

McKissack, P. J

A Friendship for Today

In 1954, when desegregation comes to Kirkland, Missouri, ten-year-old Rosemary faces many changes and challenges at school and at home as her parents separate.

Peck, R. J/Y

A Long Way From Chicago

Each summer when they visit their unusual grandmother, Joey and Mary Alice have surprising experiences.

Potter, E. J

Pish Posh

Clara Frankofile sits in her parents' elegant New York City restaurant, Pish Posh, and passes judgment on each customer as a Somebody or a Nobody, but her all-seeing eyes fail to observe the mysterious events occurring right under her nose.

Prelutsky, J. J811.54

Behold the Bold Umbrellaphant

What do you get when you cross a toaster with a toad? An umbrella with an elephant? Why, a Pop-up Toadster, and The Bold Umbrellaphant.

Rodda, E. J

Rowan of Rin

Because only he can read the magical map, young Rowan becomes part of an expedition to learn why the village stream has stopped flowing and faces many dangers, including a dragon. (Series)

Sidman, J. J811.54

This Is Just to Say: Poems of Apology

Mrs. Merz assigns her students to write poems of apology, and what they come up with is a wonderful range of emotions and subjects, from dead pets and biting hamsters to angry siblings and betrayal of trust.

Smith, R. J/Y

Thunder Cave

Fourteen-year-old Jacob travels alone to Africa in search of his father, a biologist studying elephants in a remote area of Kenya.

Spinelli, E. J

Summerhouse Time

The approach of summerhouse time at the beach brings back good memories of this annual tradition, of family members cleaning, laughing, eating, playing, and relaxing.

Walters, E. J

Camp X

In 1943, George and brother Jack are spending a restless wartime summer in Whitby, Ontario, until the day they stumble across Canada's top-secret spy camp.

White, R. J

Way Down Deep

In the West Virginia town of Way Down Deep in the 1950s, a foundling called Ruby June is happily living with Miss Arbutus at the local boarding house, when suddenly the mystery of her past begins to unravel.

Yee, L. J/Y

Millicent Min, Girl Genius

In a series of journal entries, child prodigy Millicent Min records her struggles to learn to play volleyball, tutor her enemy, deal with her grandmother's departure, and make friends.

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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Booklist Grades 4 & 5



Turn to us.
The choices will surprise you.

Gardiner, J. J
Stone Fox
Little Willy hopes to pay the back taxes on his grandfather's farm with the prize money from a dog sled race he enters.
Gutman, D. J
Satch and Me: A Baseball Card Adventure
With his ability to travel through time using vintage baseball cards, Joe takes Flip with him to find out whether Satchel Paige really was the fastest pitcher ever. (Series)
Hannigan, K. J
Ida B... and Her Plans to Maximize Fun, Avoid Disaster and (Possibly) Save the World
Ida B spends happy hours being homeschooled and playing in her family's orchard, until her mother begins treatment for cancer and her parents must sell part of the orchard and send her to public school.
Klise, K. J/Y
Letters From Camp
Sent to Camp Happy Harmony to learn how to get along with each other, pairs of brothers and sisters become suspicious of the sinister people running the camp.
Lubar, D. J
Punished
While playing tag in the library, Logan crashes into a mysterious man who punishes him by causing him to speak only in puns.
Mathews, L. J
A Dog for Life
When John, who has a special ability to communicate with animals, finds that his dog, Mouse, is scheduled to go to the pound, he and Mouse decide to run away.
McKay, H. J
Saffy's Angel
After learning that she was adopted, Saffron's relationship with her eccentric family changes until they help her go back to her birthplace, Italy, to find a memento of her past.

Collins, S. J/Y
Gregor the Overlander
When Gregor and his baby 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. (Series)
Crech, S. J
Castle Corona
Two orphaned peasant children discover a mysterious pouch, the contents of which lead them to the majestic Castle Corona, where their lives may be transformed forever.
Curtis, C. J
The Watsons Go to Birmingham--1963
The lives of the Watsons, an African American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963.
Daley, M. J
Shanghaied to the Moon
Desperate to become a space pilot like his mother, Stewart meets an old spacer who offers him the chance to learn AstroNav during a flight to the moon in the year 2065.
Danziger, P. and Martin, A. J/Y
P.S. Longer Letter Later
Best friends Elizabeth and Tara-Starr continue their friendship through letter-writing after Tara-Starr's family moves to another state.
Dicamillo, K. J
Because of Winn-Dixie
India describes her first summer in the town of Naomí, Florida and all the good things that happen because of her big, ugly dog Winn-Dixie.
Feffer, J. J
A Room with a Zoo
Nine-year-old Julie loves animals so much she's assembling a zoo in her room. But, what she really wants is a dog.

Amato, M. J
The Naked Mole-Rat Letters
When her father begins a long-distance romance with a zookeeper from Washington, D.C., twelve-year-old Frankie attempts to sabotage the relationship.
Babbitt, N. J
Jack Plank Tells Tales
Jack Plank is a pirate, but his heart is no longer into plundering and pillaging and it's time to find a regular job. Every job possibility he meets with, however, has quite a story behind it.
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.
Birney, B. J
The World According to Humphrey
Humphrey, pet hamster at Longfellow School, learns that he has an important role to play in helping his classmates and teacher.
Bradley, K. J
The Lacemaker and the Princess
In 1788, eleven-year-old Isabelle, living with her lacemaker grandmother and mother near the palace of Versailles, becomes close friends with Marie Antoinette's daughter, Princess Therese.
Buckley, M. J
The Sisters Grimm: The Fairy-Tale Detectives
Orphans Sabrina and Daphne Grimm are sent to live with an eccentric grandmother that they have always believed to be dead. (Series)
Clements, A. J
No Talking
The noisy fifth grade boys of Laketon Elementary School challenge the equally loud fifth grade girls to a "no talking" contest.