

Cranford Public Schools Summer Reading List Fifth Grade

Alexander, Lloyd **The Book of Three** - Taran, the Assistant Pig Keeper in the mythical kingdom of Prydain, sets out with the warrior Gwydion to save his country from evil.

Avi, **The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle** - As the lone "young lady" on a transatlantic voyage in 1832, Charlotte learns that the captain is murderous and the crew rebellious.

Banks, Lynne Reid **Indian in the Cupboard (Series)** - A nine-year-old boy receives a plastic Indian, a cupboard, and a little key for his birthday and finds himself involved in adventure when the Indian comes to life in the cupboard and befriends him.

Bond, Michael **A Bear Called Paddington (series)** - Life is never the same for the Brown family after they bring adventurous Paddington Bear into their home.

Brink, Carol **Caddie Woodlawn** - Chronicles the adventures of eleven-year-old Caddie growing up with her six brothers and sisters on the Wisconsin frontier in the mid-nineteenth century.

Burnett, Frances Hodges **Secret Garden** - Ten-year-old Mary comes to live in a lonely house on the Yorkshire moors and discovers an invalid cousin and the mysteries of a locked garden.

Clements, Andrew **Frindle** - When he decides to turn his fifth-grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.

Coville, Bruce **I Left My Sneakers in Dimension X** - Rod and his bratty cousin Elspeth are snatched into another dimension by the monstrous alien Smorkus Flinders.

Dahl, Roald **Matilda** - Matilda applies her untapped mental powers to rid the school of the evil, child-hating headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, and restore her nice teacher, Miss Honey, to financial security.

Fleishman, Paul **Bull Run** - Map on lining papers.; "A Laura Geringer book."
Northerners, Southerners, generals, couriers, dreaming boys, and worried sisters describe the glory, the horror, the thrill, and the disillusionment of the first battle of the Civil War.

Fox, Paula **Slave Dancer** - Kidnapped by the crew of an Africabound ship, a thirteen-year-old boy discovers to his horror that he is on a slaver and his job is to play music for the exercise periods of the human cargo.

Freedman, **Lincoln or Eleanor Roosevelt** - Biographies

George, Jean Craighead **There's an Owl in the Shower** - Laws protecting the spotted owls in the old growth forest of northern California cost Borden's father his logging job. Angry, Borden vows to kill any spotted owl he sees, but has a change of heart when he and his father find themselves taking care of a young owlet.

Gilson, Jamie **Thirteen Ways to Sink a Sub** - The boys and girls in the fourth grade devise a contest to "sink" their substitute teacher by making her cry

Lindgren, Astrid **Pippi Longstocking (series)** - Escapades of a lucky little girl who lives with a horse and a monkey—but without any parents--at the edge of a Swedish village.

McCurdy, Michael **The Gettysburg Address** - An illustrated text of the Gettysburg Address.

Hahn, Mary Downing **Stepping on the Cracks** - In 1944, while her brother is overseas fighting in World War II, eleven-year-old Margaret gets a new view of the school bully Gordy when she finds him hiding his own brother, an army deserter, and decides to help him.

Henry, Marguerite **Misty of Chincoteague** - The determination of two youngsters to win a Chincoteague pony is greatly increased when the Phantom and her colt are among those rounded up for the yearly auction.

Howe, James **Howliday Inn** - While their family is away, Harold and Chester, a dog and a cat, are boarded at Chateau Bow-Wow where Chester becomes increasingly alarmed by the strange behavior of his fellow guests and the sudden disappearance of one of them.

Jacques, **Redwall (series)** - When the peaceful life of ancient Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of the evil rat Cluny and his villainous hordes, Matthias, a young mouse, determines to find the legendary sword of Martin the Warrior which, he is convinced, will help Redwall's inhabitants destroy the enemy.

King-Smith, Dick **Harry's Mad** Harry's legacy from his great-uncle, a talking parrot, proves to be a much more exciting gift than he ever imagined.

Kroll, Steven **Ellis Island: Doorway to Freedom** - Describes how the immigration station on Ellis Island served as a gateway into the United States for more than sixteen million immigrants between 1892 and 1954.

Levine, Gail Carson **Ella Enchanted** - In this novel based on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her.

Lewis, C.S. **The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe** - Four English schoolchildren find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia and assist Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch, who has cursed the land with eternal winter.

Lowry, Lois **Anastasia Krumpink** - Anastasia's 10th year has some good things like falling in love and really getting to know her grandmother and some bad things like finding out about an impending baby brother.

Maestro, Betsy **The Story of the Statue of Liberty** - Describes the creation of the huge statue given by France to the United States and its erection in New York Harbor as a symbol of liberty.

McGovern, Ann **If You Lived in Colonial Times** - Question and answer format provides information about life in colonial times including clothing, education, and punishment for crimes.

Naylor, Phyllis **Shilo** - When he finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, Marty tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner, a mean-spirited man known to shoot deer out of season and to mistreat his dogs.

Norton, Mary **The Borrowers** - Miniature people who live in an old country house by borrowing things from the humans are forced to emigrate from their home under the clock.

Park, Barbara **The Kid in the Red Jacket** - When ten-year-old Howard has to move with his family to a distant state, he is forced to live on a street named Chester Pewe, adjust to a new school, and get used to being shadowed by the little girl in a nearby house.

Paterson, Katherine **Liddy** - Impoverished Vermont farm girl Lyddie Worthen is determined to gain her independence by becoming a factory worker in Lowell, Massachusetts, in the 1840s.

Rowling, R.H **Harry Potter (series)** - Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School for Wizards and Witches.

Silverstein, Shel **A Light in the Attic** - A collection of humorous poems and drawings.

White, E.B. **Trumpet of the Swan** - Knowing how to read and write is not enough for Louis, a voiceless Trumpeter Swan; his determination to learn to play a stolen trumpet takes him far from his wilderness home.

Wilder, Laura Ingalls **Little House On the Prairie** - A family travels from the big woods of Wisconsin to a new home on the prairie, where they build a house, meet neighboring Indians, dig a well, and fight a prairie fire.

Wright, Betty Wren **The Dollhouse Murders** - A dollhouse filled with a ghostly light in the middle of the night and dolls that have moved from where she last left them lead Amy

and her retarded sister to unravel the mystery surrounding grisly murders that took place years ago.