

# 4th and 5th Grade



# Historical Fiction

Chapman, Elsie

## **The Scroll of Chaos**

Astrid thinks she has found a solution for her mother's depression in an ancient Chinese scroll. She finds herself and her sister transported to the world of Zhen where figures from Chinese legends come to life. Astrid and her sister join forces with two mythological spirits to save their world from an impending evil called Chaos.

Chokshi, Roshani

## **Aru Shah and the End of Time**

Based on Hindu mythology, this tale follows Aru as she accidentally releases a demon intent on awakening the God of Destruction. To set things right, she must journey through the Kingdom of Death to track down the five brothers of the ancient Hindu poem, the Mahabharata.

Lai, Thanhà

## **Inside Out and Back Again**

A young girl tells the story of her first year in the United States through a series of poems. In 1975, Hà Kim and her family must flee Vietnam. They eventually end up making a life for themselves in Alabama.

McDonough, Yona Zeldis

## **Courageous: A Novel of Dunkirk**

The British government is requesting the aid of fishermen and their boats to help rescue soldiers trapped in Dunkerque. Even though his parents have forbidden him from going, Aiden, the son of a fisherman, decides to use his dad's dory to help rescue soldiers and find his brother.

Nielsen, Jennifer A.

## **Iceberg**

Hazel's mother sends her to the US to work in a factory. Hazel decides to hide aboard the *Titanic* where she dreams of writing stories about the ship's maiden voyage. When disaster strikes, Hazel has to find a way to survive.

Wendell, Mindy Nichols

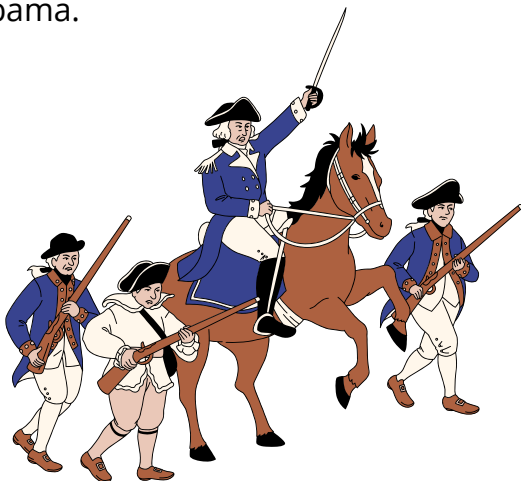
## **Light and Air**

1930's New York is the scene of a tuberculosis epidemic. Halle's mother contracts the disease and is placed in a sanitarium. Halle soon ends up there also and finds that everyone, regardless of race, is treated with light and air.

Park, Linda Sue

## **Prairie Lotus**

It's the 1800's in Dakota Territory, and Hana and her father face the challenges of living in a small mid-western town. Despite the racism aimed at Hana, who is half Asian, she vows to finish school and help her father run his store.



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# SCIENCE FICTION



Amato, Mary

## **Game On! (Star Striker)**

Seventh grader, Albert, is recruited by aliens to play on their soccer team. Albert agrees to play striker for the team, but he soon realizes that someone or something is trying to stop him.

Anderson, John David

## **Stowaway**

After an alien attack that kills his mother, Leo and his family decide to leave Earth. This decision ultimately puts the rest of Leo's family in jeopardy and brings Leo face to face with aliens, pirates, and new worlds.

Buxbaum, Julie

## **The Area 51 Files (The Area 51 Files)**

First in a fun-filled series featuring middle grader Sky Patel-Baum and her hedgehog, Spike. Sky is sent to live with her uncle in Area 51. As she arrives, Break Throughs start disappearing, and she needs to convince her new community she has nothing to do with it.

Dao, Julie C.

## **Team Chu and the Battle of Blackwood Arena**

Rival siblings must learn to work together when they get stuck inside of a laser tag reality game.

Forde, Patricia

## **The Girl Who Fell to Earth**

In this speculative novel, Aria lives on a planet without illness and disease. She is taught to hate humans who are inferior, but Aria has a secret. She is part human.

Hernandez, Carlos Alberto

## **Sal & Gabi Break the Universe**

Sal, who is grieving after the loss of his mother, learns to retrieve people and things from other times and universes.

Holm, Jennifer

## **The Lion of Mars**

Bell is a normal 11-year-old boy who just happens to live on Mars. He loves cats, cake, and trying to figure out what the adults around him are keeping secret. Why don't they talk to the other colonies? When trouble breaks out, it is the kids and not the adults who work together to help save the planet.

Questlove

## **The Rhythm of Time**

Rahim Reynolds lives in a tech-free home while his best friend Kasia Collins lives in a home filled with the latest technology. She even creates inventions of her own like a space-time traveling phone. When they travel back to 1997 to rescue her guinea pig, Rahim breaks every rule of time travel.



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