

**RECOMMENDED BOOKS OF 2010-11
FAVORITE “PICKS” OF
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Titles with a number in parentheses indicate the number of “votes” it received. Those without numbers received only one vote.

Parents please note: Because these are unscreened peer recommendations, not all titles may be appropriate for all readers.

FOURTH GRADE		
Author	Title	Comments
Angleberger, Tom	<i>The Strange Case of Origami Yoda</i>	It's really funny, and it's not so bad.
Balliett, Blue	<i>Chasing Vermeer</i>	It's about two kids, and there is a mystery.
Barrow, Randi	<i>Saving Zasha</i> (Young Adult)	It has lots of detail and it has a wonderful adventure.
Barry, Dave and Pearson, Ridley	<i>Peter and the Starcatchers</i>	I would recommend this book to people who like sailing and pirates.
Birney, Betty G.	<i>The Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs</i>	It is full of adventure and happiness.
Blume, Judy	<i>Are You There, God? It's Me, Margaret</i>	It has good information.
Blume, Judy	<i>Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great</i>	I recommend this book to people who like funny action fiction books.
Blume, Lessly M. M.	<i>Tennyson</i>	Because Tennyson is adventurous, emotional and fun, I really like it. It's also during the depression so it is historical, and I like history.
Catling, Patrick Skene	<i>Chocolate Touch</i>	It is about a boy who loves chocolate.
Cole, Joanna	<i>The Magic School Bus</i>	It's good for book buddies.
Collins, Suzanne	<i>Hunger Games</i> (Young Adult)	It seems really real, and it feels like it's real when you read it.
Creech, Sharon	(6) <i>Ruby Holler</i>	1) It is very interesting, and I could not put it down. 2) It is funny and the characters are humorous. 3) It has a thrilling story line and keeps you interested all the way through. 4) It's a really GREAT book! 5) It's funny and interesting. 6) It's a very good book about suffering orphans who eventually find a good home.
Dahl, Roald	<i>Boy</i>	Funny—about Roald Dahl's childhood.
Eager, Edward McMaken	(2) <i>Half Magic</i>	1) I love magic and adventure. 2) It is the best book ever. Once you start it then you cannot stop reading it.

Fleischman, Sid	<i>By the Great Horn Spoon</i>	You learn about the Gold Rush.
Golden, Christopher	<i>Star Wars (Choose Your Own Star Wars Adventure)</i>	There is a lot of adventure, and you get to make up your own story.
Gordon, Roderick	<i>Deeper</i>	It's a cool chapter book.
Gutman, Dan	<i>Honus and Me</i>	It's about baseball and a famous player too.
Haddix, Margaret Peterson	<i>Found</i>	
Hahn, Mary Downing	<i>Wait Till Helen Comes</i>	This book is a tickle down your back. It's a scary horror book. The author is detailed and uses figurative language.
Hawking, Lucy and Stephen	<i>George's Secret Key to the Universe</i>	It is about adventure in space.
Hostetter, Joyce Moyer	<i>Blue</i>	It talks about polio and is well written.
Hunter, Erin	<i>Night Whispers</i>	It's a bit mysterious, and you never know what's coming.
Hunter, Erin	<i>The Darkest Hour</i>	It has a lot of action and it has a ton of details.
Ibbotson, Eva	<i>Journey to the River Sea</i>	It is a very good book. It has an amazing plot and works out awesomely.
Jennings, Patrick	<i>Outstanding in My Field</i>	The story was very exciting.
Kinney, Jeff	<i>(2) Diary of a Wimpy Kid</i>	1) It's funny and good. 2) It is funny and fun to read.
Kinney, Jeff	<i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days</i>	It was very funny!
Kinney, Jeff	<i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth</i>	It was a book that made you not want to finish.
Lowry, Lois	<i>Number the Stars</i>	It was a book about a good friend and discrimination against the Jews.
McCloud, Bob	<i>Superhero ABC</i>	It has good pictures.
Myracle, Lauren	<i>(2) Twelve</i>	1) It is great. I loved it. I would totally recommend it. 2) It's a really good book.
Noël, Alyson	<i>Radiance</i>	It is a good book.
Packard, Mary	<i>Ripley's Believe It Or Not</i>	This book is funny. This book is very weird. I like this book because it's well written.
Philbrick, Rodman	<i>The Young Man and the Sea</i>	This book is really fun to read.
Potter, Ellen	<i>(2) Slob: A Novel</i>	1) I learned a lot from it, and it has a lot of good information. 2) It is my favorite book because it is an interesting book and has many details.
Riordan, Rick	<i>Percy Jackson and the Olympians</i>	Large, details, good book, awesome.
Riordan, Rick	<i>Sea of Monsters</i>	It's very interesting.
Riordan, Rick	<i>The Lost Hero</i>	It has a great plot with many genres and a sequel series to another great series, Percy Jackson and the

		Olympians.
Riordan, Rick	<i>The Red Pyramid</i>	It's full of adventure. You get some knowledge lessons about Egyptian gods. Not boring! Have fun reading.
Riordan, Rick	<i>Throne of Fire</i>	It is a good book.
Riordan, Rick	<i>Titan's Curse</i>	It has a lot of action and adventure.
Rowling, J. K.	<i>(2) Harry Potter (the series)</i>	1) It is full of mystery and very exciting. You see a very clear image of what is going on in your head. 2) It's long, fun and exciting. I've read the whole series, and it's awesome!
Rowling, J. K.	<i>Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire</i>	It is interesting to read. It is dramatic and pulls you into the book. You can read it when you don't know what to do.
Rowling, J. K.	<i>Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix</i>	It is really awesome.
Rowling, J. K.	<i>Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban</i>	It is so, so, so good and very mysterious.
Roy, Ron	<i>The Ninth Nugget (A-Z Mysteries)</i>	If you like mysteries, you will like this because it's hard to know who is guilty. It's so exciting.
Silverstein, Shel	<i>Lafcadio: The Lion Who Shot Back</i>	The animals have onomatopoeia, and it's about a lion who becomes the best shooter in the world.
Smith, Roland	<i>Elephant Run</i>	It has many adventurous parts, and it has always been unpredictable in a good way.
Snicket, Lemony	<i>A Series of Unfortunate Events</i>	It's exciting.
Spinelli, Jerry	<i>Loser</i>	It's about a kid who was always laughing and wanted to be a mailman.
Stead, Rebecca	<i>When You Reach Me</i>	It has a good mystery that involves time traveling.
Tarshis, Lauren	<i>I Survived Hurricane Katrina</i>	This book was very interesting, and you really didn't know what would happen next.
Tegelmeier, Raina	<i>Smile</i>	It's a comic and true story about...Raina Tegelmeier
Toriyama, Akira	<i>(2) Dragon Ball</i>	1) It is a really book where Goku (main character) saves the world from two aliens. 2) It's interesting and it's action/mystery.
Wells, H. G.	<i>The Invisible Man</i>	It is a mystery thriller.

FIFTH GRADE		
Author	Title	Comments
Avi	<i>The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle</i>	The best adventure story I've ever read.
Blume, Judy	<i>Tales of a 4th Grade Nothing</i>	Funny and has a great hook. Awesome book!
Bosch, Pseudonymous	<i>The Name of This Book is Secret</i>	It's a good mystery/adventure.
Burch, Christian	<i>The Manny Files</i>	Funny, exciting.
Cashore, Kristin	<i>Graceling</i> (Young Adult)	It's AWESOME! Only for girls, though. It is filled with action, plot, evil feinds, and a little bit of romance. I've read it about 1,000 time and would like to share it.
Clairday, Robynn	<i>Tell Me This Isn't Happening</i>	It's very funny and can give you a laugh anytime!
Clare, Cassandra	<i>City of Bones</i> (Young Adult)	It is humorous, fast-paced, and interesting.
Cleary, Beverly	<i>Ribsy</i>	It's cool and funny.
Colfer, Eoin	<i>Artemis Fowl: The Eternity Code</i>	It's funny and has a lot of action, but it doesn't make sense unless you read the first two first.
Collins, Suzanne	<i>The Hunger Games</i> (2) (Young Adult)	1) It's adventurous and has battles. 2) It has something for everybody.
Creech, Sharon	(2) <i>Ruby Holler</i>	1) It's a really GREAT book! 2) It is a great book that teacher you about the life of 2 foster children, and it made me cry.
Crichton, Michael	<i>Jurassic Park</i>	EPIC ADVENTURE
D'Lacey, Chris	<i>Icerefire</i>	It's very good.
Dahl, Roald	<i>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</i>	Whoever likes chocolate should read this book!
Dahl, Roald	<i>James and the Giant Peach</i>	It is so funny, also they have a cool adventure.
Dahl, Roald	<i>The Witches</i>	It shows the enexpected. AWESOME!
Davis, Jim	<i>Garfield</i>	Lots of people like it, and it's funny.
Delaney, Joseph	<i>The Last Apprentice: #8 – Revenge of the Witch</i>	It has a lot of action.
Dixon, Franklin W.	<i>The Hardy Boys Mystery of the Chinese Junk</i>	There is a lot of action.
Gutman, Dan	<i>Abner and Me</i>	It contains good Civil War facts and good baseball facts.
Haddix, Margaret Peterson	<i>Found</i>	It is very exciting: it has lots of great twists and a great plot.
Hahn, Mary Downing	<i>The Ghost of Crutchfield Hall</i>	It's for people who like mysteries and ghost stories.
Hunter, Erin	<i>Warriors</i>	It's awesome.
Hunter, Erin	<i>Warriors, Sunset</i>	Really exciting.
Jacques, Brian	<i>Loamhedge</i>	Has lots of wonderful

		characters and an exciting story. Great story all the way through.
Juster, Norton	<i>The Phantom Tollbooth</i>	It's a funny, silly book filled with loveable characters.
Kerr, P. B.	<i>Children of the Lamp: The Akhenaten Adventure</i>	It is a fun-filled adventure that everyone will like and laugh about.
Kinney, Jeff	<i>(2) Diary of a Wimpy Kid</i>	1) It is a fun book for kids. 2) These books are all very funny and very addictive
Kinney, Jeff	<i>The Last Straw: Diary of a Wimpy Kid</i>	It is a very good book because it's funny and awesome.
Kirk, Daniel	<i>Rex Tabby: Cat Detective</i>	It is good, and if you like detectives, you can look for clues.
Landy, Derek	<i>Skulduggery Pleasant series</i>	The people are fun.
Lasky, Kathryn	<i>Guardians of Ga'hoole series</i>	It is adventurous and exciting.
Lasky, Kathryn	<i>Journey to the New World</i>	It is very historical.
Lord, Cynthia	<i>Rules</i>	It teaches you about kids that are different.
Mazer, Norma	<i>Ten Ways to Make My Sister Disappear</i>	When you have a little sister that annoys you, then this is the book for you.
Murray, Peter (?)	<i>Basketball</i>	It has all the great basketball players you and you can learn more about the sport.
O'Brien, Robert	<i>The Silver Crown</i>	This is full of adventure.
Paolini, Christopher	<i>Eragon</i>	It's a fast-paced book that you will read in an instant.
Peet, Mal	<i>Keeper (Paul Faustino Novels) (Young Adult)</i>	It is a very strong book, and you really feel like you're in the book.
Philbrick, Rodman	<i>The Young Man and the Sea</i>	It is funny, and all the chapters explain a lot.
Pierce, Lincoln	<i>Big Nate Strikes Again</i>	It's really funny and you will like it.
Pilkey, Dav	<i>Capitan Underpants and the Attack of the Talking Toilets</i>	It's funny and good.
Riordan, Rick	<i>(2) Throne of Fire</i>	1) Filled with action with Kufhu, Sadie, and Carter. 2) It is a good mythology action book and is a sequel to <i>The Red Pyramid</i> . I'd recommend this to people who like action and adventure and mythology. Lovers of Rick Riordan: it is a must read.
Riordan, Rick	<i>Percy Jackson: Lightning Thief</i>	It's funny, action-packed and the dialog is good.
Riordan, Rick	<i>Percy Jackson: The Sea of Monsters</i>	It has violence and adventure.
Riordan, Rick	<i>The Lightning Thief</i>	It's really exciting.
Riordan, Rick	<i>The Lost Hero</i>	It involves Greek mythology and action.
Riordan, Rick	<i>The Red Pyramid</i>	Really, really good.

Rowling, J. K.	<i>Harry Potter</i>	It is very magic based and has six sequels that are packed with adventure.
Rowling, J. K.	<i>Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows</i>	It's very interesting.
Rowling, J. K.	<i>Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban</i>	It is so, so, so good and very mysterious.
Ryan, Pam Muñoz	<i>Esperanza Rising</i>	<i>It's a great book and has a spectacular ending.</i>
Sachar, Louis	<i>(2) Holes</i>	It is adventurous and interesting.
Smith, Jeff	<i>Bone</i>	It has a lot of action. It's funny; it's awesome.
Stewart, Trenton Lee	<i>(3) The Mysterious Benedict Society</i>	(1) The characters are funny and realistic, and the mystery is unique and confusing. (2) It is exciting and funny. (3) It's mysterious. P.S. Constance is AWESOME.
Stilton, Geronimo	<i>Geronimo Stilton</i>	It's funny.
Stilton, Geronimo	<i>Thea Stilton and the Cherry Blossom Adventure</i>	It's a good book and it has a little mystery.
Stine, R. L.	<i>Goosebumps: Welcome to Dead House</i>	It's the best <i>Goosebumps</i> book.
Tolkien, J. R. R.	<i>The Hobbit</i>	It is a very good book.
Unknown	<i>Jim Abbott</i>	If you think you can't do something, this book will help you persevere.

SIXTH GRADE		
Author	Title	Comments
[Greenwich House]	<i>The Presidents</i>	I liked the pictures.
Ambrose, Hugh	<i>The Pacific</i> (Adult)	It explains the sad and devastating truth of World War II.
Black, Holly and Larbalestier, Justine	<i>Zombies vs. Unicorns</i>	It's totally hilarious. It combines my two fave things: zombies and unicorns. It's like, really great.
Bode, N. E.	<i>The Somebodies</i>	Very good book.
Bosch, Pseudonymous	<i>The Name of This Book is Secret</i>	It has lots of surprises and a lot of random facts which are fun.
Byng, Georgia	<i>Molly Moon</i>	It's awesome! Seriously, read it!
Chima, Cinda Williams	<i>The Demon King</i> (Young Adult)	It's amazing.
Collins, Suzanne	<i>(12) Hunger Games</i> (Young Adult) (and <i>Catching Fire</i>)	2) Very thrilling, heart warming adventure. 3) It's an interesting plot and really good. Couldn't put it down! 4) It's well written. 5) It contains lots of action and is violent and gory. The last books is depressing though. 6) This book is one of the

		best books I've ever read! I couldn't stop flipping the pages and staying up until 11:00 p.m. to finish it!! 7) It is very nerve-racking and exciting. It's a great book! I <u>could not</u> stop reading it! 8) Great book, romance, suspense, drama, horror. 9) It was really great, and I couldn't put it down. *WARNING: At parts it is violent and sad. 10) Amazing. 11) It is a good adventure or thriller book. 12) It's AMAZING!!!
Creech, Sharon	<i>(2) Ruby Holler</i>	1) It's really good. 2) Good plot. I liked the different views; we were able to picture what was happening and how. GREAT BOOK!
Disney's Chicken Little Studio Mouse	<i>Tracing "Punctuation" – Trace and Learn</i>	
Follett, Ken	<i>The Pillars of the Earth (Adult)</i>	Action-packed, dramatic, tragic and wonderful.
Grogan, John	<i>Marley and Me</i>	It's funny, nice, and it was a good sort of sad, but happy book.
Gutman, Dan	<i>The Babe & Me</i>	It's very interesting and it teaches the game of baseball.
Haddix, Margaret Peterson	<i>Found</i>	It is good.
Haddix, Margaret Peterson	<i>Sent</i>	It was good.
Haddix, Margaret Peterson	<i>Uprising: Three Young Women Caught in the Fire that Changed America (Young Adult)</i>	It is empowering and interesting; it is based on a true event, but it is sad.
Harrison, Lisa	<i>The Clique (Young Adult)</i>	It's good.
Horowitz, Anthony	<i>Alex Rider Series</i>	It was exciting and fast paced.
Hunter, Erin	<i>Starlight (Warriors, The New Prophecy, Book 4)</i>	Fun.
Jacques, Brian	<i>High Rhulain</i>	It offers 3 points of view. Perfect for boys because of the action. Very well written.
Jacques, Brian	<i>Sable Queen</i>	It is very descriptive.
Jacques, Brian	<i>The Rogue Crew</i>	If you like fantasy and adventure, this is a good book.
Karr, Julia	<i>XVI (Sixteen) (Young Adult)</i>	Full of suspense and several details.
Lin, Grace	<i>Where the Mountain Meets the Moon</i>	It's really good.
Lord, Gabrielle	<i>January: Conspiracy 365 (Young Adult)</i>	Very scary. About a fugitive.
Martin, Ann	<i>(2) The Doll People</i>	1) It is so cute! 2) It is very good, and there are very lovely illustrations.
Mass, Wendy	<i>(2) Every Soul a Star</i>	1) It's really interesting, and

		funny. I was sad when it was over. 2) It's well-paced and doesn't take very long to read because you want to keep reading. It's is very cool because she writes it from 3 different points of view.
Mass, Wendy	<i>11 Birthdays</i>	It was a classic theme...but twisted.
McHale, D. J.	<i>(2) Pendragon: Lost City of Faar</i>	It's exciting, fun and has a great plot.
Myracle, Lauren	<i>Thirteen Plus One (Young Adult)</i>	It was a good book.
Myron, Vicki	<i>Dewey The Library Cat: A True Story</i>	It is funny. Because it gets you thinking, you never want to stop reading it.
Orwell, George	<i>1984</i>	It's exciting.
Pierce, Tamora	<i>Alanna</i>	It is a nice change of pace about a girl and her brother who swap lives and places so she can be a knight and he can be a wizard. I love it.
Riordan, Rick	<i>(3) The Red Pyramid</i>	1) It's funny and awesome. 2) It's really funny and interesting. A book you don't want to put down. 3) It's about the Egyptian gods. If you like Percy Jackson, you would like this book.
Riordan, Rick	<i>(5) The Lost Hero</i>	1) It was good and had action. 2) Has good adventure. 3) Interesting. 4) It is funny.
Riordan, Rick	<i>The Last Olympian</i>	It's full of action.
Riordan, Rick	<i>Throne of Fire</i>	It has a lot of action.
Rowling, J. K.	<i>(2) Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone</i>	1) It's very interesting.
Rowling, J. K.	<i>Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows</i>	It is filled with action and emotion; the writing is impeccable. *Note: Read books 1-6 before reading this one.
Rowling, J. K.	<i>Harry Potter Series</i>	It's amazing.
Stiefvater, Maggie	<i>Shiver: Wolves of Mercy Falls (Young Adult)</i>	Good story line.
Westerfield, Scott	<i>The Behemoth (Leviathan) (Young Adult)</i>	A steam punk World War 1 adventure story filled with action and suspense. Great book.
Wiles, Deborah	<i>(2) Each Little Bird That Sings</i>	1) I would recommend this book to people who like depressing, sad books. 2) I was very entertained.
Wooden, John and Jamison, Steve	<i>Wooden: A Lifetime of Observations and Reflections On and Off Court</i>	It's very good.
Zusak, Markus	<i>The Book Thief (Young Adult/Adult)</i>	You cannot set this book down!