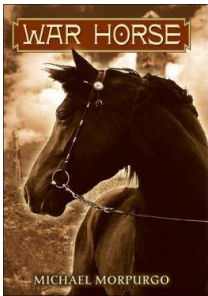
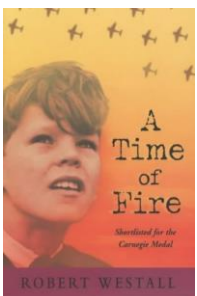
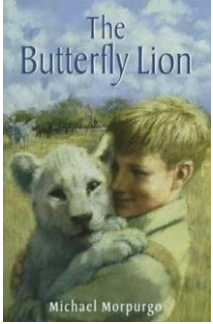
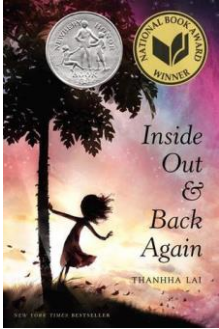
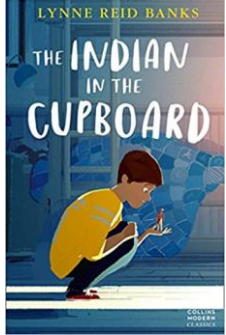


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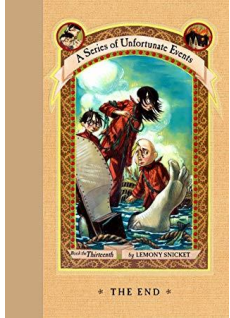
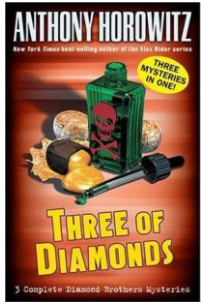

The following books are appropriate for children in Year 5 and will help to improve their word reading, vocabulary and understanding.

Book title	Author	Front cover	Description
Middle school: The Worst Years of my Life	James Patterson		<p>Rafe Khatchadorian has an epic imagination and a slight problem with authority, and these things collide when he transfers to a middle school where students are expected to follow the rules. This doesn't sit well with Rafe. With help from his new friend Leo, the mischievous lad concocts schemes to drive his tyrannical principal crazy while also using his charm and wits to impress a girl and battle the bullies.</p>
War Horse	Michael Morpurgo		<p>A powerful tale of war, redemption and a hero's journey.</p> <p>In 1914, Joey, a beautiful bay-red foal with a distinctive cross on his nose, is sold to the army and thrust into the midst of the war on the Western Front. With his officer, he charges toward the enemy, witnessing the horror of the battles in France. But even in the desolation of the trenches, Joey's courage touches the soldiers around him and he is able to find warmth and hope. But his heart aches for Albert, the farmer's son he left behind. Will he ever see his true master again?</p>
A Time of Fire	Robert Westall		<p>A thrilling war story from the author of THE MACHINE GUNNERS. It takes just a few seconds for the German bomber to drop its deadly explosives and vanish into the clouds. But those seconds change ten-year-old Sonny's life for ever. His mother is gone, killed by the bombing raid. His father leaves, driven to distraction by rage and grief. Sonny is left with his formidable grandparents where he must prepare for his own personal confrontation with the unknown Luftwaffe pilot who killed his mother...</p>

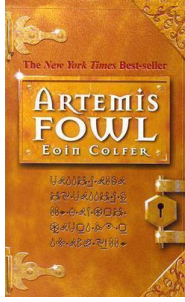

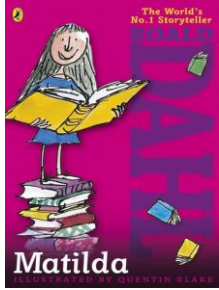
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<p>The Butterfly Lion</p>	<p>Michael Morpurgo</p>		<p>Trying to run away from boarding school in England, a boy encounters an old woman who tells him the story of Bertie and his beautiful white lion.</p>
<p>Inside Out and Back Again</p>	<p>Thanha Lai</p>		<p>For all the ten years of her life, Hà has only known Saigon: the thrills of its markets, the joy of its traditions, and the warmth of her friends close by. But now the Vietnam War has reached her home. Hà and her family are forced to flee as Saigon falls, and they board a ship headed toward hope. In America, Hà discovers the foreign world of Alabama: the coldness of its strangers, the dullness of its food . . . and the strength of her very own family.</p>
<p>The Indian in the cupboard</p>	<p>Lynne Reid Banks</p>		<p>At first, Omri is unimpressed with the plastic Indian toy he is given for his birthday. But when he puts it in his old cupboard and turns the key, something extraordinary happens that will change Omri's life for ever. For Little Bear, the Iroquois Indian brave, comes to life...</p>

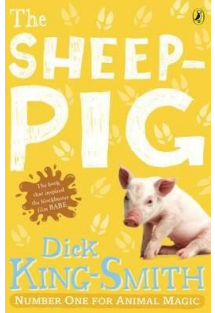
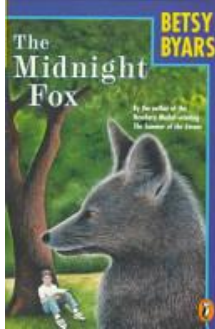
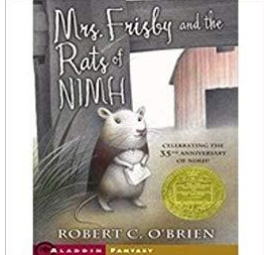
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<p>A Series of Unfortunate Events Lemony Snicket</p>	<p>Daniel Handler</p>		<p>The last volume of the fabulously popular A Series of Unfortunate Events series, in which the history of the Baudelaire orphans is brought to its end.</p>
<p>Diamond Brothers Series</p>	<p>Anthony Horowitz</p>		<p>What would Tim Diamond, the world's worst private detective, do without his quick-thinking brother Nick? The bumbling detective and his kid brother are at it again in these three hilarious, fast-paced mysteries. Whether it's finding out who flattened a philanthropist with a steamroller in <i>The Blurred Man</i>, outsmarting Parisian drug smugglers on a vacation gone miserably wrong in <i>The French Confection</i>, or catching the murderer behind a deadly class reunion in <i>I Know What You Did Last Wednesday</i>, there's never a dull moment with this crime solving duo around. Find out if Nick can get to the bottom of these mysteries before Tim messes everything up, or worse, gets them both killed.</p>
<p>The Invisible Detective series</p>	<p>Justin Richards</p>		<p>Who is the Invisible Detective? To the people of London, in 1936, he's a shadowy crimefighter whose face has never been seen. Truth is, he's the creation of four extraordinary children who solve mysteries in his name. And neither an army of murderous zombie mannequins nor a subterranean monster can stop the Invisible Detective once the kids are on the case. Meanwhile, in present day, 14-year-old Arthur Drake finds the casebook of the Invisible Detective in a strange antique store. Stranger still, the casebook is in his own handwriting. With a little help from his grandfather, Arthur not only uncovers his link to the Invisible Detective, he soon finds himself plunged into mysteries of his own.</p>


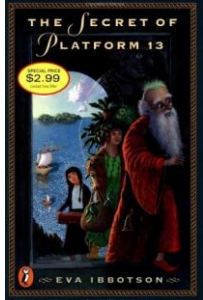
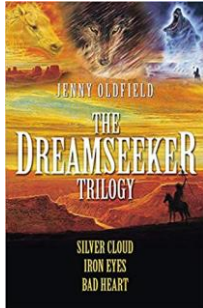
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Artemis Fowl	Eoin Colfer		<p>Twelve-year-old Artemis Fowl is a millionaire, a genius—and, above all, a criminal mastermind. But even Artemis doesn't know what he's taken on when he kidnaps a fairy, Captain Holly Short of the LEPrecon Unit. These aren't the fairies of bedtime stories—they're dangerous! Full of unexpected twists and turns, <i>Artemis Fowl</i> is a riveting, magical adventure.</p>
Skulduggery Pleasant	Derek Landy		<p>Across the land, normal people are suddenly developing wild and unstable powers. Infected by a rare strain of magic, they are unwittingly endangering their own lives and the lives of the people around them. Terrified and confused, their only hope lies with the Sanctuary. Skulduggery Pleasant and Valkyrie Cain are needed now more than ever.</p>
Matilda	Roald Dahl		<p>Matilda is a little girl who is far too good to be true. At age five-and-a-half she's knocking off double-digit multiplication problems and blitz-reading Dickens. Even more remarkably, her classmates love her even though she's a super-nerd and the teacher's pet. But everything is not perfect in Matilda's world. For starters she has two of the most idiotic, self-centered parents who ever lived. Then there's the large, busty nightmare of a school principal, Miss ("The") Trunchbull, a former hammer-throwing champion who flings children at will and is approximately as sympathetic as a bulldozer. Fortunately for Matilda, she has the inner resources to deal with such annoyances: astonishing intelligence, saintly patience, and an innate predilection for revenge.</p>

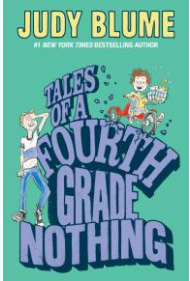
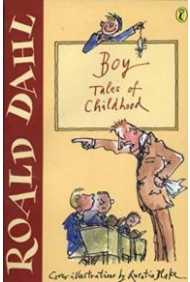
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<p>The Sheep Pig</p>	<p>Dick King-Smith</p>		<p>As he watches his 'mum' round up the sheep, he decides he would love to try too. However, his legs are too short and he is far too plump to run around after a flock of sheep. He then tries a different tactic; politely asking the sheep to form an orderly line! The sheep are so surprised to be treated with respect that they happily oblige and Farmer Hogget soon notices that Babe has a certain knack with them.</p>
<p>The Midnight Fox</p>	<p>Betsy Byars</p>		<p>No one asked Tom how he felt about spending two months on his Aunt Millie's farm. For a city boy, the farm holds countless terrors - stampeding baby lambs, boy-chasing chickens, and worst of all, loneliness. But everything changes when Tom sees the midnight fox. He can spend hours watching the graceful black fox in the woods. And when her life - and that of her cub - is in danger, Tom knows exactly what he must do.</p>
<p>Mrs Frisby and The Rats of Nimh</p>	<p>Robert C. O'Brien</p>		<p>Mrs. Frisby, a widowed mouse with four small children, must move her family to their summer quarters immediately, or face almost certain death. But her youngest son, Timothy, lies ill with pneumonia and must not be moved. Fortunately, she encounters the rats of NIMH, an extraordinary breed of highly intelligent creatures, who come up with a brilliant solution to her dilemma.</p>

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<p>I Know What You Did Last Wednesday</p>	<p>Anthony Horowitz</p>		<p>When the Diamond Brothers receive an invitation to a school reunion on a remote Scottish island, things seem to be looking up. But Nick's got a bad feeling, and it's not indigestion. And when he meets their fellow guests, the feeling only gets worse - especially when they start dying in ever more bizarre ways!</p>
<p>Secret of platform 13</p>	<p>Eva Ibbotson</p>		<p>A forgotten door on an abandoned railway platform is the entrance to a magical kingdom--an island where humans live happily with feys, mermaids, ogres, and other wonderful creatures. Carefully hidden from the world, the Island is only accessible when the door opens for nine days every nine years. A lot can go wrong in nine days. When the beastly Mrs. Trottle kidnaps the prince of the Island, it's up to a strange band of rescuers to save him. But can an ogre, a hag, a wizard, and a fey really troop around London unnoticed?</p>
<p>The Dreamseeker Trilogy</p>	<p>Jenny Oldfield</p>		<p>Silver Cloud, a wild horse who is noble, brave, fast and strong, roams the plains. He belongs to a society which is more sophisticated and peaceful than that of the neighbouring human tribe which now, on the verge of extinction, needs his help. Silver Cloud's ruling spirit, Ghost Horse, sets him the task of saving them, and as Red Hawk, the leader of the tribe, is old and dying, his young grandson, Four Winds, is sent to accompany him. Silver Cloud and Four Winds must complete three tasks which will redeem the tribe, but during their journey, they must battle against evil animal spirits as well as face the storms, fires, and earthquakes that threaten their quest.</p>

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Tales of Fourth Grade Nothing	Judy Blume		<p>Life with his little brother, Fudge, makes Peter Hatcher feel like a fourth grade nothing. Whether Fudge is throwing a temper tantrum in a shoe store, smearing mashed potatoes on the walls at Hamburger Heaven, or trying to fly, he's never far from trouble. He's an almost three-year-old terror who gets away with everything, and Peter's had it up to here! When Fudge walks off with Dribble, Peter's pet turtle, it's the last straw. Peter has put up with Fudge for too long. Way too long! How can he get his parents to pay attention to him for a change?</p>
Boy: Tales of Childhood	Roald Dahl		<p>In Boy, Roald Dahl recounts his days as a child growing up in England. From his years as a prankster at boarding school to his envious position as a chocolate tester for Cadbury's, Roald Dahl's boyhood was as full of excitement and the unexpected as are his world-famous, best-selling books. Packed with anecdotes—some funny, some painful, all interesting—this is a book that's sure to please.</p>