

Fifth Grade Home Reading

This brochure lists titles of books that your fifth grader will enjoy. They were jointly selected by librarians of the Long Beach Public Library and by the Long Beach Unified School District teachers and librarians because they are particularly interesting and engaging for fifth grade-age children.

Some of the titles on the list may be familiar to you; you may remember them as favorites from your own childhood. Other titles are more recent and may introduce you to new authors and illustrators. Either way, be sure that the books you and your child select to read are ones you both enjoy. Recreational reading should be a pleasant experience!

You will find that many of these authors have written more than one book. If you discover authors you and your child particularly enjoy, you may wish to read other books by them that are not listed in the brochure. Please do! Your child's teacher, as well as the librarian at your school and at the public library, will be happy to help you find more books by these authors.

Some of these books are available from your school library, and you will find others at public libraries. A list of local public libraries is included on this brochure; call to find out the hours they are open. If you don't have a public library card, you can get one at no cost when you visit any library branch. Just bring identification with you that shows your current address.

Books make wonderful gifts for birthdays and holidays, too. Consider buying your child a favorite title to keep. Local bookstores have children's sections which stock many of the books listed as well as others by the same authors. Helping children to start their personal libraries helps them to become readers as well.

Children learn to read well when the school, home, and community work together to make books important parts of their lives. Please use this brochure as a resource for book titles and places to find them. And, please, read aloud to your child every day. It really does make a difference!

Book List

Fiction

- Avi **The Good Dog**
 Bellairs, John **The House with a Clock in Its Walls**
 Byars, Betsy **Wanted...Mud Blossom**
 Cleary, Beverly **Strider**
 Clements, Andrew **The School Story**
 Creech, Sharon **Ruby Holler**
 Curtis, Christopher Paul **The Watsons Go to Birmingham – 1963**
 Cushman, Karen **The Ballad of Lucy Whipple**
 Dahl, Roald **Danny the Champion of the World**
 Dahl, Roald **The BFG**
 DuPrau, Jeanne **The City of Ember**
 Eager, Edward **Half Magic**
 Fleischman, Sid **Bandit's Moon**
 Garland, Sherry **The Lotus Seed**
 George, Jean C. **My Side of the Mountain**
 Grahame, Kenneth **The Reluctant Dragon**
 Haddix, Margaret **Running Out of Time**
 Henry, Marguerite **Misty of Chincoteague**
 Hunter, Erin **Warriors (series)**
 Jacques, Brian **Redwall (series)**
 Konigsburg, E. L. **From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler**
 McGill, Alice **Molly Bannaky**
 Martin, Ann M. **A Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray**
 Moss, Marissa **Rachel's Journal: The Story of a Pioneer Girl**
 Nimmo, Jenny **Children of the Red King (Charlie Bone series)**
 O'Dell, Scott **Sarah Bishop**
 Ryan, Pam Munoz **Esperanza Rising**
 Ryan, Pam Munoz **Becoming Naomi Leon**
 Sachar, Louis **Holes**
 Scieszka, Jon **Squids Will Be Squids: Fresh Morals, Beastly Fables**

Book List *continued*

Non-Fiction

- Bridges, Ruby **Through My Eyes**
 Demi **One Grain of Rice**
 Kellogg, Steven **Paul Bunyan, a Tall Tale**
 Kellogg, Steven **Sally Ann Thunder Ann Whirlwind**
Crockett: A Tall Tale
 Krull, Kathleen **Lives of the Musicians: Good Times, Bad Times**
(and What the Neighbors Thought)
 McKissack, Pat **Sojourner Truth: Ain't I a Woman!**
 Prelutsky, Jack **Something Big Has Been Here**
 San Souci, Robert **Short & Shivery: Thirty Chilling Tales**
 St. George, Judith **So You Want To Be President?**
 Yep, Laurence . . . **Dragon Prince: A Chinese Beauty and the Beast Tale**
 Young, Ed **Lon Po Po: a Red -Riding Hood**
Story from China



The Reluctant Dragon,
 by Kenneth Grahame,
 Illustrated by Michael Hague
 Published by Holt, Rinehart and Winston

Long Beach Public Libraries

MAIN LIBRARY .....	.570-7500
101 Pacific Avenue	
ALAMITOS .....	.570-1037
1836 E.Third Street	
BACH .....	.570-1038
4055 Bellflower Blvd.	
BAY SHORE .....	.570-1039
195 Bay Shore Avenue	
BREWITT .....	.570-1040
4036 E.Anaheim Street	
BURNETT .....	.570-1041
560 E. Hill Street	
DANA .....	.570-1042
3680 Atlantic Avenue	
EL DORADO .....	.570-3136
2900 Studebaker Road	
HARTE .....	.570-1044
1595 W.Willow Street	
LOS ALTOS .....	.570-1045
5614 Britton Drive	
MARK TWAIN .....	.570-1046
1325 E.Anaheim Street	
NORTH570-1047
5571 Orange Avenue	

Los Angeles County Library

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4990 N. Clark Avenue, Lakewood	



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