

Fifth Grade Reading List

***The Shakespeare Stealer by Gary Blackwood**- Can Widge, whose master wants him to steal a play from the Globe Theater, betray his friends?

ACROSS FIVE APRILS by Irene Hunt. This Newberry Honor book tells the tale of Jethro Creighton, a brave boy who comes of age during the Civil War.

Caddie Woodlawn by Carol Ryrie Brink – An eleven year old tomboy growing up on the Wisconsin frontier in the 1800s experiences numerous adventures.

Alice's Adventure in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll - The classic tale of Alice's adventures in Wonderland

The Samurai's Daughter by Robert San Souci – The story of the daughter of a samurai and the struggle to help her exiled father.

In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson by Betty Bao Lord – The story of a young, immigrant girl from China, Shirley Temple Wong, who discovers the American dream through Jackie Robinson.

Apollo 13: Space Emergency by Michael D. Cole – The exciting story of the astronauts who were nearly lost going to the moon.

Trouble's Daughter, The Story of Susanna Hutchinson, Indian Captive by Katharine Kirkpatrick – Susanna, captured in 1643, learns to love the people who were her enemies.

Freedom Train; The Story of Harriet Tubman by Dorothy Sterling – An account of the life of the famous abolitionist, Harriet Tubman.

Big Men, Big Country: A collection of Tall Tales by Paul Robert Walker – Stories of outlandish, daring American Heroes.

Cut From the Same Cloth: American Women of Myth, Legend and Tall Tale by Robert D. San Souci – Strong, brave and sometimes humorous women from many cultures and regions.

Iroquois Stories Heroes and Heroines, Monsters and Magic by Joseph Bruchac – A collection of Fearsome, strange, and thoughtful stories from the Indians of New York.

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi – A thirteen year old schoolgirl stows away on a ship headed by a murderous and cruel captain and gets caught up in a feud between the captain and a mutinous crew.

Good Queen Bess by Diane Stanley – A pictorial account of the amazing life of Queen Elizabeth I of England.

Peter the Great by Diane Stanley – A lively biography of Peter the Great.

Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World: Extraordinary True Story of Shackleton Armstrong – Shackleton's Antarctic trek with 27 men across the ice and over storm swept seas after his ship sank.

Around the World in a Hundred Years from Henry the Navigator to Magellan by Jean Fritz – This book examines the great wave of European exploration during the 1400s in a way that brings to life the explorers who changed the world map.

Rifles for Watie by Harold Keith -Set in the Civil War era this is the story of a sixteen year old boy who learns there is more to war than honor and glory as he helps defend the Union against Colonel Waite.

The Family that Nobody Wanted by Helen Doss- The true story about a young couple willing to adopt children, who were considered difficult to adopt, due to race, learning issues or circumstance and the challenges they overcame.

*Required Reading