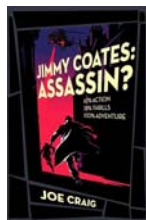


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Jimmy Coates, Assassin?

Craig, Joe

Call Letters: F Cr Pgs: 224 Lexile:

While escaping from the strange men who are after him in London, Jimmy discovers he possesses many unusual talents for an eleven-year-old boy.

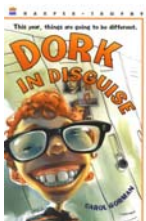


Science Fair

Barry, Dave

Call Letters: F Ba Pgs: 394 Lexile: 0

The president of Kprshtskan is plotting to infiltrate the science fair at Hubble Middle School in Maryland in order to take over the United States government, but when Toby Harbinger, an ordinary student, makes up his mind finally to win the fair, the terrorists' plans go awry.

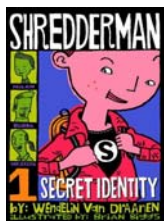


Dork in Disguise

Gorman, Carol

Call Letters: F Go Pgs: 164 Lexile: 510

Starting middle school in a new town, brainy Jerry Flack changes his image from "dork" to "cool kid," only to discover that he'd rather be himself.



Secret Identity (Book 1: Shredderman)

Van Draanen, Wendelin

Call Letters: F Va Pgs: 138 Lexile: 520

Fifth-grader Nolan Byrd, tired of being called names by the class bully, has a secret identity--Shredderman!



Boy at War: A Novel of Pearl Harbor

Mazer, Harry

Call Letters: F Ma Pgs: 104 Lexile: 530

While fishing with his friends off Honolulu on December 7, 1941, teenaged Adam is caught in the midst of the Japanese attack and through the chaos of the subsequent days tries to find his father, a naval officer who was serving on the U.S.S. Arizona when the bombs fell.



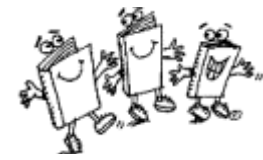
STORM: The Infinity Code

Young, E.L.

Call Letters: F Yo Pgs: 311 Lexile: 530

In London, the teenaged geniuses of STORM, a secret organization dedicated to eliminating the world's misery through science and technology, uncover plans for a deadly weapon and race to find and dismantle it, then confront the corrupt scientist behind the scheme.

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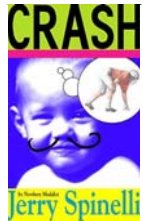


When the Soldiers Were Gone

Propp, Vera

Call Letters: F Pr Pgs: 99 Lexile: 540

After the German occupation of the Netherlands, Benjamin leaves the Christian family with whom he had been living and reunites with his real parents who returned from hiding.



Crash

Spinelli, Jerry

Call Letters: F Sp Pgs: 162 Lexile: 560

Seventh-grader John "Crash" Coogan has always been comfortable with his tough, aggressive behavior, until his relationship with an unusual Quaker boy and his grandfather's stroke make him consider the meaning of friendship and the importance of family.

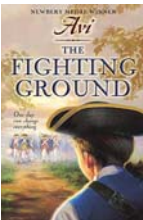


When Mack Came Back

Strickland, Brad

Call Letters: F St Pgs: 105 Lexile: 560

When his older brother leaves the family farm in order to join the army in 1943, ten-year-old Maury remains behind to deal with his angry father and to care for Ben's injured puppy.



Fighting Ground

Avi

Call Letters: F Av Pgs: 157 Lexile: 580

Thirteen-year-old Jonathan goes off to fight in the Revolutionary War and discovers the real war is being fought within himself.



Eleven

Giff, Patricia Reilly

Call Letters: F Gi Pgs: 164 Lexile: 600

When Sam, who can barely read, discovers an old newspaper clipping just before his eleventh birthday, it brings forth memories from his past, and, with the help of a new friend at school and the castle they are building for a school project, his questions are eventually answered.



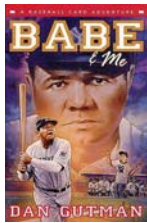
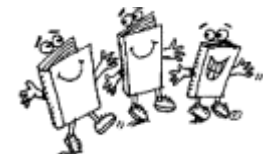
Al Capone Does My Shirts

Choldenko, Gennifer

Call Letters: F Ch Pgs: 228 Lexile: 600

A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.

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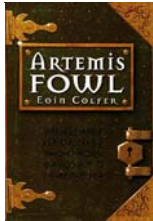


Babe & Me: A Baseball Card Adventure (series)

Gutman, Dan

Call Letters: F Gu Pgs: 161 Lexile: 600

With their ability to travel through time using vintage baseball cards, Joe and his father have the opportunity to find out whether Babe Ruth really did call his shot when he hit that home run in the third game of the 1932 World Series against the Chicago Cubs.

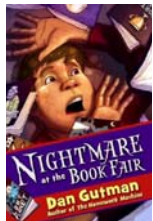


Artemis Fowl

Colfer, Eoin

Call Letters: F Co Pgs: 277 Lexile: 610

When a twelve-year-old evil genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll.

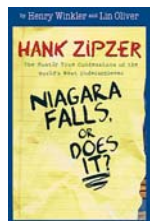


Nightmare at the Book Fair

Gutman, Dan

Call Letters: F Gu Pgs: 230 Lexile: 610

On his way to lacrosse tryouts, the president of the PTA asks Trip Dinkelman to help her with the book fair, resulting in Trip sustaining a head injury which causes him temporary amnesia and makes for an interesting journey home.

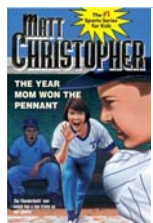


Niagara Falls, Or Does It? (Book 1: Hank Zipzer)

Winkler, Henry

Call Letters: F Wi Pgs: 133 Lexile: 610

When Hank Zipzer has to write an essay on what he did over the summer, he decides instead to "show" what he did.

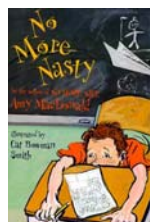


Year Mom Won the Pennant (Matt Christopher series)

Christopher, Matt

Call Letters: F Ch Pgs: 129 Lexile: 610

The boys are all hesitant when one boy's mother is the only parent who volunteers to coach their Little League team, but there is quite a surprise in store for them.



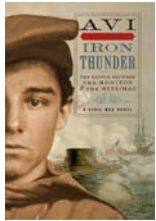
No More Nasty

MacDonad, Amy

Call Letters: F Ma Pgs: 171 Lexile: 610

When Simon's Great Aunt Matilda becomes the substitute teacher for his unruly fifth-grade class, her unique way of looking at things gives the students a new perspective on learning.

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Iron Thunder

Avi

Call Letters: F Av Pgs: 203 Lexile: 620

13-year-old Tom Carroll takes his place as head of the family after his father dies fighting for the Union; but as he helps to build an iron ship for the Union army, his loyalty comes into question when he is approached by Confederate spies to sell secrets about the ship to the South.



Gregor the Overlander

Collins, Suzanne

Call Letters: F Co Pgs: 311 Lexile: 630

eleven-year-old Gregor and his two-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving humans, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy.



Cirque Du Freak (series)

Shan, Darren

Call Letters: F Sh Pgs: 266 Lexile: 650

Two boys who are best friends visit an illegal freak show, where an encounter with a vampire and a deadly spider forces them to make life-changing choices.

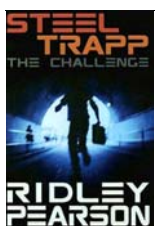


Loser

Spinelli, Jerry

Call Letters: F Sp Pgs: 218 Lexile: 650

Even though his classmates from first grade on have considered him strange and a loser, Daniel Zinkoff's optimism and exuberance and the support of his loving family do not allow him to feel that way about himself.



Steel Trapp: The Challenge

Pearson, Ridley

Call Letters: F Pe Pgs: 324 Lexile: 660

On a two-day train trip to enter his invention in the National Science Competition in Washington, D.C., fourteen-year-old Steven "Steel" Trapp, possessor of a remarkable photographic memory, becomes embroiled in an international plot of kidnapping and bribery that may have links to terrorists.



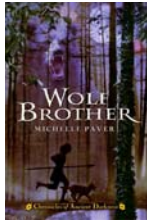
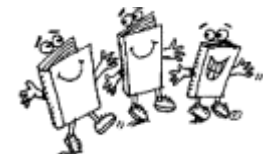
Rowan of Rin (series)

Rodda, Emily

Call Letters: F Ro Pgs: 151 Lexile: 660

Because only he can read the magical map, young, weak and timid Rowan joins six other villagers to climb a mountain and try to restore their water supply, as fears of a dragon and other horrors threaten to drive them back.

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Wolf Brother

Paver, Michelle

Call Letters: F Pa Pgs: 295 Lexile: 660

Twelve-year-old Tarak and his guide, a wolf cub, set out on a dangerous journey to fulfill an oath the boy made to his dying father--to travel to the Mountain of the World Spirit seeking a way to destroy a demon-possessed bear that threatens all the clans.

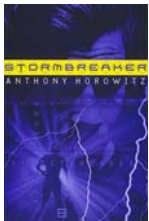


All the Lovely Bad Ones

Hahn, Margaret Downing

Call Letters: F Ha Pgs: 182 Lexile: 670

Travis and his sister Corey decide to boost business at their grandmother's Vermont inn by staging a few "hauntings" that soon draw tourists from across the country, but when their antics awaken a dark force, they must find a way to put to rest the ghosts they have disturbed.

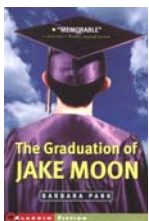


Stormbreaker

Horowitz, Anthony

Call Letters: F Ho Pgs: 192 Lexile: 670

After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider is coerced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI6.

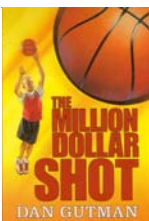


Graduation of Jake Moon

Park, Barbara

Call Letters: F Pa Pgs: 115 Lexile: 680

Fourteen-year-old Jake recalls how he has spent the last four years of his life watching his grandfather descend slowly but surely into the horrors of Alzheimer's disease.



Million Dollar Shot (Million Dollar series)

Gutman, Dan

Call Letters: F Gu Pgs: 114 Lexile: 680

Eleven-year-old Eddie gets a chance to win a million dollars by sinking a foul shot at the National Basketball Association finals.



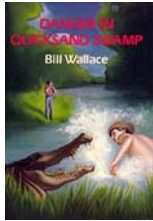
Tangerine

Bloor, Edward

Call Letters: F Bl Pgs: 312 Lexile: 680

12-year-old Paul, who lives in the shadow of his football hero brother Erik, fights for the right to play soccer despite his near blindness and slowly begins to remember the incident that damaged his eyesight.

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Danger in Quicksand Swamp

Wallace, Bill

Call Letters: F Wa Pgs: 181 Lexile: 680

Ben and Jake battle alligators, quicksand, and a murderer when they search for buried treasure on an island in a swamp.



Honus & Me: A Baseball Card Adventure (series)

Gutman, Dan

Call Letters: F Gu Pgs: 140 Lexile: 690

Joey, who loves baseball but is not very good at it, finds a valuable 1909 Honus Wagner card and travels back in time to meet Honus.



Six Innings

Preller, James

Call Letters: F Pr Pgs: 147 Lexile: 690

Earl Grubb's Pool Supplies plays Northeast Gas & Electric in the Little League championship game, while Sam, who has cancer and is in a wheelchair, has to call the play-by-play instead of participating in the game.



Wild Man Island

Hobbs, Will

Call Letters: F Ho Pgs: 184 Lexile: 690

After 14-year-old Andy slips away from his kayaking group to visit the wilderness site of his father's death, a storm strands him on an island where he manages to survive and encounters unexpected animal and human inhabitants.



Island on Bird Street

Orlev, Uri

Call Letters: F Or Pgs: 162 Lexile: 690

During World War II a Jewish boy is left on his own for months in a ruined house in the Warsaw Ghetto, where he must learn all the tricks of survival under constantly life-threatening conditions.



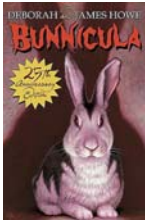
Leon and the Spitting Image

Kurzweil, Allen

Call Letters: F Ku Pgs: 301 Lexile: 690

Leon, a fourth grader at The Ethical School, tries to outwit the school bully and learn to sew for fanatical teacher Miss Cronheim, with unexpected help from his final project-- a doll with magical powers.

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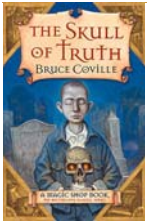


Bunnacula

Howe, James

Call Letters: F Ho Pgs: 92 Lexile: 700

Though scoffed at by Harold the dog, Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their founding baby bunny must be a vampire.



Skull of Truth

Coville, Bruce

Call Letters: F Co Pgs: 195 Lexile: 700

Charlie, a sixth-grader with a compulsion to tell lies, acquires a mysterious skull that forces its owner to tell only the truth, causing some awkward moments before he understands its power.



Wolf Stalker (National Geographic Mysteries)

Skurzynski, Gloria

Call Letters: F Sk Pgs: 147 Lexile: 700

Twelve-year-old Jack, his younger sister, and the family's teenage foster child Troy go to Yellowstone National Park, where Jack's mother, a wildlife veterinarian, is investigating the report that wolves reintroduced to the park have killed a dog there.

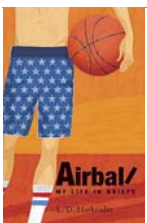


Go Big or Go Home

Hobbs, Will

Call Letters: F Ho Pgs: 185 Lexile: 700

Fourteen-year-old Brady and his cousin Quinn love extreme sports, but nothing could prepare them for the aftermath of Brady's close encounter with a meteorite after it crashes into his Black Hills, South Dakota, bedroom.

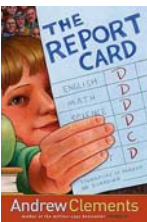


Airball: My Life in Briefs

Harkrader, Lisa

Call Letters: F Ha Pgs: 208 Lexile: 700

Kirby Nickel loves basketball. He loves watching basketball. He loves talking about basketball. The only problem is he can't play basketball. But coach has a plan for Kirby and the supremely untalented seventh-grade team. It involves the guys playing only in their briefs. Maybe the sportswear will really inspire the team. And maybe Kirby will find out who his real father is.



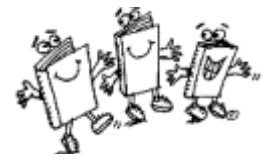
Report Card

Clements, Andrew

Call Letters: F Cl Pgs: 173 Lexile: 700

Fifth-grader Nora Rowley has always hidden the fact that she is a genius from everyone because all she wants is to be normal, but when she comes up with a plan to prove that grades are not important, things begin to get out of control.

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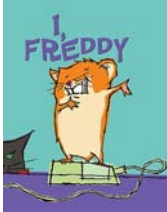


Macaroni Boy

Ayres, Katherine

Call Letters: F Ay Pgs: 182 Lexile: 700

In Pittsburgh in 1933, sixth-grader Mike Costa notices a connection between several strange occurrences, but the only way he can find out the truth about what's happening is to be nice to the class bully. Includes historical facts.



I, Freddy

Reiche, Dietlof

Call Letters: F Re Pgs: 201 Lexile: 710

Freddy, a remarkably intelligent golden hamster, learns how to read and how to write on a computer and escapes captivity to become an independent and civilized creature.

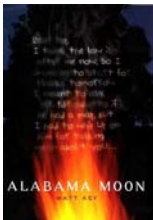


Swindle

Korman, Gordon

Call Letters: F Ko Pgs: 252 Lexile: 710

After unscrupulous collector S. Wendell Palamino cons him out of a valuable baseball card, 6th grader Griffin Bing puts together a band of misfits to break into Palomino's heavily guarded store and steal the card back, planning to use the money to finance his father's failing invention, the Smart Pick fruit picker.

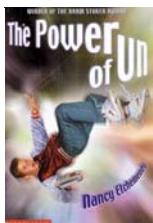


Alabama Moon

Watt, Kay

Call Letters: F Wa Pgs: 294 Lexile: 720

After the death of his father, ten-year-old Moon Blake is removed from the Alabama forest where he was raised and sent to a boy's home, where, for the first time, he has contact with the outside world and learns about friendship, love, and humanity.



Power of Un

Etchemendy, Nancy

Call Letters: F Et Pgs: 148 Lexile: 720

Gib Finney, given a device that will let him erase mistakes from the past, is not sure which event from the worst day of his life he should change in order to keep his sister from being hit by a truck.



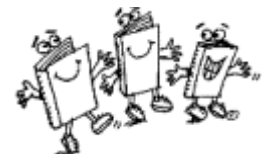
Kensuke's Kingdom

Morpurgo, Michael

Call Letters: F Mo Pgs: 164 Lexile: 730

When Michael is swept off his family's yacht, he washes up on a desert island, where he struggles to survive--until he finds he is not alone.

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Cracker!: The Best Dog in Vietnam

Kadohata, Cynthia

Call Letters: F Ka Pgs: 312 Lexile: 730

A young soldier in Vietnam bonds with his bomb-sniffing dog.



The Anybodies

Bode, N.E.

Call Letters: F Bo Pgs: 276 Lexile: 730

After learning that she is not the biological daughter of boring Mr. and Mrs. Drudger, Fern embarks on magical adventures with her real father and finally finds "a place that feels like home."

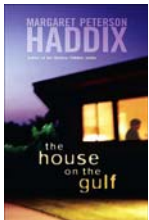


Door in the Lake

Butts, Nancy

Call Letters: F Bu Pgs: 159 Lexile: 730

After vanishing without a trace one night during a camping trip, twelve-year-old Joey reappears two years later, showing no signs of having aged and carrying memories of a strange light in the sky.



House on the Gulf

Haddix, Margaret Peterson

Call Letters: F Ha Pgs: 201 Lexile: 730

A sixteen-year-old boy arranges a housesitting job for the summer, but he starts acting strangely after his family moves in, and his sister begins to suspect they are not supposed to be there.

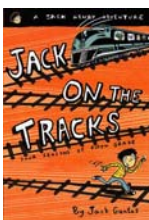


Comic Book Kid

Osterweil, Adam

Call Letters: F Os Pgs: 151 Lexile: 740

When they are given an unusual comic book that allows them to travel in time, twelve-year-old Brian hopes that he and his friend will be able to replace his father's valuable Superman comic that Brian had ruined years before.



Jack on the Tracks: Four Seasons of 5th Grade

Gantos, Jack

Call Letters: F Ga Pgs: 182 Lexile: 740

Moving with his unbearable sister to Miami, Florida, Jack tries to break some of his bad habits but finds himself irresistibly drawn to things disgusting, gross, and weird.

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Schooled

Korman, Gordon

Call Letters: F Ko Pgs: 208 Lexile: 740

Cap lives in isolation with his grandmother, a former hippie; but when she falls from a tree and breaks her hip, Cap is sent to a foster home where he has his first experience in a public school.

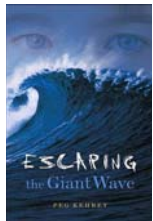


Lightning Thief (Book 1: Percy Jackson and the Olympians)

Riordan, Jack

Call Letters: F Ri Pgs: 377 Lexile: 740

Percy, expelled from six schools for being unable to control his temper, learns his father is the Greek god Poseidon and is sent to Camp Half Blood where he is befriended by a satyr and the demigod daughter of Athena, who join him in a journey to the Underworld to retrieve Zeus's lightning bolt and prevent a catastrophic war.



Escaping the Giant Wave

Kehret, Peg

Call Letters: F Ke Pgs: 151 Lexile: 750

When an earthquake creates a tsunami while 13-year-old Kyle is babysitting his sister during a family vacation at a Pacific Coast resort, he tries to save himself, his sister, and a boy who has bullied him for years.



Elephant Run

Smith, Roland

Call Letters: F Sm Pgs: 318 Lexile: 750

Nick's father and others are taken prisoner when his plantation in Burma is invaded by the Japanese in 1941, leaving Nick and his friend Mya to risk their lives in order to free them from the POW camp



Big One-Oh

Pitchford, Dean

Call Letters: F Pi Pgs: 181 Lexile: 750

Determined not to be weird all his life like his neighbor, Charley Maplewood decides to throw himself a 10th birthday party, complete with a "house of horrors" theme, but first he will have to make some friends to invite.



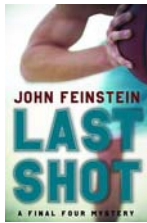
Found

Haddix, Margaret Peterson

Call Letters: F Ha Pgs: 314 Lexile: 750

When 13-year-olds Jonah and Chip, who are both adopted, learn they were discovered on a plane that appeared out of nowhere, full of babies with no adults on board, they realize that they have uncovered a mystery involving time travel and two opposing forces, each trying to repair the fabric of time.

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Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery

Feinstein, John

Call Letters: F Fe Pgs: 256 Lexile: 760

After winning a basketball reporting contest, 8th graders Stevie and Susan Carol are sent to cover the Final Four tournament, where they discover that a talented player is being blackmailed into throwing the final game.

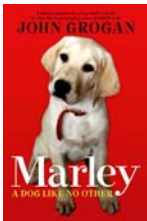


Boy Who Dared

Bartoletti, Susan Campbell

Call Letters: F Ba Pgs: 202 Lexile: 760

In October, 1942, seventeen-year-old Helmuth Hubener, imprisoned for distributing anti-Nazi leaflets, recalls his past life and how he came to dedicate himself to bring the truth about Hitler and the war to the German people.

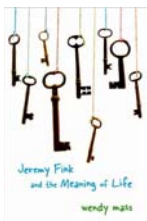


Marley: A Dog Like No Other

Grogan, John

Call Letters: F Gr Pgs: 196 Lexile: 760

Those who know and love Marley understand that nothing can stop his loyalty, exuberance, and passion—not even the Grogans' screen door! How this big, rambunctious dog becomes the heart of the Grogan family is the story of Marley.



Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life

Mass, Wendy

Call Letters: F Ma Pgs: 289 Lexile: 770

Just before his thirteenth birthday, Jeremy Fink receives a keyless locked box--set aside by his father before his death five years earlier--that supposedly contains the meaning of life.



Peter and the Starcatchers

Barry, Dave

Call Letters: F Ba Pgs: 451 Lexile: 770

Peter, an orphan boy, and his friend Molly fight off thieves and pirates in order to keep the secret safe away from the diabolical Black Stache and his evil associate Mister Grin.



Brainboy and the Deathmaster

Seidler, Tor

Call Letters: F Se Pgs: 311 Lexile: 770

When Darryl, a twelve-year-old orphan, is adopted by a technology genius, he finds himself the star of his very own life-threatening video game.

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Janitor's Boy

Clements, Andrew

Call Letters: F Cl Pgs: 140 Lexile: 770

Fifth grader Jack finds himself the target of ridicule at school when it becomes known that his father is one of the janitors, and he turns his anger onto his father.



Lost and Found

Clements, Andrew

Call Letters: F Cl Pgs: 161 Lexile: 780

Twin brothers Jay and Ray Grayson learn about friendship, honesty, and themselves after taking advantage of a clerical oversight in which their new school thinks there is only one Grayson boy.



Cover-Up: Mystery at the Super Bowl

Feinstein, John

Call Letters: F Fe Pgs: 298 Lexile: 780

Two teenagers learn that every player on a professional football team - which is supposed to play in the Super Bowl--has failed their drug test and the owner has covered up the results, and now they must find a way to prove it.



Peak

Smith, Roland

Call Letters: F Sm Pgs: 246 Lexile: 780

A 14-year-old boy attempts to be the youngest person to reach the top of Mount Everest.

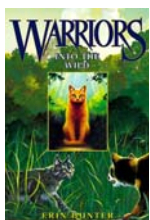


Year With Butch & Spike

Gauthier, Gail

Call Letters: F Ga Pgs: 216 Lexile: 790

Upon entering the sixth grade, straight-A student Jasper falls under the spell of the dreaded, irrepressible Cootch cousins.



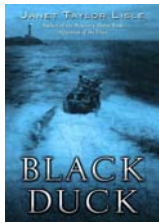
Into the Wild (Book 1: The Warriors)

Hunter, Erin

Call Letters: F Hu Pgs: 272 Lexile: 790

Rusty, a bored house kitten, is apprenticed by the ThunderClan and must struggle to fit in when the group of feral cats is threatened by the enemy ShadowClan.

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Black Duck

Lisle, Janet Taylor

Call Letters: F Li Pgs: 240 Lexile: 790

In 1929, in Newport, RI, Ruben and his friend Jeddy, 14, found a body on the beach. By the time they convinced the authorities to check it out, the dead man had disappeared, and soon both the New York and Boston mobs were after Ruben.



Ghost's Grave

Kehret, Peg

Call Letters: F Ko Pgs: 210 Lexile: 790

Apprehensive about spending the summer in Washington State with his Aunt Ethel when his parents get an overseas job, 12-year-old Josh soon finds adventure when he meets the ghost of a coal miner.

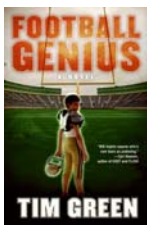


Among the Hidden (Book 1: Shadow Children)

Haddix, Margaret Peterson

Call Letters: F Ha Pgs: 153 Lexile: 800

In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong.



Football Genius

Green, Tim

Call Letters: F Gr Pgs: 244 Lexile: 800

Troy, a sixth-grader with an unusual gift for predicting football plays before they occur, attempts to use his ability to help his favorite team, the Atlanta Falcons, but he must first prove himself to the coach and players.



Kenny and the Dragon

DiTerlizzi, Tony

Call Letters: F Di Pgs: 151 Lexile: 820

Kenny Rabbit tries to save his friend, the dragon, after he is labeled a community nuisance by the simple people of Roundbrook village, who arrange for the creature to be fought by St. George.



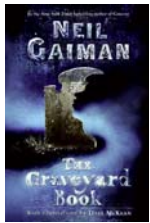
No Talking

Clements, Andrew

Call Letters: F Cl Pgs: 146 Lexile: 820

The noisy fifth grade boys of Laketon Elementary School challenge the equally loud fifth grade girls to a "no talking" contest.

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Graveyard Book

Gaimen, Neil

Call Letters: F Ga Pgs: 312 Lexile: 820

The orphan Bod, short for Nobody, is taken in by the inhabitants of a graveyard as a child of eighteen months and raised lovingly and carefully to the age of eighteen years by the community of ghosts and otherworldly creatures.



Room One: A Mystery or Two

Clements, Andrew

Call Letters: F Cl Pgs: 162 Lexile: 840

Ted Hammond, the only sixth grader in his small Nebraska town's one-room schoolhouse, searches for clues to the disappearance of a homeless family.



Revenge of the Witch (Book 1: The Last Apprentice)

Delaney, Joseph

Call Letters: F De Pgs: 344 Lexile: 840

Young Tom, the seventh son of a seventh son, starts work as an apprentice for the village spook, whose job is to protect ordinary folk from "ghouls, boggarts, and all manner of wicked beasts."



Mysterious Benedict Society

Stewart, Trenton Lee

Call Letters: F St Pgs: 496 Lexile: 840

After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules.

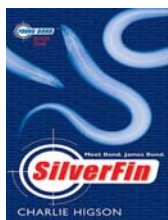


Dial-a-Ghost

Ibbotson, Eva

Call Letters: F Ib Pgs: 195 Lexile: 850

A family of nice ghosts protects a British orphan from the diabolical plans of his evil guardians.



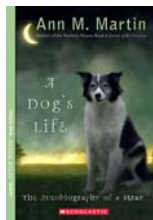
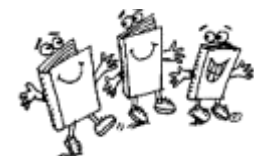
Silverfin (Book 1: Young Bond)

Higson, Charlie

Call Letters: F Hi Pgs: 352 Lexile: 850

Young James Bond attends school at the prestigious Eton boarding school, and teams up with Red to investigate the mystery of the disappearance of a boy, Alfie Kelly, Red's cousin, allegedly linked to a madman with a plot for global domination.

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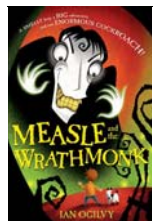


Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray

Martin, Ann M.

Call Letters: F Ma Pgs: 182 Lexile: 870

Squirrel, a stray puppy, tells her life story, from her nurturing mother and brother to making her own way in the world, facing busy highways, changing seasons, and humans both gentle and brutal.



Measle and the Wrathmonk (series)

Ogilvy, Ian

Call Letters: F Og Pgs: 210 Lexile: 900

12-year-old orphan Measle Stubbs is shrunk down to half an inch tall and placed in a train set by his evil guardian, the Wrathmonk. But when Measle joins up with other victims, he becomes more than just a smelly little orphan. Suddenly he's a hero ... with a plan!



Single Shard

Park, Linda Sue

Call Letters: F Pa Pgs: 152 Lexile: 920

Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge near a potters' village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself.



Ruins of Gorlan (Book 1: Ranger's Apprentice Series)

Flanagan, John

Call Letters: F Fl Pgs: 240 Lexile: 920

When 15-year-old Will is rejected by battleschool, he becomes the reluctant apprentice to the mysterious Ranger Halt, and winds up protecting the kingdom from danger.

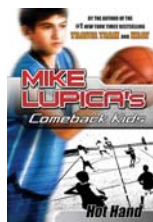


Travel Team

Lupica, Mike

Call Letters: F Lu Pgs: 274 Lexile: 930

After he is cut from his travel basketball team--the very same team that his father once led to national prominence--twelve-year-old Danny Walker forms his own team of cast-offs that might have a shot at victory.



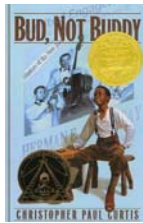
Comeback Kids: Hot Hand (series)

Lupica, Mike

Call Letters: F Lu Pgs: 165 Lexile: 930

In the wake of his parents' separation, 10-year-old Billy seems to have continual conflicts with his father, who is also his basketball coach, but his quiet, younger brother Ben, a piano prodigy, is having even more trouble adjusting, and only Billy seems to notice.

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Bud, Not Buddy

Curtis, Christopher Paul

Call Letters: F Cu Pgs: 245 Lexile: 950

Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.

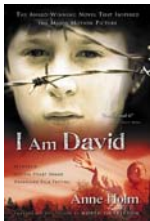


Big Field

Lupica, Mike

Call Letters: F Lu Pgs: 243 Lexile: 970

When fourteen-year-old baseball player Hutch feels threatened by the arrival of a new teammate named Darryl, he tries to work through his insecurities about both Darryl and his remote and silent father, who was once a great ballplayer too.

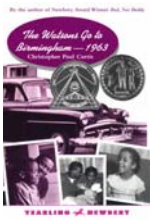


I am David

Holm, Anne

Call Letters: F Ho Pgs: 239 Lexile: 980

After escaping from an Eastern European concentration camp where he has spent most of his life, a twelve-year-old boy struggles to cope with an entirely strange world as he flees northward to freedom in Denmark.



Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963

Curtis, Christopher Paul

Call Letters: F Cu Pgs: 210 Lexile: 1000

The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African-American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963.

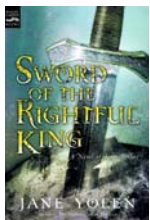


Freak the Mighty

Philbrick, W.R.

Call Letters: F Ph Pgs: 169 Lexile: 1000

At the beginning of eighth grade, Max, who has a learning disability, and his new friend Freak, whose birth defect has affected his body but not his brilliant mind, find that when they combine forces they make a powerful team.



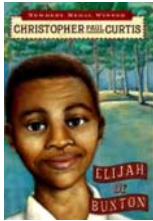
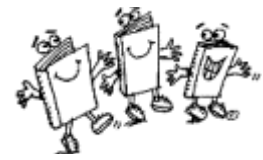
Sword of the Rightful King: A Novel of King Arthur

Yolen, Jane

Call Letters: F Yo Pgs: 349 Lexile: 1010

Merlinus the magician devises a way for King Arthur to prove himself the rightful king of England--pulling a sword from a stone--but trouble arises when someone else removes the sword first.

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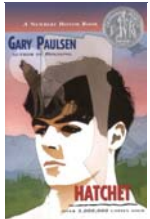


Elijah of Buxton

Curtis, Christopher Paul

Call Letters: F Cu Pgs: 341 Lexile: 1020

Eleven-year-old Elijah Freeman, the first free-born child in Buxton, Canada, which is a haven for slaves fleeing the American South in 1859, uses his wits and skills to try to bring to justice the lying preacher who has stolen money that was to be used to buy a family's freedom.



Hatchet

Paulsen, Gary

Call Letters: F Pa Pgs: 195 Lexile: 1020

After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.



H.I.V.E.: Higher Institute for Villainous Education

Walden, Mark

Call Letters: F Wa Pgs: 309 Lexile: 1040

13-year-old orphan Otto Malpense, identified as a boy with a special talent for villainy, is kidnapped and taken to the remote Higher Institute of Villainous Education, or H.I.V.E., where he is enrolled in a 6-year training program and immediately begins formulating a plan to escape.

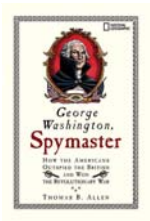


Basher Five-Two

O'Grady, Scott

Call Letters: F Og Pgs: 133 Lexile: 1040

U.S. Air Force pilot Scott O'Grady tells how he evaded capture and stayed alive with little water and no food in enemy territory after the F-16 he was flying on a peace-keeping mission in Bosnia was shot down.



George Washington, Spymaster

Allen, Thomas B.

Call Letters: F Al Pgs: 184 Lexile: 1100

A biography of Revolutionary War general and first President of the United States, George Washington, focusing on his use of spies to gather intelligence that helped the colonies win the war.



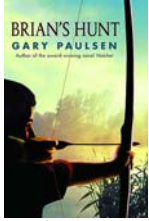
How Angel Peterson Got His Name

Paulsen, Gary

Call Letters: F Pa Pgs: 111 Lexile: 1180

Author Gary Paulsen relates tales from his youth in a small town in northwestern Minnesota in the late 1940s and early 1950s, such as skiing behind a souped-up car and imitating daredevil Evel Knievel.

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Brian's Hunt

Paulsen, Gary

Call Letters: F Pa Pgs: 103 Lexile: 1180

Two years after having survived a plane crash into the Canadian wilderness, a sixteen-year-old returns to the wild to befriend a wounded dog and hunt a rogue bear.