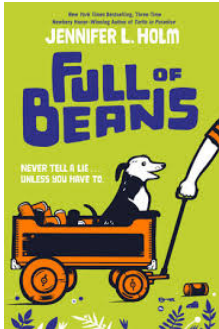




# Summer Reading Suggestions

## Grades 4-5



### ***Full of Beans* by Jennifer L. Holm**

Grown-ups lie. That's one truth Beans knows for sure. He and his gang know how to spot a lie a mile away, because they are the coolest bunch of locals in all of Key West. It's 1934, the middle of the Great Depression. With no jobs on the island, and no money anywhere, who can really blame the grown-ups for telling a few tales? Besides, Beans isn't anyone's fool. In fact, he has plans. Big plans. And the consequences might surprise even Beans himself.



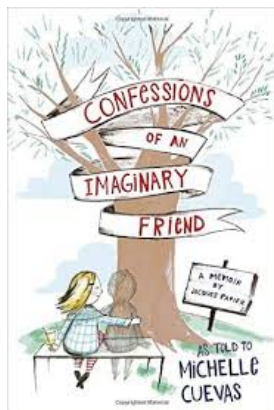
### ***Raymie Nightingale* by Kate DiCamillo**

Hoping that if she wins a local beauty pageant her father will come home, Raymie practices twirling a baton and performing good deeds as she is drawn into an unlikely friendship with a drama queen and a saboteur.



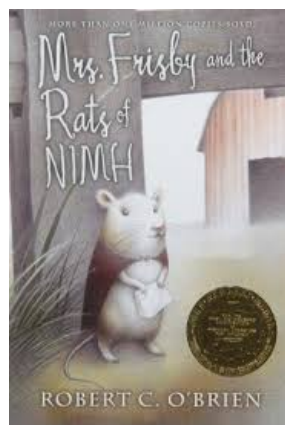
### ***Pax* by Sara Pennypacker**

Pax and Peter have been inseparable ever since Peter rescued him as a kit. One day, the unimaginable happens, Peter's dad enlists in the military and makes him return the fox to the wild. At his grandfather's house, three hundred miles away from home, Peter knows he isn't where he should be, with Pax. He strikes out on his own despite the encroaching war, spurred by love, loyalty, and grief, to be reunited with his fox. Meanwhile Pax, waiting for his boy, embarks on adventures and discoveries of his own.



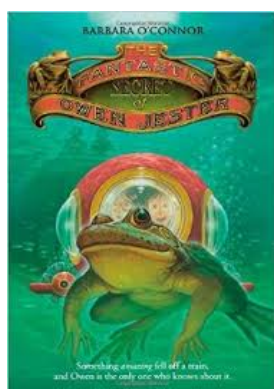
***Confessions of an imaginary friend : a memoir by Jacques Papier by Michelle Cuevas***

Jacques Papier thinks that everyone hates him. After all, teachers ignore him when he raises his hand in class, nobody ever picks him for sports teams, and his sister, Fleur, keeps having to remind their parents to set a place for him at the dinner table. But then Jacques discovers an uncomfortable truth: He is NOT Fleur's brother; he's her imaginary friend! And so begins Jacques' quest for identity ... what do you do when you realise that the only reason you exist is because of someone else's imagination?



***Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH by Robert C. O'Brien***

In this Newbery Honor winning book, this is the story of Mrs. Frisby. She is a mouse, and she needs help with the moving her home (a cinder block in the middle of the farmer's garden) while her young son is sick. She is a widowed mother of four young children, and as she enlists the help of a crow and an owl, she also befriends a group of rats who, unbeknownst to her, owe a debt of gratitude to her belated husband and are glad to help her. In the process, she is able to help them when she finds out information about rat exterminators coming so that they are able to escape.



***The Fantastic Secret of Owen Jester by Barbara O'Connor***

After Owen Jester captures an enormous bullfrog, Tooley, and then has to release it, he and two friends try to use a small submarine that fell from a passing train to search for Tooley in the Carter, Georgia, pond he came from, while avoiding Viola, the nosy girl next door.



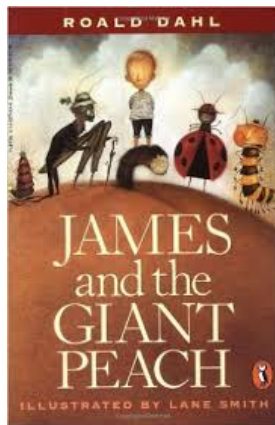
***Who Was ....? Series (biographies) by various authors***

A series of illustrated biographies for young readers featuring significant historical figures, including artists, scientists, and world leaders.



***Crenshaw* by Katherine Applegate**

Jackson and his family have fallen on hard times. There's no more money for rent. And not much for food, either. His parents, his little sister, and their dog may have to live in their minivan. Again. Crenshaw is a cat.



***James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl**

James and the Giant Peach Summary. As Dahl's novel begins, the reader is introduced to James, a young boy who is orphaned when his parents are eaten by a rhinoceros. James is consequently sent to live with his two aunts, Aunt Sponge and Aunt Spiker.



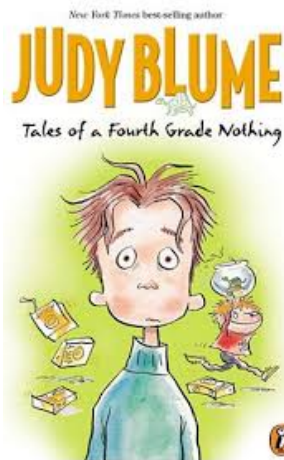
***There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom* by Louis Sachar**

Fifth grader Bradley Chalkers is bright, imaginative, antisocial and friendless. Unlike the kids at school, who hate him, Bradley's collection of chipped and broken little pottery animals allows him to be brave, smart and vulnerable; he uses them to resolve the rejection of peers and adults. Jeff, a new boy at school, offers friendship but then withdraws his offer, because Bradley is hard to like. Enter Carla Davis, new school counselor, who is caring and funny, and who gradually helps restore Bradley's self-confidence.



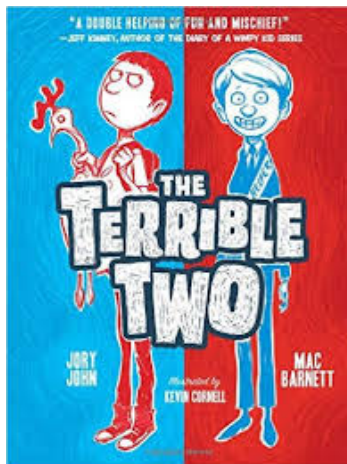
***The Report Card* by Andrew Clements**

Fifth-grader Nora Rowley has always hidden the fact that she is a genius from everyone because all she wants is to be normal, but when she comes up with a plan to prove that grades are not important, things begin to get out of control.



### ***Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* by Judy Blume**

Life with his little brother, Fudge, makes Peter Hatcher feel like a fourth grade nothing. Whether Fudge is throwing a temper tantrum in a shoe store, smearing mashed potatoes on the walls at Hamburger Heaven, or trying to fly, he's never far from trouble. He's an almost three-year-old terror who gets away with everything, and Peter's had it up to here! When Fudge walks off with Dribble, Peter's pet turtle, it's the last straw. Peter has put up with Fudge for too long. Way too long! How can he get his parents to pay attention to him for a change?



### ***The Terrible Two* by Mac Barnett and Jory John**

Miles Murphy is not happy to be moving to Yawnee Valley, a sleepy town that's famous for one thing and one thing only: cows. In his old school, everyone knew him as the town's best prankster, but Miles quickly discovers that Yawnee Valley already has a prankster, and a great one. If Miles is going to take the title from this mystery kid, he is going to have to raise his game.

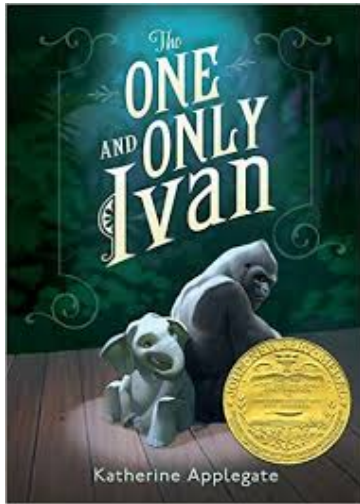


### ***Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin* by Liesl Shurtliff**

Trent

In a magic kingdom where your name is your destiny, 12-year-old Rump is the butt of everyone's joke. But when he finds an old spinning wheel, his luck seems to change. Rump discovers he has a gift for spinning straw into gold. His best friend, Red Riding Hood, warns him that magic is dangerous, and she's right. With each thread he spins, he weaves himself deeper into a curse.





***The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate**

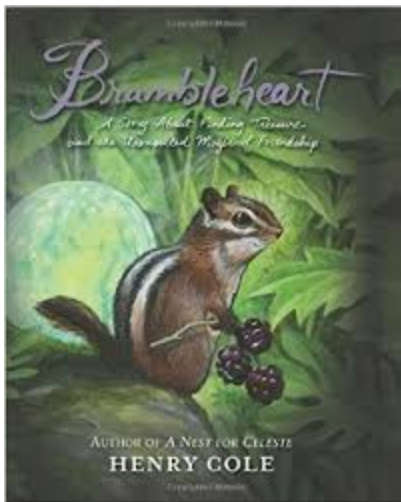
Having spent 27 years behind the glass walls of his enclosure in a shopping mall, Ivan has grown accustomed to humans watching him. He hardly ever thinks about his life in the jungle. Instead, Ivan occupies himself with television, his friends Stella and Bob, and painting. But when he meets Ruby, a baby elephant taken from the wild, he is forced to see their home, and his art, through new eyes.



***The Story Thieves* series by James Riley**

Life is boring when you live in the real world, instead of starring in your own book series. Owen knows that better than anyone, what with the real world's homework and chores.

But everything changes the day Owen sees the impossible happen—his classmate Bethany climb out of a book in the library. It turns out Bethany's half-fictional and has been searching every book she can find for her missing father, a fictional character.



***Brambleheart : a story about finding treasure and the unexpected magic of friendship* by Henry Cole**

In the Hill, animals work as Weavers, Smelters, and Carvers—but Twig doesn't know who he wants to be. He tries very hard in all his classes, but his imagination wanders to his favorite books or the delicious mayapples growing beyond the scavenge yard . . . and then he loses his focus. After Twig makes a big mistake in front of everyone, he sets out on a secret journey to discover himself. But as he wanders deeper into the Yard than he's ever wandered before, Twig finds a curious colored globe. A dragon's egg—which hatches in front of his eyes.

Now protecting the baby dragon is all Twig wants to do. But when he learns that his secret might hurt others, he's forced to make a choice between his place in the world and the feelings in his heart.