

Mikaelsen, B.

Petey

In 1922, Petey, who has cerebral palsy, is misdiagnosed as an idiot and institutionalized. Sixty years later, still in the institution, he befriends a boy and shares with him the joy of life.

Nimmo, J.

Midnight for Charlie Bone

Charlie Bone's life with his widowed mother and two grandmothers undergoes a dramatic change when he discovers that he can hear people talking in photographs.

Peck, R.

A Year Down Yonder

During the recession of 1937, fifteen-year-old Mary Alice is sent to live with her feisty, larger-than-life grandmother in rural Illinois and comes to a better understanding of this fearsome woman.

Pullman, P.

The Golden Compass

Accompanied by her daemon, Lyra Belacqua sets out to prevent her best friend and other kidnapped children from becoming the subject of gruesome experiments in the Far North.

Rowling, J.

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School for Wizards and Witches.

Spinelli, J.

Loser

Even though his classmates have considered him strange and a loser from first grade on, Daniel Zinkoff's optimism and exuberance and the support of his loving family do not allow him to feel that way about himself.

Stroud, J.

The Amulet of Samarkand

Nathaniel, a magician's apprentice, summons up the djinni Bartimaeus and instructs him to steal the Amulet of Samarkand from the powerful magician Simon Lovelace.

Taylor, M.

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry

An African American family living in the South during the 1930s is faced with prejudice and discrimination that their children do not understand.

Taylor, T.

The Cay

When the freighter on which they are traveling is torpedoed by a German submarine during World War II, an adolescent white boy, blinded by a blow on the head, and an old black man are stranded on a tiny Caribbean island where the boy acquires a new kind of vision, courage and love from his old companion.

Trivino, E.

I, Juan de Pareja

Juan de Pareja, a dark skinned apprentice of the great painter, Velazquez, hopes to become a great painter himself, but it is illegal for him to do so in Spain during the 1600s.

Yee, L.

Millicent Min, Girl Genius

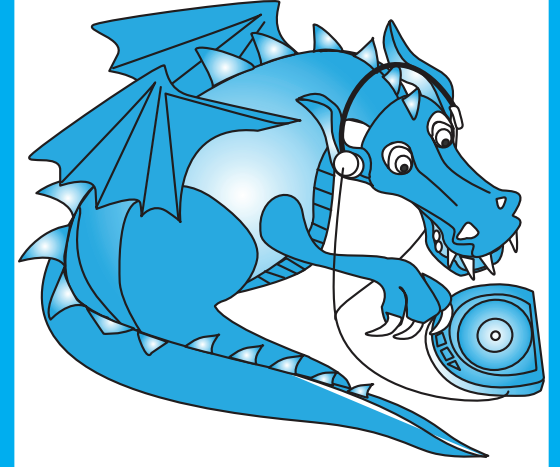
In a series of journal entries, eleven-year-old child prodigy Millicent Min records her struggles to learn to play volleyball, tutor her enemy, deal with her grandmother's departure and make friends over the course of a tumultuous summer.



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Barry, D.
Peter and the Starcatchers
The young orphan Peter and his mates are dispatched to an island ruled by the evil King Zarboff. They set sail aboard the Never Land, a ship carrying a precious and mysterious trunk in its cargo hold, but the journey quickly becomes fraught with excitement and danger. Brink, C.
Caddie Woodlawn
Caddie is an eleven-year-old tomboy who has adventures growing up on the Wisconsin frontier in the mid-nineteenth century. Byng, G.
Molly Moon's Incredible Book of Hypnotism
Unlucky and unloved, Molly Moon, living in a dreary orphanage in a small English town, discovers a hidden talent for hypnotism and hypnotizes her way to stardom in New York City. Choldenko, G.
Al Capone Does My Shirts
A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment, in addition to life with his autistic sister. Codel, E.
Sahara Special
Struggling with school and her feelings since her father left, Sahara gets a fresh start with a new and unique teacher who supports her writing talents and the individuality of each of her classmates. Collins, S.
Gregor the Overlander
When eleven-year-old Gregor and his two-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving men, bats, rats, cockroaches and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy.

Cowell, C.
How to Train Your Dragon
Hiccup Horrendous Haddock, III tells of his adventures and misadventures as he tries to pass the important initiation test of his Viking clan, the Tribe of the Hairy Hooligans, by catching and training a dragon. Curtis, C.
Bud, Not Buddy
Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father—the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids. DiCamillo, K.
The Tale of Despereaux
This story presents the adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess and a devils rat determined to bring them all to ruin. Ditterlizzi, T.
The Field Guide, The Seeing Stone (Spiderwick Chronicles Books 1 and 2)
When the Grace children go to stay at their Great Aunt Lucinda's worn Victorian house, they discover a field guide to fairies and other creatures and begin to have some unusual experiences. Erickson, J.
The Original Adventures of Hank the Cowdog
Hank the Cowdog, Head of Ranch Security, is framed for the murder of a chicken and becomes an outlaw with the coyotes. Funke, C.
The Thief Lord
Two brothers, having run away from the aunt and uncle who plan to adopt only the younger one, are sought by a detective hired by their aunt and uncle, but they have found shelter with—and protection from—Venice's "Thief Lord."

Giff, P.
Pictures of Hollis Woods
A troublesome twelve-year-old orphan, staying with an elderly artist who needs her, remembers the only other time she was happy in a foster home, with a family that truly seemed to care about her. Hiassen, C.
Hoot
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. Hoeye, M.
Time Stops for No Mouse
When Linka Ferlingger, a jaunty mouse, disappears after bringing a watch into his shop to be repaired, Hermux Tantamod is caught up in a dangerous search for eternal youth as he tries to find out what happened to her. Langrish, K.
Troll Fall
Forced to live with his evil identical twin uncles after his father's death, twelve-year-old Peer tries to find a way to stop their plan to sell the neighbor's children to the trolls. McDonald, M.
Stink: the Incredible Shrinking Kid
Judy Moody's little brother, Stink, fears that instead of growing, he is actually shrinking! McKay, H.
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. McKinley, R.
The Blue Sword
Harry, bored with her sheltered life in the remote orange-growing colony of Darra, discovers magic in herself when she is kidnapped by a native king with mysterious powers.