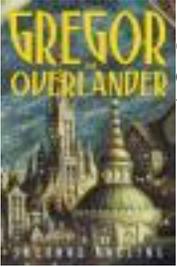


Summer Reading List - Fifth Grade



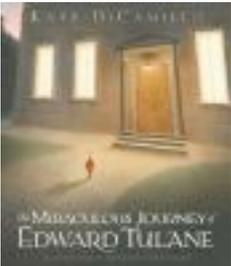
Barry: *Peter and the Starcatchers* c2004 *contemporary fantasy*

Peter and a group of fellow orphans assist Molly, a Starcatcher, in guarding a trunk of “mysterious star substance” that has the ability to keep people young and let fly.



Collins: *Gregor the Overlander* c2003 *fantasy fiction*

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.



Foreman: *Summer of the Skunks* c2002 *historical fiction*

Ten-year-old Jill lives with her family on a southern farm in the late 1940s.

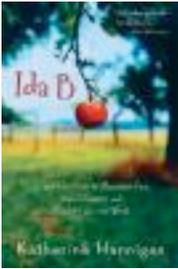


Gorman: *Dork in Disguise* c1999 *school story*

When highly intelligent Jerry moves to a new town, he sets out to change his image from “dork” to “cool.”



Gutman: *Baseball Card Adventure* sports, historical fiction
 A series of books where Joe travels back in time and meets famous players.



Hannigan: *Ida B: --and Her Plans to Maximize Fun, Avoid Disaster, and (Possibly) Save the World* c2004
realistic fiction, school story
 Happy fourth grader Ida, who is home-schooled, enjoys playing in her family's apple orchard, until her mother is diagnosed with breast cancer and the financially strapped family must sell part of the orchard and enroll Ida in public school.



Hunter: *Into the Wild* c2003 animal fiction
 Four clans of wild cats share a forest. One clan decides to change “hunting rites” and their peace is challenged



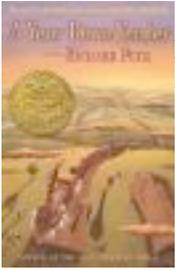
Lasky: *The Capture (Guardians of Ga'Hoole series)* c2003 fantasy
 Soren, a barn owl, is knocked from his nest by his older brother and taken to St. Aggie's, a school for orphaned owls. He befriends Gylfie, an elf owl, and the two set out to save all owls from the perils of the school.



Martin: *Main Street series* realistic fiction
 A series about two young girls orphaned when their parents die in a car accident. They go to live with their grandmother in Camden Falls, Mass., a small town filled with a variety of characters.



Norman: *My Feet Are Laughing* c2006 poetry
 16 poems told by a young girl about her Harlem neighborhood.



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.



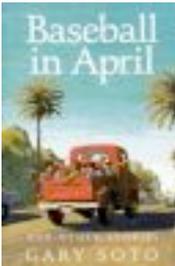
Seidler: *Toes* c2004 *animals, fiction*

Ridiculed because of his seven toes on each paw, this kitten runs away and finds a struggling musician who needs him.



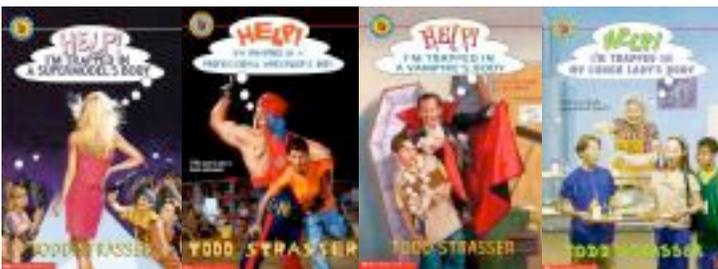
Smith: *Bone* c2004 *graphic novel*

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



Soto: *Baseball in April and Other Stories* c1990 *ethnic diversity*

These short stories focus on young Hispanics growing up in California.



Strasser: *Help!* series *fantasy, humor*

Jake Sherman switches bodies with various people and creatures, including his gym teacher, principal, the family dog and even the first day of summer camp!



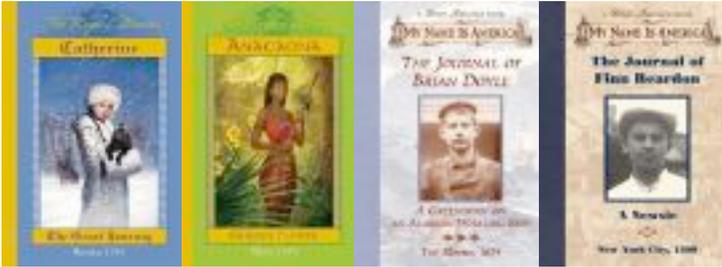
Stewart: *The Mysterious Benedict Society* c2007 *fiction, adventure*

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.



Wright: *The Wish Master* c2000 realistic fiction

Corby and his mother travel to Wisconsin for the summer to take care of his sick grandmother; then, he meets a local boy who takes him to the Wish Master.



Various authors: Dear America series *historical fiction*



Skurzynski: Mysteries in Our National Parks series *mystery, adventure*