



2011 Suggested Summer Reading for 5th Grade

| Title | Author | Summary | Copyright | Award List |
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| Revolver | Sedgwick, Marcus | Sig is alone with his dead father in his isolated cabin north of the Arctic Circle. When a stranger knocks demanding his share of a secret, stolen horde of gold. Sig's only protection is a Colt revolver. Will he use it? | 2010 | Printz |
| Me, Frida | Diaz, David | While her famous husband, Diego Rivera, paints a mural in 1930's San Francisco, artist Frida Kahlo finds her own style as she explores the city. | 2010 | Pura Belpre |
| The Dreamer | Ryan, Pam Munoz | A fictionalized biography of the Nobel Prize-winning Chilean poet Pablo Neruda, who grew up a painfully shy child, ridiculed by his overbearing father. | 2010 | Pura Belpre |
| Out of My Mind | Draper, Sharon | Melody is just a regular kid, confined to a wheelchair unable to speak because she has cerebral palsy. Do you think you know what that's like? | 2010 | Bluebonnet |
| Stagecoach Sal | Hopkinson, Deborah | When Sal, who excels at roping, riding, shooting and signing, drives a stagecoach alone for the first time to pick up and deliver mail, her mother is afraid she will meet local outlaw Poetic Pete. | 2009 | Amelia |
| She Sang Promise: The Story of Betty Mae Jumper | Annino, Jan Godown | Betty Mae Tiger Jumper was born in 1923, the daughter of a Seminole woman and a white man. She overcame distrust and prejudice to become a nurse, alligator wrestler, journalist, community activist, and tribal leader! | 2010 | Amelia |
| Soar, Elinor! | Brown, Tami Lewis | Elinor Smith, who first flew in a "flying machine" when she was six, earned her aviation license at the age of sixteen in 1928, and when male pilots and newspapermen mock her, she performs a daring, dangerous maneuver. | 2010 | Amelia |
| Fearless: the True Story of Racing Legend Louise Smith | Rosenstock, Barbara | When Louise started racing in her daddy's Model T, girls weren't allowed to drive! Follow Louise through the dangerous, early days of stock car racing. | 2010 | Amelia |
| Sonia Sotomayor: A Judge Grows in Brooklyn La Juez Crecio en el Bronx | Winter, Jonah | Biography of our first female Hispanic Supreme Court judge. | 2009 | Amelia |
| Sojourner Truth's Step-Stomp Stride | Pinkney, Andra Davis & Brian Pinkney | Biography. Born into slavery, Belle endured several cruel masters before she escaped to freedom. She changed her name to Sojourner and traveled across the country, demanding equal rights for black people and for women. | 2009 | Amelia |
| Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty | Neri, G., and DuBurke | "Yummy" is eleven when he kills a fourteen year-old girl on Chicago's southside. His (fictional) classmate Roger tells the story of his days on the run, grappling with unanswerable questions in this powerful, gritty graphic novel. | 2010 | ALA Notable |
| Award Explanations | Amelia Bloomer Book Award | Michael L. Printz Honor Book | Pura Belpre - Spanish author/illustrator award | |

This list does not represent required reading, nor are students restricted to the suggested grade level. The list is intended to give students a wide variety of reading levels, topics, genres, points of view, and ideas for summer reading. We hope that every student will enjoy these books or will find other titles of interest at the library.

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