

**RECOMMENDED BOOKS OF 2008-09
FAVORITE “PICKS” OF
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Titles with a number in parentheses indicate the number of “votes” a book received. Those without numbers received only one vote.

Cautionary note to parents: Because these are unscreened peer recommendations, not all titles may be appropriate for all readers.

FOURTH GRADE		
Author	Title	Comments
Avi & Rachel Vail	<i>Never Mind</i>	It is very funny because there are twins, and they are nothing alike.
Benton, Jim	<i>Dear Dumb Diary: My Parents Are Haunted</i>	It is a really good book for girls, and it is really funny.
Bisson, Terry	<i>The Fight to Survive (Boba Fett)</i>	People that like Star Wars will love it. There is a lot of action and adventure.
Blume, Judy	<i>Blubber</i>	It’s all about being bad to bully. It can really hurt people’s feelings.
Blume, Judy	<i>Fudge-a-mania</i>	Petter has a little brother that is getting in trouble.
Bode, N. E.	<i>The Anybodies</i>	It’s adventurous.
Brown, Jeff	<i>Flat Stanley</i>	
Byng, Georgia	<i>Molly Moon, Micky Minus and the Mind Machine</i>	A spectacular ending to the great Molly Moon series.
Carman, Patrick	<i>The Dark Hills Divide</i>	It has a lot of action, friendship and mystery! READ THIS BOOK! 😊
Clements, Andrew	<i>Lunch Money</i>	I recommend this book to people that love money.
Corder, Zizou	<i>Lionboy: The Chase</i>	It has emotion, drama, and lots of action.
Creech, Sharon	<i>Absolutely Normal Chaos</i>	It’s humorous and exciting.
Creech, Sharon	<i>Granny Torrelli Makes Soup</i>	It shows that grandparents can help you a lot and that your <u>best</u> friend will always be your friend no matter what you go through.

DiCamillo, Kate	<i>(2) Because of Winn-Dixie</i>	1) It's a really good fun story and ends happily. 2) It won the Newbery medal, and it is great for dog lovers.
DiCamillo, Kate	<i>The Tale of Despereaux</i>	It's full of light and darkness at the same time.
Dixon, Franklin	<i>The Mystery of the Spiral Bridge (Hardy Boys #45)</i>	It gives lots of suspense.
Engdahl, Sylvia and Lois Lowry	<i>Enchantress from the Stars</i>	It is about a girl that goes to a different planet to help save the planet's future, but on the way she finds friends, love, and other things that she could never imagine.
Fontes, Justine and Ron	<i>Journey to the Center of the Earth (3D)(Choose Your Own Journey)</i>	It is really exciting.
Gutman, Dan	<i>The Homework Machine</i>	It's about a big problem, and it gets exciting.
Gutman, Dan	<i>Shoeless Joe and Me</i>	It teaches you about baseball a long time ago.
Hahn, Mary Downing	<i>Deep Dark and Dangerous</i>	If you like stuff that's scary, it's so good!
Harlow, Joan Hiatt	<i>Thunder from the Sea</i>	It tells you about so many things in one. It's also a good book.
Hiassen, Carl	<i>Scat</i>	If you like adventures, it's a great book for you! It's a friendship between a teacher and a boy.
Hunter, Erin	<i>Seekers</i>	It has a lot of traveling and magical parts in the book.
Hunter, Erin	<i>(2) Warriors (Into the Wild series)</i>	1) It has a lot of action and adventure. 2) It is an exciting series filled with adventure.
Hunter, Erin	<i>Warriors Into the Forest</i>	It has cats and a really good story.
Kerr, P. B.	<i>The Blue Djinn of Babylon</i>	It has adventure.
Kessler, Liz	<i>(2) The Tail of Emily Windsnap</i>	1) Good for 4 th and 5 th graders. 2) It reveals a lot you didn't know about the

		characters.
Kinney, Jeff	<i>(2) Diary of a Wimpy Kid 3: The Last Straw</i>	1) It is funny and interesting. 2) It is funny.
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Lupica, Mike	<i>The Big Field</i>	This book is awesome for sports fans, as there is a big game and a boy in a tough situation. Can he overcome?
Mercer, Sienna	<i>My Sister the Vampire #2: Fangtastic!</i>	It is a good series book for girls, if they like vampires.
Meyer, Stephenie	<i>Twilight</i>	The excitement never stops, and the story keeps going and going and opening more doors while you read.
Mull, Brandon	<i>Fablehaven: Secrets of the Dragon Sanctuary</i>	It is a very cool book, but you should read 1-3 in the series first.
Osborne, Mary Pope	Lions at Lunchtime (Magic Treehouse series)	I like the times when Africa was wild.
Philbrick, Rodman	<i>(2) The Young Man and the Sea</i>	1) It's perfect for adventure. 2) It's about a boy about my age. Also the funniness and tragedy never end.
Riordan, Rick	<i>(2) The Last Olympian</i>	1) It's full of adventure and fiction. 2) It is very exciting. I would recommend it to people who like myths and action stories.
Rowling, J. K.	<i>Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows</i>	It's good for a mystery book and has a lot of action.
Rowling, J. K.	<i>Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone</i>	It's a fantasy book—magic book.
Roy, Ron	<i>White House White-out</i>	It is a good book for people who like mysteries.
Sachar, Louis	<i>Holes</i>	It is the perfect 4 th grade book.
Sage, Angie	<i>(2) Magyk</i>	1) The people in this book are so adventurous. 2) It is an interesting book. The characters are very fun

		to read about.
Seuss, Dr.	<i>I Can Lick 30 Tigers Today</i>	It's a very funny bok, and a short one.
Smith, Roland	<i>IQ Independence Hall</i>	It is suspenseful, and it keeps you on the edge of your seat.
Stewart, Trenton Lee	<i>The Mysterious Benedict Society</i>	Very unpredictable. If you like mysteries, you would like it.
Stine, R. L.	<i>Welcome to Dead House (Goosebumps)</i>	I like the action.
Stuart, Trenton Lee	<i>The Mysterious Benedict Society</i>	It is very funny.
Tripp, Valerie	<i>Julie Saves the Eagles</i>	It teaches you no matter how old you are, you could make a difference.
Warner, Gertrude Chandler	<i>The Boxcar Children #1</i>	It tells how four kids make out well in the wild.
White, T. H.	<i>The Once and Future King</i>	It has action.
Windham, Ryder	<i>Star Wars Trilogy</i>	If you haven't seen the movies and you want to, read the book! It is very romantic and violent.
Yee, Lisa	<i>So Totally Emily Ebers</i>	Emily is really funny. The book contains diary entries in Emily's journal for her divorced dad.
Yee, Lisa	<i>(2) Millicent Min: Girl Genius</i>	1) It is very good and has lots of things you can learn because she knows so much. 2) I like how even though Millicent didn't have many friends, she found some friends anyway.

FIFTH GRADE		
Author	Title	Comments
Applegate, K. A.	<i>Animorphs: The Invasion</i>	If you like sci-fi and action, you would like this story.
Avi	<i>The Book Without Words</i>	It tells a great tale of mystery.
Balaban, Bob	<i>McGrowl: It's a Dog's Life</i>	If you love dogs with an enormous adventure, this is the book for you!

Balliett, Blue	<i>Chasing Vermeer</i>	If you like mysteries and you might say crimes, you'd like this book.
Cleary, Beverly	<i>Ramona the Pest</i>	It's funny.
Colfer, Eoin	<i>Artemis Fowl</i>	It has magic weapons and stuff like that.
Colfer, Eoin	<i>Artemis Fowl: Time Paradox</i>	Artemis Fowl is a child genius who tries to save his mother who is suffering from a disease. It is very descriptive.
Curtis, Christopher Paul	<i>Bud, Not Buddy</i>	It was really interesting and really good.
Curtis, Christopher Paul	<i>Elijah of Buxton</i>	It has a lot of adventure.
Curtis, Christopher Paul	<i>The Watsons Go To Birmingham</i>	It has lots of adventure, and it's about a historical thing that has actually happened.
Dahl, Roald	<i>Matilda</i>	There is magic and an evil person. She picks up a girl by the pigtails and throws her across the playground.
Dahl, Roald	<i>The Witches</i>	This book has lots of magic and adventure.
DiCamillo, Kate	<i>Because of Winn-Dixie</i>	I would recommend this book because it is about a dog.
Farmer, Nancy	<i>The Sea of Trolls</i>	Good action and plot.
Fletcher, Ralph	<i>Fig Pudding</i>	Great mix of humor and sadness.
Funke, Cornelia	<i>The Thief Lord</i>	It's a thriller till the end.
Gaiman, Neil	<i>The Graveyard Book</i>	It was a really good story, and it was a little creepy.
Gantos, Jack	<i>Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key</i>	It is very funny.
Haddix, Margaret	<i>Double Identity</i>	It has loads of things you find out at the end only and lots of surprises.
Hunter, Erin	<i>Into the Wild</i>	I would recommend this book to adventure readers.
Jacques, Brian	<i>The Long Patrol</i>	It's full of action and adventure, a desperate struggle between good and evil.

Kinney, Jeff	<i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw</i>	It is the best book ever.
Levine, Gail Carson	<i>The Two Princesses of Bamarre</i>	When you read it, you feel like you're the main character.
Levine, Gail Carson	<i>Fairest</i>	It's filled with surprises.
Lowry, Lois	(2) <i>The Giver</i>	1) It is like no other book I have ever read. 2) It is very, very well written and it is really detailed. I also really liked the plot and the story.
McArthur, Nancy	<i>The Plant That Ate Dirty Socks</i>	It's very funny and interesting. It opens your mind. It's not real, but it's cool.
McHale, D. J.	<i>Pendragon: Lost City of Faar</i>	Good mix of comedy and action.
McHale, D. J.	<i>Pendragon: The Merchant of Death</i>	Pendragon is a really awesome book with different lands across time and space with action and comedy!
Meyer, Stephenie	(2) <i>Twilight</i>	1) This is an action and love book. It's really good. Don't listen to other people; read it yourself. 2) If you like fantasy books with vampires and action, this book is for you.
O'Brien, Robert C.	<i>The Silver Crown</i>	You can picture the words as you read it. It's got a good plot and is full of adventure.
Paolini, Christopher	<i>Brisingsr</i>	It was a very detailed book, and it has action, death and many wars.
Riordan, Rick	(2) <i>The Lightning Thief</i>	1) It's humorous and "actiony" with a lot of twists. 2) There is adventure and action.
Riordan, Rick	(2) <i>The Last Olympian</i>	1) It's exciting and good. 2) It is about mythology.
Rowling, J. K.	<i>Harry Potter and the</i>	It's wicked!

	<i>Sorcerer's Stone</i>	
Rowling, J. K.	<i>Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows</i>	It has a lot of action and magic and violence.
Ryan, Pam Muñoz	<i>Riding Freedom</i>	I really like what the story is talking about. I love the characters.
Sachar, Louis	<i>Holes</i>	It has great imagery and really made me think a lot about life.
Smith, Roland	<i>Elephant Run</i>	I love history, and it's great.
Stewart, Trenton Lee	<i>The Mysterious Benedict Society</i>	It is very funny and exciting.
Ursu, Anne	<i>The Shadow Thieves</i>	There is action, and it is also sort of a mystery.
Yancey, Rick	<i>The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp</i>	It's awesome! And there's a great storyline.
Yep, Laurence	<i>Dragon of the Lost Sea</i>	It is action-packed and has a good storyline.
Yep, Laurence	<i>Dragonwings</i>	It is action-packed, and it makes you want to read on.

SIXTH GRADE		
Author	Title	Comments
	<i>Guinness World Records – Games Edition</i>	
Armstrong, Lance	<i>It's Not About the Bike</i>	It's good.
Bode, N. E. (Julianna Baggott)	<i>The Nobodies</i>	Interesting and unpredictable.
Bode, N. E. (Julianna Baggott)	<i>The Anybodies</i>	It's filled with mysteries and adventures.
Bosch, Pseudonymous	<i>The Name of This Book Is Secret</i>	It doesn't seem like a good book, but when you read it, it's fabulous.
Cassidy, Cathy	<i>Dizzy</i>	It's really good.
Chima, Cinda Williams	<i>The Warrior Heir</i>	It's adventurous.
Creech, Sharon	<i>Hate That Cat</i>	It's funny and poetic. It just warms your heart.
Curtis, Christopher Paul	<i>Bud, Not Buddy</i>	The only half-good book I've read this year.
De Lint, Charles	<i>The Blue Girl</i>	It puts you into a new world and shows you the right kind of balance.
Delaney, Joseph	<i>Wrath of the Bloodeye</i>	It's cool and for somebody who wants a little more than Harry

		Potter.
Dowell, Frances O'Roark	<i>The Kind of Friends We Used to Be</i>	It always has something interesting going on, and it makes you want to keep on reading and wish it never ended.
Farmer, Nancy	<i>Sea of Trolls</i>	It had the perfect balance of medieval and magic.
Flanagan, John	<i>Ranger's Apprentice</i>	If you like castles, magic and action, it's a very good book.
Grisham, John	<i>Playing for Pizza (adult)</i>	A good football book. It takes place in Italy. Very, very good book.
Hoffman, Mary	<i>Stravaganza: City of Masks</i>	It is very interesting and exciting.
Hunter, Erin	<i>The Seekers (Great Bear Lake series)</i>	It has great adventure.
Levine, Gail Carson	<i>Fairest</i>	It really shows that it's more important to be beautiful on the inside.
Lupica, Mike	<i>Heat</i>	It's really exciting.
Marchetta, Melina	<i>Jellicoe Road</i>	It's very well written and made me cry, which means it's very powerful.
McGraw, Eloise Jarvis	<i>The Golden Goblet</i>	It's interesting.
Mead, Rachel	<i>Shadow Kiss</i>	It's awesome!
Meyer, Stephenie	<i>(7) Twilight</i>	1 & 2) It's good. 3) This is a great good full of suspense, drama, action, and romance. 4) It's really good, and the writing is really descriptive. 5) It's very good, with action and love. 6) It's very interesting. 7) It's very well written.
Meyer, Stephenie	<i>(4) Breaking Dawn</i>	1) It's good. 2) There is a lot of action. I liked it a lot. 3) It is a great book for older readers. Full of action. 4) It's my favorite book in the Twilight series. To me, it's just a great book.
Meyer, Stephenie	<i>Eclipse</i>	It's a good series.

Mlynowski, Sarah	<i>Bras and Broomsticks</i>	It's good.
Nix, Garth	<i>Sabriel</i>	It's very sad and mature.
Paolini, Christopher	<i>Brisingr</i>	It's very exciting.
Patterson, James	(2) <i>Maximum Ride</i>	1) It's exciting. 2) It has lots of adventure and a great author.
Peck, Richard	<i>A Year Down Yonder</i>	It was interesting.
Paolini, Christopher	<i>Eragon</i>	I recommend this book for the adventurous kids.
Perez, Marlene	<i>Dead Is So Last Year</i>	It's awesome!
Philbrick, Rodman	<i>The Young Man and the Sea</i>	It was so exciting I couldn't stop reading it after one page.
Riordan, Rick	<i>The Lightning Thief</i>	It was exciting.
Riordan, Rick	2) <i>The Last Olympian</i>	1) You learn Greek mythology and like it. 2) If you like Greek mythology in a new you <u>will</u> like it.
Rowling, J. K.	(2) <i>Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows</i>	1) For advanced readers. 2) It is very interesting and exciting.
Ryan, Pam Muñoz	<i>Esperanza Rising</i>	It tells you about Mexicans.
Sachar, Louis	<i>Holes</i>	It's a complicated book of two stories which come together at the end.
Salgari, Emilio	<i>Sandokan</i>	It's awesome.
Shearer, Alex	<i>Canned</i>	It's easy to follow and very interesting.
Smith, Tara Bray	<i>Betwixt</i>	It's interesting and mysterious.
Tolkien, J. R. R.	<i>The Fellowship of the Ring</i>	It's very interesting and adds a bunch of new words to your vocabulary.
Van Draanen, Wendelin	<i>Flipped</i>	It's good.
Westerfield, Scott	<i>Uglies, Pretties, Specials (Uglies trilogy)</i>	It is a good book.
Yep, Laurence	(2) <i>Dragonwings</i>	It's very good.