

**Summer Reading Challenge Book List**  
**Rising Fifth Grade 2026**

BOOK TITLE	LEVEL	AUTHOR
<b>REQUIRED READING</b>		
The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (ISBN#: 9780064405027)	The Chronicles of Narnia	C.S. Lewis
<b>CLASSICS</b>		
A Long Way from Chicago	Newbery Medal	Richard Peck
A Year Down Yonder	Newbery Medal	Richard Peck
Abel's Island	Newbery Honor	William Steig
Across Five Aprils		Irene Hunt
Adam of the Road	Newbery Medal	Elizabeth Janet Gray
Almost Home: A Story Based on the Mayflower's Mary Chilton		Wendy Lawton
Banner in the Sky		James Ramsey Ullman
Big Red		Jim Kjelgaard
Black Beauty		Anna Sewell
Bridge to Terabithia	Newbery Medal	Katherine Paterson
Bronze Bow	Newbery Medal	Elizabeth George Speare
Calico Bush	Newbery Honor	Rachel Field
Calico Captive		Elizabeth George Speare
Call It Courage	Newbery Medal	Armstrong Sperry
Call of the Wild		Jack London
Carry on Mr. Bowditch	Newbery Medal	Jean Lee Latham
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory		Roald Dahl
Cheaper by the Dozen		Gilbreth & Carey
Chitty Chitty Bang Bang		Ian Fleming
Come On Seabiscuit!		Ralph Moody
Daddy-Long-Legs		Jean Webster
Early Thunder		Jean Fritz
Emily of Deep Valley		Maud Hart Lovelace
Five Children and It		E. Nesbit
Five Little Peppers		Margaret Sidney
Gay-Neck, The Story of a Pigeon	Newbery Medal	Dhan Gopal Mukerji
Gentle Ben		Walt Morey
Hatchet		Gary Paulsen
Hitty		Rachel Field
Indian Captive		Lois Lenski
Julie of the Wolves	Newbery Medal	Jean Craighead George
Landing of the Pilgrims	Landmark Books	James Daughtery
Lily's Crossing	Newbery Honor	Patricia Reilly Giff
Linnea in Monet's Garden		Christina Bjork
Little Men		Louisa May Alcott
Little Women		Louisa May Alcott
My Brother Sam is Dead	Newbery Honor	James Lincoln Collier

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My Friend Flicka		Mary O'Hara
My Side of the Mountain		Jean Craighead George
National Velvet		Enid Magnold
Number the Stars	Newbery Medal	Lois Lowry
Oliver Twist		Charles Dickens
Once on this Island		Gloria Whelan
Otto of the Silver Hand		Howard Pyle
Peter Pan		James M. Barrie
Poetry for Young People: William Shakespeare		David Scott Kastan
Robinson Crusoe		Daniel Defoe
Sarah Bishop		Scott O'Dell
Secret Garden		Frances Burnett
Snow Treasure		Marie McSwigan
Some Writer! The Story of E.B. White	Caldecott Honor	Melissa Sweet
Souder	Newbery Medal	William H. Armstrong
Spy		Anna Myers
Summer of the Monkeys		Wilson Rawls
Summer of the Swans	Newbery Medal	Betsy Byars
Swiss Family Robinson		Johann Wyss
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer		Mark Twain
The American Revolution	Landmark Books	Bruce Bliven, Jr.
The Boy Who Fell Off the Mayflower		P.J. Lynch
The Enormous Egg		Oliver Butterworth
The Fantastic Ferris Wheel: The Story of Inventor George Ferris		Betsy Harvey Kraft
The Great Wheel	Newbery Honor	Robert Lawson
The Incredible Journey		Sheila Burnford
The Journey That Saved Curious George		Louise Borden
The Light in the Forest		Conrad Richter
The Light Princess		George MacDonald
The List		C.D. Baker
The Mouse with the Question Mark Tail		Richard Peck
The Prince and The Pauper		Mark Twain
The Princess and the Goblin		George MacDonald
The Pushcart War		Jean Merrill
The Sign of the Beaver		Elizabeth George Speare
The Singing Tree		Kate Seredy
The Slave Dancer	Newbery Medal	Paula Fox
The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle		Avi
The Twenty-One Balloons	Newbery Medal	William Pene du Bois
The View from Saturday	Newbery Medal	E.L. Konigsburg

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The War Horse		Michael Morpurgo
The Willoughby's		Lois Lowry
The Witch of Blackbird Pond	Newbery Medal	Elizabeth George Speare
The Wolves of Willoughby Chase		Joan Aiken
The Wonderful Wizard of Oz		Frank Baum
The Yearling		Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings
Thunder Rolling in the Mountains		O'Dell and Hall
Traitor: Case of Benedict Arnold		Jean Fritz
Treasure Island		Robert Louis Stevenson
Tuck Everlasting		Natalie Babbitt
Up a Road Slowly	Newbery Medal	Irene Hunt
Usborne Complete Shakespeare (stories from all the plays)		Shakespeare
Usborne Stories from Shakespeare		Anna Claybourne
Wanda Gag: The Girl Who Loved to Draw		Deborah Kogan Ray
We Asked for Nothing		Stuart Waldman
Where the Red Fern Grows		Wilson Rawls
White Fang		Jack London
White Stag	Newbery Medal	Kate Seredy
Whittington	Newbery Honor	Alan Armstrong
Willow Run		Patricia Reilly Giff
Winston Churchill	Usborne Famous Lives	Katie Daynes
<b>SERIES BOOKS (any title in series)</b>		
A Wrinkle in Time (any title in this quintet)	Newbery Medal	Madeline L'Engle
Anne of Green Gables		Lucy Maud Montgomery
Augustine of Hippo, Lady Jane Grey, Marie Durand, etc.	Christian Biographies for Young Readers	Simonetta Carr
Black Stallion		Walter Farley
Bringing History to Life		Jean Fritz
Duncan's War		Douglas Bond
Lord of the Rings Trilogy		J.R.R. Tolkien
Redwall		Brian Jacques
Saving Zasha		Randy Barrow
The Chronicles of Prydain		Lloyd Alexander
The Eagle of the Ninth		Rosemary Sutcliff
The Great Brain		John D. Fitzgerald
The Green Ember Series		S.D. Smith
The Lantern Bearers		Rosemary Sutcliff
The Lightkeepers (Ten Boys Who Changed the World, etc)		Irene Howat
The Mysterious Benedict Society		Trenton Lee Stewart
The Penderwicks		Jeanne Birdsall
The Seeds of America Trilogy (Ashes, Forge & Chains)		Laurie Halse Anderson

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The Vanderbeekers of 141 <sup>st</sup> Street		Karina Yan Glaser
The Wilderking Trilogy		Jonathan Rogers
The Wingfeather Saga		Andrew Peterson
True to the Old Flag, A Tale of the American War of Independence		GA Henty