

On your mark...

get set...**READ!**



Grades
5/6

"It's not winning or losing. It's the friends an the people that you meet along the way."
Summer Alice

The Blossoming Universe of Violet Diamond by Brenda Woods

When Violet's first meeting with her paternal grandmother doesn't to the way that she wants, Violet doesn't back down. Her resourcefulness gets her a visit with the side of her family that helps her understand her African American heritage. Violet helps us understand that to play the game, one has to join the game. (Realistic Fiction) *J WOODS*

Bud not Buddy
by Christopher Paul Curtis

Bud is on the run from the orphanage, the latest foster home, and various authorities. Bud searches for a relative that will take him off the streets and into a home. Set during the Jazz Era and the Depression, tis novel reminds us to follow our own convictions. (Historic Fiction) *NEWBERY J CURTIS*

The Crossover by Kwame Alexander

"With a bolt of lightning on my kicks..the court is SIZZLING. My sweat is DRIZZLING. Stop all that quivering. Cut tonight I'm delivering,"proclaims Josh. This story delivers. Josh's story is told in verse with plenty of beat and emotion as the reader learns how fast the game of life can change. (Realistic Fiction) *NEWBERY J ALEXANDER*

Savvy by Ingrid Law

Just before her thirteenth birthday when Mib's special magical ability should emerge, her father is severely injured in a car accident. Mib wants her magical ability to be one that will help her father to survive.Join Mib, her family and traveling companions as the journey to save her father twists and turns. (Fantasy; part of a series) *J LAW*

The Thing About Jellyfish: a Novel
by Ali Benjamin

Reacting to her best friend's drowning death, Suzy stops talking but puts a plan into play to prove what might have happened to her friend. Suzy's journey through her grief makes us realize the wonder and healing power of the world. (Realistic Fiction) *J BENJAMIN*

When You Reach Me
by Rebecca Stead

While Miranda's mother prepares to be a game contestant, Miranda's normal life is turned around when her emergency apartment key goes missing, and she finds a mysterious note. Who is watching her and can she prevent a tragedy from happening? (Mystery) *NEWBERY J STEAD*

"I try to do the right thing at the right time. They may just be little things, but usually they make the difference between winning and losing." Kareem Abdul-Jabar

Belly Up by Stuart Gibbs

One of the star attractions at FunJunle Henry the hippopotamus, is dead. Twelve-year-old Teddy teams up with Summer, whose father owns the park, to prove that the hippo was murdered. (Mystery; part of a series) *J MYS GIBBS*

Fantasy League by Mike Lupica

When you love the game, you're willing to play many roles to participate. When a sports radio announcer broadcasts Charlie's fantasy football picks, Charlie meets the owner of an NFL team and tries to talk him into giving an aging quarterback a second chance, (Realistic Fiction) *J LUPICA*

Pinch Hit by Tim Green

Can you take a game too far? When Sam and Trevor change places on the movie set and pinch hit for each other,they take the game too far when they try to make everyone's dreams come true. (Realistic Fiction) *J GREEN*

The Summer I Saved the World - in 65 Days by Michele Weber Hurwitz

Feeling rather lost, Nina decides on a game plan to change the world, or at least her world by accomplishing a good deed for every day of the summer. Does doing good make a difference? (Realistic Fiction) *J HURWITZ*

“Being brave means to know something is scary, difficult, and dangerous, and doing it anyway, because the possibility of winning the fight is with the chance of losing it” Emilie Autumn

Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson

Can you imagine life as a slave in the New York colony, when the Revolutionary War starts? Thirteen-year-old Isabel, secretly does all she can to help the independence movement while serving in a cruel Loyalist household. This strong character helps us understand that fighting for freedom takes courage and self-reliance. (Historic Fiction) *J ANDERSON, YA FIC*

The City of Ember
by Jeanne DuPrau

Doon and Lina must work together to decipher the ancient message that might lead them out of the underground City of Ember before the power supply totally breaks down. (Fantasy; part of a series) *J FANTASY DUPRAU, J PAP I-D*

The Emerald Atlas
by John Stephens

Although Kate, Michael, and Emma have moved from one dismal orphanage to another, they have been unprotected from a horrible evil power—until now. They must journey through time to stop an ancient prophecy from destroying all. It will take all their skills and teamwork to win. (Fantasy; part of a series) *J STEPHENS*

Out of My Mind by Sharon M. Dugar

No one knows that Melody is smart and funny because all they see is a severely handicapped child with cerebral palsy. When Melody starts to communicate with the help of a new computer, she is determined to make the most of her life and compete with her classmates in an academic jeopardy-style game. (Realistic Fiction) *J DRAPER*

Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson

Astrid and Nicole did everything together until the summer when Astrid signs up for roller derby camp and Nicole goes to ballet camp. Astrid learns that to be a good sport means toughing it out with bumps, bruises, sore muscles and that new interests push us to very different places. (Realistic Fiction) *J GN JAMIESON*

Took: A Ghost Story
by Mary Downing Hahn

When Daniel's sister disappears into the woods without a trace, Daniel doesn't want to believe that maybe Erica was "took" by a ghost witch. Following coaching advise, Daniel pushes himself to the limit. (Fantasy) *J HAHN*

“Success is not final,
failure is not fatal :
it is the courage to
continue that counts.”
Winston Churchill

The Accidental Hero by Matt Myklusch

Jack Blank, a orphan, escapes from St. Barnaby's Home for the Hopeless, Abandoned, Forgotten and Lost for a secret country. Will he survive the super-heroes who are threatened by his growing powers? (Fantasy; part of a series) *J PAP I-M, YA FIC PAP*

Crispin: the Cross of Lead by Avi

Asta's son is standing by his mother's grace when he learns that he must flee immediately as he has become a wolf's head, meaning that anyone can kill him for a reward. Why? He has nothing, not even a real name. As he runs for his life outside the city walls in 12th century England, will he find strength and friends to understand why he is being hunted? (Historic Fiction; part of a Series) *J AVI, J PAP I*

Nightmares! by Jason Segel

“Sleeping has never been so scary, and now waking up is even worse!” Charlie's nightmares are turning into his reality, and without some help he might not survive living with his new stepmother, who might be a witch. What happens when you want the game to end, but it won't? (Fantasy; part of a series) *J SEGEL*

Three Time Lucky
by Sheila Turnage

When a detective shows up at the cafe in the small town of Tupelo Landing asking questions about a murder, rising sixth grader, Mo, thinks that she's found her first case. Mo talks her best friend into teaming up to solve the mystery but it will take all the wit and determination that these two have to save themselves and their families in a page-turning, but hilarious story. (Mystery; part of a series) *J MYS TURNAGE*

The Unwants by Lisa McMann

The link between the twins is challenged as Alex and Aaron take opposite sides as the people of Quill try to destroy Artim, the magical place that has become the home of all of the unwants. Artie must work as a team using each individual's talents to survive. (Fantasy; part of a series) *J*

Focus Book

Taming Chaos by Gary Miller

When Jimmy and Carly leave for their first day of school, the last thing they expect is to spend the first few hours of the new school year caring for a wounded, neglected dog. When they discover a hurt dog cowering under bushes, hungry and alone, they decide to help. This spur of the moment decision leads to far more than they expected.

First time local author Gary Miller tells the story of seventh and eighth grade siblings who use the Critical Decision Making Process to decide whether to adopt the doomed dog. Going through the steps, readers participate in the process, learn how to make logical decisions and to understand the consequences of each decision.

This book will be published in early June 2016.

