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4th & 5th Grade Biography Suggestions

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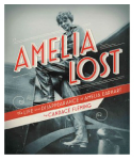
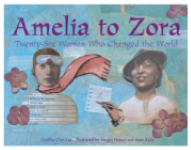
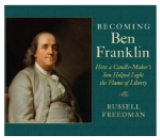


Amelia lost: the life and disappearance of Amelia Earhart *by Candace Fleming* (JB Ea72f)
Relates the story of the famous aviatrix and the circumstances surrounding her disappearance.

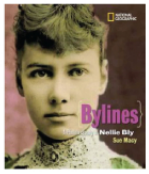
Amelia to Zora: twenty-six women who changed the world *by Cynthia Chin-Lee* (J920 C441a)
Each letter of the alphabet represents a short biography of a twentieth-century woman of achievement.

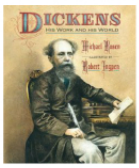




Becoming Ben Franklin: how a candle-maker's son helped light the flame of liberty *by Russell Freedman* (JB F854fr)
Introduces young Ben Franklin, who ran away from his family to be an apprentice, and rose to be a statesman, author and inventor.

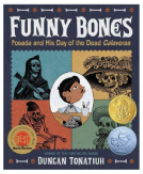
Bylines: a photobiography of Nellie Bly *by Sue Macy* (JfB B629m)
Showcases the heroic life of an American journalist who did crazy things to get a story and exposed corruption at the turn of the 20th century.





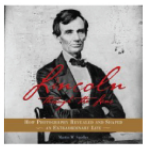
Dickens: his work and his world *by Michael Rosen* (JfB D555r)
Presents a biography of Charles Dickens, the author of *A Christmas Carol.*

Flying solo: how Ruth Elder soared into America's heart *by Julie Cummins* (JB EL226c)
Introduces the barrier-breaking achievements of a less well-known aviatrix who believed women could do anything. She didn't give up when during her solo flight across the Atlantic, she crashed and was rescued at sea.



Funny bones: Posada and his Day of the Dead calaveras *by Duncan Tonatiuh* (JB P84t)
Shows the life of a Mexican political cartoonist, whose animated skeletons have become a symbol for Mexico's Day of the Dead celebrations.

Helen's big world: the life of Hellen Keller *by Doreen Rappaport* (JfB K282r)
Introduces Hellen Keller and her teacher Annie Sullivan.



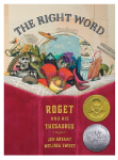
Lincoln through the lens: how photography revealed and shaped an extraordinary life *by Martin Sandler* (JB L638sn)
Presents a variety of photographs from the nineteenth century showing the life of the sixteenth president of the United States.

Marie Curie *by Kathleen Krull* (JB C924k)
From the "Giants of Science" series, describes the life of the Polish-born scientist who won two Nobel prizes in physics and chemistry.

MERCY: the incredible story of Henry Bergh, founder of the ASPCA and friend to the animals *by Nancy Furstinger* (JB B453f)
Bergh founded the ASPCA and worked hard to create and enforce laws to protect both animals and children.

Michelle Obama: an American story *by David Colbert* (JB Ob12c)
The life story of the first African American First Lady from her upbringing in Chicago to the White House.

Nelson Mandela *by Kadir Nelson* (JfB M3118n)
This gorgeous picture book biography moves readers through key moments in Mandela's life leading up to his fight to end apartheid.

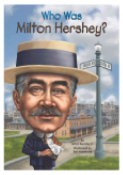


The right word: Roget and his thesaurus *by Jen Bryant* (JfB R634b)
As a child, Roger loved to read and loved to make lists of words-- perfect words for exactly what he wanted to say. His lists turned into one of the most important reference books of all time.

Sally Ride: astronaut *by Joanne Mattern* (JB R433m)
Describes the life and accomplishments of the first American woman in space.

Sparky: the life and art of Charles Schulz *by Beverly Gherman* (JB Sch83g)
Presents the life story of the artist who made Charlie Brown and his dog Snoopy famous.

Who was Julia Child? *by Geoff Edgers and Carlene Hemple* (JB C436e)
Describes the life of Julia Child, one of the most well-known TV chefs and the author of Mastering the Art of French Cooking.



Who was Milton Hershey? *by James Buckley, Jr.* (JB H439b)
Details the life of Milton Hershey, who founded the Hershey Chocolate Company and used his wealth to benefit others.

Who was Steve Irwin? *by Dina Anastasio* (JB Ir98an)
Learn about Steve Irwin, the Crocodile Hunter, who was a film and television star, naturalist and champion for animals.

Who was Walt Disney? *by Whitney Stewart* (JB D632st)
Learn about the man who created Mickey Mouse.

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