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BOOK SUGGESTIONS

4th and 5th grade - funny Books

J Anderson—[Whales on Stilts](#) (series)

Racing against the clock, shy middle-school student Lily and her best friends, Katie and Jasper, must foil the plot of her father's conniving boss to conquer the world using an army of whales.

J Atwater—[Mr. Popper's Penguins](#)

The unexpected delivery of a large crate containing an Antarctic penguin changes the life and fortunes of Mr. Popper, a house painter obsessed by dreams of the Polar regions.

J Beaty—[Attack of the Fluffy Bunnies](#)

At Camp Whatsitooya, twins Joules and Kevin and new friend Nelson face off against large, rabbit-like creatures from the Mallow Galaxy who thrive on sugar, but are not above hypnotizing and eating human campers.

J Colfer—[The Legend of Spud Murphy](#)

When their mother starts dropping them off at the library several afternoons a week, nine-year-old William and his brother dread boredom and the overbearing librarian, but they are surprised at how things turn out.

J Dahl—[The Twits](#)

The misadventures of two terrible old people who enjoy playing nasty tricks and are finally outwitted by a family of monkeys.

J Fitzgerald—[The Great Brain](#) (series)

The exploits of the Great Brain of Adenville, Utah, are described by his younger brother, who is frequently the victim of the Great Brain's schemes for gaining prestige or money.

J Gutman—[The Homework Machine](#) (and others)

Four fifth-grade students--a geek, a class clown, a teacher's pet, and a slacker--as well as their teacher and mothers, each relate events surrounding a computer programmed to complete homework assignments.

J Hale—[The Peterkin Papers](#)

The humorous adventures of a foolish family, whose problems are righted by the Lady from Philadelphia.

J Jennings—[Out Standing in My Field](#)

Although fifth-grader Ty Cutter is named after baseball great Ty Cobb, he is the worst player on the Brewer's team - which happens to be coached by his overly-competitive father.

J Klise—[Regarding the Bathrooms: a Privy to the Past](#) (series)

In this novel told through letters, newspaper articles, and police reports, a middle school principal's bathroom renovation project leads to the discovery of stolen Roman antiquities.

J Martin—[The Doll People](#) (series)

A family of porcelain dolls that has lived in the same house for one hundred years is taken aback when a new family of plastic dolls arrives and doesn't follow The Doll Code of Honor.

J McCloskey—[Homer Price](#)

Six episodes in the life of Homer Price, including one in which he and his pet skunk capture four bandits and another about a donut machine on the rampage.

J Pennypacker—[Clementine](#) (series)

While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.

J Pinkwater—[The Neddiad: How Neddie Took the Train, Went to Hollywood, and Saved Civilization](#)

When shoelace heir Neddie Wentworthstein and his family take the train from Chicago to Los Angeles in the 1940s, he winds up in possession of a valuable Indian turtle artifact whose owner is supposed to be able to prevent the impending destruction of the world, but he is not sure exactly how.

J Rex—[The True Meaning of Smekday](#)

Twelve-year-old Gratuity has a hard time writing an essay on "The True Meaning of Smekday" due to her complex life after Earth was overtaken by aliens and her mother was kidnapped and taken to Happy Mouse Kingdom in Florida.

J Robinson—[The Best Christmas Pageant Ever](#)

The six mean Herdman kids lie, steal, smoke cigars, and then become involved in the community Christmas pageant.

J Sachar—[There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom](#)

An unmanageable, but lovable, eleven-year-old misfit learns to believe in himself when he gets to know the new school counselor, who is sort of a misfit too.

J Sanderson—[Alcatraz vs. the Evil Librarians](#) (series)

On his thirteenth birthday, foster child Alcatraz receives a bag of sand which is immediately stolen by the evil Librarians who are trying to take over the world, and Alcatraz is told that he must use his special talent to save civilization.

J Sonnenblick—[Dodger and Me](#) (series)

Miserable because his only friend moved away and he has once again caused his baseball team to lose a game, fifth-grader Willy Ryan's life suddenly becomes a lot more interesting when he finds Dodger, a furry, blue chimpanzee that only he can see, and he has to decide what he really wishes for in life.

J Soup—[Whole Nother Story](#)

Ethan Cheeseman and his children, ages eight, twelve, and fourteen, hope to settle in a nice small town, at least long enough to complete work on a time machine, but spies and government agents have been pursuing them for two years and are about to catch up.

J Weeks—[Oggie Cooder](#)

Quirky fourth-grader Oggie Cooder goes from being shunned to everyone's best friend when he gets a slot on a popular television talent show, but he soon learns the perils of being a celebrity--and having a neighbor girl as his manager.

J Winkler—[I Got a D in Salami](#) (series)

Antics ensue after Hank throws his report card into a meat grinder.