

## Book Ideas for Year 5

The selection of books in this list are a guide for children aged 9-10 in year 5.  
The books vary to cover all interests.



### Animals

*Black Beauty* - Anna Sewell  
*The Midnight Fox* - Betsy Byars  
*The Hundred and One Dalmations* - Dodie Smith  
*The Marble Crusher* - Michael Morpurgo  
*Wild Lives series* - Nick Arnold  
*Sandy Lane Stables* - Michelle Bates  
*The Rover Adventures* - Roddy Doyle  
*Tooth and Claw* - Stephen Moore  
*Mrs Frisby and The Rats of Nihm* - Robert C. O'Brien  
*Dreamseeker Trilogy* - Jenny Oldfield  
*Varjak Paw series* - S. F. Said  
*The Jungle Book*, Rudyard Kipling

### Spooky/Mystery

*I Know What You Did Last Wednesday* - Anthony Horowitz  
*Holes* - Louis Sachar  
*Pig Heart Boy* - Malorie Blackman  
*Hacker* - Malorie Blackman  
*The Magician's House Quartet* - William Corbett  
*Secret of Platform 13* - Eva Ibbotson  
*Dial a Ghost* - Eva Ibbotson  
*The Ghost of Thomas Kempe* - Penelope Lively  
*A Stitch in Time* - Penelope Lively  
*Goosebumps Series* - R. L. Stine  
*Room 13* - Robert Swindells

### Humour

*Double Act* - Jacqueline Wilson  
*There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom* - Louis Sachar  
*Dark Diaries Collection* - Rachel Renee Russell  
*Diary of a Wimpy Kid Collection* - Jeff Kinney

*Middle School: The Worst Years of my Life - James Patterson & Chris Tebbetts*  
*Diary of a Sixth Grade Ninja - Marcus Emerson*  
*Tales of Fourth Grade Nothing - Judy Blume*  
*Big Nate Series- Lincoln Peirce*  
*Wayside School Series - Louis Sachar*  
*A Turn in the Grave - Bowvayne*  
*Molly Moon - Georgia Byng*  
*The Spud from Outer Space - Susan Gates*  
*The Last Polar Bears - Harry Horse*  
*Jiggy McCue series - Michael Lawrence*  
*Demon Dentist - David Walliams*  
*Billionaire Boy - David Walliams*  
*Grandpa's Great Escape - David Walliams*

### Historical

*Walter and Me, Michael Morpurgo*  
*The Butterfly Lion, Michael Morpurgo*  
*Friend or Foe, Michael Morpurgo*  
*Letters from the Lighthouse, Emma Carroll*  
*Inside Out and Back Again, Thanhha Lai*  
*The War That Saved My Life, Kimberly Brubaker Bradley*  
*One Crazy Summer, Rita Williams-Garcia*  
*War Boy - Michael Foreman*  
*War Game - Michael Foreman*  
*Warhorse - Michael Morpurgo*  
*War of Jenkins Ear - Michael Morpurgo*  
*A Time of Fire - Robert Westall*  
*The Abbey Mysteries - Cherith Baldry*  
*The Roman Mystery series - Caroline Lawrence*  
*The Way of the Warrior - Andrew Matthews*  
*Great Pyramid Robbery - Katherine Roberts*

### Fantasy

*The Hobbit - JRR Tolkien*  
*Harry Potter Series - J K Rowling*  
*Watership Down - Richard Adams*  
*Northern Lights - Philip Pullman*  
*Dragon Rider - Cornelia Funke*  
*Artemis Fowl - Eoin Colfer*

*Mister Monday - Garth Nix*  
*Boy in the Tower - Polly Ho-Yen*  
*The Indian in the Cupboard series - Lynne Reid Banks*  
*Frog Princess - E. D. Baker*  
*Dragon's Breath - E. D. Baker*  
*The Boggart - Susan Cooper*  
*Dragon books - Cressida Cowell*  
*Harvey Angell - Diana Hendry*  
*Dogsbody - Diana Wynne Jones*  
*A Tale of Time City - Diana Wynne Jones*  
*Skulduggery Pleasant - Derek Landy*  
*Playing with Fire - Derek Landy*  
*The Witch Trade - Michael Molly*  
*The Dog So Small - Philippa Pearce*  
*Dakota of the White Flats - Philip Ridley*  
*Scribbleboy - Philip Ridley*  
*A Series of Unfortunate Events Lemong Snicket - Daniel Handler*  
*Muddle Earth - Paul Stewart*

### Adventure/Action

*Tom's Midnight Garden - Philippa Pearce*  
*Aquila - Andrew Norris*  
*The Sleeping Sword - Michael Morpurgo*  
*The Shapeshifter Collection - Ali Sparkes*  
*A.N.T.I.D.O.T.E. - Malorie Blackman*  
*Thief - Malorie Blackman*  
*Dead Gorgeous - Malorie Blackman*  
*The Last Free Cat - John Blake*  
*Jimmy Coates Sabotage - Joe Craig*  
*Iron Heads - Susan Gates*  
*Diamond Brothers series - Anthony Horowitz*  
*Wicked - Anthony Masters*  
*Storm Runners - Barbara Mitchellhill*  
*The Invisible Detective series - Justin Richards*  
*Stormsearch - Robert Westall*  
*In the Nick of Time - Robert Westall*  
*The Baker Street Boys - Anthony Read*  
*The Cats of Seroster - Robert Westall*

### Well-loved Authors

*Matilda - Roald Dahl*  
*Danny the Champion of the World - Roald Dahl*  
*Boy - Roald Dahl*  
*Going Solo - Roald Dahl*  
*Charm School - Anne Fine*  
*The Sheep Pig - Dick King-Smith*  
*The Water Horse - Dick King-Smith*  
*Escape from Shangri-La - Michael Morpurgo*  
*Long Way home - Michael Morpurgo*  
*The White Horse of Zennor - Michael Morpurgo*  
*Toro! Toro! - Michael Morpurgo*  
*Farm Boy - Michael Morpurgo*  
*Kensuke's Kingdom - Michael Morpurgo*  
*Wreck of Zanzibar - Michael Morpurgo*  
*Tracy Beaker - Jacqueline Wilson*  
*Best Friends - Jacqueline Wilson*  
*Secrets, Midnight - Jacqueline Wilson*  
*The Indian in the Cupboard Series - Lynne Reid Banks*  
*Harry Potter Series - J.K Rowling*  
*Famous Five - Enid Blyton*