



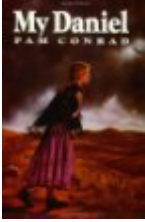
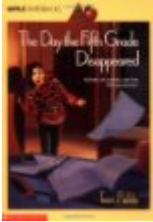

# Summer Reading List

## For Rising 5<sup>th</sup> Graders

Book Title	Synopsis	Lexile Level
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>The BFG</i> By: Roald Dahl</p> 	<p>Celebrating 30 years of a beloved Roald Dahl classic! For thirty years, readers have been enchanted by this story of young Sophie and the benevolent Big Friendly Giant--inspired by Roald Dahl's own granddaughter. Come celebrate and join them as they take on the Bonecruncher, the Bloodbottler, and other monsters to help make the world a better place for children everywhere!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">720L</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Esperanza Rising</i> By: Pam Muñoz Ryan</p> 	<p>Esperanza thought she'd always live with her family on their ranch in Mexico--she'd always have fancy dresses, a beautiful home, and servants. But a sudden tragedy forces Esperanza and Mama to flee to California during the Great Depression, and to settle in a camp for Mexican farm workers. Esperanza isn't ready for the hard labor, financial struggles, or lack of acceptance she now faces. When their new life is threatened, Esperanza must find a way to rise above her difficult circumstances--Mama's life, and her own, depend on it.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">750L</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>My Daniel</i> By: Pam Conrad</p>	<p>"All I want to find is one dinosaur," Daniel was saying. "And I'll find it right here. Like I do all my fossils." Wandering through the Natural History Museum with her grandchildren, Julia Creath feels the</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">780L</p>

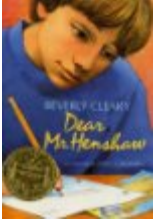

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	<p>presence of her dead brother, Daniel, she remembers a time when fossil fever hit everyone, old and young -- a time when people would kill for those old bones under the ground. Julia becomes the Nebraska farm girl she once was, as she weaves together the story of the great dinosaur rush -- an adventurous tale of love and treachery, but most of all the story of her own childhood, and of the older brother she loved more than anything. Daniel had a dream that Julia shared -- and the she alone would see come true.</p>	
<p><i>Day the Fifth Grade Disappeared</i> By: Terri Fields</p> 	<p>One minute, Julia is sitting in her fifth-grade classroom listening to a science lesson. The next minute, the entire class has vanished around her. Julia runs for help, but not one believes her-especially since the fifth grade is right where it's supposed to be when Julia returns.</p>	830L
<p><i>The View From Saturday</i> By: E.L. Konigsburg</p> 	<p>Four students, develop a special bond and attract the attention of their teacher who chooses them to represent their class in the Academic Bowl competition.</p>	870L


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<p><i>Dear Mr. Henshaw</i> By: Beverly Cleary</p> 	<p>Dear Mr. Henshaw, I wish somebody would stop stealing the good stuff out of my lunch bag. I guess I wish a lot of other things, too. I wish someday Dad and Bandit would pull up in front in the rig ... Dad would yell out of the cab, "Come on, Leigh. Hop in and I'll give you a lift to school." Leigh Botts has been author Boyd Henshaw's number one fan ever since he was in second grade. Now in sixth grade, Leigh lives with his mother and is the new kid at school. He's lonely, troubled by the absence of his father, a cross-country trucker, and angry because a mysterious thief steals from his lunch bag. Then Leigh's teacher assigns a letter-writing project. Naturally Leigh chooses to write to Mr. Henshaw, whose surprising answer changes Leigh's life.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">910L</p>
<p><i>Missing May</i> By: Cynthia Rylant</p> 	<p>Since summer was six years old she lived with dear Aunt May and Uncle Ob. Now, six years later, Aunt May has died. Summer, who misses May with all her might, is afraid something will happen to Ob. Most days Ob seems like he doesn't want to go on. But then Ob feels May's spirit around him and he wants to contact her. Cletus Underwood, a strange boy from school, reads about someone who could help him do that.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">980L</p>

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	<p>Summer wants to hear from May too. Ob and Summer don't know what to expect when they set off on their search for some sign from May. They only know they need something to ease their sorrow and give them strength to go on living--always knowing they will never stop missing may.</p>	
<p><i>The Egypt Game</i> By: Zilpha Keatley Snyder</p> 	<p>When Melanie Ross and April Hall begin to play the Egypt Game, everyone thinks it's just a game until strange things begin happening to the players. Has the Egypt Game gone too far?</p>	<p>1010L</p>

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### **Other Great Books to Explore:**

*Chronicles of Narnia Series*

*Corner Stones of Freedom American History Series*

*Dear America Series*

*Harry Potter Series*

*Merlin Series*

*My Name is America Series*

*Who Was Series*

*What Was Series*

*Titles by Newbery Authors*

*Magazines and Newspapers*

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