

## **Good Books for Fifth and Sixth Graders!**

### ***The Tales of the Frog Princess* series by E.D. Baker**

Unlike the classic Frog Prince story, the Princess turns into a frog herself and she and the prince try to undo their spells.

### ***Sisters Grimm* series by Michael Buckley**

Sabrina and Daphne Grimm are the descendents of Wilhelm Grimm and they become involved in a mystery involving fantastical fairy tale characters.

### ***On the Run* series by Gordon Korman**

A brother and sister whose parents have been convicted as traitors are sent to a juvenile correctional facility and manage to escape. From that time on, they are on the run from the law. Full of suspense and FBI style thrills. (paperback)

### ***A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeline L'Engle**

The story of Meg and how she deals with the rumors about her family. She makes friends with a mysterious woman named Mrs. Whatsit who teaches her how to travel through time to find her father. (Newbery shelf)

### ***Gilda Joyce series* by Jennifer Allison**

Gilda Joyce fancies herself a “psychic investigator”, and often communicates with her deceased father through his old typewriter. She is bright, quirky, and loves to solve unusual mysteries. These books are also great on audio CD!

### ***Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery* by John Feinstein**

After winning a basketball reporting contest, eighth graders Stevie and Susan are sent to cover the Final Four tournament. When they find out that a key player is being blackmailed into throwing the tournament, they need to investigate and take action.

### ***Shakespeare's Secret* by Elise Broach**

Hero lives up to her name as she solves the mystery of a valuable diamond hidden in her house, an interesting neighbor, and a connection to William Shakespeare.

### ***The Kingdom Keepers* by Ridley Pearson**

This is a science fiction story about five kids who mysteriously become Holographic Hosts at Disney World. They have adventures solving the mystery involving some of the more evil characters from the Disney movies and rides. The sequel comes out soon!

### ***Chasing Vermeer, The Wright Three, and The Calder Game* by Blue Balliett**

In *Chasing Vermeer*, Petra and Calder, the key characters of this story, meet accidentally and discover that they have many things in common, including art. When they hear that a famous painting by Vermeer is missing they decide to solve the case. This has been labeled as the Da Vinci Code for young ones and it is an art historical mystery with many twists and turns. *The Wright Three* adds a new character, Tommy, and solves an architectural mystery involving Frank Lloyd Wright's Robie House. *The Calder Game* just came out in May, 2008, and showcases Calder's adventures in England!

***Molly Moon series by Georgie Byng***

From the Molly Moon official website: “Molly Moon is the world’s most miserable orphan, living in a most miserable orphanage. She’s unattractive, undernourished and unloved. Then she discovers a mysterious book on hypnotism, and finds that with a flash of her dazzling eyes, she can make people do anything she wants ...”

***The Misadventures of Maude March by Audrey Coulombis***

The lives of tomboy Sally and her ladylike sister Maude get a lot more exciting, as they find themselves dressing like boys and riding into trouble. Bank robberies and stray bullets add to the suspense!

***Rex Zero series by Tim Wynne-Jones***

Sixth-grade Rex lives with his big family in Ottawa, Canada in the early 1960’s. Things never go exactly as planned, but Rex figures out creative solutions. Interesting cultural references to the Cold War time.

***Football Genius by Tim Green***

Former Atlanta Falcon Tim Green tells the story of 12-year old Troy, who has a real talent for predicting the outcome of football games. When his mom gets a job with the Falcons’ team, will Troy’s talents finally be recognized and appreciated?

***Getting Air by Dan Gutman***

When 13-year-old skateboarder Jimmy gets on a plane to California with his sister Julia and two of his friends, he has no way to predict what will happen next. A hijacking, a crash, and suddenly Jimmy and his old and new friends must pool their talents to survive...

***Kimchi & Calamari by Rose Kent***

A school assignment about his family tree presents problems for Korean-born adoptee Joseph Calderado. He fakes a famous grandfather, finds a cousin, and does a good job of finding out who he really is in the process.

***Project Mulberry by Linda Sue Park***

Author Linda Sue Park even gets to say a few things to the readers and to her book’s characters, in this funny and touching story of Julia and her friend Patrick, and their silkworm project for the State Fair. Julia learns to be proud of her Korean-American heritage.

***The Big One-Oh by Dean Pitchford***

A hilarious story about Charlie Maplewood, who is about to turn ten. A series of disastrous events in his birthday-party past make him especially worried about how he is going to celebrate his ascent into double-digits. This book is also wonderful on Audio CD, read by the author.