

Before Entering Fifth Grade



Alvarez: *How Tia Lola Learned to Teach* c2010 *divorce, family life, fiction*

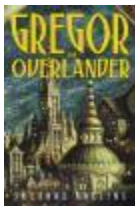
Juanita and Miguel's great aunt, Tía Lola, comes from the Dominican Republic to help take care of them after their parents divorce, and soon she is so involved in their small Vermont community that when her visa expires, the whole town turns out to support

her.



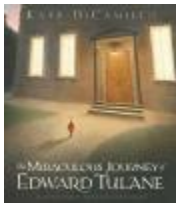
Clements: *We the Children* series c2010 *mystery*

Sixth-grader Ben Pratt's life is full of changes that he does not like but when the school janitor gives him a tarnished coin with some old engravings and then dies, Ben is drawn into an effort to keep the school from being destroyed.



Collins: *Gregor the Overlander* c2003 *fantasy*

Gregor and his two-year sister fall down a shaft in the basement and find a world of giant insects and rats. They become part of a huge battle.



DiCamillo: *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* c2006 *fantasy*

Edward Tulane is a selfish, thoughtless toy rabbit until he loses the little girl who loves him.



Giff: *Storyteller* c2010 *families, historical fiction*

Forced to spend months at an aunt's house, Elizabeth feel a connection to her ancestor Zee, whose picture hangs on the wall, and who reveals her story of hardships during the Revolutionary War as Elizabeth comes to terms with her own troubles.



Going: *The Liberation of Gabriel King* c2005 *race relations, friendship*

Gabriel, a white boy who is being bullied, and Frita, an African-American girl facing prejudice, decide to overcome their many fears together as they enter fifth grade in Georgia in 1976.



Hahn: *All the Lovely Bad Ones* c2008 *ghost stories*

Travis and his sister Corey decide to boost business at their grandmother's Vermont inn by staging a few "hauntings" that soon draw tourists from across the country, but when their antics awaken a dark force, they must find a way to put to rest the ghosts they have disturbed.



Hawkins: *The Year the Money Grew on Trees* c2008 *farm life, fiction*

In early 1980s New Mexico, thirteen-year-old Jackson Jones recruits his cousins and sisters to help tend an elderly neighbor's neglected apple orchard for the chance to make big money and, perhaps, to own the orchard.



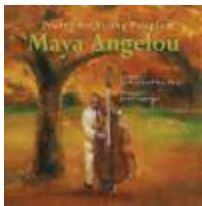
Lowry: *The Willoughbys* c2008 *family life, humorous stories*

A tongue-in-cheek take on classic themes in children's literature, in which the four Willoughby children set out to become "deserving orphans" after their neglectful parents embark on a treacherous around-the-world adventure, leaving them in the care of an odious nanny.



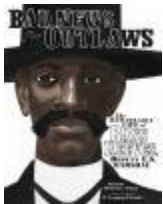
Lupica: *Two-Minute Drill* c2007 *dyslexia, football stories*

Brainy Scott, a great kicker who otherwise struggles with football, and star quarterback Chris, who has dyslexia, team up to help each other succeed in both football and school.



Maya Angelou c2007 *poetry*

A brief profile of African American poet Maya Angelou accompanies some of her better known poems.



Nelson: *Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, US Marshal* c2009 *biography, ethnic diversity*

An illustrated biography of Bass Reeves, a former slave who was recruited as a deputy United States marshal, based on his ability to communicate with the Native Americans in the area that was to become Oklahoma.



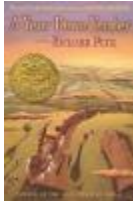
Paulsen: *Hatchet* c1987 *survival, fiction*

After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the Canadian wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given to him by his mother and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.



Pearson: *Kingdom Keepers* series *suspense fiction*

When Disney comes looking for five teenagers to serve as actors for a new technology-Daylight Hologram Images (DHIs), there is more to it than meets the eye.



Peck: *A Year Down Yonder* c2000 *humor, historical fiction*

In 1937, during the Great Depression, Mary Alice lives with her very unusual grandmother in rural Illinois.



Smith: *Bone* c2004 *graphic novel*

Three cousins leave their home of Boneville. On their journey they meet royalty, dragons, and monsters as they try to return home.



Stewart: *The Mysterious Benedict Society* c2007 *fiction, adventure*

Four children are secretly spies as students in the Learning Institute for the Enlightened. They have to avoid being brainwashed by Mr. Curtain, one of the owners of the school. This is a mystery you will be eager to see unfold.



Thomas: *The Kids Guide to Money Cent\$* c2004 , *personal finance, nonfiction*

Text and cartoon illustrations introduce kids to the concept of money.



Wilson (editor): *Maya Angelou* c2007 *poetry*

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Various authors: *39 Clues* series *mystery*

Follow Amy Cahill and her brother, Dan, as they travel the world to hunt for the 39 Clues.



Various authors: *Dear America* series *historical fiction*