

# Mrs. MacVicar's Suggestions for Summer Reading Grades 5-6

**Alexander, Kwame. [Booked.](#)**

Twelve-year-old Nick loves soccer and hates books, but soon learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams. Read also: [The Crossover](#), [Rebound](#).

**Andrews, Ryan. [This Was Our Pact.](#)**

It's the night of the annual Autumn Equinox Festival, when the town gathers to float paper lanterns down the river. Legend has it that after drifting out of sight, they'll soar off to the Milky Way and turn into brilliant stars, but could that actually be true?

**Craft, Jerry. [New Kid.](#)**

Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade. **2020 Newbery Medal Winner**

**Cartaya, Pablo. [The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora.](#)**

Tells the story of Arturo, who is looking forward to a relaxing summer until Carmen, a cute and funny girl moves into his apartment complex and while he deals with his stomach turning into a deep fryer over a girl, a smarmy land developer rolls into town and threatens to change it. Read also: [Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish](#), [Each Tiny Spark](#)

**Haddix, Margaret Peterson. [The Strangers \(Greystone Secrets #1\).](#)**

What makes you you? The Greystone kids thought they knew. They've been a happy family, just the three of them and their mom. But everything changes when reports of three kidnapped children reach the Greystone kids, and they're shocked by the startling similarities between themselves and these complete strangers. **Read also:** [The Deceivers \(Greystone Secrets #2\)](#)

**Heidicker, Christian McKay. [Scary Stories for Young Foxes.](#)**

When fox kits Mia and Uly are separated from their litters, they quickly learn that the world is a dangerous place filled with monsters. **2020 Newbery Honor Book**

**Hale, Shannon. [Best Friends.](#)**

Shannon's got a sure spot in the in-crowd called The Group, and her best friend is their leader. Jen, the most popular girl in school. But the rules are always changing, and Shannon has to scramble to keep up. **Read also:** [Real Friends](#)

**Hunt, Lynda Mullaly. [Shouting at the Rain.](#)**

Delsie loves tracking the weather, living with her grandmother, and the support of friends and neighbors, but misses having a "regular family," especially after her best friend outgrows her. **Read also:** [Fish in a Tree](#), [One for the Murphys](#)

**Lennon, Thomas.** [Ronan Boyle and the Bridge of Riddles.](#)

Fourteen-year-old Ronan Boyle is the youngest and lowliest recruit to the secret Garda, an Irish police force that handles the misdeeds of numerous magical creatures. Ronan's parents are in jail, but Ronan is convinced that they were framed by the wee people. **Read also:** [Ronan Boyle and the Swamp of Certain Death](#)

**Mbalia, Kwame.** [Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky.](#)

After losing his debut boxing match, two weeks following his best friend Eddie's death, Tristan Strong is sent to his grandparents' Alabama farm. He grew up on his nana's stories—Black American folklore and African myths—which Eddie had been collecting in writing. This journal is all Tristan has left of his friend, so when one of those myths, the hilariously volatile Gum Baby, shows up to steal it, Tristan gives chase.

**Oppel, Kenneth.** [Bloom \(The Overthrow Series #1\).](#)

The invasion begins but not as you'd expect. It begins with rain. Rain that carries seeds. Seeds that sprout overnight, everywhere. Three kids on a remote island seem immune to the toxic plants. They each have strange allergies and yet not to these plants. Can they somehow be the key to beating back this invasion? **Read also:** [Inkling](#), [The Boundless](#), [Silverwing Trilogy](#)

**Reynolds, Jason.** [Look Both Ways.](#)

Jason Reynolds conjures ten tales (one per block) about what happens after the dismissal bell rings, and brilliantly weaves them into one wickedly funny, piercingly poignant look at the detours we face on the walk home, and in life.

**Read also:** [Track Series](#), [As Brave as You](#)

**Snyder, Laurel.** [My Jasper June.](#)

The school year is over, and it is summer in Atlanta. The sky is blue, the sun is blazing, and the days brim with possibility. But Leah feels...lost. She has been this way since one terrible afternoon a year ago, when everything changed. **Read also:** [Orphan Island](#)

**Stark-McGinnis, Sandy.** [The Space Between Lost and Found.](#)

Cassie's always looked up to her mom, a vibrant woman bursting with grand ideas. But then came the diagnosis, and Mom started to lose her memories. Even the ones Cassie thought she'd never forget. **Read also:** [Extraordinary Birds](#)

**Tucker, Laura.** [All the Greys on Greene Street.](#)

SoHo, 1981. Twelve-year-old Olympia is an artist—and in her neighborhood, that's normal. Her dad and his business partner Apollo bring antique paintings back to life, while her mother makes intricate sculptures in a corner of their loft. Then everything falls apart.

**Wolk, Lauren.** [Echo Mountain.](#)

The Great Depression took many things from Ellie's family—her parent's jobs, their house, and their comfortable lives. They moved to property on Echo Mountain to start over and rebuild. And what the Great Depression didn't take, the mountain did. Ellie lost the family that she once knew. **Read also:** [Wolf Hollow](#), [Beyond the Bright Sea](#)

**Warga, Jasmine. [Other Words for Home.](#)**

Jude never thought she'd be leaving her beloved older brother and father behind, all the way across the ocean in Syria. But when things in her hometown start becoming volatile, Jude and her mother are sent to live in Cincinnati with relatives.

| Favorite Authors    |                     |                 |                  |
|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Stuart Gibbs        | Lois Lowry          | C.S. Lewis      | Marie Lu         |
| Kate DiCamillo      | Suzanne Collins     | Rick Riordan    | J.K. Rowling     |
| Tom Green           | Jerry Spinelli      | Raina Telgemeir | Orson Scott Card |
| John Flanagan       | Carl Hiaasen        | Eoin Colfer     | Holly Black      |
| Chris Grabenstein   | Jennifer Holm       | Gary Paulsen    | Wendy Mass       |
| Trenton Lee Stewart | Katherine Applegate | Kathi Applet    | Richard Peck     |

| Favorite Series              |                        |                         |                       |
|------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Ranger's Apprentice          | The Last Kids On Earth | Alex Rider              | Harry Potter          |
| Percy Jackson                | Trials of Apollo       | The Land of Stories     | Theodore Boone        |
| The School for Good and Evil | His Dark Materials     | Wings of Fire           | The Sisters Grimm     |
| A Tale Dark and Grimm        | Wild Robot             | Warriors                | Warcross              |
| Brotherband Chronicles       | Artemis Fowl           | Gaither Sisters Trilogy | Al Capone on Alcatraz |