

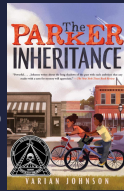
**Winterborne Home for Vengeance and Valor** by Ally Carter



After years in foster care, April gets to live in a mansion where she's caught up in a mystery of a missing heir and a lost legacy.

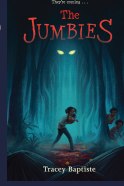
**The Parker Inheritance**

by Varian Johnson



In a letter to her grandmother, Candice discovers an injustice from decades ago and a mystery about a fortune.

**The Jumbies** by Tracey Baptiste



Eleven-year-old Corinne must call on her courage and an ancient magic to stop an evil spirit and save her island home.

**Batpig** by Rob Harrell



Gary Yorkshire was your perfectly average, fuzzy pink pig until one day . . . a radioactive bat bite gives him powers he never would have dreamed of!

**Measuring Up** by Lily LaMotte & Ann Xu



Fresh to Seattle from Taiwan, Cici enters a cooking competition to win the chance to see her grandmother again, but she only knows how to cook Taiwanese food.

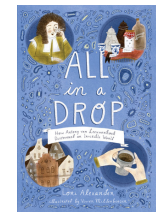
**Unsolved Case Files** by Tom Sullivan



Explore some of the FBI's cases through history that remain unsolved to this day!

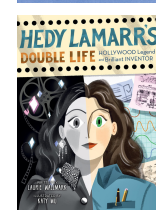
**All in a Drop: How Antony van Leeuwenhoek Discovered an Invisible World** by Lori Alexander

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**Hedy LaMarr's Double Life: Hollywood Legend and Brilliant Inventor** by Laurie Wallmark

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**Tricky Vic: The Impossibly True Story of The Man Who Sold the Eiffel Tower** by Greg Pizzoli

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**She Made a Monster: How Mary Shelley Created Frankenstein** by Lynn Fulton

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Graphic Novels

Biography