

Holes by Louis Sachar.

As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a horrible correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

Call Number: YAF SACHAR

A Series of Unfortunate Events: The Bad Beginning by Lemony Snicket.

After the sudden death of their parents, the three Baudelaire children must depend on each other and their wits when it turns out that the distant relative who is appointed their guardian is determined to use any means necessary to get their fortune.

Call Number: JF SNICK

The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart.

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.

Call Number: JF STEWA

Smile by Raina Telgemeier.

From sixth grade through tenth, Raina copes with a variety of dental problems that affect her appearance and how she feels about herself.

Call Number: JGN 741.5 TEL

Brown Girl Dreaming

by Jacqueline Woodson.

Raised in South Carolina and New York, Woodson always felt halfway home in each place. In vivid poems, she shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement.

Call Number: YA BIO WOODSON

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Finding a Book that Fits: 5 Finger Test

- Choose a book and have your child read any page aloud.
- Hold up a finger for every word your child can't figure out or doesn't know the meaning of.
- Count your fingers and see what fits:

0-1 Finger: A good fit, this will be an easy confidence builder.

2 Fingers: A good fit, this will be an enjoyable independent read.

3 Fingers: Just right, this will be a little challenging but rewarding.

4 Fingers: This may be challenging, read with a partner.

5 Fingers: Too challenging to read alone but a great choice for an adult to read aloud.

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SUGGESTED READING



Suggestions for Grades 5

Fever, 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson. In 1793 Philadelphia, sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic.
Call Number: JF ANDERSON

The Name of this Book is Secret by Pseudonymous Bosch. Two eleven-year-old misfits try to solve the mystery of a dead magician and stop the evil Dr. L and Ms. Mauvais, who are searching for the secret of immortality.
Call Number: JF BOSCH

The Unusual Suspects by Michael Buckley. Although filled with anger over her parents' disappearance, eleven-year-old Sabrina Grimm--along with her grandmother, sister, and several fairy-tale characters--tries to discover who has killed her teacher.
Call Number: JF BUCKL

Saving Mr. Terrupt by Rob Buyea. The kids from Mr. Terrupt's fifth- and sixth-grade classes are entering their first year of junior high school. There's a lot to be excited about, but there are new challenges, too. Everyone is missing Mr. Terrupt. When a fight threatens to break up the group forever, they think their favorite teacher is the only one who can help them. But the kids soon find out that it's Mr. Terrupt who needs saving.
Call Number: JF BUYEA

The Watsons go to Birmingham-1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis. The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963.
Call Number: JF CURTIS

Running out of Time by Margaret Peterson Haddix. When a diphtheria epidemic hits her 1840 village, thirteen-year-old Jessie discovers it is actually a 1996 tourist site under unseen observation by heartless scientists, and it's up to Jessie to escape the village and save the lives of the dying children.
Call Number: JF HADDIX

Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix. 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.
Call Number: JF HADDIX

One for the Murphy's by Linda Mullaly Hunt. When foster child Carley first meets the perfect Murphy Family, she doesn't expect to fit in. As the family continues to welcome her, however, Carley begins let down her defenses. But, what happens when her birth mother wants back into her life?
Call Number: JP HUNT

Fish in a Tree by Linda Mullaly Hunt. 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 by creating clever yet disruptive distractions. She is afraid to ask for help; after all, how can you cure dumb? However, her newest teacher Mr. Daniels sees the bright, creative kid underneath the trouble maker. With his help, Ally learns not to be so hard on herself and that dyslexia is nothing to be ashamed of.
Call Number: JP HUNT

Savvy by Ingrid Law. Recounts the adventures of Mibs Beaumont, whose thirteenth birthday has revealed her "savvy"--a magical power unique to each member of her family--just as her father is injured in a terrible accident.
Call Number: JF LAW

11 Birthdays by Wendy Mass. After celebrating their first nine same-day birthdays together, Amanda and Leo, having fallen out on their tenth and not speaking to each other for the last year, prepare to celebrate their eleventh birthday separately but peculiar things begin to happen as the day of their birthday begins to repeat itself over and over again.
Call Number: JF MASS

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen. After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.
Call Number: JF PAULSEN

Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan. Twelve-year-old Percy Jackson learns he is a demigod, the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, God of the Sea. His mother sends him to a summer camp for demigods where he and his new friends set out on a quest to prevent a war between the gods.
Call Number: YAF RIORDAN

The Red Pyramid by Rick Riordan. After their father's research experiment at the British Museum unleashes the Egyptian god Set, Carter and Sadie Kane embark on a dangerous journey across the globe--a quest which brings them ever closer to the truth about their family, and their links to a secret order that has existed since the time of the pharaohs.
Call Number: JP RIORDAN

Esperanza Rising by Pam Muñoz Ryan. Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression.
Call Number: JP RYAN