

Grade 5

During the 2020–2021 school year, 691,487 fifth graders read about 21 print books and 276,426 words each. Over 425,000 fifth graders spent time reading digitally.

New and Now Reads

Newly discovered titles offer fresh reading options for students searching for that next great read. Students read and quizzed on these books for the first time in Fall 2021.

- **Ground Zero**
Alan Gratz (4.8, MG, 690L)
- **Who Was Kobe Bryant?** **NF**
Ellen Labrecque (5.7, MG, 910L)
- **Spy School Revolution**
Stuart Gibbs (5.9, MG, 820L)
- **Out of Hiding: A Holocaust Survivor's Journey to America** **NF**
Ruth Gruener (5.7, MG, 840L)
- **War Stories**
Gordon Korman (5.7, MG, 770L)

Top Print Titles

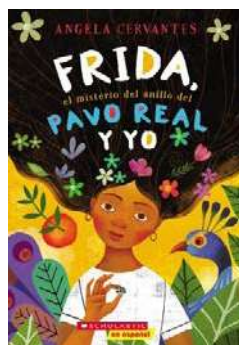
- 1 **Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series** **SP**
Jeff Kinney (5.2–6.5, MG, 910L–1060L)
- 2 **Wonder Series** **SP**
R.J. Palacio (3.5–4.8, MG, 370L–790L)
- 3 **Number the Stars** **SP**
Lois Lowry (4.5, MG, 670L)
- 4 **Brian's Saga Series** **SP**
Gary Paulsen (5.5–5.9, MG/MG+, 960L–1140L)
- 5 **Esperanza Rising** **SP**
Pam Muñoz Ryan (5.3, MG, 750L)
- 6 **Holes** **SP**
Louis Sachar (4.2–4.7, MG, 660L–690L)
- 7 **Dog Man Series** **SP**
Dav Pilkey (2.3–2.7, LG, 280L–390L)
- 8 **Chronicles of Narnia Series** **SP**
C.S. Lewis (2.8–5.9, LG/MG, 790L–970L)
- 9 **Frindle** **SP**
Andrew Clements (5.4, MG, 830L)
- 10 **Tuck Everlasting** **SP**
Natalie Babbitt (5.0, MG, 770L)

Popular Digital Books

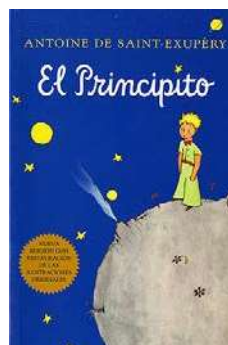
- 1 **Ann Fights for Freedom: An Underground Railroad Survival Story**
Nikki Shannon Smith (4.0, MG, 600L)
- 2 **Have a Hot Time, Hades!**
Kate McMullan (3.8, MG, 610L)
- 3 **Say Cheese, Medusa!**
Kate McMullan (3.8, MG, 540L)
- 4 **The Evil Echo**
Michael Dahl (2.2, LG, 210L)
- 5 **Snow White and the Seven Robots: A Graphic Novel**
Louise Simonson (3.2, MG, 310L)
- 6 **Haunted Objects From Around the World** **NF**
Megan Cooley Peterson (4.8, MG, 710L)
- 7 **Emmi in the City: A Great Chicago Fire Survival Story**
Salima Ali Khan (4.3, MG, 640L)
- 8 **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever**
Jeff Kinney (5.8, MG, 1060L)
- 9 **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Old School**
Jeff Kinney (5.6, MG, 1020L)
- 10 **The Terrible Two**
Mac Barnett (4.5, MG, 620L)

Authentic Spanish Titles

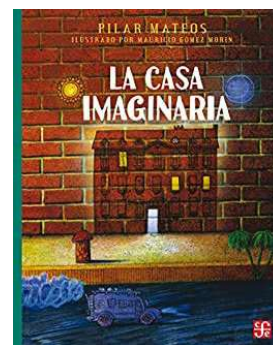
Authentic Spanish texts written for native speakers help students make real-life connections, develop deeper vocabulary and linguistic understanding, and grow cultural appreciation.



Frida, el misterio del anillo del pavo real y yo **SP**
Angela Cervantes
(4.0, MG, 670L)



El principito **SP**
Antoine de Saint-Exupéry
(5.0, MG, 530L)



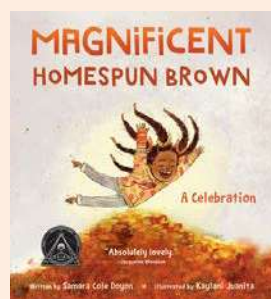
La casa imaginaria **SP**
Pilar Mateos (5.2, MG)

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Themes

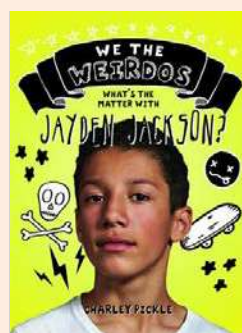
Each of us is a unique blend of characteristics and traits that matter implicitly. Consider these titles to begin conversations about our diverse makeup and how inclusion allows us all to thrive.



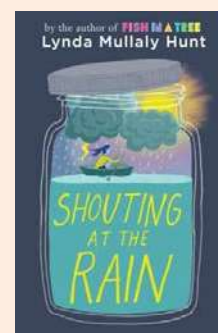
Eyes that Kiss in the Corners
Johanna Ho
(3.7, LG, 610L)



Magnificent Homespun Brown: A Celebration
Samara Cole Doyon
(5.4, LG, 1100L)



What's the Matter with Jayden Jackson?
Charley Pickle
(2.8, MG, 520L)



Shouting at the Rain
Lynda Mullaly Hunt
(3.7, MG, 560L)

Social and Emotional Learning Topics

Safe and healthy communities exist when people accept themselves as well as understand and care for those around them. The following titles cover topics that may support social and emotional learning.



Create a Custom Report

Use *What Kids Are Reading* data to create custom lists for individual students or groups. Filter by state, grade, reading level, and more.