

Grade 5 – Recommended Biography Book List

Title	Author	Genre	Reading Level
Shark Lady	Ann McGovern	Biography	O
Who is Neil Armstrong?	Roberta Edwards	Biography	O
Who was Thomas Jefferson?	Dennis B. Fradin	Biography	P
Bull’s-Eye: A Photobiography of Annie Oakley	Sue Macy	Biography	P
Barack Obama: President of the United States	Blane Conklin	Biography	Q
Cixi: Evil Empress of China?	Sean Stewart Price	Biography	Q
Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph Became the World’s Fastest Woman	Kathleen Krull	Biography	Q
Always Inventing: A Photobiography of Alexander Graham Bell	Tom L. Matthews	Biography	R
Lewis and Clark: Opening the American West	Ellen Rodger	Biography	R
Satchel Paige	Lesa Cline-Ransome	Biography	R
Wilbur and Orville Wright: Young Fliers	Augusta Stevenson	Biography	R
Booker T. Washington: Great American Educator	Eric Braun	Biography	S
Handel, Who Knew What He Liked	M.T. Anderson	Biography	S
Hatshepsut: The Princess who Became King	Ellen Galford	Biography	S
Nelson Mandela: Leading the Way	Tamara Hollingsworth	Biography	S
Skit-Scat Raggedy Cat: Ella Fitzgerald	Roxane Orgill	Biography	S
Bad Guys and Gals on the High Seas	Dona Herweck Rice	Biography	T
Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshal	Vaunda Micheaus Nelson	Biography	T
Kids at Work: Lewis Hine and the Crusade Against Child Labor	Russell Freedman	Biography	T
Marie Curie and Radioactivity	Connie Colwell Miller	Biography	T
Will You Sign Here, John Hancock?	Jean Fritz	Biography	T
Gandhi: The Young Protester Who Founded a Nation	Philip Wilkinson	Biography	U
Passage to Freedom: The Sugihara Story	Ken Mochizuki	Biography	U
Real Kids, Real Stories, Real Change: Courageous Actions Around the World	Garth Sundem	Biography	U
Soldier Athletes	Glenn Stout	Biography	U
Helen Keller: A Photographic Story of a Life	Leslie Garrett	Biography	V
Martin Luther King, Jr.	Amy Pastan	Biography	V
Stealing Home: The Story of Jackie Robinson	Barry Denenberg	Biography	V
Anne Frank: Life in Hiding	Johanna Hurwitz	Biography	W
Nelson Mandela	Lenny Hort & Laaren Brown	Biography	W
You Want Women to Vote, Lizzie Stanton?	Jean Fritz	Biography	W
Harriet Beecher Stowe and the Beecher Preachers	Jean Fritz	Biography	X
Traitor: The Case of Benedict Arnold	Jean Fritz	Biography	X
Vlad the Impaler: The Real Count Dracula	Itzkowitz Norman & Enid Goldberg	Biography	X

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Lincoln Shot: A President's Life Remembered	Andrea Warren	Biography	Y
Surviving Hitler: A Boy in the Nazi Death Camps	Barry Denenberg	Biography	Y
The Voice that Challenged a Nation: Marian Anderson and the Struggle for Equal Rights	Aaron Rosenberg	Biography	Y
World War II	Russell Freedman	Biography	Y
Adolf Hitler	Francisco Jimenez	Biography	Z
Anne Frank: The Anne Frank House Authorized Graphic Biography	Lester	Biography	Z
Breaking Through	Sid & Ernie Jacobson	Biography	Z
Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice	Phillip Hoose	Biography	Z
Henry VIII: Royal Beheader	Sean Stewart Price	Biography	Z
Invincible Louisa	Cornelia Meigs	Biography	Z
To Be a Slave	Julius	Biography	Z
The Bronte Sisters: The Brief Lives of Charlotte, Emily and Anne	Catherine Reef	Biography	Z
The Greatest: Muhammad Ali	Sean Price	Biography	Z