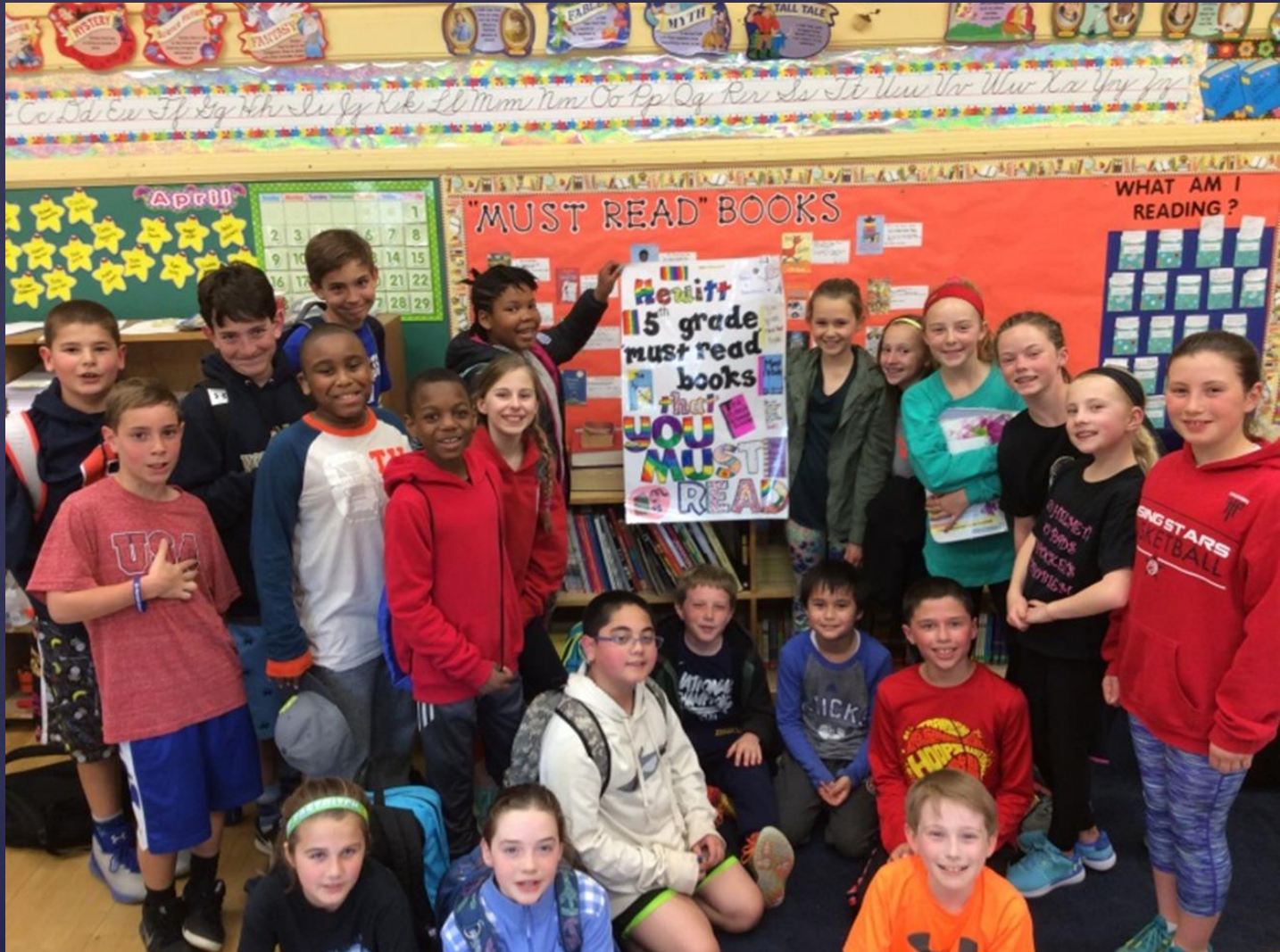


Hewitt's  
"MUST READ"  
BOOKS

A MOVEMENT

Motivating Students to  
Share Their Love of Reading

# From Fifth Grade





# Must Reads

**"Books can be *dangerous*. The best ones should be labeled: WARNING. THIS WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE." – Helen Exley**

- \* Inside: our compilation of our life changing books. Our Must Reads – our game changers!
- \* Each book that is listed comes highly recommended from 5<sup>th</sup> grade students who've read the book and consider it a MUST READ – a book that will change your life, a book that will inspire you, a book that will leave you changed!
- \* We wanted to share our love and passion for these amazing books!
- \* Since it is by us, as 5<sup>th</sup> graders, we ask that parents please consider any book that your own child picks and consider if it is appropriate for your child.
- \* These books are considered the best of the best by US – the Hewitt 2017 5<sup>th</sup> grade class – and we are so excited we get to share and continue the love of reading! ENJOY OUR MUST READ LIST!



Title of Book: *Booked*  
Author: Kwame Alexander  
Genre: Poetry

Review: "This book is amazing. I just started it and I can't put it down. I love soccer and I saw my friends reading it, so I knew this was the book for me. But, even if you don't like soccer or sports, this book is about life lessons for anyone who reads it. It is about a boy who goes through many crazy obstacles. I give it a 5 out of 5 stars!" – Sofia Shekham

"This amazing book is not only about sports, it's about life. It teaches you how to overcome your biggest fears. It's about a 12 year old boy (Nick) who is going through tough times, and uses soccer to forget about the bad times. This book kept me up reading every night, and made me want to read more books by Kwame Alexander!" – Annie Madden



Title of Book: *The War that Saved My Life*  
Author: Kimberly Brubaker Bradley  
Genre: Historical Fiction

Review: "The War that Saved My Life is a fantastic book filled with suspense, joyous moments, and one very big cliffhanger, as Ada and Jamie fight for their lives. Read about the amazing journey Ada and Jamie go through to get out of the abusive situation that they are stuck in. Throughout their journey, they learn many new things. Ada even learns how to use a toilet at the age of eleven. The War that Saved My Life is the best book that I have ever read! I encourage other people to read it because it is a fantastic piece of literature with a very intriguing storyline that makes you want to read more. Caution: If you are one of those people that cry at very sad things or cries tears of joy often, I would not recommend you reading The War that Saved My Life, but if you are not one of those people, please read this captivating story." – Cayle Katz

"This amazing story about 9 year old Ada and her little brother Jamie escaping their abusive mother in their one room apartment will leave you up all night wanting to know what is next. It makes you thankful for what you have. The story takes place during World War II, and you will be crying with tears of joy and sadness. This book should definitely take a spot on your must read list!" – Kathleen Conlon

"I recommend this book because it tells about a girl's hard life during World War II. No matter what happens to her, she stays strong and brave." – Leahni Truesdell



Title of Book: *Al Capone Does My Shirts*  
Author: Geronimo Chilcote  
Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: "Al Capone Does My Shirts is a book that is about a family living on Alcatraz Island, which is a maximum security prison. This is the last place you would expect to find a family."



Title of Book: *Walk Two Moons*  
Author: Sharon Creech  
Genre: Fiction

Review: "If you like captivating books that are heartbreaking, happy and funny all in one, then this is the book for you. It kept me up each night! It is about a girl and her mother who run away. I give it a 5 out of 5 star rating!" – Isabelle Mejias

Trust me, if you pick up this book, you will spend hours on end reading it. This book is about one girl and her grandparents trying to find out what happened to her mother. This book shows you that in dark times there is always a light to guide you." – Madelyn Mejias

"Are you looking for a cliffhanger book? Well then what are you waiting for? Head over to your library or bookstore. Salamanda Tree House, also known as Sal, is the main character. She is on a mission to find her mother. Her best friend, Phoebe Wootton's Mom, goes missing but comes back. If you want more, go get Walk Two Moons." – Hannah Porter



Title of Book: *Sara Lost and Found*  
Author: Virginia Costello  
Genre: Realistic Fiction

Review: "This book made me laugh, cry, smile and frown. With 320 pages, I couldn't put it down. Sara and her sister are bouncing from place to place, hoping to find a loving and caring family who would be willing to adopt Sara and her 11 year old sister. This book makes you appreciate, care so much, and become so thankful for what you have." – Eve Garcia



**Title of Book: *One for the Murphy's***

**Author: Lynda Mullaly Hunt**

**Genre: Realistic Fiction**

**Review:** "This amazing book kept me up every night, even after my parents told me to go to sleep! Not only did I love this book but, it also taught me to be brave, even if you are going through tough times. I didn't really like reading books until I found *One for the Murphy's*, and I highly suggest reading it! You won't be able to put it down, and you definitely won't regret picking it up!" – Reese Haley

"This book is my absolute, no doubt about it, favorite book. Carley is brave and tough, even though she experiences many hard times. Once you pick this book up, you can't put it down." – Claire Bohan



To the entire Hewitt Community





## 2018-2019 Hewitt 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

# "Must Reads"

"You can find MAGIC wherever you look.

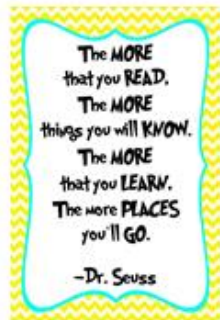
Sit back and relax, all you need is a BOOK." - Dr. Seuss

These books are considered the best of the best by - Hewitt 1<sup>st</sup> graders  
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Must Reads



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*The Zebra Got His Stripes*

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ook because it teaches you to be kind no matter what. -



*Walter Who Loved to Hold Hands*

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ook because it is about an otter and his family. He is afraid of he learns its ok. - Devin Mullaney



*Wendy's Princess Ava*

ook because it teaches you to try new foods and not be a picky eater.



*Dogs Drink Hot Chocolate? How Animals Keep Warm*

ook because I love to learn about animals. It gives you lots of nimals. - Kara Kittowski



*Ninjabread Man*

ook because he learns how to become a good ninja. - Patrick



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**Title of Book:** *Put Me In The Zoo*

**Author:** Robert Lopshire

**Review:** I love this book because the dog found a place to stay and do tricks at the circus. I also love the illustrations, they are very detailed and colorful. - Michael Zangari



**Title of Book:** *Winnie the Pooh and Some Bees*

**Author:** A.A. Milne

**Review:** I love this book because Pooh is silly and wants honey. It also gives a lot of jokes. - Ryan MacMillan



**Title of Book:** *One Zillion Valentines*

**Author:** Frank Modell

**Review:** I love this book because it was nice of the boys to give gifts. It is also about Valentine's Day. - Vivian Guarnella



**Title of Book:** *What I Like About Me!*

**Author:** Allia Zobel Nolan

**Review:** I love this book because it shows you how people look different, but they are the same inside. - Fiona Aranki



**Title of Book:** *The Book With No Pictures*

**Author:** B.J. Novak

**Review:** I love this book because it is very funny. It has words that made my dad and I laugh a lot. - Caroline Connelly



B.J. Novak

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Must Reads

**Title of Book:** *The Day the Crayons Quit*

**Author:** Drew Daywalt

**Review:** I love this book because it teaches you a lesson that you should not complain.  
- Kaitlin McCutchan

I love this book because it is funny that each crayon is telling its own story. This book is also encouraging. - Connor Ventimiglia



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