

Fiction

Applegate, Katherine. ***Crenshaw***. 2015

Soon-to-be-fifth-grader Jackson goes for facts and science things that are real and true, and having a giant talking cat around doesn't fit the bill. It has been years since his imaginary feline friend Crenshaw was on the scene, and Jackson can't figure out why he is back or how to make him go away. J FIC APPLGATE, eBook, eAudiobook

Arnold, Tedd. ***Noodleheads See the Future***. 2017.

Mac and Mac aren't the brightest pieces of pasta in the world, but their hearts are in the right place. Here, the two decide to help their mama out by gathering firewood in hopes that she'll bake them a cake. As they are attempting to cut the very branch they're sitting on, a passing meatball points out that they are mere minutes away from bruised bottoms. This book brings back memories of old folktales in a new and hilarious way. J FIC ARNOLD

Avi. ***True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle***. 1990.

Thirteen-year-old Charlotte Doyle is excited to return home from her school in England to her family in Rhode Island in the summer of 1832. But when the two families she was supposed to travel with mysteriously cancel their trips, Charlotte finds herself the lone passenger on a long sea voyage with a cruel captain and a mutinous crew. J PBK AVI, J FIC AVI

Barnhill, Kelly. ***The Girl Who Drank the Moon*** 2016

In this epic fantasy, a young girl raised by a witch, a swamp monster, and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon must unlock the dangerous magic buried deep inside. Fans of *Peter Pan* and the *Wizard of Oz* will love this one and it makes a great family read-aloud. J FIC BARNHILL

Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker. ***The War that Saved My Life***. 2015

A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother. J FIC BRAD

Brown, Peter. ***The Wild Robot***. 2016

When robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island. Why is she there? Where did she come from? And, most important, how will she survive in her harsh surroundings? Roz's only hope is to learn from the island's hostile animal inhabitants. When she tries to care for an orphaned gosling, the other animals finally decide to help, and the island starts to feel like home. Until one day, the robot's mysterious past comes back to haunt her. J FIC BROWN, JCD BROWN

Busby, Cylin. ***The Nine Lives of Jacob Tibbs***. 2016

Captain Natick does not want to take a kitten on board his ship as it sets sail, but his daughter convinces him that the scrawny yellow cat will bring him good luck. Onto the ship the kitten goes, and so begins the adventurous, cliff-hanging, lucky life of Jacob Tibbs, who must learn how to hunt rats, brave a mutiny, survive on a desert island, and, most importantly, navigate the tricky waters of shipboard life, no matter where the waves may take him. J FIC BUSBY

Calonita, Jen. ***Charmed***. 2016

Welcome back to Fairy Tale Reform school in Book 2! If you missed out on Book 1, go back and check out *Flunked*. Gilly wouldn't call herself wicked, exactly, but when you have five little brothers and sisters and live in a run-down boot, you have to get creative to make ends meet. Gilly's a pretty good thief - until she gets caught. Gilly's sentenced to three months at Fairy Tale Reform School, where all of the teachers are former (super-scary) villains like the Big Bad Wolf, the Evil Queen, and Cinderella's Wicked Stepmother. J FIC CALONITA, J CD FIC CALONITA, eBook

Cronin, Doreen. ***Dark Shadows***. 2017

Chicken Squad is back! There's a big, shadowy, mystery lurking about on what was supposed to be a nice chicken-family vacation to a farm. If you've missed the beginning of the series definitely go back and check out *Chicken Squad*. And the shoe ... don't forget the shoe. J FIC CRONIN, eBook

Cummings, Troy. ***Notebook of Doom Series***. 2015

Alexander has just moved into Stermont, but the elementary school is being torn down, his new classroom is located in the hospital morgue, a notebook he finds is full of information about monsters - and everywhere he turns, there are spooky balloon men determined to attack him. Start with book 1, *Rise of the Balloon Goons*, or dive into the series with the latest. J FIC CUMMINGS, J PAPERBACK CUMMINGS, eBook

DiCamillo, Kate. ***Raymie Nightingale***. 2016

Raymie Clarke has come to realize that everything, absolutely everything, depends on her. And she has a plan. If Raymie can win the local beauty pageant, then her father will come home. Raymie and two other competitors are drawn together in an unlikely friendship as they all deal with loneliness, loss, and unanswerable questions. J FIC DICAMILLO, eAudiobook

Gidwitz, Adam. ***The Inquisitor's Tale***. 2016

It's 1242. On a dark night, travelers from across France cross paths at an inn and begin to tell stories of three children: William, an oblate on a mission from his monastery; Jacob, a Jewish boy who has fled his burning village; and Jeanne, a peasant girl who hides her prophetic visions. They are accompanied by Jeanne's loyal greyhound, Gwenforte who was recently brought back from the dead. J FIC GID

Gutman, Dan. ***Genius Files series***. 2015

This series about twins Coke and Pepsi is even better with every book as they travel across the country trying to defeat the forces of evil. Start with Book 1, *Mission Unstoppable* or jump right into Book 5, *License to Thrill*. J FIC GUTMAN, J CD FIC GUTMAN, eBook

Harper, Charlise Mericle. ***Mae and June and the Wonder Wheel***. 2017

In this younger illustrated chapter book, two girls, Mae and June, become best friends, and each day with the spinning Wonder Wheel brings a new adventure! J FIC HARPER

Holt, Jennifer. ***Full of Beans***. 2016

Grown-ups lie. That's one truth Beans knows for sure. He and his gang know how to spot a whopper a mile away, because they are the savviest bunch of barefoot conchs (that means "locals") in all of Key West. Not that Beans really minds. It's 1934, the middle of the Great Depression. With no jobs on the island, and no money anywhere, who can really blame the grown-ups for telling a few tales? Besides, Beans isn't anyone's fool. In fact, he has plans. Big plans. And the consequences might surprise even Beans himself. J fic Holt, J CD Holt

Holub, Joan. ***Heroes in Training series***. 2016

From *Zeus and the Thunderbolt of Doom* (Book 1) through *Perseus and the Monstrous Medusa* (Book 12), Joan Holub and Suzanne Williams entertain us with their Heroes in Training books. Adventure and humor combined with simple illustrations make these great early chapter books, especially for those not quite ready for Percy Jackson. J FIC HOLUB, J PAPERBACK HOLUB, eBook

Hood, Ann. ***Treasure Chest series***. 2015

The Robbins twins are traveling back through time! Each book in this series tells an exciting story about a famous historical figure. Start out with Book 1 *Clara Barton: Angel of the Battlefield* or jump into the story about Leonardo da Vinci. This is a great next series for those who loved Magic Treehouse and need a little more of a challenge. J FIC HOOD, J PAPERBACK HOOD, eBook

Lerangis, Peter. ***Legend of the Rift***. 2016

The final book in the Seven Wonders series takes us through a rift in time to the Temple of Artemis. Jack and his friends have to find the last Loculi and rescue Aly before it is too late. If you haven't started this series yet, go back to the beginning with *The Colossus Rises*. This series is described as Percy Jackson meets Indiana Jones, and the adventure is awesome! J FIC LERANGIS, eBook

Martin, Ann M. ***Missy Piggle Wiggle*** 2016

Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle has gone away unexpectedly and left her niece, Missy Piggle-Wiggle, in charge of the Upside-Down House and the beloved animals who live there: Lester the pig, Wag the dog, and Penelope the parrot, among others. Families in town soon realize that like her great-aunt, Missy Piggle-Wiggle has inventive cures for all sorts of childhood (mis)behavior: The Whatever Cure and the Just-a-Minute Cure, for instance. What is a stressed out parent to do? Why, call Missy Piggle-Wiggle, of course! J FIC MARTIN

Mlynowski, Sarah. ***Whatever After series***. 2016

Once upon a time, Abby's life was normal. Then the mirror in her basement ate her. Abby and her brother, Jonah, find themselves in fairy tales that they inevitably mess up! Can the siblings find a way to make things right? If you are ready for a fresh spin on classic fairy tales, this series is for you. J FIC MLYNOWSKI, eBook, eAudiobook

Napoli, Donna Jo. ***Fish Girl***. 2016

What happens when Fish Girl starts to wonder about life outside of her aquarium. She sees the families who come to watch her on the boardwalk, but she never gets to explore the world herself. This artwork in this graphic novel brings to life a character who does not even have a name and the feeling of living life in a fish bowl. J GN NAPOLI

Nye, Bill "the Science Guy." ***Jack and the Geniuses: At the Bottom of the World***. 2017

In the series opener, *Jack and the Geniuses: At the Bottom of The World*, readers meet Jack and his foster siblings, Ava and Matt, who are orphans. But they're not your typical kind of orphans — they're *geniuses*. Well, Ava and Matt are, which sometimes makes life difficult for 12-year-old Jack. Ava speaks multiple languages and builds robots, and Matt is into astronomy and a math whiz. As for Jack, it's hard to stand out when he's surrounded by geniuses all the time. J FIC NYE

O'Donnell, Liam. ***Case of the Snack Snatchers***. 2015

Check out this first book in the West Meadow Detective Agency series. Third grade detective Myron has moved to a new school and is not very happy about it. However, he quickly realizes that some of his classmates will make excellent additions to his detective squad to solve crimes and save the school from the bullies. J FIC O'DONNELL, eBook

Paris, Harper. ***Greetings from Somewhere series***. 2015

Second graders Ethan and Ella are sad about moving away from their hometown to travel the world with their mom, a journalist, and dad, who will homeschool them. Everywhere they go, they will find a mystery to solve. J FIC PARIS, J PAPERBACK PARIS, eBook

Paulsen, Gary. ***Fishbone's Song***. 2016

Deep in the woods, in a rustic cabin, lives an old man and the boy he's raised as his own. This sage old man has taught the boy the power of nature and how to live in it, and more importantly, to respect it. In *Fishbone's Song*, this boy reminisces about the magic of the man who raised him and the tales that he used to tell — all true, but different each time. J FIC PAULSEN, J CD PAULSEN

Quinn, Jordan. ***Kingdom of Wrenly series***. 2015

Prince Lucas and his friend Clara are ready for adventure. In the first book, *The Lost Stone*, they venture off to rescue a valuable gem. In each successive book, new fantastical creatures and adventures get even more exciting. J FIC QUINN, J PAPERBACK QUINN, eBook

Sepahban, Lois. ***Paper Wishes***. 2016

Ten-year-old Manami did not realize how peaceful her family's life on Bainbridge Island was until the day it all changed. It's 1942, after the attack on Pearl Harbor, and Manami and her family are Japanese American, which means that the government says they must leave their home by the sea and join other Japanese Americans at a prison camp in the desert. J FIC SEPAHBAN

Shurtliff, Liesl. ***Red***. 2016

Red is not afraid of big bad wolves, but she is afraid of magic. When Red finds out that only magic can save her granny, she has to make some hard decisions. If you have not tried any of Shurtliff's fairy tales you need to start now. Try *Red*, or go back to the beginning and try *Rump*. J FIC SHURTLIFF, J CD FIC SHURTLIFF, eBook

Spires, Ashley. ***Fluffy Strikes Back***. 2016

Fluffy Vandermere is a sergeant for P.U.R.S.T., whose mission is to protect the world from alien invaders. Like Binky, Fluffy is a space cat, and understands in ways that humans do not, just how evil the alien invaders are. *J GN SPIRES, eBook*

Watson, Tom. ***Cats in the City***. 2017

Stick Cat is back! In this sequel Stick Cat is going somewhere he's never been before — his best friend Edith's apartment. It's got everything: donut crumbs in the sink, a fire escape, and a window with a great view of the big city. While admiring the view, Stick Cat sees trouble. Hazel, the bagel maker, is in serious danger in the building across the alley. Stick Cat will use his smarts — and Edith's appetite — to devise a rescue plan. But can Hazel hang on long enough for this dynamic duo to save her? Fans of *Wimpy Kid* and *Timmy Failure* will love Stick Dog and Stick Cat. *J FIC WATSON, eBook, eAudiobook*

You Choose Fairy Tales. 2016

Check out this nifty choose-your-own-adventure series. These books are modern versions of classic fairy tales in which you decide what happens next: *Jack and the Beanstalk*, *Cinderella*, *Little Red Riding Hood* or even *Goldilocks*. *J PAPERBACK YOU CHOOSE*

Non-Fiction

Bowman, Chris. ***Survive in the Woods***. 2016

Could you "survive in the woods?" Check out this book and compare notes on the best ways to not only survive but thrive in a potentially dangerous situation. *J 613.69 BOWMAN*

Brown, Daniel James. ***The Boys in the Boat***. 2013

This is the story of nine young men and their struggle to win the gold medal for rowing at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin. The Berlin Olympics were a fascinating point in history, and the perseverance of the Olympians is a truly inspiring story. *J 797.123 BROWN, eBook*

Castellano, Peter. ***Monsters! series***. 2016

Each book in the *Monsters!* nonfiction series is weirder than the last. Whether you are interested in werewolves, sea monsters, vampires, or witches, you will find something both informative and creepy. Call numbers to be assigned for this new series include: *J 001.944, J 133.43, J 398.245, J 398.45*

Chevannes, Sabrina. ***Chess for Children Activity Book***. 2015

Chess is fun! It's even more fun with puzzles, games and activities. Learn the chess patterns and special tricks that can help you win chess games. Fun characters and pictures bring chess to life, right before your eyes. *J 794.12 CHEVANNES*

Dove, Adam. ***Woodland Adventure Handbook***. 2015

Go on a woodland adventure! Build a fairy village, unearth a pirate treasure, or set off a rainbow volcano! Includes 10 fun forest adventures with step-by-step instructions. *J 796.5 DOVE*

Fishman, Jon M. ***American Pharoah***. 2016

This is another in the Amazing Athletes series focusing on the first Triple Crown winner in 37 years, American Pharoah. This horse also came to Saratoga to race in the summer of 2015 in the Travers Stakes. Books like this prove that athletes come in all shapes and sizes. J 798.45

FISHMAN

Freedman, Russell. ***Because They Marched***. 2014

An insightful look into the Civil Rights Movement, this book tells the story of the struggle in the two years before President Johnson signed the law for the Voting Rights Act of 1965. J 323.1196

FREEDMAN, eBook

Ganeri, Anita. ***How to Live Like series***. 2016

Learn about the lives of ancient hunters, Vikings, gladiators and more in this great history series. Kids who like the *You Wouldn't Want to* series will love this one too! *Medieval Knight* J 909; *Viking Warrior* J 948; *Roman Gladiator* J 796.8; *Viking Hunter* J 930.1

Gifford, Clive. ***50 Things You Should Know About Inventions***. 2016

Did you know that during the Renaissance, artist Leonardo da Vinci sketched out ideas for a flying machine? What about inventor Thomas Edison? He patented more than 1,000 inventions that have shaped modern life, to include the movie camera and the electric light bulb. If inventions fascinate you, then check out this informative book to learn more on this topic. J 609 GIFFORD

Guinness Book. ***Man-Made Marvels!*** 2016

This Guinness World Records title is all about marvelous buildings, vehicles, machinery, and the people who dared to dream big by building them. *Man-Made Marvels!* showcases the most awe-inspiring constructions, including the steepest roller coaster, the tallest motorcycle, the smallest computer mouse, and more. J 031.02

Hoge, Robert. ***Ugly***. 2016

Robert Hoge was born with a tumor the size of a tennis ball in the middle of his face and short, twisted legs, but he refused to let what made him different stand in the way of leading a happy, successful life. This is the true story of how he embraced his circumstances and never let his "ugly" stop him from focusing on what truly mattered. J BIO HOGÉ

Hunter, Nick. ***Is Time Travel Possible?*** 2016

The author provides facts about the science of time travel, discussing its possibilities, paradoxes, and wormholes. Definitely an exciting and informative book for a strong reader. J 530.11 HUNTER

Johnson, Rebecca L. ***When Lunch Fights Back: Wickedly Clever Animal Defenses***. 2015

Smelly poop on demand, oodles of slippery slime in seconds, projectile putrid vomit; these are but a few of the amazing defenses that certain animals possess when their lives are on the line. Check out this book to learn about these animals and their unique forms of self-preservation. J 591.47

JOHNSON, eBook

Langston-George, Rebecca. ***For the Right to Learn: Malala Yousafzai's Story***. 2016
She grew up in a world where women were supposed to be quiet. But Malala Yousafzai refused to be silent. She defied the Taliban's rules, spoke out for education for every girl, and was almost killed for her beliefs. This powerful true story of how one brave girl changed the world proves that one person really can make a difference. J BIO YOUSAFZAI

Masoff, Joy. ***Oh, Ick! 114 Science Experiments Guaranteed to Gross You Out!*** 2016
What could be grosser than an experiment where you create an edible "pimple cake" to learn about acne? If that intrigues you, then this book is for you. J 507.8 MASOFF

Napoli, Donna Jo. ***Tales from Arabian Nights***. 2016
Classic stories and dazzling illustrations of princesses, kings, sailors, and genies come to life in a stunning retelling of the Arabian folk tales from *One Thousand and One Nights* and other collections, including those of Aladdin, Sinbad the Sailor, and Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves. J 398.2 NAPOLI

Night Sky Stories series. 2015
Each book in this series tells the story of a constellation. Learn about the epic love story between Orion and Diana in the *Story of Orion* (J 292.13 TRO). In *Follow the Drinking Gourd* (J 973.7115 MEI) you can read about the song the slaves sang to freedom following the stars. Other books in the series tell the stories of constellations like Cassiopeia and Orion. This is a great series for readers of myths and legends.

Raczka, Bob. ***Wet Cement: A Mix of Concrete Poems***. 2016
In this marvelous collection of short concrete poems, words are grouped in the shape of the central idea. The "O" in Pop-up is climbing and climbing, one "P" in Dipper is above the rest of the word, illustrating the constellation. Even the table of contents is constructed to resemble a table. The result is a fun and clever collection. J 811.6 RACZKA

Rea, Amy. ***Mystery of the Roanoke Colonists***. 2016
Get closer to solving the mystery of the Roanoke colonists with this riveting title. Learn about leading theories, important clues, and study the evidence to develop your own conclusions about the disappearance of this group of people. Need more history? The *Mysteries of History Series* examines different historical events that have not yet been explained. From the missing Roanoke colonist to Area 51, find out what the experts think may have happened and decide for yourself what you think really happened. J 001.94 MYSTERIES

Sweet, Melissa. ***Some Writer! The Story of E. B. White***. 2016
"SOME PIG," Charlotte the spider's praise for Wilbur, is just one fondly remembered snippet from E. B. White's *Charlotte's Web*. In *Some Writer!*, the two-time Caldecott Honor winner Melissa Sweet mixes White's personal letters, photos, and family ephemera with her own exquisite artwork to tell his story, from his birth in 1899 to his death in 1985. Budding young writers will be fascinated and inspired by the journalist, New Yorker contributor, and children's book author who loved words his whole life. J BIO WHITE

Tavares, Matt. *Crossing Niagara*. 2016

When the Great Blondin announced that he was going to walk from America to Canada across the Niagara River on a rope that was more than 1,100 feet long and just 3 inches wide, hanging 160 feet above the raging river, people came from everywhere. Check out this real-life adventure and see just how this daring feat was accomplished. J 791.34 TAVARES

Titanic Stories series. 2016

Each book in this series tells about the lives of different people who were actually on the Titanic. From the children and crew to the wealthy and poor, learn about the lives of the people who were lost and those who survived the sinking of the Titanic. J 910.9163 STORIES

Wadsworth, Ginger. *Poop Detectives: Working Dogs in the Field*. 2016

Did you know that collecting animal droppings is an excellent way for scientists to learn about an animal's health, habits, and diet while keeping both the researcher and the animal safe? Did you also know that these amazing dogs that are trained for this task can do it both on land and in the sea? Learn even more in this extensive look at the scientific world of canine "poop detectives." J 636.7 WADSWORTH

Williams, Dave. *To Burp or Not to Burp*. 2016

Of all the questions astronauts are asked by kids, the most frequent one is, "How do you go to the toilet in space?" This book not only answers that question, but many others about the effect of zero gravity on the human body. How do you brush your hair in space? What happens when you sweat? What does food taste like? The best thing is that the answers are provided by Dr. Dave Williams, a NASA astronaut who speaks from first-hand experience. J 629.45 WILLIAMS

Webster, Maureen. *Cat Speak: Revealing Answers to the Strangest Cat Behaviors*. 2016

Have you ever seen a cat drink from a dripping/slow running faucet? Find out why cats prefer moving water and other things that they like and the reasons why they act the way they do in this informative read. Information provided is by cat experts and scientist who study cats. J 636.8 WEBSTER

Wood, Amanda. *Natural World*. 2016

An introduction to the natural world that examines the myriad ways in which plants and animals have adapted to ensure their best chance of survival explores and explains, in a series of visually compelling information charts, why living things look and behave the way they do. J 508 WOOD



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