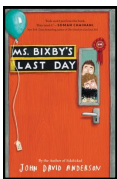
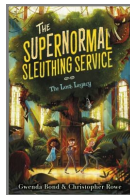


# Fifth Grade Picks



Anderson, John David. [Ms. Bixby's Last Day](#). Ms. Bixby is a one-of-a-kind teacher. When she announces that she is leaving due to illness, three boys are devastated and come up with a plan.

Bond, Gwenda. [The Lost Legacy](#) (series). Stephen moves to a posh New York City hotel with his Dad where he realizes monsters and vampires are real. Joining two new friends, Stephen also discovers amazing things about himself.



Brown, Peter. [The Wild Robot](#). Shipwrecked on an island, a robot learns how to survive in the harsh and unfamiliar environment and becomes an adopted mother to a gosling.

Clark, Zack Loran. [The Adventurers Guild](#) (series). Monsters have overrun the world but the city of Freestone is protected by the brave Adventurers Guild. Unexpectedly drafted into their ranks, would-be-wizard Zed and his best friend, Brock, are sure to face danger.



Clements, Andrew. [The Losers Club](#). Alec would much rather read than pay attention in class. When he starts a book club to ensure quiet reading time, he realizes that his own life can be as exciting as his favorite books.

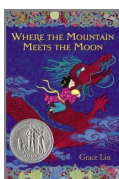
Crowder, Melanie. [Three Pennies](#). Marin is good at going unnoticed. Life in several foster homes has taught her to stay under the radar. She's told that she can now be adopted, but why? Doesn't her mother want her?



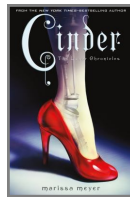
Cyprus, Naomi. [Sisters of Glass](#). Nalah has magical powers that she must keep secret. When she agrees to repair a magical mirror, her father is kidnapped and taken through the mirror. Nalah goes in after him.

## [Flying Lessons & Other Stories](#)

Written by 10 kid-favorite, culturally diverse authors, these short stories celebrate life-changing friendships, important firsts, some-day dreams, and the unique experiences that make each of us special.



Lin, Grace. [Where the Mountain Meets the Moon](#) (series). Minli, a girl from a poor village, joins a dragon who can't fly and other new friends on a quest to change her family's fortune.



Meyer, Marissa. [Cinder](#) (series). Sci-fi meets fairy tale in this "Lunar Chronicles" opener. Cinder is a human cyborg and gifted mechanic. When Prince Kai comes to her shop with a broken robot, the two begin a friendship that will change the fate of both Earth and the moon. (Teen)

Pennypacker, Sarah. [Pax](#). When his father leaves for war, Peter is sent to live with his grandfather and forced to abandon the fox that he raised from a kit. However, nothing, neither danger nor distance, will keep the two apart.



Shofner, Corabel. [Almost Paradise](#). Ruby has always taken care of her mother. When the woman ends up in jail, Ruby, left on her own, seeks out the aunt she's never met—with surprising results.

Sloan, Holly Goldberg. [Short](#). Middle-schooler Julia is uncomfortable being so short. When she gets a part as a Munchkin in a summer play, she proves that one doesn't have to be tall to do great things.



## Looking for a great author?

- Alexander, Lloyd. Fantasy.
- Buckley, Michael. Humor, fantasy, mystery.
- Funke, Cornelia. Fantasy.
- Gibbs, Stuart. Mystery, adventure.
- Green, Tim. Sports stories.
- Hiaasen, Carl. Environmental adventures.
- Hunter, Erin. Animal fantasy.
- Jacques, Brian. Animal fantasy.
- Kinney, Jeff. Humor.
- Kirby, Matthew J. Adventure, suspense.
- Law, Ingrid. Real-life fantasy. (J-Fict. & Teen)
- Lord, Cynthia. Real-life fiction.
- Lupica, Mike. Sports stories.
- Ponti, James. Mysteries.
- Rodda, Emily. Fantasy.
- Stevens, Robin. Mysteries. (Teen)
- Stewart, Trenton Lee. Mystery, adventure.
- Sutherland, Tui. Fantasy, dragons.
- Tarshis, Lauren. History, survival.
- Tashjian, Janet. Humor.
- Weeks, Sarah. Real-life fiction.
- Yolen, Jane. Fantasy, fairy tales, mythology.