

Realistic Fiction - Grade 5



Crooked Kind of Perfect

Urban, Linda

Call Letters: F Ur Pgs: 213 Lexile: 730

10-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.

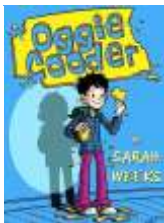


Harry Sue

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.

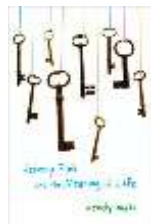


Oggie Cooder

Weeks, Sarah

Call Letters: F We Pgs: 176 Lexile: 880

Quirky 4th-grader Oggie Cooder goes from being shunned to everyone's best friend when his uncanny ability to chew slices of cheese into the shapes of states wins him a slot on a popular television talent show, but he soon learns the perils of being a celebrity - and having a neighbor girl as his manager.



Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life

Mass, Wendy

Call Letters: F Ma Pgs: 289 Lexile: 770

Just before his 13th 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.



Ellie McDoodle: New Kid in School

Barshaw, Ruth

Call Letters: F Ba Pgs: 170 Lexile: 510

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

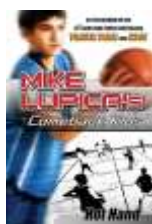


Big One-Oh

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.



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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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.

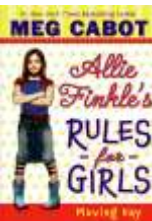


Peak

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.



Moving Day: Allie Finkle's Rules for Girls (series)

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.



Jake Maddox: Mr. Strike Out (series)

Maddox, Jake

Call Letters: BC Pgs: 65 Lexile: 380

David is a great baseball pitcher, but he always strikes out at bat until he learns about Babe Ruth and the importance of practice.



Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Kinney, Jeff

Call Letters: F Ki Pgs: 217 Lexile: 950

Greg records his 6th grade experiences in a middle school where he and his best friend, Rowley, undersized weaklings, hope just to survive, but when Rowley grows more popular, Greg must take drastic measures to save their friendship.



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.



No Talking

Clements, Andrew

Call Letters: F Cl Pgs: 146 Lexile: 820

The noisy 5th grade boys of Laketon Elementary School challenge the equally loud fifth grade girls to a "no talking" contest.

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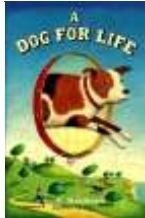


How to Steal a Dog

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.



A Dog for Life

Matthews, L.S.

Call Letters: F Ma Pgs: 167 Lexile: 910

John finds that his dog, Mouse, is scheduled to go to the pound and decides to run away and find his uncle, who may be able to help him.



The Lemonade War

Davies, Jacqueline

Call Letters: F Da Pgs: 173 Lexile: 630

Evan and his younger sister, Jesse, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for 4th grade and as summer's end approaches, they battle it out through lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn 100 dollars.

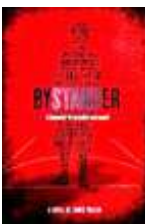


Samantha Hansen Has Rocks in Her Head

Viau, Nancy

Call Letters: F Vi Pgs: 178 Lexile: 590

While anticipating a vacation to the Grand Canyon, 10-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.



Bystander

Preller, James

Call Letters: F Pr Pgs: 226 Lexile: 600

13-year-old Eric discovers there are consequences to not standing by and watching as the bully at his new school hurts people, but although school officials are aware of the problem, Eric may be the one with a solution.



Bobby vs. Girls (Accidentally)

Yee, Lisa

Call Letters: F Ye Pgs: 170 Lexile: 650

Bobby inadvertently gets into a fight with his best friend Holly, and their disagreement develops into a boys versus girls war involving their whole 4th-grade class.



Eggs

Spinelli, Jerry

Call Letters: F Sp Pgs: 220 Lexile: 610

Mourning the loss of his mother, 9-year-old David forms an unlikely friendship with independent, quirky 13-year-old Primrose, as the two help each other deal with what is missing in their lives.

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Champ (MHL 1st Place 2010)

Jones, Marcia Thornton

Call Letters: F Jo Pgs: 187 Lexile: 690

Riley struggles to make his father proud, despite his poor athletic abilities, but when he meets Champ, a 3-legged former show dog, Riley learns that winning doesn't always have to mean coming in first.



Emma-Jean Lazarus Fell Out of a Tree

Tarshis, Lauren

Call Letters: F Ta Pgs: 199 Lexile: 830

A quirky and utterly logical 7th-grade girl named Emma-Jean Lazarus discovers some interesting results when she gets involved in the messy everyday problems of her peers.



Face First

Cummings, Priscilla

Call Letters: F Cu Pgs: 197 Lexile: 680

12-year-old Kelley decides to cut off contact with her friends and classmates after suffering third-degree burns to her face and body in a car accident near her home on Maryland's Kent Island.



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.



Scat

Hiaasen, Carl

Call Letters: F Hi Pgs: 371 Lexile: 810

Nick and Marta are both suspicious when their biology teacher, the feared Mrs. Bunny Starch, disappears, and try to uncover the truth despite the police and headmaster's insistence that nothing is wrong.



Homeless Bird

Whelan, Goria

Call Letters: F Wh Pgs: 240 Lexile: 800

13-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.



Lunch Money

Clements, Andrew

Call Letters: F Cl Pgs: 222 Lexile: 840

12-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.

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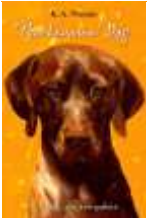


Lost and Found

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.



Leanin' Dog

Nazam, K.A.

Call Letters: F Na Pgs: 250 Lexile: 960

11-year-old Dessa Dean, mourning the death of her mother, finds an injured dog on her porch, which allows both Dessa and the dog to heal together with a friendship that shapes both of their lives.



Cool Zone with Pain and the Great One (series)

Blume, Judy

Call Letters: F Bl Pgs: 109 Lexile: 370

More adventures at school and at home with Jake, a 1st-grader, and his older sister Abigail, known to each other as the Pain and the Great One.



Julia Gillian

McGhee, Alison

Call Letters: F M Pgs: 280 Lexile: 810

9-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.



Big Field

Lupica, Mike

Call Letters: F Lu Pgs: 243 Lexile: 970

When 14-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.

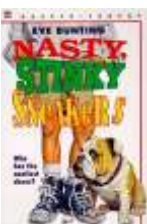


Flush

Hiaasen, Carl

Call Letters: F Ha Pgs: 263 Lexile: 830

With their father jailed for sinking a river boat, Noah Underwood and his younger sister, Abbey, must gather evidence that the owner of this floating casino is emptying his bilge tanks into the protected waters around their Florida Keys home.



Nasty Stinky Sneakers

Bunting, Eve

Call Letters: F Bu Pgs: 105 Lexile: 510

Will 10-year-old Colin find his missing stinky sneakers in time to enter The Stinkiest Sneakers in the World contest?

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Winners Take All

Bowen, Fred

Call Letters: F Bo Pgs: 104 Lexile: 560

When Kyle fakes a catch, his baseball team goes on to win the league championship but Kyle doesn't feel good about winning by cheating.



Tales of a 4th Grade Nothing (series)

Blume, Judy

Call Letters: F Bl Pgs: 120 Lexile: 470

Peter finds his demanding two-year-old brother an ever-increasing problem.



Freak the Mighty

Philbrick, W.R.

Call Letters: F Ph Pgs: 169 Lexile: 1000

At the beginning of 8th 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.

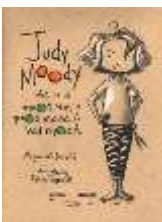


Frindle

Clements, Andrew

Call Letters: F Cl Pgs: 105 Lexile: 830

When he decides to turn his 5th-grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.



Judy Moody (series)

McDonald, Megan

Call Letters: F Mc Pgs: 160 Lexile: 530

3rd grader Judy Moody is in a first day of school bad mood until she gets an assignment to create a collage all about herself and begins creating her masterpiece, the Me collage.



Girl With 500 Middle Names

Haddix, Margaret Peterson

Call Letters: F Ha Pgs: 81 Lexile: 510

Janie's parents move to the suburbs so she can go to a better school, but when she discovers that all the other students are richer than she is, she feels out of place--until she realizes that there are more important things than money.



Alabama Moon

Watt, Kay

Call Letters: F Wa Pgs: 294 Lexile: 720

After the death of his father, 10-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.

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Summer of Riley

Bunting, Eve

Call Letters: F Bu Pgs: 170 Lexile: 540

Shortly after he gets the perfect dog, Riley, 11-year-old William must fight for his dog's life after Riley is taken away because he chases and injures an elderly neighbor's old horse.

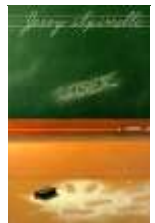


Green Dog: A Mostly True Story

Staples, Suzanne

Call Letters: F St Pgs: 119 Lexile: 960

During the summer before 5th grade, Suzanne, a daydreaming loner who likes to fish and walk through the woods, acquires a canine companion.



Loser

Spinelli, Jerry

Call Letters: F Sp Pgs: 218 Lexile: 650

Even though his classmates from 1st 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.



Saffy's Angel

McKay, Hilary

Call Letters: F Mc Pgs: 152 Lexile: 630

After learning that she was adopted, 13-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 momento of her past.



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 5th-grade class, her unique way of looking at things gives the students a new perspective on learning.

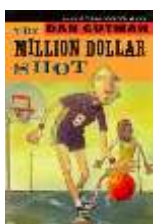


Crash

Spinelli, Jerry

Call Letters: F Sp Pgs: 162 Lexile: 560

7th-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.



Million Dollar Shot (Million Dollar series)

Gutman, Dan

Call Letters: F Gu Pgs: 114 Lexile: 680

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

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Because of Winn-Dixie

DiCamillo, Kate

Call Letters: F Di Pgs: 182 Lexile: 610

10-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.



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.



Hoot

Hiaasen, Carl

Call Letters: F Hi Pgs: 292 Lexile: 760

Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.



Friends Forever?: The Complicated Life of Claudia Cristina Cortez (serie

Gallagher, Diane

Call Letters: F Ga Pgs: 88 Lexile: 400

Claudia tries to talk her friend, Monica, out of trying out for cheerleading fearing that she will be let down because only the cool kids make the squad.



Mallory on the Move (series)

Friedman, Laurie

Call Letters: F Fr Pgs: 158 Lexile: 550

After moving to a new town, 8-year-old Mallory keeps throwing stones in the "Wishing Pond" but things will not go back to the way they were before, and she remains torn between old and new best friends.



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.



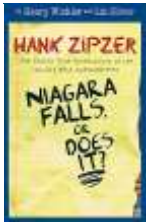
Airball: My Life in Briefs

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 7th-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

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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.



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, 12-year-old Heidi sets out from Reno, Nevada, to New York to find out who she is.

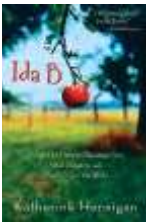


Love That Dog

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.

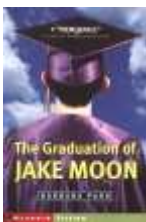


Ida B

Hannigan, Katherine

Call Letters: F Ha Pgs: 246 Lexile: 970

In Wisconsin, 4th-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.



Graduation of Jake Moon

Park, Barbara

Call Letters: F Pa Pgs: 115 Lexile: 680

14-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.



Crossing Jordan

Fogelin, Adrian

Call Letters: F Ad Pgs: 140 Lexile: 650

12-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.



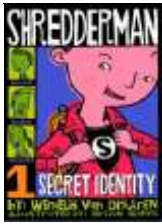
Where I'd Like to Be

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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Secret Identity (Book 1: Shredderman)

Van Draanen, Wendelin

Call Letters: F Va Pgs: 138 Lexile: 520

5th-grader Nolan Byrd, tired of being called names by the class bully, has a secret identity--Shredderman!



Surviving Brick Johnson

Myers, Laurie

Call Letters: F My Pgs: 74 Lexile: 410

Afraid of getting maimed for making fun of Brick, the husky new kid in his 5th-grade class, Nick decides that even his baseball collection will not protect him so he signs up for karate class, despite his little brother's reassurances that Brick is not a bully.



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--12-year-old Danny Walker forms his own team of cast-offs that might have a shot at victory.



Millicent Min, Girl Genius

Yee, Lisa

Call Letters: F Ye Pgs: 248 Lexile: 800

In a series of journal entries, 11-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.



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.

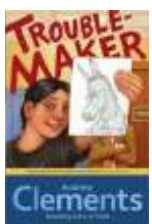


Report Card

Clements, Andrew

Call Letters: F Cl Pgs: 173 Lexile: 700

5th-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.



Troublemaker

Clements, Andrew

Call Letters: F Cle Pgs: 140 Lexile: 730

When his older brother gets in serious trouble, 6th-grader Clay decides to change his own mischief-making ways, but he cannot seem to shake his reputation as a troublemaker.

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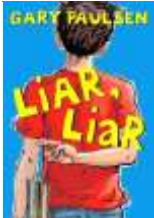


Warp Speed

Yee, Lisa

Call Letters: F Ye Pgs: 310 Lexile: 620

Marley Sandelski has always felt invisible at school when he is not facing bullies, but a series of unexpected events gives him a taste of popularity and insights into some of his classmates.



Liar, Liar

Paulsen, Gary

Call Letters: F Pa Pgs: 120 Lexile: 940

14-year-old Kevin is very good at lying and doing so makes life easier, but when he finds himself in big trouble with his friends, family, and teachers, he must find a way to end his lies forever.



Reinvention of Bessica Lefter

Tracy, Kristen

Call Letters: F Tra Pgs: 305 Lexile: 570

Bessica Lefter looked forward to middle school until a rash decision to get matching pixie haircuts led to her having to attend the school entirely on her own, without her longtime best friend Sylvie.



Ten (Winnie Years series)

Myracle, Lauren

Call Letters: F Myr Pgs: 208 Lexile: 700

Winnie Perry is certain that she will gain more courage and responsibilities with her 10th birthday and, with her best friend Amanda by her side, Winnie is determined to make the most of her last year of elementary school.



Sugar and Ice

Messner, Kate

Call Letters: F Me Pgs: 275 Lexile: 710

12-year-old ice skater Claire Boucher is offered a scholarship to train at Lake Placid, where she finds herself rocked by the challenges of competitive ice skating.



Melonhead

Kelly, Katy

Call Letters: F Kel Pgs: 209 Lexile: 620

Adam "Melonhead" Melon, a budding inventor with a knack for getting into trouble, enters a science contest that challenges students to recycle an older invention into a new invention.



Fourth Stall

Rylander, Chris

Call Letters: F Ryl Pgs: 314 Lexile: 760

With amazing challenges and results, 6th graders Mac and Vince operate a business charging schoolmates for protection from bullies and for help resolving conflicts peacefully.

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Trading Faces (series)

DeVillers, Julia

Call Letters: F De Pgs: 300 Lexile: 460

7th-grade twins Payton and Emma decide to shake things up at their new middle school by switching places and taking on each other's lives, and their antics teach them that no one is exactly who the world thinks they are.



Close to Famous

Bauer, Joan

Call Letters: F Ba Pgs: 250 Lexile: 540

6th-grader Foster McFee is a supremely talented baker and dreams of being a famous television chef on the Food Network, but she's facing some major challenges in her life, including her father's death in Iraq and hard financial times with her mother.



Milo: Sticky Notes and Brain Freeze

Silberberg, Alan

Call Letters: F Sil Pgs: 275 Lexile: 1180

In love with the girl he sneezed on the first day of school, Milo copes with being the new kid (again) as he struggles to survive the school year that is filled with reminders of what his life "used to be" before his mother died.

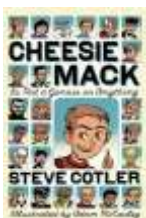


Crunch

Connor, Leslie

Call Letters: F Co Pgs: 330 Lexile: 490

The oldest Mariss brother, 14-year-old Dewey, juggles the management of the family's bicycle repair business after a sudden energy crisis strands their parents far from home.



Cheesie Mack is Not a Genius or Anything

Cotler, Stephen L

Call Letters: F Cot Pgs: 229 Lexile: 770

Ronald "Cheesie" Mack shares memories, thoughts, and drawings about everything that happened before, during, and after 5th grade graduation

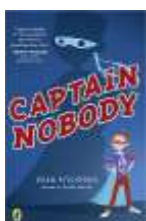


Loser List

Kowitt, Holly

Call Letters: F Ko Pgs: 213 Lexile: 480

Danny Shine tries to get his name off the "Loser List" in the girls' bathroom and winds up in detention, where the school bullies befriend him. But when the bullies steal from his favorite store, Danny needs to find a way to return it and end his association with the bullies before he gets a new reputation.



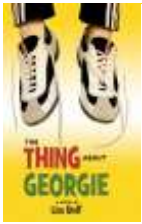
Captain Nobody

Pitchford, Dean

Call Letters: F Pit Pgs: 208 Lexile: 750

When 10-year-old Newton dresses up as an unusual superhero for Halloween, he decides to keep wearing the costume after the holiday to help save townspeople and eventually his injured brother.

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Thing About Georgie

Graff, Lisa

Call Letters: F Ga Pgs: 220 Lexile: 770

Georgie's dwarfism causes problems, but he could always rely on his parents, his best friend, and classmate Jeanie the Meanie's teasing, until a surprising announcement, a new boy in school, and a class project shake things up.



Mockingbird

Erskine, Kathryn

Call Letters: F Ers Pgs: 253 Lexile: 630

10-year-old Caitlyn hates recess, with all its noise and chaos, and her kind, patient counselor, Mrs. Brook, helps her to understand the reasons behind her discomfort, while offering advice about how to cope with her Asberger's Syndrome, make friends, and deal with her grief over her older brother's death in a recent school shooting.



Eight Keys

LaFleur, Suzanne

Call Letters: F Laf Pgs: 216 Lexile: 590

When 12-year-old Elise, orphaned since age three, becomes disheartened by middle school, with its bullies, changing relationships, and higher expectations, keys to long-locked rooms and messages from her late father help her cope.



Second Life of Abigail Walker

Dowell, Frances O'Roark

Call Letters: F Do Pgs: 228 Lexile: 740

Bullied by two mean girls in her sixth-grade class, a lonely, plump girl gains self-confidence and makes new friends after a mysterious fox gently bites her.



Ungifted

Korman, Gordon

Call Letters: F Kor Pgs: 280 Lexile: 730

Due to a mix-up, troublemaker Donovan Curtis is sent to the Academy of Scholastic Distinction, a special program for gifted and talented students, after pulling a major prank at middle school.



STAT #1: Home Court (series)

Stoudemire, Amar'e

Call Letters: F Sto Pgs: 134 Lexile: 650

When an older group of boys start bullying his friends on the basketball court, Amar'e is forced to step in and use his athletic ability and intelligence to save the day.



Beauty and the Beast: The Only One Who Didn't Run Away

Mass, Wendy

Call Letters: F Ma Pgs: 282 Lexile: 760

Living in the shadows of their seemingly perfect older siblings, Beauty and Prince Riley have a hard time figuring out who they're supposed to be. When each experience an unusual turn of events, however, they realize that the only way to save each other is by saving themselves.

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Whole Lot of Lucky

Hayworth, Danette

Call Letters: F Ha Pgs: 288 Lexile: 730

When 12-year-old Hailee's family wins the lottery, her life changes in unexpected--and not always good--way



Pie

Weeks, Sarah

Call Letters: F We Pgs: 183 Lexile: 930

Alice's Aunt Polly passes away and entrusts the recipe for her world-famous pie crust to her cat, which she leaves in Alice's care, and as everyone, including Alice, tries to discover the secret ingredients, Alice learns some important lessons about faith, love, and family.



How Not to Run for President

Clark, Catherine

Call Letters: F Cla Pgs: 235 Lexile: 600

When 12-year-old Aidan saves presidential candidate Bettina Brandon from a falling campaign sign and ends up the "Clarinet Hero," he's adopted by the campaign and hits the road.

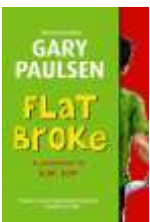


The Jacket

Clements, Andrew

Call Letters: F Cle Pgs: 89 Lexile: 640

Sixth-grader Phil comes to an awareness of his own racial prejudice after he sees Daniel, an African-American boy, wearing his brother's one-of-a-kind jacket and leaps to the conclusion that Daniel has stolen the coat.



Flat Broke

Paulsen, Gary

Call Letters: F Pa Pgs: 118 Lexile: 810

14-year-old Kevin has lost his allowance for a month, so he has to find a way to make some cash. As quick as a wink, he puts his business savvy and his creativity to work. The money begins to flow in, but so does the trouble.



Ten Rules for Living with My Sister

Martin, Ann M.

Call Letters: F Mar Pgs: 228 Lexile: 790

Nine-year-old Pearl and her popular, thirteen-year-old sister, Lexie, do not get along very well, but when their grandfather moves in and the girls have to share a room, they must find common ground.



Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life

Patterson, James

Call Letters: F Pat Pgs: 281 Lexile: 700

When Rafe Kane enters middle school, he teams up with his best friend, "Leo the Silent," to create a game to make school more fun by trying to break every rule in the school's code of conduct.

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Wonder

Palacio, R.J.

Call Letters: F Pal Pgs: 315 Lexile: 790

10-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities, goes from being home-schooled to entering 5th grade at a private middle school, which entails enduring the taunts of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student.



Please Write in This Book (MHL Winner 2012)

Amato, Mary

Call Letters: F Am Pgs: 97 Lexile: 480

When 4th grade teacher Ms. Wurtz leaves a blank book in the Writer's Corner with a note encouraging those who find it to "talk to each other" in its pages, the student's entries spark a classroom-wide battle.



Boy on Cinnamon Street

Stone, Phoebe

Call Letters: F Sto Pgs: 234 Lexile: 720

Since a tragedy she cannot remember, 13-year-old Louise has changed her name, given up gymnastics, moved in with her grandparents, and locked her feelings inside but through her friends Reni and Hen and notes from a secret admirer she begins to find herself again.



Chomp

Hiaasen, Carl

Call Letters: F Hia Pgs: 290 Lexile: 800

The star of the reality television show, "Expedition Survival," disappears on location in the Florida Everglades, and Wahoo and classmate Tuna Gordon set out to find him.

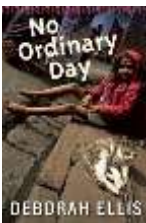


Lawn Boy

Paulsen, Gary

Call Letters: F Pa Pgs: 88 Lexile: 780

Things get out of hand for a 12-year-old boy when a neighbor convinces him to expand his summer lawn mowing business.



No Ordinary Day

Ellis, Deborah

Call Letters: F Ell Pgs: 159 Lexile: 580

Valli has always been afraid of those with leprosy living on the other side of the train tracks in the coal town of Jharia, India, so when a chance encounter with a doctor reveals she also has leprosy, Valli rejects help and begins an uncertain life on the streets.



My Life in Pink and Green

Greenwald, Lisa

Call Letters: F Gr Pgs: 267 Lexile: 680

When the family's drugstore is failing, seventh-grader Lucy uses her problem-solving talents to come up with a solution that might resuscitate the business, along with helping the environment.

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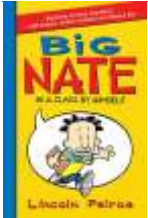


Rivals

Green, Tim

Call Letters: F Gre Pgs: 261 Lexile: 860

12-year-old Josh looks forward to facing a true rival in the Baseball Hall of Fame tournament, but first he and his friends Jaden and Benji put themselves at great risk trying to expose the truth about a conspiracy to bribe the head umpire.



Big Nate: In a Class By Himself

Peirce, Lincoln

Call Letters: F Pei Pgs: 214 Lexile: 500

Supremely confident middle school student Nate Wright manages to make getting detention from every one of his teachers in the same day seem like an achievement.



Sloppy Copy Slip-Up

DiSalvo, Dyanne

Call Letters: F Dis Pgs: 103 Lexile: 590

4th-grader, Brian Higman, worries about how his teacher Miss Fromme will react when he fails to hand in a writing assignment; but he ends up being able to tell his story after all.



Batboy

Lupica, Mike

Call Letters: F Lup Pgs: 237 Lexile: 940

Even though his mother feels baseball ruined her marriage to his father, she allows 14-year-old Brian to become a bat boy for the Detroit Tigers, who have just drafted his favorite player back onto the team.



Strange Case of Origami Yoda

Angleberger, Tom

Call Letters: F An Pgs: 141 Lexile: 760

6th-grader Tommy and his friends describe their interactions with a paper finger puppet of Yoda, worn by their weird classmate Dwight, as they try to figure out whether or not the puppet can really predict the future.

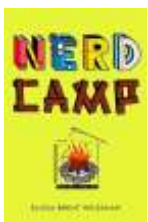


Out of My Mind

Draper, Sharon

Call Letters: F Dra Pgs: 295 Lexile: 700

Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient 5th-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time.



Nerd Camp

Weissman, Elissa Brent

Call Letters: F Wei Pgs: 261 Lexile: 810

For 10-year-old Gabe, the Summer Center for Gifted Enrichment is all that he dreamed it would be, but he must work hard to write about the fun in letters to Zach, his cool future stepbrother, without revealing that it is a camp for "nerds."

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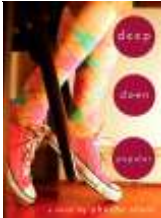


Wild River

Petersen, R.J.

Call Letters: F Pe Pgs: 120 Lexile: 420

When 12-year-old Ryan reluctantly agrees to join his experienced older brother Tanner on a camping trip, he could never have dreamed this would turn into the most frightening day of his life.



Deep Down Popular

Stone, Phoebe

Call Letters: F Sto Pgs: 280 Lexile: 960

In a small Virginia town, 6th-grader Jessie Lou Ferguson has a crush on the hugely popular Conrad Parker Smith, and when he suddenly develops a medical problem and the teacher asks Jessie Lou to help him, they become friends, much to her surprise.



Boys are Dogs

Margolis, Leslie

Call Letters: F Ma Pgs: 195 Lexile: 630

After Annabelle's mother starts dating a new boyfriend, she faces life in a new town with a new school, and a new puppy, and while training the dog Annabelle decides to experiment with some of her training techniques to deal with the unruly middle school boys in her class.



Blind Mountain

Thomas, Jane Resh

Call Letters: F Th Pgs: 117 Lexile: 690

Unsure of himself and annoyed at having to spend a day climbing a Montana mountain with his bossy father, 12-year-old Sam must become the guide on their perilous journey down when his carelessness temporarily blinds his father.



Road to Paris

Grimes, Nikki

Call Letters: F Gr Pgs: 153 Lexile: 700

Inconsolable at being separated from her older brother, eight-year-old Paris is apprehensive about her new foster family but just as she learns to trust them, she faces a life-changing decision.



Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Writing Thank-You Notes (series)

Gifford, Peggy

Call Letters: F Gi Pgs: 159 Lexile: 870

10-year-old Moxy Maxwell has promised to write twelve thank-you notes by the day after Christmas so that she and her twin brother Mark can go to Hollywood to visit their father, but all her brilliant ideas to help finish the task more efficiently end up creating chaos in the house.



Chicken!: Be Brave with David Mortimore Baxter (series)

Tayleur, Karen

Call Letters: F Ta Pgs: 88 Lexile: 520

While at camp with his classmates, David is too scared to walk over a suspension bridge and gets the nickname chicken, which he tries to live down.

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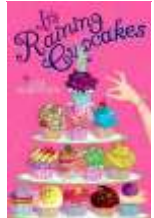


Top of the Order

Coy, John

Call Letters: F Co Pgs: 182 Lexile: 530

10-year-old Jackson lives for baseball, but becomes distracted by the approach of middle school, his mother's latest boyfriend, and the presence his good friend's sister on his team.



It's Raining Cupcakes

Schroeder, Lisa

Call Letters: F Sch Pgs: 193 Lexile: 640

12-year-old Isabel dreams of seeing the world but has never left Oregon, and so when her best friend tells her of a baking contest whose winners travel to New York City, she eagerly enters despite concerns about her mother, who is opening a cupcake bakery.



As Simple As It Seems

Weeks, Sarah

Call Letters: F We Pgs: 181 Lexile: 910

11-year-old Verbena Polter gets through a difficult summer of turbulent emotions and the revelation of a disturbing family secret with an odd new friend who believes she is the ghost of a girl who drowned many years before.

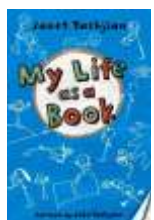


Dream of Night

Henson, Heather

Call Letters: F He Pgs: 218 Lexile: 470

A troubled foster child, an abused former racehorse, and their caretaker find healing by helping one another through their pain.



My Life as a Book

Tashjian, Janet

Call Letters: F Tas Pgs: 211 Lexile: 880

When 12-year-old Derek discovers an old newspaper article in his attic about a girl "found dead" on a beach, he becomes obsessed, especially when he learns the teenager may have died saving him from the ocean when he was just a toddler.



Monica and the Bratty Stepsister (series)

Gallagher, Diana G.

Call Letters: F Gal Pgs: 78 Lexile: 370

Monica tries to be nice to her 8-year-old stepsister, Angela, but she begins to wonder why she bothers when it seems like Angela is trying to get her in trouble.



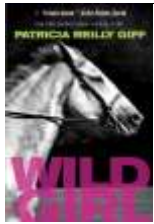
Elvis & Olive

Watson, Stephanie Elaine

Call Letters: F Wa Pgs: 230 Lexile: 690

In spite of their differences, Natalie Wallis and Annie Beckett become friends and decide to spend their summer spying on their neighbors.

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Wild Girl

Giff, Patricia Reilly

Call Letters: F Gif Pgs: 147 Lexile: 640

When 12-year-old Lidie leaves Brazil to join her father and brother on a horse ranch in New York, she has a hard time adjusting to her changed circumstances, as does a new horse that has come to the ranch.



Sleepwalker

Powell, Jillian

Call Letters: F Po Pgs: 33 Lexile: 360

Josh and his new stepbrother, Tom, seem to have nothing in common when they first move in together, but when Tom begins sleepwalking, Josh makes a frightening discovery.



Pee Wee Scouts: Camp Ghost-Away (series)

Delton, Judy

Call Letters: BC Pgs: 80 Lexile: 380

The Pee Wee Scouts sell donuts to raise money for a camping trip. When they arrive at the camp, a strange and scary voice scares them during the night.



Eyes on the Goal

Coy, John

Call Letters: F Co Pgs: 164 Lexile: 530

While away at soccer camp, Jackson learns that his mother's boyfriend has invited them to move into his house, and friend Diego's father is deployed to Afghanistan.



Kids of Polk Street School: Sunny-Side Up (series)

Giff, Patricia Reilly

Call Letters: BC Pgs: 74 Lexile: 180

Summer for Richard Best, nicknamed Beast, means facing the two ordeals of summer school and losing his best friend, who is moving to a distant state.

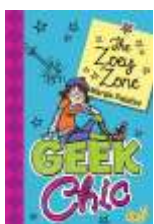


Dork Diaries: Tales from a Not-So-Fabulous Life

Russell, Rachel Renee

Call Letters: F Ru Pgs: 282 Lexile: 510

14-year-old Nikki Maxwell writes and sketches in her diary about her struggle to be popular at her exclusive new private school, and about giving up on being part of the elite group, before figuring out a way to simply be herself.



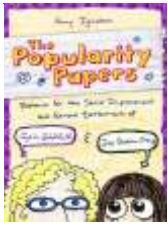
Geek Chic: The Zoey Zone

Palatini, Margie

Call Letters: F Pal Pgs: 184 Lexile: 690

11-year-old Zoey is suffering the pains of entering the sixth grade, stressing over things such as having a bad hair day and finding a place at the primo lunch table.

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Popularity Papers

Ignatow, Amy

Call Letters: F Ign Pgs: 204 Lexile: 0

Two best friends embark on a project to study the behavior and taste of the popular girls at their elementary school so that by the time they get to middle school they too will be in the right crowd.



Fantastic Secret of Owen Jester

O'Connor, Barbara

Call Letters: F Oc Pgs: 168 Lexile: 770

An amazing secret has tumbled off a freight train and Owen Jester is the only person who knows about it. If he can simply manage to evade his grandfather's housekeeper, organize his two best friends, and keep his nosy neighbor at bay, he just might be in for the summer of a lifetime.



Griff Carver, Hallway Patrol

Krieg, Jim

Call Letters: F Kri Pgs: 224 Lexile: 710

Legendary Griff Carver joins the Rampart Middle School Hallway Patrol and with the help of his new friends, solves the case of counterfeit hall passes.

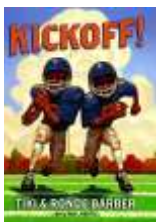


Faith, Hope and Ivy June

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds

Call Letters: F Na Pgs: 280 Lexile: 900

During a student exchange program, 7th-graders Ivy June and Catherine share their lives, homes, and communities, and find that although their lifestyles are total opposites, they have a lot in common.



Kickoff!

Barber, Tiki

Call Letters: F Ba Pgs: 156 Lexile: 760

12-year-olds Tiki and Ronde tryout for the junior high football team and hope to not only get a spot but also to be a part of the starting lineup.



Ghost Dog

Warren, C

Call Letters: F Wa Pgs: 33 Lexile: 350

When Nate and Jack are awakened by ghostly sounds of a dog howling, they are led to a starving pup tied up in an abandoned yard.