

Suggested Reading for Kids Entering 6th Grade



Fiction

- Balliett, Blue.* **The Calder Game.** Calder and a Calder sculpture are missing.
- Barry, Dave.* **Science Fair: A Story of Mystery, Danger, International Suspense and a Very Nervous Frog.** Middle-schoolers foil a sinister plot.
- Bradford, Chris. **Young Samurai: The Way of the Warrior.** Orphaned by ninjas, 12-year old Jack is determined to prove himself.
- Cottrell Boyce, Frank.* **Cosmic.** Mistaken for an adult, Liam finds himself in a off- course rocket ship.
- Gaiman, Neil.* **The Graveyard Book.** Orphaned, Bod is raised by neighborhood ghosts.
- Green, Tim.* **Baseball Great.** Josh questions his coach's methods.
- Greenwald, Lisa. **My Life In Pink and Green.** Should the family pharmacy become an eco-spa?
- Grisham, John. **Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer.** Thirteen-year old Theo finds himself dragged into a sensational murder trial.
- Hiaasen, Carl.* **Scat.** An unpopular science teacher disappears in the Florida Everglades.
- Holm, Jennifer.* **Turtle in Paradise.** Turtle spends the summer of 1935 with her quirky Florida relatives in Key West.
- Kelly, Jacqueline. **The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate.** Girls in Texas in 1900 are not supposed to be interested in biology!
- Levine, Kristin. **The Best Bad Luck I Ever Had.** In 1917 Alabama, Dit and Emma are the most unlikely companions.
- Lowry, Lois.* **The Giver.** Twelve-year old Jonah becomes the Receiver of Memory in his utopian society.
- Rawls, Wilson.* **Where the Red Fern Grows: the story of two dogs and a boy.** Billy teaches his dogs to be champion hunters.
- Riordan, Rick.* **The Maze of Bones: the 39 Clues Book 1.** Which inheritance would you choose: \$1 million or the powerful clues?
- Williams-Garcia, Rita.* **One Crazy Summer.** In 1968, Delphine and her sisters spend the summer at a Black Panther camp.
- Yohalem, Eve. **Escape Under the Forever Sky.** The ambassador's daughter escapes her abductors.

Non Fiction

- J 323.1196 Partridge. **Marching for Freedom: Walk Together, Children, and Don't You Grow Weary.** Marching for civil rights in Selma, Alabama, 1965.
- J 569.93 Thimmesh. **Lucy Long Ago: Uncovering the Mystery of Where We Came From.** Archeologists discover a unique hominid.
- J 599.755 Montgomery.* **Saving the Ghost of the Mountain: An Expedition among Snow Leopards in Mongolia.** Scientist study and protect snow leopards.
- J 796.522 Venables. **To the Top: The Story of Everest.** Climbing Mt. Everest.
- J 940.4 Murphy.* **Truce: The Day the Soldiers Stopped Fighting.** The Christmas truce of 1914 on the Western Front .
- J 973.7 Swanson. **Chasing Lincoln's Killer.** The escape and search for John Wilkes Booth.
- J 974.71 Murphy.* **Blizzard!** A 19th-century "Snowmageddon!"
- JB King-Smith.* **Chewing the Cud: An Extraordinary Life Remembered by the Author of Babe, the Gallant Pig.** Life of multi-talented author King-Smith.
- JB Sugihara.* **A Special Fate: Chiune Sugihara: Hero of the Holocaust.** A Japanese diplomat saves thousands during WWII.



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