

A Booklist Especially for... 5th Grade Girls



Night Children

Reed, Kit

Call Letters: F Ki Pgs: 234 Lexile:

13-year-old Jule Devereaux, trying to solve the mystery of her aunt's disappearance at the mall, becomes caught up in an ongoing fight between rival gangs of "night children"--abandoned, lost, or runaway kids who live in the mall, but they must all band together to fight a common enemy when they learn the mall owner is planning to exterminate them.



Ellie McDoodle: Have Pen, Will Travel

Barshaw, Ruth

Call Letters: F Ba Pgs: 170 Lexile: 0

Eleven-year-old Ellie McDoodle illustrates her sketchbook with chronicles of her adventures and mishaps while camping with her cousins, aunt, and uncle.

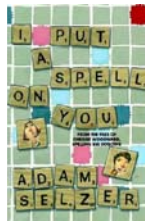


Philippa Fisher's Fairy Godmother

Kessler, Liz

Call Letters: F Ke Pgs: 274 Lexile: 0

Philippa Fisher, who wants to be able to summon a fairy, is surprised when Daisy, the new girl at school, says she is her fairy godmother--or godsister--who is grudgingly committed to grant three wishes, and Philippa struggles to wish for something that will improve her life instead of making it more difficult.

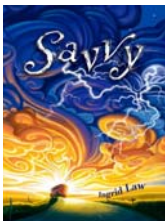


I Put a Spell on You

Selzer, Adam

Call Letters: F Se Pgs: 247 Lexile: 0

A group of unique sixth-graders in a tiny town called Preston prepare for a televised spelling bee; among the contestants are Jennifer, a free spirit with overbearing parents, Mutual, a home-schooled student in public school for the first time, Harlan, a class clown, and Chrissie, who thinks there is something strange going on.



Savvy

Law, Ingrid

Call Letters: F La Pgs: 342 Lexile: 0

Recounts the adventures of Mibs Beaumont, whose thirteenth birthday has revealed her "savvy"--a magical power unique to each member of her family--just as her father is injured in a terrible accident.



Julia Gillian

McGhee, Alison

Call Letters: F M Pgs: 280 Lexile: 0

Nine-year-old Julia Gillian learns a lot about facing fear as she and her St. Bernard, Bigfoot, take long walks through their Minneapolis neighborhood one hot summer, and she seeks the courage to finish a book that could have an unhappy ending.



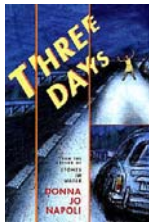
Good Dog

Avi

Call Letters: F Av Pgs: 243 Lexile: 480

McKinley, a malamute, is torn between the domestic world of his human family and the wild world of Lupin, a wolf that is trying to recruit dogs to replenish the dwindling wolf pack.

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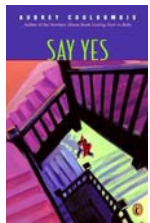


Three Days

Napoli, Donna Jo

Call Letters: F Na Pgs: 151 Lexile: 490

Eleven-year-old Jackie, traveling with her father in Italy, finds herself in a dangerous situation when she is picked up by two men after her father dies suddenly of a heart attack, leaving her alone on an Italian highway.

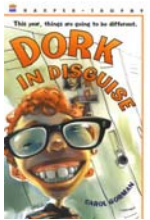


Say Yes

Coulombis, Audrey

Call Letters: F Co Pgs: 200 Lexile: 510

In her efforts to hang on following the disappearance of her stepmother, Casey resorts to anything including robbery.



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.



Abbey Hayes: Every Cloud has a Silver Lining (series)

Mazer, Anne

Call Letters: F Ma Pgs: 118 Lexile: 520

Abby hopes to prove that she is as great as her siblings.

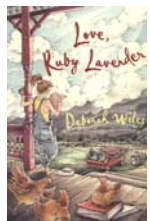


STORM: The Infinity Code

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.

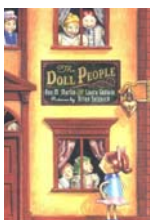


Love, Ruby Lavender

Wiles, Deborah

Call Letters: F Wi Pgs: 188 Lexile: 570

When her quirky grandmother goes to Hawaii for the summer, nine-year-old Ruby learns to survive on her own in Mississippi by writing letters, befriendng chickens as well as the new girl in town, and finally coping with her grandfather's death.



Doll People

Martin, Ann M.

Call Letters: F Ma Pgs: 256 Lexile: 570

A family of porcelain dolls that has lived in the same house for one hundred years is taken aback when a new family of plastic dolls arrives and doesn't follow The Doll Code of Honor.

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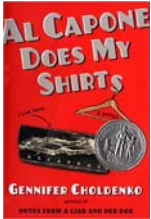


Samantha Hansen Has Rocks in Her Head

Viau, Nancy

Call Letters: F Vi Pgs: 178 Lexile: 590

While anticipating a vacation to the Grand Canyon, ten-year-old Samantha Hanson wonders why her mother refuses to talk about her father, who died when Samantha was young, and finds it difficult to control her temper towards her older sister.

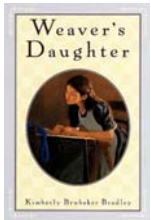


Al Capone Does My Shirts

Choldenko, Jennifer

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.



Weaver's Daughter

Bradley, Kimberly

Call Letters: F Br Pgs: 166 Lexile: 600

In 1791 after her family's journey from Pennsylvania, ten-year-old Lizzie suffers from the disease of asthma in her new home in the Southwest Territory (present-day Tennessee).

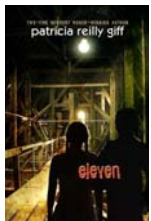


Tail of Emily Windsnap

Kessler, Liz

Call Letters: F Ke Pgs: 208 Lexile: 600

After finally convincing her mother that she should take swimming lessons, 12-year-old Emily discovers a terrible and wonderful secret about herself that opens up a whole new world.

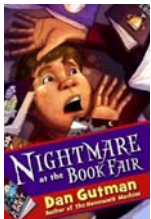


Eleven

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.



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.



Shakespeare's Secret

Broach, Elise

Call Letters: F Br Pgs: 243 Lexile: 620

Misfit sixth-grader, Hero, becomes interested in exploring a valuable diamond supposedly hidden in her new house, an intriguing neighbor, and the unexpected attention of the most popular boy in school.

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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.



Old Willis Place

Hahn, Mary Downing

Call Letters: F Ha Pgs: 199 Lexile: 630

Tired of the rules that have bound them ever since "the bad thing happened," twelve-year-old Diana ignores her brother's warnings and befriends the daughter of the new caretaker, setting in motion events that lead to the release of the spirit of an evil, crazy woman who once ruled the old Willis place.



Saffy's Angel

McKay, Hilary

Call Letters: F Mc Pgs: 152 Lexile: 630

After learning that she was adopted, thirteen-year-old Saffron's relationship with her eccentric, artistic family changes, until they help her go back to Italy where she was born to find a special memento of her past.

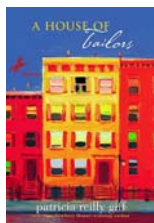


Breadwinner

Ellis, Deborah

Call Letters: F El Pgs: 170 Lexile: 630

Because the Taliban rulers of Kabul, Afghanistan, impose strict limitations on women's freedom and behavior, eleven-year-old Parvana must disguise herself as a boy so that her family can survive after her father's arrest.



House of Tailors

Giff, Patricia Reilly

Call Letters: F Gi Pgs: 148 Lexile: 640

When 13-year-old Dina emigrates from Germany to America in 1871, her only wish is to return home as soon as she can, but as the months pass and she survives a multitude of hardships living with her uncle and his young wife and baby, she finds herself thinking of Brooklyn as her home.



The Magic Half

Barrows, Annie

Call Letters: F Ba Pgs: 211 Lexile: 640

Eleven-year-old Miri Gill feels left out in her family, which has two sets of twins and her, until she travels back in time to 1935 and discovers Molly, her own lost twin, and brings her back to the present day.



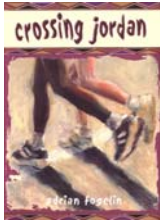
Life and Crimes of Bernetta Wallflower

Graff, Lisa

Call Letters: F Ga Pgs: 250 Lexile: 650

After her supposed best friend implicates her in a cheating and blackmail scam, 12-year-old Bernie loses her private school scholarship but, with the help of a new friend, spends the summer using her knowledge of magic and sleight-of-hand both to earn the \$9,000 in tuition money and to get revenge.

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Crossing Jordan

Fogelin, Adrian

Call Letters: F Ad Pgs: 140 Lexile: 650

Twelve-year-old Cass meets her new African-American neighbor, Jemmie, and despite their families' prejudices, they build a strong friendship around their mutual talent for running and a pact to read *Jane Eyre*.



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.



Deep and Dark and Dangerous: A Ghost Story

Hahn, Mary Downing

Call Letters: F Ha Pgs: 187 Lexile: 650

When thirteen-year-old Ali spends the summer with her aunt and cousin at the family's vacation home, she stumbles upon a secret that her mother and aunt have been hiding for over thirty years.

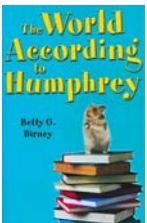


Behind the Bedroom Wall

Williams, Laura

Call Letters: F Wi Pgs: 169 Lexile: 660

Ten-year-old Korinna must decide whether to report her parents to her Hitler youth group when she discovers that they are hiding Jews in a secret space behind Korinna's bedroom wall.

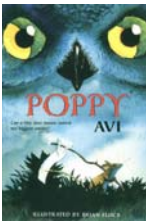


World According to Humphrey

Birney, Betty

Call Letters: F Bi Pgs: 124 Lexile: 670

Humphrey, pet hamster at Longfellow School, learns that he has an important role to play in helping his classmates and teacher.



Poppy (series)

Avi

Call Letters: F Av Pgs: 146 Lexile: 670

Poppy, a deer mouse, urges her family to move next to a field of corn big enough to feed them all forever, but Mr. Ocax, a terrifying owl, has other ideas.



Number the Stars

Lowry, Lois

Call Letters: F Lo Pgs: 137 Lexile: 670

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.

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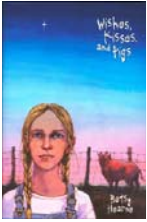


All the Lovely Bad Ones

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.



Wishes, Kisses & Pigs

Hearne, Betsy

Call Letters: F He Pgs: 133 Lexile: 690

After eleven-year-old Louise makes a wish on the first evening star and her brother turns into a pig, she uses wishes, kisses, and spells to try to put things right again.



Runt

Bauer, Marion Dane

Call Letters: F Ba Pgs: 138 Lexile: 690

Runt, the smallest wolf cub in the litter, seeks to prove himself to his father King and the rest of the pack and to earn a new name.



Things Not Seen

Clements, Andrew

Call Letters: F Cl Pgs: 251 Lexile: 690

When fifteen-year-old Bobby wakes up and finds himself invisible, he and his parents and his new blind friend Alicia try to find out what caused his condition and how to reverse it.



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.

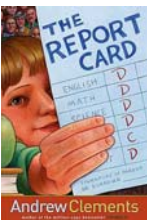


Ghost Sitter

Griffen, Peni

Call Letters: F Gr Pgs: 131 Lexile: 700

When she realizes that her new house is haunted by the ghost of a ten-year-old girl who used to live there, Charlotte tries to help her find peace.



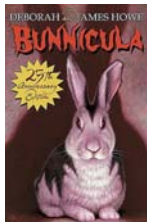
Report Card

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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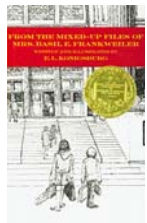


Bunnacula

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.



From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler

Konigsburg, E.L.

Call Letters: F Ko Pgs: 162 Lexile: 700

Two suburban children run away from their Connecticut home and go to New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, where their ingenuity enables them to live in luxury.



How to Steal a Dog

O'Connor, Barbara

Call Letters: F Co Pgs: 170 Lexile: 700

Living in the family car after their father leaves them virtually penniless, Georgina, desperate to improve their situation, persuades her younger brother to help her in a scheme to get money by stealing a dog and then claiming the reward that the owners are bound to offer.



The Runaway Princess

Coombs, Kate

Call Letters: F Co Pgs: 279 Lexile: 700

15-year-old Princess Meg uses magic and her wits to rescue a baby dragon and escape the unwanted attentions of princes hoping to gain her hand in marriage through a contest arranged by her father, the king.



The Ghost of Fossil Glen

DeFelice, Cynthia

Call Letters: F De Pgs: 167 Lexile: 710

Allie knows it's not her imagination when she hears a voice and sees in her mind's eye the face of a girl who seems to be seeking Allie's help.

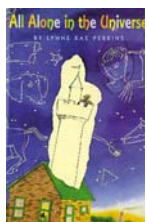


Yellow Star

Roy, Jennifer

Call Letters: F Ro Pgs: 227 Lexile: 710

From 1939, when Sylvia is four and a half years old, to 1945 when she has just turned ten, a Jewish girl and her family struggle to survive in Poland's Lodz ghetto during the Nazi occupation.



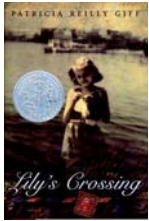
All Alone in the Universe

Perkins, Lynne Rae

Call Letters: F Pe Pgs: 140 Lexile: 720

Debbie is dismayed when her best friend Maureen starts spending time with ordinary, boring Glenna.

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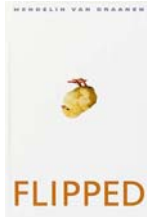


Lily's Crossing

Giff, Patricia Reilly

Call Letters: F Gi Pgs: 180 Lexile: 720

During a summer spent at Rockaway Beach in 1944, Lily's friendship with a young Hungarian refugee causes her to see the war and her own world differently.

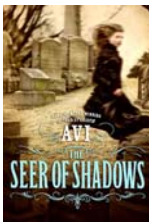


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Van Draanen, Wendelin

Call Letters: F Va Pgs: 212 Lexile: 720

In alternating chapters, two teenagers describe how their feelings about themselves, each other, and their families have changed over the years.

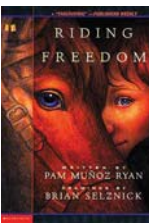


Seer of Shadows

Avi

Call Letters: F Av Pgs: 202 Lexile: 720

Photographer Horace Carpetine is hired to do a portrait for Mrs. Frederick Von Macht; however, the photos evoke both the image and the ghost of the Von Macht's dead daughter, Eleanora, who has returned to seek vengeance on those who killed her.



Riding Freedom

Ryan, Pam Muñoz

Call Letters: F Ry Pgs: 138 Lexile: 720

A fictionalized account of Charley (Charlotte) Parkhurst who ran away from an orphanage, posed as a boy, moved to California, and fooled everyone by her appearance.

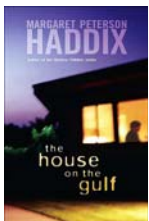


Eleven

Myracle, Lauren

Call Letters: F Bo Pgs: 201 Lexile: 730

The year between turning eleven and turning twelve brings many changes for Winnie and her friends.



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.



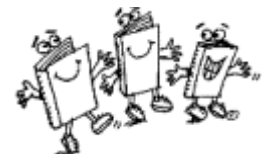
Running Out of Time

Haddix, Margaret Peterson

Call Letters: F Ha Pgs: 184 Lexile: 730

When a diphtheria epidemic hits her 1840 village, 13-year-old Jessie discovers it is actually a 1995 tourist site under unseen observation by heartless scientists, and it's up to Jessie to escape the village and save the lives of the dying children.

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Crooked Kind of Perfect

Urban, Linda

Call Letters: F Ur Pgs: 213 Lexile: 730

Ten-year-old Zoe Elias, who longs to play the piano but must resign herself to learning the organ, instead, finds that her musicianship has a positive impact on her workaholic mother, her jittery father, and her school social life.



Coraline

Gaiman, Neil

Call Letters: F Ga Pgs: 162 Lexile: 740

Looking for excitement, Coraline ventures through a mysterious door into a world that is similar, yet disturbingly different from her own, where she must challenge a gruesome entity in order to save herself, her parents, and the souls of three others.



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.



Fame and Glory in Freedom, Georgia

O'Connor, Barbara

Call Letters: F Oc Pgs: 104 Lexile: 740

Unpopular sixth-grader Burdette "Bird" Weaver persuades the new boy at school, whom everyone thinks is mean and dumb, to be her partner for a spelling bee that might win her everything she's ever wanted.

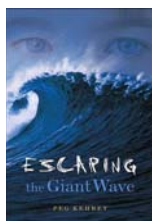


Rodzina

Cushman, Karen

Call Letters: F Cu Pgs: 215 Lexile: 740

A 12-year-old Polish American girl is boarded onto an orphan train in Chicago with fears about traveling to the West and a life of unpaid slavery.



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.



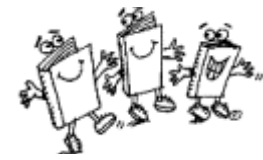
Found

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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Esperanza Rising

Ryan, Pam Munoz

Call Letters: F Ry Pgs: 262 Lexile: 750

Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression.

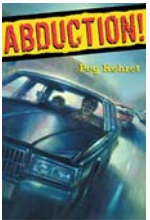


School Story

Clements, Andrew

Call Letters: F Cl Pgs: 196 Lexile: 760

After twelve-year-old Natalie writes a wonderful novel, her friend Zoe helps her devise a scheme to get it accepted at the publishing house where Natalie's mother works as an editor.

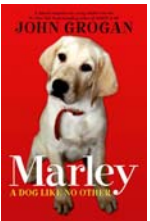


Abduction!

Kehret, Peg

Call Letters: F Ke Pgs: 215 Lexile: 760

Thirteen-year-old Bonnie has a feeling of foreboding on the very day that her six-year-old brother Matt and their dog Pookie are abducted, and she becomes involved in a major search effort as well as a frightening adventure.

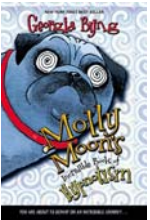


Marley: A Dog Like No Other

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.

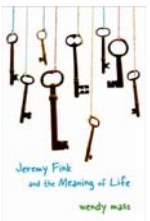


Molly Moon's Incredible Book of Hypnotism (series)

Byng, Georgia

Call Letters: F By Pgs: 371 Lexile: 770

Unlucky and unloved, Molly Moon, living in a dreary orphanage in a small English town, discovers a hidden talent for hypnotism and hypnotizes her way to stardom in New York City.



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.



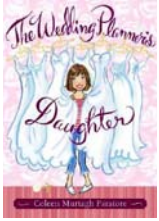
Lost and Found

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.

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Wedding Planner's Daughter

Paratore, Coleen

Call Letters: F Pa Pgs: 200 Lexile: 780

Willa, a romantic girl who wants a father, tries to find a husband for her mother, Cape Cod's most popular wedding planner.



Rules

Lord, Cynthia

Call Letters: F Lo Pgs: 200 Lexile: 780

Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, 12-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic.



Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat

Jonell, Lynne

Call Letters: F Jo Pgs: 352 Lexile: 780

When Emmy discovers that she and her formerly loving parents are being drugged by their evil nanny with rodent potions that can change people in frightening ways, she and some new friends must try everything possible to return things to normal.

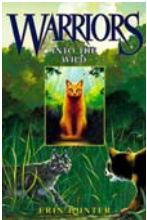


Rising Star of Rusty Nail

Blume, Lesley

Call Letters: F Bl Pgs: 3E+ Lexile: 790

In the small town of Rusty Nail, Minnesota, in the early 1950s, musically talented ten-year-old Franny wants to take advanced piano lessons from newcomer Olga Malenkov, a famous Russian musician suspected of being a communist spy by gossipy members of the community.



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.



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.



Hostage

Roberts, Willo Davis

Call Letters: F Ro Pgs: 140 Lexile: 800

When eleven-year-old Kaci interrupts burglars in the process of robbing her house, she and her nosy elderly neighbor Mrs. Banducci are kidnapped and held hostage by the desperate and ruthless criminals.

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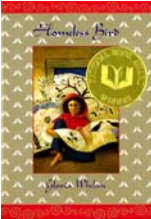


Millicent Min, Girl Genius

Yee, Lisa

Call Letters: F Ye Pgs: 248 Lexile: 800

In a series of journal entries, eleven-year-old girl genius Millicent Min records her struggles to learn to play volleyball, tutor her enemy, deal with her grandmother's departure, and make friends over the course of a tumultuous summer.

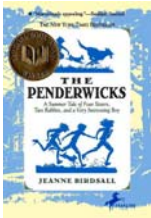


Homeless Bird

Whelan, Goria

Call Letters: F Wh Pgs: 240 Lexile: 800

Thirteen-year-old Koly enters into an ill-fated arranged marriage and must either suffer a destiny dictated by India's customs or find the courage to oppose tradition.

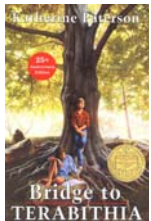


The Penderwicks

Birdsall, Jeanne

Call Letters: F Bi Pgs: 262 Lexile: 800

While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters, ages four through twelve, share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother.



Bridge to Terabithia

Paterson, Katherine

Call Letters: F Pa Pgs: 128 Lexile: 810

The life of a 10-year-old boy in rural Virginia expands when he becomes friends with a newcomer who subsequently meets an untimely death trying to reach their hideaway, Terabithia, during a storm.



The Trolls

Horvath, Polly

Call Letters: F Ho Pgs: 135 Lexile: 810

Eccentric Aunt Sally comes from Canada to babysit the Anderson children while their parents are on a trip to Paris and every night the bedtime story adds another piece to a very suspect family history.



The Big House

Coman, Carolyn

Call Letters: F Co Pgs: 220 Lexile: 820

When Ivy and Ray's parents are sent to jail, and left in the custody of their parent's accusers, they decide to look for evidence that will "spring" their parents.



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.

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Palace of Mirrors

Haddix, Margaret Peterson

Call Letters: F Ha Pgs: 0 Lexile: 820

Fourteen-year-old Cecilia has always known she is the true princess of Suala, but when she and her best friend, Harper, decide to speed up her ascendancy to the throne, they find danger and many imposters who challenge her claim.

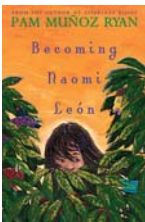


No Talking

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.



Becoming Naomi Leon

Ryan, Pam Munoz

Call Letters: F Ry Pgs: 246 Lexile: 830

When Naomi's absent mother resurfaces to claim her, Naomi runs away to Mexico with her great-grandmother and younger brother in search of her father.



Dealing With Dragons (Book 1: Enchanted Forest Chronicles)

Wrede, Patricia

Call Letters: F Wr Pgs: 212 Lexile: 830

Bored with traditional palace life, a princess goes off to live with a group of dragons and soon becomes involved with fighting against some disreputable wizards who want to steal away the dragons' kingdom.

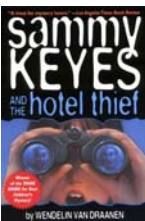


Mysterious Case of the Allbright Academy

Stanley, Diane

Call Letters: F St Pgs: 258 Lexile: 830

Eighth-grader Franny and her friends investigate why most of the students at their exclusive boarding school are brilliant, beautiful, and perfectly behaved.

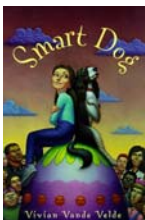


Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief (series)

VanDraanan, Wendelin

Call Letters: F Va Pgs: 168 Lexile: 840

Thirteen-year-old Sammy's penchant for speaking her mind gets her in trouble when she involves herself in the investigation of a robbery at the "seedy" hotel across the street from the seniors' building where she is living with her grandmother.



Smart Dog

Vande Velde, Vivian

Call Letters: F Va Pgs: 145 Lexile: 840

Fifth grader Amy finds her life growing complicated when she meets and tries to hide an intelligent, talking dog who has escaped from a university lab.

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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.



The 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.



Lunch Money

Clements, Andrew

Call Letters: F Cl Pgs: 222 Lexile: 840

Twelve-year-old Greg, who has always been good at moneymaking projects, is surprised to find himself teaming up with his lifelong rival, Maura, to create a series of comic books to sell at school.



Once Upon a Marigold

Ferris, Jean

Call Letters: F Fe Pgs: 266 Lexile: 840

A young man with a mysterious past and a penchant for inventing things leaves the troll who raised him, meets an unhappy princess he has loved from afar, and discovers a plot against her and her father.

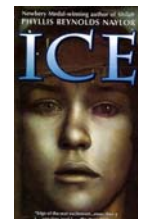


Moving Day: Allie Finkle's Rules for Girls

Cabot, Meg

Call Letters: F Ca Pgs: 228 Lexile: 850

9-year-old Allie Finkle has rules for everything and is even writing her own rule book, but her world is turned upside-down when she learns that her family is moving across town, which will mean a new house, school, best friend, and plenty of new rules.



Ice

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds

Call Letters: F Na Pgs: 194 Lexile: 850

When thirteen-year-old Chrissa is sent to her paternal grandmother's farm, she learns more about her absent father and some of the reasons for her distant relationship with her mother.



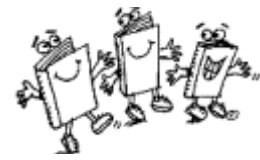
Just Ella

Haddix, Margaret Peterson

Call Letters: F Ha Pgs: 185 Lexile: 850

In this continuation of the Cinderella story, fifteen-year-old Ella finds that accepting Prince Charming's proposal ensnares her in a suffocating tangle of palace rules and royal etiquette, so she plots to escape.

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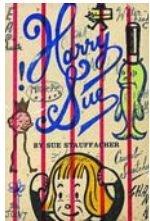


Dragon Slippers

George, Jessica Day

Call Letters: F Ge Pgs: 324 Lexile: 850

Orphaned after a fever epidemic, Creel befriends a dragon and unknowingly inherits an object that can either save or destroy her kingdom.



Harry Sue

Stauffacher, Sue

Call Letters: F St Pgs: 281 Lexile: 860

Although tough-talking Harry Sue would like to start a life of crime in order to be "sent up" and find her incarcerated mother, she must first protect the children at her neglectful grandmother's home day care center and befriend a paralyzed boy.



So B. It

Weeks, Sarah

Call Letters: F We Pgs: 245 Lexile: 860

After spending her life with her mentally retarded mother and agoraphobic neighbor, twelve-year-old Heidi sets out from Reno, Nevada, to New York to find out who she is.

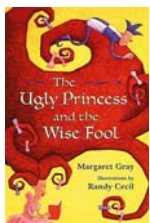


Secret Language of Girls

Dowell, Frances O'Roark

Call Letters: F Do Pgs: 247 Lexile: 870

Marylin and Kate have been friends since nursery school, but when Marylin becomes a middle school cheerleader and Kate begins to develop other interests, their relationship is put to the test.

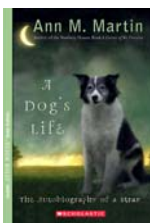


The Ugly Princess and the Wise Fool

Grey, Margaret

Call Letters: F Gr Pgs: 167 Lexile: 870

When plain-looking Princess Rose longs for the beauty to snare handsome Prince Parsley, and the wise fool Jasper longs to restore wisdom to the kingdom, they end up working together and find they must face the magical Godmother Board of Trustees.

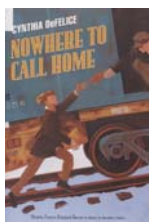


Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray

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.



Nowhere to Call Home

DeFelice, Cynthia

Call Letters: F De Pgs: 199 Lexile: 870

When her father kills himself after losing his money in the stock market crash of 1929, twelve-year-old Frances, now a penniless orphan, decides to hop aboard a freight train and live the life of a hobo.

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My Haunted House (Book 1: Araminta Spookie)

Sage, Angie

Call Letters: F Sa Pgs: 132 Lexile: 870

Araminta enlists the help of several ghosts in an attempt to stop her Aunt Tabby from selling Spook House.

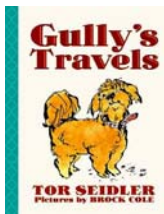


Lily B. on the Brink of Cool

Kimmel, Elizabeth Cody

Call Letters: F Ki Pgs: 245 Lexile: 880

During her thirteenth summer, the "eventually internationally recognized writer" Lily Blennerhassett struggles to cope with life in her tremendously "uncool" family after meeting a much better one.



Gully's Travels

Seidler, Tor

Call Letters: F Se Pgs: 173 Lexile: 890

A well-bred Lhasa Apso named Gulliver is forced to leave his master and finds a new one named Carlos, the doorman of a Manhattan apartment building, who takes the dog to his place in Queens, where Gully meets low-life mutts and boisterous humans.



Princess Academy

Hale, Shannon

Call Letters: F Ha Pgs: 314 Lexile: 890

While attending a strict academy for potential princesses with the other girls from her mountain village, fourteen-year-old Miri discovers unexpected talents and connections to her homeland.

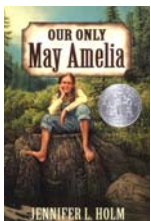


Three Good Deeds

Vande Velde, Vivian

Call Letters: F Va Pgs: 147 Lexile: 890

Caught stealing some goose eggs from a witch, Howard is cursed for his heartlessness and turned into a goose himself. He can only become human again by performing three good deeds.

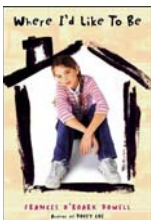


Our Only May Amelia

Holm, Anne

Call Letters: F Ho Pgs: 253 Lexile: 900

As the only girl in a Finnish American family of seven brothers, May Amelia Jackson resents being expected to act like a lady while growing up in Washington state in 1899.



Where I'd Like to Be

Dowell, Frances O'Roark

Call Letters: F Do Pgs: 232 Lexile: 910

When 12-year old Maddie, a foster child who can't stop looking for a home, shows a new girl her beloved scrapbook, she doesn't anticipate this one gesture will challenge her very idea of what home, and family, are all about.

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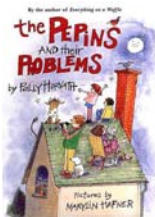


Listen!

Tolan, Stephanie

Call Letters: F To Pgs: 197 Lexile: 910

During her lonely recovery from a crippling accident, 12-year-old Charley finds a wild dog, and the arduous process of training him leads her to explore her feelings about her mother's death two years earlier.

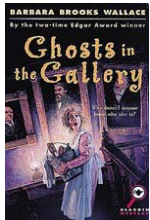


Pepins and Their Problems

Horvath, Polly

Call Letters: F Ho Pgs: 179 Lexile: 920

Whether it's waking up to find toads in their shoes, becoming trapped on the roof, or searching for cheese when their cow makes only lemonade, the Pepin family always seem to get into the most bizarre scrapes. Lucky for them they have great problem-solving readers.

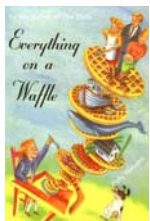


Ghosts in the Gallery

Wallace, Barbara

Call Letters: F Wa Pgs: 136 Lexile: 940

When eleven-year-old Jenny arrives at her grandfather's house but is not recognized as one of the family because of a servant's intrigue, the young orphan endures a difficult fate.

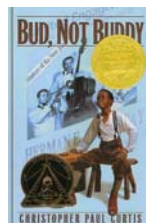


Everything on a Waffle

Horvath, Polly

Call Letters: F Ho Pgs: 149 Lexile: 950

Eleven-year-old Primrose, who lives in a small fishing village in British Columbia, recounts her experiences and all that she learns about human nature and the unpredictability of life in the months after her parents are lost at sea.

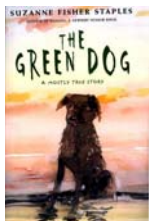


Bud, Not Buddy

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.

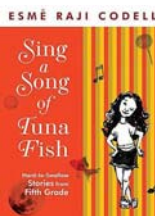


Green Dog: A Mostly True Story

Staples, Suzanne

Call Letters: F St Pgs: 119 Lexile: 960

During the summer before fifth grade, Suzanne, a daydreaming loner who likes to fish and walk through the woods, acquires a canine companion.



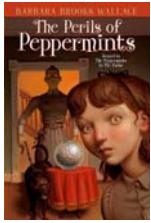
Sing a Song of Tuna Fish

Codell, Esme

Call Letters: F Co Pgs: 127 Lexile: 960

Fictionalized anecdotes of the author's childhood as a ten-year old living in Chicago.

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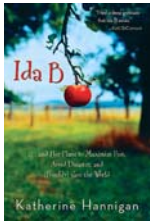


Perils of the Peppermints

Wallace, Barbara

Call Letters: F Wa Pgs: 263 Lexile: 970

Left at a New York boarding school by Aunt and Uncle Twice, eleven-year-old Emily finds horrors even greater than those she faced at Sugar Hill Hall, especially after she gets word that her inheritance is lost.



Ida B

Hannigan, Katherine

Call Letters: F Ha Pgs: 246 Lexile: 970

In Wisconsin, fourth-grader Ida B spends happy hours being home-schooled and playing in her family's apple orchard, until her mother begins treatment for breast cancer and her parents must sell part of the orchard and send her to public school.

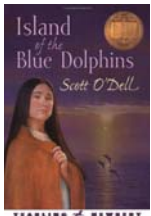


Freak the Mighty

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.

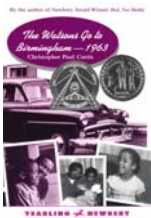


Island of the Blue Dolphins

O'Dell, Scott

Call Letters: F Od Pgs: 181 Lexile: 1000

Left alone on a beautiful but isolated island off the coast of California, a young Indian girl spends eighteen years, not only merely surviving through her enormous courage and self-reliance, but also finding a measure of happiness in her solitary life.



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.



Gilda Joyce: Psychic Investigator

Allison, Jennifer

Call Letters: F Al Pgs: 321 Lexile: 1000

After wrangling an invitation to visit San Francisco relatives, Gilda discovers just how much her dreary, tight-lipped uncle and his strange, delicate daughter need her help to uncover the terrible family secret that has a tortured ghost stalking their home.



Love That Dog

Creech, Sharon

Call Letters: F Cr Pgs: 86 Lexile: 1010

A young student, who comes to love poetry through a personal understanding of what different famous poems mean to him, surprises himself by writing his own inspired poem.

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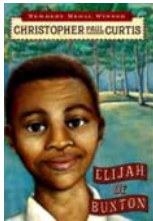


Little Cricket

Brown, Jackie

Call Letters: F Br Pgs: 252 Lexile: 1010

After the upheaval of the Vietnam War reaches them, twelve-year-old Kia and her Hmong family flee from the mountains of Laos to a refugee camp in Thailand and eventually to St. Paul, Minnesota.



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.

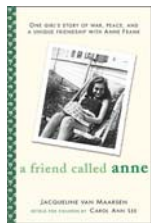


Ballad of Lucy Whipple

Cushman, Karen

Call Letters: F Cu Pgs: 195 Lexile: 1030

In 1849, twelve-year-old California Morning Whipple, who renames herself Lucy, is distraught when her mother moves the family from Massachusetts to a rough California mining town.



Friend Called Anne

Lee, Jacqueline

Call Letters: 921 L Pgs: 148 Lexile: 1040

Jacqueline van Maarsen met Anne Frank in 1941, and the two girls quickly became best friends. This book details their relationship and reveals Anne as a typical, fun-loving girl. The book also shares Jacqueline's own chilling experience of narrowly escaping Nazi deportation thanks to her Catholic mother.