

4th and 5th Grade Reads!



Ada, Alma Flor *Yes! We are Latinos* In this celebration of Latino-American culture, the essays are written in first person by people representing American and Puerto Rican, Cuba, Mexico, and other Latino cultures. Some are done in free verse, some in prose, and all describe how each person experiences being American and being Latino/Hispanic. **J ADA**



Alvarez, Julia *How Tia Lola Came to (Visit) Stay* After their parents divorce, Miguel and his younger sister Juanita move from New York City to Vermont with their mother and Tia Lola, their mother's aunt. With her outrageous and flamboyant island ways, Tia Lola embarrasses Miguel, but touches the lives of everyone in town and helps Juanita and Miguel learn that it is possible to stand out and fit in at the same time. **J ALV**



Cleary, Beverly *Socks* This book is narrated by the family cat, Socks. He is jealous of his owners' new baby and tries everything he can to get rid of it, but learns to fit in the family in a new way. **J CLE**



Cooper, Susan *The Dark is Rising* Will Stanton turns eleven and discovers that he's the last of the "Old Ones," and that he must stand with the Light against the powers of the Dark. To do this he must collect the 6 Signs, bind them together, and then use their power. **J COOPER**



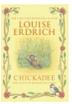
Creech, Sharon *Love That Dog* This novel in free verse tells the story of Jack who resists his teacher's assignment to write a poem. Once he gives it a try, however, he finds he is quite talented. **J CRE**



Dahl, Roald *Matilda* Matilda Wormwood, is an extraordinary child ordinary with rather unpleasant parents, who are contemptuous of their daughter's talents, and her discovery of her telekinetic abilities. When she begins schooling she meets a schoolteacher who nurtures her abilities. **J DAH**



Engle, Margarita *The Wild Book* A novel in verse written from the point of view of a dyslexic girl growing up in early 20th century Cuba. Her mother gives her a blank book filled with clean white pages. "Think of it as a garden," she says. Soon Fefa starts to sprinkle words across the pages of her wild book. She lets her words sprout like seedlings, shaky at first, then growing stronger and surer with each new day. **J ENG**



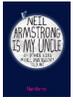
Erdrich, Louise *Chickadee* How would you feel if you were stolen away in the night from your twin brother, your best friend since birth? In this exciting fourth installment in the Birchbark House series by Louise Erdrich, Chickadee struggles valiantly to be reunited with his twin and family. **J ERDRICH**



Leyson, Leon *The Boy on the Wooden Box* Leon Leyson (born Leib Lezjon) was only ten years old when the Nazis invaded Poland and his family was forced to relocate to the Krakow ghetto. With the help of Oskar Schindler, Leon and his family are able to survive the holocaust. **j 940.5318 LEY**



Liu, Na *Little White Duck* An autobiographical graphic novel written by a woman who grew up in 1970s China, paints a vivid picture of what life was like growing up in a time of change. **J GRAPHIC NOVELS MARTINEZ**



Marino, Nan *Neil Armstrong is My Uncle and Other Lies Muscle Man McGinty Told Me* Tamara looks forward to the day when the whole neighborhood sees her 10-year-old neighbor Muscle Man McGinty for the liar he is.



Palacio, R.J. *Wonder* Auggie is a fifth grader. His face is so badly deformed, he spends much of his preschool years hiding under a toy astronaut helmet. When he starts attending school for the first time, he makes enemies and friends, enduring the worst kind of taunts and enjoying the best kinds of friendships. **J PALACIO**



Phelan, Matt *Around the World* Taking inspiration from Jules Verne's *Around the World in Eighty Days*, Phelan chronicles the solo globe-trotting journeys of Thomas Stevens on bicycle, Nellie Bly on various modes of transport, and Joshua Slocum on sailboat. **J GRAPHIC NOVELS PHELAN**



Stead, Rebecca *Liar & Spy* George is having some lousy luck. His father has lost his job, they have to move into an apartment, and his best friend at school has ditched him to sit at the table with the bullies. Lonely, he responds to a sign for a spy club that meets in the basement of his apartment building. **J STEAD**



Wilson, Donna *Creative Creatures* Love to sew, stitch, cut and draw? Check out this cool new activity book! Design and create your very own sock monkeys, finger puppets, key rings and much more! **J 745.592 WIL**



Wood, Maryrose *The Mysterious Howling* *The Mysterious Howling* is a send up of Victorian society and gothic novels, with a heroine, Penelope Lumley, who at age 15 finds herself governess of three children, the Incurable's, apparently raised by wolves.. **J STEAD**

