

Recommended Summer Reading Grades 5 and 6

Riordan, Rick. ***The 39 Clues, Book 1: the Maze of Bones***. Amy and Dan Cahill are orphans already when their beloved Grandmother dies. When her will is read, they are shocked to find out how wealthy she really was, and that they are offered a choice of a million dollars each, or a clue to a deeper mystery. The clue is the first of 39 clues that will lead to the secret of the Cahill family's power, a very powerful family throughout history. The adventures will take them around the world and facing danger from other members of the Cahill family who are chasing the same clues. Their adventures begin in this book, and will continue through 6 more books in this exciting new series

Creech, Sharon. ***Love That Dog***. Jack's class is doing a unit on poetry, and he doesn't want to write poems, especially when something is bothering him. But then he learns that he can write a poem about not wanting to write a poem, and why he Loves that Dog.

Paratore, Colleen Murtagh. ***The Wedding Planner's Daughter***. 12 Year-Old Willa's mother is a wedding planner who is all business and no romance. Willa wishes her mother would fall in love and get married so she could have a father, and she dreams up many different ways to get her mother to fall in love with the man next door.

Korman, Gordon. ***Island, Book 1: Shipwreck***. A group of kids on a ship who are all strangers to each other, who must learn to survive together when they are shipwrecked on an island.

LaFevers, R. L. ***Theodosia and the Serpent of Chaos***. In 19th century England, Theodosia's parents work at the Museum of Legends and Antiquities in London. Theodosia can see curses on the artifacts her mother brings home from Egypt that her parents can't see, and she alone knows what to do to remove the curses. Things get tricky when she has to return an artifact to Egypt in order to remove the curse.

Cabot, Meg. ***Allie Finkle's Rules for Girls***. Nine-Year old Allie thinks life is just unfair and there should be rules to follow; Rules like #5 - You can't let your family move into a haunted house, and Rule #8 - Don't put your cat in a suitcase. If she were writing the rules to her life, things would be a lot different. Parents wouldn't be able to move a girl away from her friends to a creepy old house. This a funny book that girls will like.

O'Connor, Barbara. ***How to Steal a Dog***. What would you do to help your family if you were homeless? How far would you go to earn money? Would you steal a dog and hold for ransom?

Urban, Linda. ***A Crooked Kind of Perfect***. If only Zoe could have the baby grand piano she always wanted, that would launch her career as a piano soloist. Instead she receives an organ and a chance to perform with other “Perfectone” organ players. Life for Zoe takes all kinds of weird and exciting twists. What she wishes for is not what she gets but she does get “A Crooked Kind of Perfect”.

Mass, Wendy. ***11 Birthdays***. What if you got a chance to live a day over again? What would you do differently? Leo and Amanda are best friends and they share the same birthday. Ever since they were babies they celebrate their birthdays together, but on their 10th birthday Leo said some things that hurt Amanda’s feelings. Now they are almost 11 and they haven’t spoken in a year. But they are doomed to repeat their 11th birthday over and over until they figure out a way to become friends again.

Hoobler, Dorothy and Thomas Hoobler. ***The Ghost in the Tokaido Inn***. Seikei is the son of a tea merchant in 18th century Japan who is expected to become a merchant like his father, but what he really wants is to become a samurai. While traveling with his father, Seikei uncovers clues to a theft and joins with Judge Ooka to find the thief. When the thief is revealed will Seikei have to go back to learning to be a merchant, or is it his destiny to become a samurai?