DeCristofano, Carolyn.  
**A BLACK HOLE IS NOT A HOLE**  
Learn what black holes are, what causes them, and how they were first discovered.

Johnson, Rebecca L.  
**ZOMBIE MAKERS: THE TRUE STORIES OF NATURE’S UNDEAD**  
Meet the creatures that can take over the bodies and brains of others.

Mann, Elizabeth.  
**STATUE OF LIBERTY**  
A look at the hard work and planning it took for the Statue of Liberty to come to the U.S.

Markle, Sandra.  
**THE CASE OF THE VANISHING GOLDEN FROGS**  
Follow the team of scientists working to protect threatened frogs around the world.

Pringle, Laurence.  
**BILLIONS OF YEARS, AMAZING CHANGES**  
Traces the history of man’s evolutionary discoveries.

Sheinkin, Steve.  
**LINCOLN’S GRAVE ROBBERS**  
A brazen plan by desperate counterfeiters to steal the body of Abraham Lincoln.

Wood, Douglas.  
**FRANKLIN AND WINSTON: A CHRISTMAS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD**  
The two leaders secretly met to “plan how they might save the world.”

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### Common Core Corner: Rigorous Reads

Aveni, Anthony.  
**BURIED BENEATH US**  
Introduces readers to cities that rose and fell long before our time.

Burg, Ann.  
**ALL THE BROKEN PIECES**  
Matt Pin is haunted by the Vietnam he left behind and by trying to fit in in America.

Hunt, Linda.  
**ONE FOR THE MURPHYS**  
Foster care is hard on Carley who doesn’t know who she can trust.

Timberlake, Amy.  
**ONE CAME HOME**  
Georgia is determined to find her sister, who has mysteriously disappeared.

Yelchin, Eugene.  
**BREAKING STALIN’S NOSE**  
Ardent young communist Sasha finds out the truth about Stalin’s government.
Books for
Fifth Graders

Fiction

Angleberger, Tom. THE STRANGE CASE OF ORIGAMI YODA*
The entire sixth grade is hanging on every word of advice from Origami Yoda.

Barnhill, Kelly. THE MOSTLY TRUE STORY OF JACK
Jack discovers he’s an integral part of an age-old struggle between good and evil.

Black, Holly. DOLL BONES
Three kids embark on an adventure to satisfy the demands of a ghost.

Blackwood, Sage. JINX*
Jinx sets out on a quest to regain his powers.

Curtis, Christopher Paul. ELIJAH OF BUXTON
Elijah must track down an unscrupulous former slave who stole money from his friend.

Dowell, Frances O’Roark. THE SECOND LIFE OF ABIGAIL WALKER
Lonely Abigail, bullied by classmates for being overweight, changes after a fox bite.

Greenwald, Tommy. CHARLIE JOE JACKSON’S GUIDE TO NOT READING*
Charlie Joe will do anything to avoid reading, but has he gone a bit too far this time?

Law, Ingrid. SAVVY*
At 13, Mibs receives her magical powers, but a family emergency changes everything.

Lawrence, Caroline. THE CASE OF THE DEADLY DESPERADOS
Pinky Pinkerton must hide his inheritance from a dangerous gang.

Levine, Gail Carson. FORGIVE ME, I MEANT TO DO IT: FALSE APOLOGY POEMS
Imagines how tricksters really feel about the mischief they often make.

Nielsen, Jennifer. THE FALSE PRINCE*
Can a prince in hiding prove he is the rightful heir to the Carthya throne?

Patterson, James. I FUNNY*
Nothing, not bullies nor tragedy, can keep Jamie from entering a comedy contest.

Pennypacker, Sara. SUMMER OF THE GYPSY MOTHS
Two girls learn to work together to keep others from finding out their secret.

Stead, Rebecca. LIAR AND SPY
Georges befriends Safer and becomes a member of his secret spy society.

Stephens, John. THE EMERALD ATLAS*
Three siblings must journey away from home aided by a magical atlas.

Turnage, Sheila. THREE TIMES LUCKY*
Mo and her friend Dale become detectives when their friends are accused of murder.

Weiner, Ellis. THE TEMPLETON TWINS HAVE AN IDEA*
Genius siblings take on a pair of bumbling kidnappers to save their father’s inventions.

Williams-Garcia, Rita. ONE CRAZY SUMMER*
Delphine and her sisters get a first-hand look at the civil rights struggles of the late 1960s.

Informational Books

Burns, Loree Griffin. THE HIVE DETECTIVES: CHRONICLE OF A HONEY BEE CATASTROPHE*
When honeybees start disappearing, a scientist decides to find out why.

Byrd, Robert. ELECTRIC BEN: THE AMAZING LIFE AND TIMES OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN
A tribute to the life and work of one of our nation’s founding fathers.