

Mills, C. J
Trading Places
 When fifth-grade twins, Amy and Todd, tackle a school project, they also have to cope with issues of friendship at school and problems at home, including their father's unemployment.

Namioka, L. J
Half and Half
 At Seattle's annual Folk Fest, twelve-year-old Fiona and her older brother are torn between trying to please their Chinese grandmother and making their Scottish grandparents happy.

Park, B. J
Mick Harte Was Here
 Thirteen-year-old Phoebe recalls her younger brother Mick and his death in a bicycle accident.

Patneau, D. J
Colder Than Ice
 Josh Showalter, an insecure and overweight sixth-grader, hopes for a new start when he transfers to a school in northern Idaho, but he and his new friends are soon the target of a cold-hearted bully.

Ryan, P.M. J/Y
Becoming Naomi Leon
 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.

Siebold, J. J
Doing Time Online
 After he is involved in a prank that led to an elderly woman's injury, twelve-year-old Mitchell must make amends by participating in a police program in which he chats online with a nursing home resident.

Smith, R. J/Y
Zach's Lie
 When Jack Osborne is befriended by his school's custodian and a Basque girl, he begins to adjust to his family's sudden move to Elko, Nevada, after entering the Witness Security Program, but the drug cartel against which his father will testify is determined to track them down.

Spinelli, J. J
Fourth Grade Rats
 Suds learns that his best friend is wrong. You don't have to be a tough guy, a "rat," to be a grown up fourth grader.

Tarshis, L. J
Emma-Jean Lazarus Fell Out of a Tree
 A quirky and utterly logical seventh-grade girl named Emma-Jean Lazarus discovers some interesting results when she gets involved in the messy everyday problems of her peers.

Urban, L. J
A Crooked Kind of Perfect
 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.

Wiles, D. J
Aurora County All Stars
 After the death of the old man to whom twelve-year-old star pitcher House Jackson has been secretly reading for a year, House uncovers secrets about the man and the history of baseball in Aurora County that could fix everything.

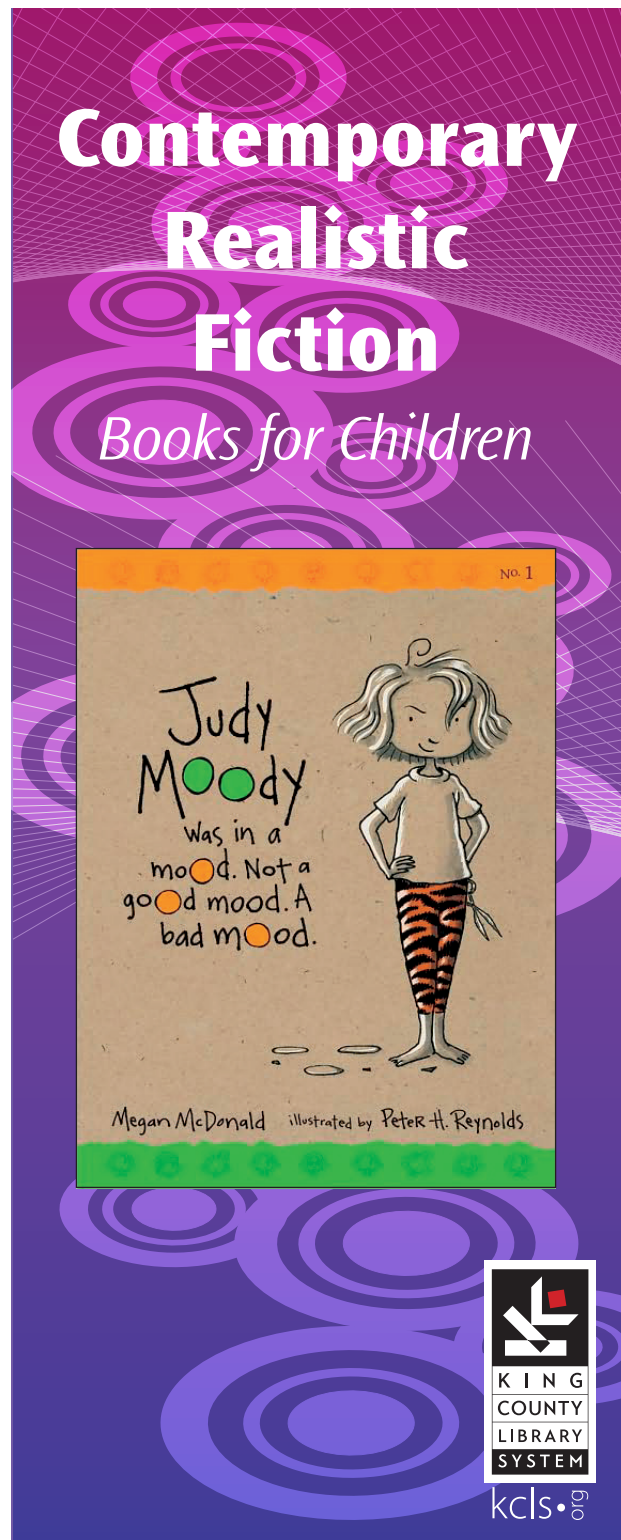
Yee, L. J/Y
Millicent Min, Girl Genius
 In a series of journal entries, eleven-year-old child prodigy Millicent Min records her struggles to learn to play volleyball, tutor her enemy, deal with her grandmother's departure, and make friends over the course of a tumultuous summer.

Zimmer, T. J
Reaching for Sun
 Josie, who lives with her mother and grandmother and has cerebral palsy, befriends a boy who moves into one of the rich houses behind her old farmhouse.

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Books for Younger Readers

- Fleischman, P. J
Seedfolks
People of varying ages and backgrounds transform a trash-filled, inner-city lot into a productive and beautiful garden, and in doing so, the gardeners are themselves transformed.
- Greene, S. J
Owen Foot: Frontiersman
Second grader Owen Foote is looking forward to spending time with his friend Joseph in their tree fort, until some bullies visiting his neighbor, Mrs. Gold, threaten to wreck the fort. Series.
- Hesse, K. J
Just Juice
Realizing that her father's lack of work has endangered her family, Juice decides she must return to school and learn to read in order to help their chances of surviving and keeping their house.
- Holt, K. J
Piper Reed, Navy Brat
Piper is sad about leaving her home and friends behind when her father, a Navy aircraft mechanic, is transferred yet again. With help from her often-annoying sisters and a surprise from their parents, she finds happiness in their new home in Pensacola, Florida.
- Jacobson, J. J
Truly Winnie
Winnie, Zoe and Vanessa are going to summer camp for the first time. Winnie worries no one will like her, she won't have a good time, and her father won't make it to Parent's Day.
- McDonald, M. J
Judy Moody
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. Series.
- Pennypacker, S. J
Clementine
While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, Clementine gains several unique hairstyles and also helps her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.

Books for Older Readers

- Amato, M. J
Naked Mole Rat Letters
When her father begins a long-distance romance with a Washington, D.C. zookeeper, Frankie sends fabricated email letters to the zookeeper in an attempt to end the relationship.
- Bauer, J. J/Y
Stand Tall
Tree, a six-foot-three-inch twelve-year-old, copes with his parents' recent divorce and his failure as an athlete by helping his grandfather, a Vietnam vet and recent amputee, and Sophie, a new girl at school.
- Birdsall, J. J
The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy
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.
- Bruchac, J. J
Heart of a Chief
An eleven-year-old Penacook Indian boy living on a reservation faces his father's alcoholism, a controversy surrounding plans for a casino on a tribal island, and insensitivity toward Native Americans in his school and nearby town.
- Cleary, B. J
Dear Mr. Henshaw
In his letters to his favorite author, ten-year-old Leigh reveals his problems in coping with his parents' divorce, being the new boy in school, and generally finding his own place in the world.
- Clements, A. J
The Jacket
An incident at school forces sixth grader Phil Morelli, a white boy, to become aware of racial discrimination and segregation, and to seriously consider if he himself is prejudiced.
- Cohn, R. J/Y
The Steps
Over Christmas vacation, Annabel goes from her home in Manhattan to visit her father, his new wife, and her half-and step-siblings in Sydney, Australia.

- Creech, S. J/Y
Walk Two Moons
After her mother leaves home suddenly, thirteen-year-old Sal and her grandparents take a car trip retracing her mother's route. Along the way, Sal recounts the story of her friend Phoebe, whose mother also left.
- Frazier, S. J
Brendan Buckley's Universe and Everything In It
Brendan Buckley, a biracial ten-year-old, applies his scientific problem-solving ability and newfound interest in rocks and minerals to connect with his white grandfather, the president of Puyallup Rock Club, and to learn why he and Brendan's mother are estranged.
- Gantos, J. J
Jack on the Tracks: Four Seasons of Fifth Grade
Moving with his unbearable sister to Miami, Florida, Jack tries to break some of his bad habits but finds himself irresistibly drawn to things disgusting, gross and weird.
- Gutman, D. J
Homework Machine
Four fifth-grade students—geek, class clown, teacher's pet and slacker—as well as their teacher and mothers, each relate events surrounding a computer programmed to complete homework assignments.
- Lay, K. J
Crown Me
As part of an experiment in a social studies class, fifth graders Justin Davies and Andrea Carey are declared king and queen for two weeks, but they soon learn that royal life is a royal pain as their classmates revolt.
- MacLachlan, P. J
Edward's Eyes
Edward is one of a large and close family that loves baseball, music, books and each other, and when he unexpectedly dies and his parents donate his organs, his wonderful eyes go to a perfect recipient.
- McKay, H. J
Saffy's Angel
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.