

**The Unlikely Adventures of Mabel Jones**

by Will Mabbitt Fantasy/Adv.  
Kidnapped, Mabel is forced to serve aboard *The Feroshus Maggot* with the strangest crew you'll ever meet. And the captain—an odious wolf named Idryss Ebenezer Split—won't let her go until she helps the pirates uncover the treasure they seek.. Gr. 4 and up

**When Friendship Followed Me Home**

by Paul Griffin Realistic Fiction  
Ben Coffin, a former foster kid, knows people can up and leave without so much as a goodbye. He prefers to spend his time with the characters in his favorite sci-fi books... until he rescues an abandoned mutt he names Flip. Flip leads Ben to befriend a fellow book-lover named Halley. But as their lives unravel, Ben must discover for himself the truth about friendship and the meaning of home. Gr. 5 and up

**Wolf Hollow**

by Lauren Wolk Historical Fiction  
Twelve-year-old Annabelle must learn to stand up for what's right in the face of a manipulative and violent new bully who targets people Annabelle cares about, including a homeless World War I veteran. Grade 6



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**The Best Man**

by Richard Peck

Realistic Fiction

Archer tells the tale of his life so far—beginning with an embarrassing wedding appearance at age six, and ending with his acting as best man at his uncle’s wedding as a sixth-grader.

Gr. 5 and up

**The Bicycle Spy**

by Yona Zeldis McDonough

Historical

Twelve-year-old Marcel loves riding his bicycle, but it is 1942 and German soldiers are everywhere, stopping him as he delivers bread from his parents’ bakery in a French village. One day he suddenly finds himself in possession of dangerous secrets about his parents and his new friend from Paris, whose family might be Jewish.

Gr. 4 and up

**The Bolds**

by Julian Clary

Humor/Fantasy

The Bold family seems fairly normal: they live in a nice house, the parents have good jobs, and they all love to have fun. One slight difference: they’re hyenas. That’s right they’re covered in fur, have tails tucked into their clothes, and really, really like to laugh.

Gr. 4 and up

**The Courage Test**

by James Preller

Adventure

Will’s father is dragging him along on a wilderness adventure in the footsteps of explorers Lewis and Clark--whether he likes it or not. Although he starts out determined not to enjoy the journey, Will encounters fascinating strangers and new thrills, including mountain cliffs, whitewater rapids, and a heart-hammering bear encounter.

Gr. 5 and up

**Curse of the Boggin: The Library**

by D.J. MacHale

Fantasy

When supernatural things start following Marcus O’Mara around, he discovers a key that leads to The Library, a place where all the stories of the living and dead are kept. Marcus thinks he’s going nuts, and then the terror gets real. He and his friends will have to complete the story—any way they possibly can.

Gr. 5 and up

**Flying Lessons & Other Stories**

edited by Ellen Oh

Realistic Fiction

From basketball dreams and family fiascoes to first crushes and new neighborhoods, this anthology, written by award-winning authors, celebrates the uniqueness and universality in all of us.

Gr. 6

**Garvey’s Choice**

by Nikki Grimes

Realistic Fiction

Garvey’s father has always wanted Garvey to be athletic, but Garvey has no interest in, or talent for sports. Feeling like a failure, he comforts himself with food. Garvey is kind, funny, smart, a loyal friend, and he is also overweight, teased by bullies, and lonely. When his only friend encourages him to join the school chorus, Garvey must decide—will he choose to reach out to his father on his own terms?

Gr. 5 and up

**Ghost**

by Jason Reynolds

Realistic Fiction/Sports

"Ghost" is a naturally talented runner but he’s had no formal training and, up until now, he’s been running for all the wrong reasons---getting into trouble and worrying his single mom. Then he is recruited for an elite middle school track team by a coach who is determined to keep him from blowing his shot at life---can Ghost become a winner?

Gr. 5 and up

**Ghosts**

by Raina Telgemeier

Realistic Fiction/Graphic

Catrina and her family have moved to the coast of Northern California for the sake of her little sister, Maya, who has cystic fibrosis--and Cat is even less happy about the move when she is told that her new town is inhabited by ghosts, and Maya sets her heart on meeting one.

Gr. 4 and up

**If the Magic Fits**

by Susan Maupin Schmid

Fantasy

Darling Dimple, a young orphan, discovers a closet full of magical dresses, each of which gives her the appearance of another person in the castle and that, along with her own magical abilities, helps her protect Princess Mariposa from betrayal as the castle swarms with suitors.

Gr. 5 and up

**Isabel Feeney, Star Reporter**

by Beth Fantaskey

Mystery/Historical

In the 1920s, a ten-year-old newsgirl who aspires to be a reporter at the Chicago Tribune investigates the murder of a gangster.

Gr. 5 and up

**The Last Fifth Grade of Emerson Elementary**

by Laura Shovan

Realistic Fiction

The graduating fifth grade class of Emerson Elementary joins together to try to save their school from being torn down to make way for a supermarket.

Gr. 4 and up

**Ms. Bixby’s Last Day**

by John David Anderson

Realistic Fiction

Three boys are dismayed when their teacher falls ill and leaves for the rest of the year, a situation that compels them to cut class and journey across town together to give Ms. Bixby the last day she deserves.

Gr. 5 and up

**Mutt’s Promise**

by Julie Salamon

Adventure/Dog

Luna and her littermates have only known a happy life, being cared for by their mother and Gilberto, the son of farm workers. But when Gilberto has to move, she and her brother are sold to a puppy mill--until they take matters into their own paws and find a way to escape. But can Luna and Chief find their way home?

Gr. 5 and up

**Save Me a Seat**

by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan

Realistic Fiction

Joe and Ravi don't think they have anything in common, but soon enough they have a common enemy, the biggest bully in their class, and a common mission, to take control of their lives over the course of a single crazy week.

Gr. 5 and up

**Scar Island**

by Dan Gemeinhart

Adventure

Jonathan Grisby is the newest arrival at the Slabhenge Reformatory School for Troubled Boys--a fortress of gray stone rising up from the ocean. On his first day however, a freak accident leaves the troubled boys of Slabhenge without any adult supervision. Suddenly the kids are free, with an entire island to themselves. But freedom brings unexpected danger.

Gr. 6

**The Secret Life of Lincoln Jones**

by Wendelin Van Draanen

Realistic Fiction

New to town, and too young to be legally left alone, 11 -yr-old Lincoln must spend his after-school hours at his mother’s place of work—a nursing home for the elderly. Worried about fitting in, what will happen if classmates find out where he goes after school, and the school bus bully, Lincoln keeps to himself--until a nosy classmate decides to make it her mission to find out about his secret life.

Gr. 5 and up