

Amelia Writes Again* **JF Moss, Marissa**
A ten-year-old draws and writes about her daily life in the journal she receives for her birthday.
Grades 5-7

The Agony of Alice* **JF Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds**
Eleven-year-old, motherless Alice decides she needs a gorgeous role model who does everything right; and when placed in homely Mrs. Plotkins's class she is greatly disappointed until she discovers it's what people are inside that counts.
Grades 5-7

Ways to Live Forever **JF Nicholls, Sally**
Eleven-year-old Sam McQueen, who has leukemia, writes a book during the last three months of his life, in which he tells about what he would like to accomplish, how he feels, and things that have happened to him. **Grades 3-7**

Project Mulberry : A Novel **JF Park, Linda Sue**
While working on a project for an after-school club, Julia, a Korean American girl, and her friend Patrick learn not just about silkworms, but also about tolerance, prejudice, friendship, patience, and more. Between the chapters are short dialogues between the author and main character about the writing of the book.
Grades 4-7

Bridge to Terabithia **JF Paterson, Katherine**
The life of a ten-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.
Grades 3-7

Clementine* **JF Pennypacker, Sara**
While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor, 8-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles and also helps her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.
Grades 2-4

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Dork Diaries: Tales From a Not So Fabulous Life **JF Russell, Rachel Renee**
14-year-old Nikki writes in her diary of her struggle to be popular at her exclusive new private school, then of finding her place after she gives up on being part of the elite group.
Grades 5-8

There's a Boy in the Girls Bathroom **JF Sachar, Louis**
An unmanageable, but lovable, 11-year-old misfit learns to believe in himself when he gets to know the new school counselor, who is a sort of misfit too.
Grades 4-7

Crash **SUMMER YA Spinelli, Jerry**
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.
Grades 5-8

Emma-Jean Lazarus Fell Out of a Tree* **JF Tarshis, Lauren**
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.
Grades 5-7

Secret Identity* **JF Van Draanen, Wendelin**
Fifth-grader Nolan Byrd, tired of being called names by the class bully, has a secret identity-shredderman!
Grades 2-5

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The Strange Case of Origami Yoda*

JF Anglebreger, Tom

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.

Grades 3-6

Ivy + Bean *

JF Barrows, Annie

When 7-year-old Bean plays a mean trick on her sister, she finds unexpected support for her antics from Ivy, the new neighbor, who is less boring than Bean first suspected.

Grades 1-4

Anything But Typical

JF Baskin, Nora Raleigh

An eye-opening depiction of an autistic boy's daily life and lifelong struggles to exist in a neurotypical world, in a groundbreaking novel told from the boy's perspective.

Grades 4-7

The Penderwicks : A Summer Tale of Four

Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy*

JF Birdsall, Birdsall

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

Grades 3-6

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*

JF Blume, Judy

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

Grades 3-5

Beezus and Ramona*

JF Cleary, Beverly

Beezus worries because there are times when she doesn't like her little sister Ramona, until their mother and Aunt Beatrice tell Beezus what they were like while growing up.

Grades 3-5

Frindle

JF Clements, Andrew

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.

Grades 2-6

Ruby Holler

JF Creech, Sharon

Thirteen-year-old fraternal twins Dallas and Florida have grown up in a terrible orphanage but their lives change forever when an eccentric but sweet older couple invites them each on an adventure, beginning in an almost magical place called Ruby Holler.

Grades 4-6

Because of Winn-Dixie

JF DiCamillo, Kate

Ten-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.

Grades 4-6

Phineas L. MacGuire . . . erupts! The First Experiment*

JF Dowell, Frances

O'Roark Fourth-grade science whiz Phineas MacGuire is forced to team up with the new boy in class on a science fair project, but the boy's quirky personality causes Phineas to wonder if they have any chance of winning.

Grades 2-4

Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key*

JF Gantos, Jack

To the constant disappointment of his mother and his teachers, Joey has trouble paying attention or controlling his mood swings when his prescription medications wear off and he starts getting worked up and acting wired.

Grades 4-8

Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Stuart Little*

JF Gifford, Peggy Elizabeth

With summer coming to an end, about-to-be-fourth-grader Moxy Maxwell does a hundred different things to avoid reading her assigned summer reading book.

Grades 2-4

Ida B : --and Her Plans to Maximize Fun, Avoid Disaster, and (Possibly) Save the World

JF Hannigan, Katherine

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.

Grades 4-6

Hoot

JF Hiaasen, Carl

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.

Grades 5-9

My One Hundred Adventures

JF Horvath, Polly

Twelve-year-old Jane, who lives at the beach in a run-down old house with her mother, two brothers, and sister, has an eventful summer accompanying her pastor on bible deliveries, meeting former boyfriends of her mother's, and being coerced into babysitting for a family of ill-mannered children.

Grades 4-7

The View From Saturday

JF Konigsburg, E.L.

Four students, with their own individual stories, develop a special bond and attract the attention of their teacher, a paraplegic, who chooses them to represent their sixth-grade class in the Academic Bowl competition.

Grades 4-6

Judy Moody*

JF McDonald, Megan

Third 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.

Grades 2-4

Natalie's Secret

JF Morgan, Melissa J.

When her mother makes her leave Manhattan to attend a summer camp in Pennsylvania, eleven-year-old Natalie tries to overcome her aversion to nature and makes new friends while, at the same time, keeping the identity of her famous father a secret.

Grades 4-6