

TOP FIVE PEER PICKS

Special thanks to the 4th & 5th grade students from Mrs. Dode's, Mrs. Hesse's, and Mrs. Palmesano's classes at Griffin Creek Elementary!

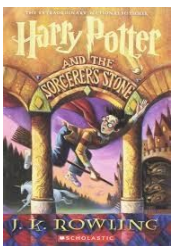


Wonder (2012)

R.J. Palacio

Ten-year-old Auggie, born with extreme facial abnormalities, goes from being homeschooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school, where he endures taunts and bullying and struggles to be seen as just another student.

Lexile 790, Reading Level 4.8



Harry Potter series (1997)

J.K. Rowling

J.K. Rowling's popular children's novels about Harry Potter, a boy who learns on his eleventh birthday that he is the orphaned son of two powerful wizards and possesses unique magical powers of his own. He is summoned from his life as an unwanted child to become a student at Hogwarts.

Lexile 880, Reading Level 5.5

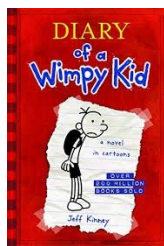


Brian's Winter (1996)

Gary Paulsen

Instead of being rescued from a plane crash, as in the author's book Hatchet, this story portrays what would have happened to Brian had he been forced to survive a winter in the wilderness with only his survival pack and hatchet.

Lexile 1140, Reading Level 5.9

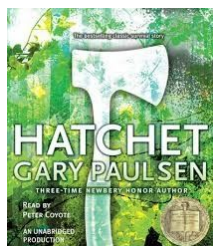


Diary of a Wimpy Kid series (2007)

Jeff Kinney

Greg records his sixth grade experiences in a school where he and his friend Rowley hope to survive as undersized weaklings amid boys who need to shave twice daily. And when Rowley grows more popular, Greg must take measures to save their friendship.

Lexile 950-1060, Reading Level 5.5



Hatchet (1987)

Gary Paulsen

After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends 54 days in the wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given to him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.

Lexile 1020, Reading Level 5.7