



# Mississippi Text Exemplars

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The Mississippi Text Exemplars list is a compilation of text titles gathered from teachers and English Language Arts specialists from around the state of Mississippi.<sup>1</sup> Over 80 teachers and curriculum specialists were contacted and asked to identify texts that were used in grades K-6 classrooms in their districts. The sample texts were compiled into a list based on the response of Mississippi teachers. The list was then vetted by a task force of Mississippi English Language Arts teachers and specialists, including members of higher education communities in Mississippi. This task force vetted these texts based on the following criteria:

- Appropriate age and grade-level text complexity
- Appropriate age and grade-level content
- Value of literature and informational text to classroom instruction
- Recommendations of Mississippi English Language Arts teachers and specialists

This list is by no means exhaustive. It is not a required reading list for Mississippi students, nor is it a suggested reading list. The list serves as a sample list of texts that have been used within the state of Mississippi.

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<sup>1</sup> Some texts may be used in multiple grade levels, depending on reader and task considerations.



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It is important to note the types of texts that the CCSS require at each grade level when choosing texts. For example, the CCSS for grade 3 requires students to read myths. While the Mississippi text exemplars may contain myths at various grade levels, it would be plausible to use the myths listed below, even if they have been placed at a different grade level. Furthermore, for the purposes of integrating curriculum, it is important to note the topics required by the Mississippi Social Studies and Science Frameworks at each grade level. For example, fourth grade students are required to study Mississippi's Native American groups; therefore, teachers may choose texts about these groups even if they are listed at another grade level. Finally, the *PARCC Model Content Frameworks* for each grade level can be utilized to provide teachers with further parameters when choosing texts and creating text sets to be used with the titles on the Mississippi exemplar list.



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**Kindergarten<sup>2</sup>**

Title	Author	Text Type	Lexile
10 Fat Turkeys	Tony Johnston	L	320
A Butterfly is Born	Melvin Berger	L	NA
A House for Hermit Crab	Eric Carle	L	480
A Pair of Socks	Stuart Murphy	L	440
Abuela	Arthur Dorros	L	510
Barnyard Song	Rhonda Gowler Greene	L	660
Bear Snores	Karma Wilson	L	280
Biscuit Visits the Pumpkin Patch	Alyssa Satin Capucilli	L	NA
Bluebird	Bob Staake	L	NA
Brown Bear, Brown Bear	Bill Martin Jr./ Eric Carle	L	440
Cat's Colors	Jane Cabrera	L	80
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom	Bill Martin Jr.	L	530
Chrysanthemum	Kevin Henkes	L	460
Creatures of the Night	David Cutts	L	NA
Doctor Desoto	William Steig	L	560
Gingerbread Baby	Jan Brett	L	430
Green Eggs and Ham	Dr. Seuss	L	30
If You Take A Mouse to the Movies	Laura Numeroff	L	240
Jingle Bells	Ira Trapani	L	800
My Teacher for President	Kay Winters	L	370
Owl at Home	Arnold Lobel	L	370
Owl Babies	Martin Waddell	L	500
Planting a Rainbow	Lois Ehlert	L	170
Pumpkin Soup	Helen Cooper	L	310
Sheep in a Jeep	Nancy E. Shaw	L	130
Snowballs	Lois Ehlert	L	300
Somewhere in the World Right Now	Stacey Schuett	L	550
The Little Red Hen	Paul Galdone	L	510
The Mitten	Jan Brett	L	800
The Paper Crane	Molly Bang	L	810
The Very Busy Spider	Eric Carle	L	130
Today is Monday	Eric Carle	L	NA
Walter the Baker	Eric Carle	L	550

<sup>2</sup> Many of these titles are intended to be read-aloud books in Kindergarten.



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Title	Author	Text Type	Lexile
Frog and Toad Together	Arnold Lobel	L	450
Polar Bear, Polar Bear	Bill Martin Jr. and Eric Carle	L	670
A Day at the Apple Orchard	Megan Faulkner & Adam Krawesky	I	640
A Tree is a Plant	Clyde Robert Bulla	I	600
Autumn Leaves	Ken Robbins	I	630
Circus Shapes	Stuart Murphy	I	140
Earthworms	Claire Llewellyn	I	700
From Caterpillar to Butterfly	Deborah Heiligman	I	520
From Seed to Pumpkin	Jan Kotte	I	NA
Guess Who Spins	Sharon Gordon	I	NA
How People Learned to Fly	Fran Hodgkins	I	630
I Read Signs	Tana Hoban	I	NA
My Five Senses	Aliki	I	400
Nature Spy	Shelly Rotner and Ken Kreisler	I	360
On the Go	Ann Morris	I	480
Picture Dictionary of Animals	Rebecca Motil	I	NA
Pumpkin, Pumpkin	Jeanne Titherington	I	260
Schools Have Rules	Nina Tsang	I	NA
See, Hear, Touch, Taste, Smell	Melvin Berger	I	NA
Shapes, Shapes, Shapes	Tana Hoban	I	NA
Starfish	Edith Hurd	I	170
The American Flag	Lloyd G. Douglas	I	520
The Beetle Alphabet Book	Jerry Pallotta	I	620
The Human Body	Melvin Berger	I	NA
The Liberty Bell	Lloyd G. Douglas	I	370
The Pledge of Allegiance	Lloyd G. Douglas	I	NA
The Statue of Liberty	Lloyd G. Douglas	I	510
The Tiny Seed	Eric Carle	I	400
The White House	Lloyd G. Douglas	I	480
Turtle Song	John Archambault	I	NA
What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?	Steve Jenkins & Robin Page	I	760
What I Like About Me	Allia Zobel Nolan	I	NA



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**Grade 1<sup>3</sup>**

Title	Author	Text Type	Lexile
A Bad Case of the Stripes	David Shannon	L	540
A Bad Kitty Christmas	Nick Bruel	L	520
A Pocket Full of Kisses	Audrey Penn	L	NA
Alexander and the Wind-up Mouse	Leo Leonni	L	490
All You Need for a Snowman	Alice Schertle	L	NA
Amelia Bedelia's First Apple Pie	Herman Parish	L	530
Apples, Apples Everywhere	Robin Koontz	L	410
Bad Apple - A Tale of Friendship	Edward Hemingway	L	560
Bear's Loose Tooth	Karma Wilson	L	440
Betty Bunny Loves Chocolate Cake	Michael Kaplan	L	600
Chocolatina	Erik Craft	L	560
Country Angel Christmas	Tomie dePaola	L	500
Curious George Goes to a Chocolate Factory	HA Rey	L	440
Don't Talk To Strangers	Christine Mehlafl	L	NA
Elmer	David McKee	L	500
First Day Jitters	Julie Danneberg	L	210
First Day of School	Mercer Mayer	L	190
Footprints in the Snow	Cynthia Benjamin	L	20
Gregory, The Terrible Eater	Mitchell Sharmat	L	490
Hi! Fly Guy	Tedd Arnold	L	280
How Santa Got His Elves	E.J. Sullivan	L	NA
How The Grinch Stole Christmas	Dr. Seuss	L	510
Junie B. Jones (series)	Barbara Park	L	Various
Lacey Walker, Nonstop Talker	Christianne Jones	L	390
Love, Splat	Rob Scotton	L	700
Miss Nelson is Missing	Harry Allard	L	340
Mooseltoe	Margie Palatini	L	180
Officer Buckle and Gloria	Peggy Rathmann	L	510
Over and Under the Snow	Kate Mesner	L	700
Pete the Cat and His White Shoes	Eric Litwin	L	240
Pete the Cat, Rocking in My School Shoes	Eric Litwin	L	240
Pink and Say	Patricia Polacco	L	590
Rotten Ralph Feels Better	Jack Gantos	L	520
Skippyjon Jones, Class Action	Judy Schachner	L	740
Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon	Patty Lovell	L	560
Stella Queen of the Snow	Marie-Louise Gay	L	370

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Title	Author	Text Type	Lexile
Stone Soup	Marcia Brown	L	480
The Snowy Day	Ezra Jack Keats	L	500
The After-Christmas Tree	Linda Wagner Tyler	L	NA
The Big Snow	Berta and Elmer Hader	L	710
The Biggest Christmas Tree Ever	Steven Kroll	L	680
The Gingerbread Man	Jim Aylesworth	L	450
The Giving Tree	Shel Silverstein	L	530
The Jacket I Wear in the Snow	Shirley Neitzel	L	NA
The Kissing Hand	Audrey Penn	L	660
The Other Side	Jacqueliune Woodson	L	300
The Polar Express	Chris Van Allsburg	L	520
The Quilt	Ann Jonas	L	290
The Scrawny Little Tree	Ed Mehler	L	NA
The Very Quiet Cricket	Eric Carle	L	430
Too Many Pumpkins	Linda White	L	770
Twas the Night Before Thanksgiving	Dave Pilkey	L	NA
Wemberly Worried	Kevin Henkes	L	170
When the Leaf Blew In	Steve Metzger	L	350
Who Will be My Valentine This Year?	Jerry Pallotta	L	150
Who Will See Their Shadows This Year?	Jerry Pallotta	L	260
You Get What You Get	Julie Glassman	L	660
Commotion in the Ocean	Giles Andreae	L	850
A Ladybug's Life	John Himmelman	I	NA
A Tree For All Seasons	Robin Bernard	I	420
Down Buttermilk Lane	John Sanford	I	NA
Follow the Water from Brook to Ocean	Arthur Dorros	I	600
George Washington's Teeth	Deborah Chandra	I	720
Good Enough to Eat: A Kid's Guide to Food and Nutrition	Lizzy Rockwell	I	570
How Many Seeds in a Pumpkin?	Margaret McNamara	I	560
How's the Weather in Fall?	Rebecca Felix	I	260
Johnny Appleseed	Jodie Shepherd	I	680
Johnny Appleseed	David Lee Harrison	I	200
Let's Read About Ruby Bridges	Ruby Bridges and Grace Maccarone	I	420



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Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.	Doreen Rappaport	I	410
Picking Apples and Pumpkins	Amy Hutchings	I	730
Seed, Sprout, Pumpkin, Pie	Jill Esbaum	I	810
The Honey Makers	Gail Gibbons	I	770
The Legend of the Bluebonnet: An Old Tale of Texas	Tomie dePaola	I	740
The Reasons for Seasons	Gail Gibbons	I	620
The Seasons of Arnold's Apple Tree	Gail Gibbons	I	580
Who Was Johnny Appleseed?	Joan Holub	I	790
Why do Leaves Change Color?	Betsy Maestro	I	580
Wonderful Worms	Linda Glaser	I	390





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**Grade 2**

Title	Author	Text Type	Lexile
A Kiss Goodbye	Audrey Penn	L	660
Adventure of Riley Polar Bear Puzzle	Amanda Lumry	L	940
Bats at the Library	Brian Lies	L	720
Buffalo Dusk	Carl Sandburg	L	920
Centipede's One Hundred Shoes	Tony Ross	L	620
City Green	DyAnne DiSalvo-Ryan	L	480
City Mouse Country Mouse	Rozanne Lanczak Williams	L	NA
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs	Judi Barrett	L	730
Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa	Erica Silverman	L	400
Duck for President	Doreen Cronin	L	680
Flat Stanley	Jeff Brown	L	550
Goldilocks and the Three Bears	James Marshall	L	520
If You Give a Mouse Cookie	Laura Numeroff	L	660
Inside Your Outside	Tish Rabe & Aristides Ruiz	L	660
Jack and the Beanstalk	Steven Kellogg	L	660
Kitten's First Full Moon	Kevin Henkes	L	360
LaRue Across America	Mark Teague	L	900
Leaf Man	Lois Ehlert	L	310
Leola and the Honeybears	Melodye Benson Rosales	L	800
Lon Po Po	Ed Young	L	670
Look What I Did With a Leaf	Morteza E. Sohi	L	700
Magic School Bus Weathers the Storm	Joanne Cole	L	300
Marta's Magnets	Wendy Pfeffer & Gail Piazza	L	NA
Oh Say Can You Seed?	Bonnie Worth & A. Ruiz	L	NA
Oh the Things You Can Do That are Good for You	Tish Rabe & Aristides Ruiz	L	NA
Pumpkin Jack	Will Hubbell	L	500
Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf	Lois Ehlert	L	680
Red Riding Hood	James Marshall	L	520
Spooky, Spooky, Spooky	Cathy MacLennan	L	NA
Stellaluna	Janell Cannon	L	550
Storm in the Night	Mary Stolz	L	550
Strega Nona	Tomie de Paola	L	660



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The Art Lesson	Tomie dePaola	L	650
The Biggest Pumpkin Ever	Steven Kroll	L	570
The Cowboy and the Blackeyed Pea	Tony Johnston	L	510
The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash	Trinka Hakes Noble	L	540
The Hat	Jan Brett	L	440
The Important Book	Margaret Wise Brown	L	580
The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush	Tomie dePaola	L	840
The Magic School Bus at the First Thanksgiving	Joanna Cole	L	200
The Magic School Bus Plants Seeds	Joanna Coles, Bruce Degen & John Speirs	L	420
The Magic School Bus Takes a Moon Walk	Joanna Cole	L	300
The Magic School Bus: Amazing Magnetism	Rebecca Carmi & John Speirs	L	570
The Magic School Bus: Inside a Hurricane	Joanne Cole	L	500
The Magic School Bus: Inside the Earth	Joanna Cole	L	500
The Magic School Bus: Inside the Human Body	JoAnne Cole & Bruce Degen	L	420
The Magic School Bus: Lost in the Solar System	Joanna Cole	L	480
The Magic School Bus: Wet All Over	Joanne Cole	L	350
The Magic School Takes a Wild Leaf Ride	Judith Stamper	L	240
The Night Before Christmas	Tim Browning	L	NA
The Popcorn Book	Tomie dePaola	L	830
The Raft	Jim LaMarche	L	540
The Relatives Came	Cynthia Rylant	L	940
The Rough Faced Girl	Rafe Martin	L	540
The Sign Painter	Allen Say	L	250
The Three Little Pigs	James Marshall	L	560
The Treasure	Uri Shulevitz	L	650
The True Story of the Three Little Pigs	Jon Scieszka	L	570
The Twelve Days of Christmas	Susan Jeffers	L	650
The Wild Christmas Reindeer	Jan Brett	L	670
There's a Map on My Lap	Tish Rabe	L	NA
There's No Place Like Space ( Cat in the Hat Learning Library)	Tish Rabe	L	520
Thunder Cake	Patricia Polacco	L	630
Tops and Bottoms	Janet Stevens	L	620
A Drop Around the World	Barbara Shaw McKinney	I	820



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America the Beautiful	Katharine Lee Bates	I	650
Bats: Creatures of the Night	Joyce Milton	I	510
Desert Life	Steven James Petruccio	I	NA
Do Tornadoes Really Twist?	Melvin Berger	I	770
Down Comes the Rain	Franklyn M. Branley	I	560
Flip, Float, Fly Seeds on the Move	JoAnn Early Macken & Pamela Paparone	I	650
From Seeds to Plant	Gail Gibbons	I	660
Hydro's Adventure Through the Water Cycle	Randi S. Goodrich	I	NA
It's Not What You've Got	Dr. Wayne W. Dyer	I	780
Looking at Life Cycles: How do Plants and Animals Change?	Angela Royston	I	NA
Owls	Gail Gibbons	I	760
Presenting: Amazing Magnets	Teresa Celsi	I	660
Rainforest Life Cycles	Sean Callery	I	NA
Samuel Eaton's Day	Kate Waters	I	590
Sarah Morton's Day	Kate Waters	I	700
Simple Machines	Allan Fowler	I	NA
Squanto's Journey	Joseph Bruchac	I	560
The Cloud Book	Tomie dePaola	I	680
The Moon Book	Gail Gibbons	I	740
The Scrambled States of America	Laurie Keller	I	510
The Snowflake: A Water Cycle Story	Neil Waldman	I	NA
This Land is Your Land	Woody Guthrie	I	NA
Tornado Alert	Franklyn M Branley	I	640
Weather Words and What They Mean	Gail Gibbons	I	450
What Happens to a Hamburger?	Paul Showers & Edward Miller	I	520
Zippering, Zapping, Zooming Bats	Ann Earle	I	730



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**Grade 3**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Text Type</b>	<b>Lexile</b>
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day	Judith Viorst	L	970
Amos and Boris	William Steig	L	810
Atlantic	Brian Karas	L	730
BFG	Roald Dahl	L	720
Charlotte's Web	EB White	L	680
Chester Raccoon and The Big Bad Bully	Audrey Penn	L	810
Chicken Sunday	Patricia Polacco	L	650
Cricket in Times Square	George Selden	L	780
Dex: The Heart of a Hero	Caralyn Buehner	L	NA
Grandpa's Face	Eloise Greenfield	L	610
Hello Ocean	Pam Munoz Ryan	L	NA
House Mouse Senate Mouse	Peter Barnes	L	NA
How I Spent My Summer Vacation	Mark Teague	L	NA
How to be Cool in Third Grade	Betsy Duffey	L	470
Hurricane	David Wiesner	L	460
In November	Cynthia Rylant	L	440
Jake Drake Know It All	Andrew Clements	L	570
Jim and the Beanstalk	Raymond Briggs	L	560
Junkyard Wonders	Patricia Polacco	L	660
Just in Time Abraham Lincoln	Patricia Polacco	L	570
King Midas and the Golden Touch	Charlotte Craft	L	660
Mirette on the Highwire	Emily Arnold McCully	L	580
Mr. Lincoln's Way	Patricia Polacco	L	450
Muggie Maggie	Beverly Cleary	L	730
My Father's Dragon	Ruth Stiles Gannett	L	990
Oliver Button is a Sissy	Tomie dePaola	L	480
Ox Cart Man	Donald Hall	L	1130
Pickles to Pittsburgh	Judi Barrett	L	810
Ramona Quimby, Age 8	Beverly Cleary	L	860
Sarah Plain and Tall	Patricia MacLachlan	L	560
Stone Fox	John Gardiner	L	550
Tacky the Penguin	Helen Lester	L	810
Tales from the Odyssey	Mary Pope Osborne	L	790
Thank You, Mr. Falker	Patricia Polacco	L	650
The Chocolate Touch	Patrick Catling	L	770
The Courage of Sarah Noble	Alice Dalgliesh	L	610



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<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Text Type</b>	<b>Lexile</b>
The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses	Paul Goble	L	670
The Indian in the Cupboard	Lynne Reid Banks	L	700
The Legend of Jimmy Spoon	Kristiana Gregory	L	790
The Pain and the Great One	Judy Blume	L	680
The Talking Eggs	Robert Souci	L	940
The Ugly Duckling	Jerry Pinkney	L	650
The Very Best Pumpkin	Mark Kimball Moulton	L	980
White House White Out	Ron Roy	L	500
Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears	Verna Aardema	L	770
Working Cotton	Sherley Anne Williams	L	600
Snowmen at Christmas	Caralyn Buehner	L	910
A River Ran Wild	Lynne Cherry	I	670
Amelia and Eleanor Go for a Ride	Pam Munoz Ryan	I	600
Desert Giant	Barbara Bash	I	980
Faithful Elephants: A True Story of Animals, People, and War	Yukio Tsuchiya	I	460
Fireboat	Maira Kalman	I	280
First Flight	Leslie Garrett	I	NA
Flight	Robert Burleigh	I	570
If I Ran for President	Catherine Stier	I	910
If You Traveled West in a Covered Wagon	Ellen Levine	I	860
If You Were a Pioneer on the Prairie	Anne Kamma	I	750
More Than Anything Else	Marie Bradby	I	660
Planet Earth/Inside Out	Gail Gibbons	I	800
Rainforest	Penelope Arlon	I	890
Talking about Bessie	Nikki Grimes and Earl B. Lewis	I	1030
The Man Who Walked Between the Towers	Mordicai Gerstein	I	480
The Planets	Gail Gibbons	I	660
The Search for the Missing Bones	Eva Moore	I	550
Twister Trouble	Ann Schreiber	I	520
Two Bobbies	Kirby Larson & Mary Nethery	I	810
What is the World Made of?	Kathleen Zoehfeld	I	560



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<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Text Type</b>	<b>Lexile</b>
Who Lives in the Rainforest?	Mary Reid	I	890
Who Was Babe Ruth?	Joan Holub and Ted Hammond	I	690
Who Was Eleanor Roosevelt?	Gare Thompson	I	620
Who Was Jane Goodall?	Roberta Edwards	I	700
Who Was Roald Dahl?	True Kelley	I	670
Who Was Steve Jobs?	Pam Pollack and Meg Belviso	I	660
Woodrow for President: A Tail of Voting, Campaigns, and Elections	Cheryl Barnes	I	NA



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**Grade 4**

Title	Author	Text Type	Lexile
A Remainder of One	Elinor Pinczes	L	570
Actual Size	Steve Jenkins	L	1080
Anne of Greene Gables	LM Montgomery	L	560
Because of Winn Dixie	Kate DiCamillo	L	610
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	Roald Dahl	L	810
Esperanza Rising	Pam Munoz Ryan	L	750
Fly Away Home	Eve Bunting	L	450
Give Me Half	Stuart Murphy	L	430
Grandfather Tang's Story	Ann Tompert	L	660
If You Lived at the Time of the Great San Francisco Earthquake	Ellen Levine	L	760
Love that Dog	Sharon Creech	L	1010
Shiloh	Phyllis Reynolds Naylor	L	890
Sir Cumference and the Great Knight of the Angle Land	Cindy Neuschwander	L	600
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing	Judy Blume	L	470
The Best Christmas Pageant Ever	Barbara Robinson	L	760
The Best School Year Ever	Barbara Robinson	L	1020
The Buried City of Pompeii	Shelley Tanaka	L	880
The Great Divide	Dayle Ann Dodds	L	430
The Great Graph Contest	Loreen Leedy	L	310
The Greedy Triangle	Marilyn Burns	L	580
Train to Somewhere	Eve Bunting	L	440
Twelve Snails to One Lizard	Susan Hightower	L	900
When I Grow Up	Al Yankovic	L	930
When I Was Young in the Mountains	Cynthia Rylant	L	980
Adventure to the Planet Mars!	Carole Marsh	I	770
American Civil War	Peter Chrisp	I	1020
Anno's Mysterious Multiplying Jar	Masaichiro and Mitsumasa Anno	I	380
Civil War	John Stanchak	I	1030
Come Back Salmon	Molly Cone	I	930
Did Columbus Really Discover America?	Peter and Connie Roop	I	690
Discovering Mars: The Amazing Story of the Red Planet	Melvin Berger	I	670
Earth: The Life of Our Planet	Dr. Mike Goldsmith	I	1140
Everyday Heroes	Beth Johnson	I	820



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Title	Author	Text Type	Lexile
Everywhere in Mississippi	Laurie Parker	I	NA
Glory Be	Augusta Scattergood	I	680
Helen Keller	Margaret Davidson	I	520
How Do You Burp in Space? And Other Tips Every Space Tourist Needs to Know	Susan E. Goodman	I	830
How tall, How Short, How Faraway	David A. Adler	I	850
If You Lived 100 Years Ago	Ann McGovern and Anna DiVito	I	770
If You Made a Million	David Schwartz	I	840
Inchworm and a Half	Elinor J. Pinczes	I	NA
Is a Blue Whale the Biggest Thing There Is?	Robert Wells	I	850
Let's Call it America	Gare Thompson	I	670
Lincoln: A Photobiography	Russell Freedman	I	1040
Louis Braille	Margaret Davidson	I	510
M is for Magnolia	Michael Shoulders	I	NA
Man on the Moon	Pamela Dell	I	1050
Math Curse	Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith	I	560
Mission: Mars	Pascal Lee	I	760
Mississippi	Barbara Somervill	I	1010
Mississippi Alphabet	Laurie Parker	I	NA
Mississippi - Hello USA	Anna Ready	I	970
Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11	Brian Floca	I	990
Mystery Math	David Adler	I	780
Pigs will be Pigs	Amy Axelrod	I	490
Postcards from Pluto: Tour of the Solar System	Loreen Leedy	I	490
Predators	Steve Parker	I	NA
Rocks and Minerals	Dr. R.F. Symes	I	NA
Seeing Symmetry	Loreen Leedy	I	640
So You Want to be an Inventor?	Judith St. George and David Small	I	840
So You Want to be President?	Judith St. George	I	730
Spaghetti and Meatballs for All	Marilyn Burns	I	420
The Amazing Human Machine	Lori Froeb	I	NA
The Boston Tea Party	Russell Freedman	I	1130
The Hershey's Milk Chocolate Fraction Book	Jerry Palotta	I	710
The Kid Who Invented the Popsicle and Other Extraordinary Stories Behind Everyday Things	Don Wulffson	I	1080





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<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Text Type</b>	<b>Lexile</b>
The Kid's Guide to Money: Earning It, Saving It, Spending It, Growing It, Sharing It	Steven Otfinoski	I	980
The Librarian Who Measured the Earth	Kathryn Lasky	I	840
The Mighty Mars Rovers: The Incredible Adventures of Spirit and Opportunity	Elizabeth Rusch	I	950
The Solar System	Rosalind Mist	I	NA
This Land Called America: Mississippi	Shawndra Shofner	I	NA
Toys! Amazing Stories Behind Some Great Inventions	Don Wulffson	I	950
Uniquely Mississippi	Martin Wilson	I	NA
Wilma Unlimited	Kathleen Krull and David Diaz	I	730
World's Strangest Animals	Paula Hammond	I	1100



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**Grade 5**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Text Type</b>	<b>Lexile</b>
Abbie Against the Storm	Marcia Vaughan	L	560
Alabama Moon	Watt Key	L	720
Blood on the River	Elisa Carbone	L	820
Brian's Winter	Gary Paulsen	L	1180
Bridge to Terabithia	Katherine Patterson	L	810
Bud, Not Buddy	Christopher Paul Curtis	L	950
Frindle	Andrew Clements	L	830
Hatchet	Gary Paulsen	L	1020
Holes	Louis Sachar	L	660
How Leo Learned to be King	Marcus Pfister	L	540
How To Steal a Dog	Barbara O'Connor	L	700
In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson	Bette Bao Lord	L	730
Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe	CS Lewis	L	940
Maniac Magee	Jerry Spinelli	L	820
My Side of the Mountain	Jean Craighead George	L	810
Number the Stars	Lois Lowry	L	670
Old Yeller	Fred Gipson	L	910
Rules	Cynthia Lord	L	780
Sign of the Beaver	Elizabeth George Speare	L	770
Souder	William Howard Armstrong	L	900
Summer of the Swans	Betsy Cromer Byars	L	830
The Gold Coin	Alma Flor Ada	L	550
The Great Kapok Tree	Lynne Cherry	L	670
The Lightning Thief	Rick Riordan	L	740
The Tiger Rising	Kate DiCamillo	L	520
The Watsons Go to Birmingham	Christopher Paul Curtis	L	1000
The Westing Game	Ellen Raskin	L	750
The Whipping Boy	Sid Fleischman	L	570
The Yellow Star	Carmen Agra Deedy	L	550
Tuck Everlasting	Natalie Babbitt	L	770
Walk Two Moons	Sharon Creech	L	770
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon	Grace Lin	L	810
Wild Life	Cynthia DeFelice	L	860



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<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Text Type</b>	<b>Lexile</b>
A History of the US: Book 3	Joy Hakim	I	810
Christopher Columbus Sailing to a New World	Adrianna Morganelli	I	1110
Civil War Spies	Craig Sodaro	I	820
Cowboys of the Wild West	Russell Freedman	I	1160
Freedom River	Doreen Rappaport	I	330
Henry's Freedom Box	Ellen Levine	I	380
Historic Colonial Life	Bobbie Kalman	I	870
I Have a Dream: The Story of Martin Luther King	Margaret Davidson	I	680
If a Bus Could Talk	Faith Ringgold	I	790
If You Lived at the Time of Martin Luther King	Ellen Levine	I	810
If You Lived with the Sioux Indians	Ann McGovern	I	690
If You Sailed on the Mayflower in 1620	Ann McGovern	I	600
Jackie Robinson	Sally M. Walker	I	540
Jackie Robinson and the Story of All-Black Baseball	Jim O'Connor	I	610
Mandela: from the Life of the South African Statesman	Floyd Cooper	I	890
Rosa	Nikki Giovanni	I	900
Shh! We're Writing the Constitution	Jean Fritz	I	950
The Story of Ruby Bridges	Robert Coles	I	730
We Are the Ship: The Story of the Negro Baseball League	Kadir Nelson	I	900
When Marian Sang	Pam Munoz Ryan	I	780
Who's That Stepping on Plymouth Rock?	Jean Fritz	I	780



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<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Text Type</b>	<b>Lexile</b>
A Wrinkle in Time	Madeleine L'Engle	L	740
Boy in the Striped Pajamas	John Boyne	L	1080
Chains	Laurie Halse Anderson	L	780
Dragonwings	Laurence Yep	L	870
Fever, 1793	Laurie Halse Anderson	L	580
Gathering Blue	Lois Lowry	L	680
Hope Was Here	Joan Bauer	L	710
Lord of the Rings	JRR Tolkien	L	920
Messenger	Lois Lowry	L	720
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	Mildred D. Taylor	L	920
Tale of the Mandarin Ducks	Katherine Paterson	L	930
The Giver	Lois Lowry	L	760
The Green Book	Jill Paton Walsh	L	980
The Hobbit	JRR Tolkien	L	1000
Voyage on the Great Titanic	Ellen Emerson White	L	1010
Wonder	RJ Palacio	L	790
A Night to Remember	Walter Lord	I	950
Chasing Lincoln's Killer	James L. Swanson	I	980
Children of the Dust Bowl	Jerry Stanley	I	1120
Four Perfect Pebbles: A Holocaust Story	Lila Perl	I	1080
How They Croaked	Georgia Bragg	I	950
Indian Chiefs	Russell Freedman	I	1030
Soul Surfer	Bethany Hamilton	I	960
The Diary of Anne Frank	Anne Frank	I	1080
The Great Fire	Jim Murphy	I	1130
Through My Eyes	Tim Tebow	I	930