



WHAT THEY SHOULD READ:

3rd - 5th Grade Suggestion List

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A Book I've Never Read Before

I can't really give suggestions here, since I don't know what you've read, but comb through the suggestions below to see whether you can repurpose any books that are new to you!

A Book I Love to Read A Lot

Look at your shelf (or shelves) and choose a book that you love. Re-read it!

A Book About a Great Man or Woman

[Ben Franklin of Old Philadelphia](#), by Margaret Cousins

[Lincoln](#), by Ingri and Edgar D'Aulaire

[Marco Polo](#), by Demi

[Freedom Train](#), by Dorothy Sterling

A Book About Someone Who Lived Before 500

[The Aeneid for Boys and Girls](#), by Alfred Church

[Alexander the Great](#), by Demi

[Bearing the Saint](#), by Donna Farley

A Book About Someone Who Lived Before 1500

[Leif the Lucky](#), by Ingri and Edgar D'Aulaire

[Beorn the Proud](#), by Madeleine Polland

[Marguerite Makes a Book](#), by Bruce Robertson

A Work of Historical Fiction

[The Door in the Wall](#), by Marguerite de Angeli

[Number the Stars](#), by Lois Lowry (*best for 4th and up)

[Crispin: The Cross of Lead](#), by Avi

A Book About Animals (nonfiction or fiction)

[Along Came a Dog](#), by Meindert DeJong

[Mossflower](#), by Brian Jacques

[Pigs Might Fly](#), by Dick King-Smith

[The Jungle Book](#), by Rudyard Kipling



A Nonfiction Book

[*Music: The Definitive Visual History*](#), published by DK Smithsonian

[*Peterson First Guide to Birds*](#), by Roger Tory Peterson

[*A Child Through Time*](#), by Phil Wilkinson

[*Art Fraud Detective*](#), by Anna Nilsen

A Book About Building Something

[*The Way Things Work*](#), by David Macaulay

[*Mistakes That Worked*](#), by Charlotte F. Jones

[*DK Eyewitness Books: Castle*](#), by Christopher Gravett

A Book by an American Author

[*Little Women*](#), by Louisa May Alcott

[*My Side of the Mountain*](#), by Jean Craighead George

[*The Little House series*](#), by Laura Ingalls Wilder

A Book by an English Author

[*The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*](#), by C.S. Lewis

[*The Five Children and It*](#), by E. Nesbitt

[*The Hobbit*](#), by J.R.R. Tolkien