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Grade Five – Grade Six

Choldenko, Gennifer. *Al Capone Shines My Shoes.* Moose lives with his family on Alcatraz because his father is a prison guard. He is frightened because the gangster, Al Capone, wants a favor in return for help he secretly gave Moose. This is a sequel to the Newbery Honor book, *Al Capone Does My Shirts.*

Dowd, Siobhan. *The London Eye Mystery.* When their cousin disappears while on board the London Eye (a Ferris wheel), Ted and Kat follow clues across London to find their missing cousin-before time runs out.

Giblin, James Cross. *The Amazing Life of Benjamin Franklin.* Read about this amazing American and plan a visit to Philadelphia.

Graff, Lisa. *The Thing About Georgie.* The thing about Georgie is that he is a dwarf, but he has a big personality, is smart, and is talented. This book will make you cheer.

Klise, Kate. *Dying to Meet You.* A cranky mystery writer moves into a dilapidated house, searching for peace and quiet; unbeknownst to him, the house is already occupied by a boy, his cat, and the ghost of the house's original owner. This is the first book in a series, *43 Old Cemetery Road.*

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. A Newbery Honor winner.

Lipsyte, Robert. *Heroes of Baseball: The Men Who Made It America's Favorite Game.* If you can't get enough of baseball, this is a book filled with illustrated stories about the men who help popularize and immortalize the sport of baseball: Ty Cobb, Shoeless Joe Jackson, Mickey Mantle, Willie Mays, etc.

McCarthy, Meghan. *Aliens are coming: The True Account of the 1938 War of the Worlds Radio Broadcast.* Within one hour of the CBS evening radio broadcast, people all over America believed the country was actually under attack by aliens from outer space landing in New Jersey. A true event (meaning the broadcast).

Paulson, Gary. *Brian's Winter.* If you have read *Hatchet*, continue to read about Brian in this sequel. Read other books by Gary Paulson, an adventure writer.

Philbrick, Rodman. *The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg.* Set during the Civil War, Homer escapes his wretched foster home and sets out to find his older brother who has been illegally sold into the Union Army. A Newbery Honor winner.

Stead, Rebecca. *When You Reach Me.* Living in NYC, a girl tries to make sense of mysterious notes that seem to defy the laws of time and space while her mother prepares to be a contestant on a game show. A Newbery Honor winner. This book will inspire you to read the classic, *Wrinkle in Time.*

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