Students will be reading at least one nonfiction book this summer as outlined in the summer reading requirements for students entering grade five. This list can be used to help students select a nonfiction title. These are just suggestions. Students may read any nonfiction book of their choice. Also, please note that the “I Survived” series is NOT considered nonfiction; these are historical fiction books and can be read for the choice book.

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**SUGGESTED Titles:**

Summer Reading Grade 5 Nonfiction Suggested Book List 2016
Title: **Stealing Home: The Story of Jackie Robinson**  
**Author:** Barry Denenberg  
**Summary:** *Stealing Home* is a moving and poignant account of a man who was determined to play baseball regardless of the color of his skin. This biography tells the story of Jackie Robinson, the first black man to play in baseball’s major leagues in the United States. In his willingness to fight for his rights and the rights of others both on and off the baseball field, Jackie Robinson was not only a great ball player, but also a true American hero. He once said, "A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives." Robinson truly lived an important life, which still influences people today.

Title: **The Girls' Book: How to Be the Best at Everything**  
**Author:** Juliana Foster and Amanda Enright  
**Summary:** A spiffy guide to anything and everything a girl could need to know! How to do almost anything in one handy little book! Want to be known for your unique style? Inside you’ll learn how to design your own clothes (p. 35), do the perfect manicure (p. 82), or make your own lip gloss (p. 11). Feel like impressing your friends? Show them how you can make a crystal (p. 16), juggle one-handed (p. 33), or deal with a bully (p. 42). Bored and need something to do? Not anymore when you find out how to keep a secret diary (p. 88), make a scrapbook (p. 9), or put together a dance routine (p. 24). And tons of other neat-o things you need to know how to do! *There are books similar to this one for boys and additional books for girls if you search the “Best at Everything” books on www.scholastic.com.*

Title: **First Flight Around the World: The Adventures of the American Fliers Who Won the Race**  
**Author:** Tim Grove  
**Summary:** In 1924, the U.S. Army sent eight young men on a bold attempt to be the first to circumnavigate the globe by flight. Men from five other countries—Great Britain, France, Portugal, Italy, and Argentina—had the same goal. The race was on! *First Flight Around the World* documents the exciting journey of four American planes—the Chicago, Boston, New Orleans, and Seattle—and their crews on a race around the world. The trip held many challenges: extreme weather, tricky navigation, unfamiliar cultures, fragile planes, and few airfields. The world fliers risked their lives for the sake of national pride. Based in part on the journal of one of the crew members, First Lieutenant Leslie Arnold, along with commentary, newspaper reports, and archival images, *First Flight Around the World* is a captivating tale about American ingenuity, gumption, and perseverance.
Title: *Dolphin Adventure*  
Author: Wayne Grover  
Summary: Eighty feet below the ocean’s surface, Wayne Grover hears a clicking sound. Soon he sees three dolphins--two adults and a baby--swimming toward him. A large fishing hook is embedded in the baby’s back, and suddenly Wayne realizes that, in their own way, the dolphins are asking for his help.

Title: *The Greek Gods*  
Author: Ned Hoopes  
Summary: An excellent introduction to mythology, this book includes a glossary, afterword, and bibliography. *Another good book on this same topic is D’Aulaires’ Book of Greek Myths.*

Title: *Mistakes That Worked*  
Author: Charlotte Jones  
Summary: Popsicles, potato chips, Silly Putty, Velcro, and many other familiar things have fascinating stories behind them. In fact, dozens of products and everyday items had surprisingly haphazard beginnings. *Mistakes That Worked* offers forty of these unusual tales, along with hilarious cartoons and weird and amazing facts. Readers will be surprised and inspired!

Title: *Shelter Dogs: Amazing Stories of Adopted Strays*  
Author: Peg Kehret  
Summary: From the award-winning author Peg Kehret comes a collection of true stories about the amazing lives of eight shelter dogs. Many of these dogs were unwanted because of their size, behavior, or medical condition. All of the dogs found owners who loved and cared for them and ultimately helped change their lives in tremendous ways. The dogs have changed the owners’ lives, too. There’s Tracker, a mixed breed, who began life as an unwanted puppy, but ended up becoming a movie star. Joey, a German shepherd/mixed breed, became a service dog trained to help a woman with multiple sclerosis. Tyler was just a sweet border collie who couldn’t see, but after his owner agreed to pay for eye surgery, he regained his sight completely.

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**Title:** My Life in Dog Years  
**Author:** Gary Paulsen  
**Summary:** Gary Paulsen has owned dozens of unforgettable and amazing dogs. In each chapter, he tells the story of one special dog, among them Snowball, the puppy he owned as a boy in the Philippines; Ike, his mysterious hunting companion; Dirk, the grim protector; and Josh, one of the remarkable border collies working on Paulsen’s ranch today.

**Title:** Lincoln's Grave Robbers  
**Author:** Steve Sheinkin  
**Summary:** A true crime thriller — the first book for teens to tell the nearly unknown tale of the brazen attempt to steal Abraham Lincoln's body! The action begins in October of 1875, as Secret Service agents raid the Fulton, Illinois, workshop of master counterfeiter Ben Boyd. Soon after Boyd is hauled off to prison, members of his counterfeiting ring gather in the back room of a smoky Chicago saloon to discuss how to spring their ringleader. Their plan: grab Lincoln’s body from its Springfield tomb, stash it in the sand dunes near Lake Michigan, and demand, as a ransom, the release of Ben Boyd and $200,000 in cash. Along the way, readers get glimpses into the inner workings of counterfeiting, grave robbing, detective work, and the early days of the Secret Service. The plot moves toward a wild climax as robbers and lawmen converge at Lincoln’s tomb on election night: November 7, 1876.

**Title:** It's Disgusting and We Ate It! True Food Facts from Around the World and Throughout History  
**Author:** James Solheim  
**Summary:** How about a nice dish of Colonial Squirrel Pie with a side of milkweed shoots? If that doesn’t grab you, you might think about trying some Garbage Stew, just like they made in medieval England. But if you’re feeling a little tired and need a boost, your best bet is roasted spiders. They’ve got three times the protein of cooked beef. (Is your mouth watering yet?) Illustrated by the wildly-creative Eric Brace, It’s Disgusting -- and We Ate It! is a fascinating look at culinary creations from all over the world!
Stealing Home is a moving and poignant account of a man who was determined to play baseball regardless of the color of his skin. This biography tells the story of Jackie Robinson, the first black man to play in baseball's major leagues in the United States. In his willingness to fight for his rights and the rights of others both on and off the baseball field, Jackie Robinson was not only a great ball player, but also a true American hero. He once said, "A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives." Robinson truly lived an important life, which still influence. The Jackie Robinson Story is a 1950 biographical film directed by Alfred E. Green (who had directed The Jolson Story, "one of the biggest hits of the 40s") and starring Jackie Robinson as himself. The film focuses on Robinson's struggle with the abuse of bigots as he becomes the first African-American Major League Baseball player of the modern era. The film is among the list of films in the public domain in the United States. However a new copyrighted "restored and in color" version was released in