

Summer Reading Non-Fiction Book List

Grades 5/6

The following book recommendations are based upon published reviews. Please use parental discretion as to what material is appropriate for your child. For additional information about these titles, please consult <https://www.commonsemmedia.org>.

Non-Fiction Science

Bugged: How Insects Changed History Sarah Albee (2014)

Kakapo Rescue: Saving the World's Strangest Parrot Sy Montgomery (2010)

Chasing the Storm: Tornadoes, Meteorology, and Weather Watching Ron Miller (2014)

Running Dry: The Global Water Crisis Stuart A. Kallen (2015)

Outbreak! Plagues That Changed History Bryn Barnard (2005)

Poison: Deadly Deeds, Perilous Professions, and Murderous Medicines Sarah Albee (2017)

Biomimicry: Inventions Inspired by Nature Dora Lee (2011)

Building Big David Macaulay (2000)

Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream Tanya Lee Stone (2009)

Non-Fiction History

The Faithful Spy: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Plot to Kill Hitler John Hendrix (2018)

The World Jesus Knew: A Curious Kid's Guide to Life in the First Century Marc Olson (2017)

If Stones Could Speak: Unlocking the Secrets of Stonehenge Marc Aronson (2010)

Lincoln's Grave Robbers Steve Sheinkin (2013)

Team Moon: How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon Catherine Thimmesh (2006)

The Century for Young People Peter Jennings and Todd Brewster (1999)

Biography/Autobiography

Susan B. Anthony: The Making of America, Book 4 Teri Kanefield (2019)

The Beloved World of Sonia Sotomayor Sonia Sotomayor (2019)

This Promise of Change: One Girl's Story in the Fight for School Equality Jo Ann Allen Boyce, Debbie Levy (2019)

Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team Steve Sheinkin (2017)

Unbroken (The Young Adult Adaptation): An Olympian's Journey from Airman to Castaway to Captive Laura Hillenbrand (2014)

When I Was a Turkey: Based on the Emmy Award-Winning PBS Documentary My Life as a Turkey Joe Hutto (2017)

Non-Fiction Inspirational

Battlefield of the Mind for Kids Joyce Meyer and Karen Moore (2006)

Case for Christ--Student Edition Lee Strobel and Jane Vogel (2002)

The Radical Book for Kids: Exploring the Roots and Shoots of Faith Champ Thornton (2016)

A Girl After God's Own Heart®: A Tween Adventure with Jesus Elizabeth George (2010)

A Boy After God's Own Heart: Your Awesome Adventure with Jesus Jim George (2012)

Grace, Gold, and Glory My Leap of Faith Gabrielle Douglas (2013)

My Faith Kurt Johnston, Mark Oestreicher (2006)