

**Adventures of Nanny Piggins**

by R.A. Spratt Humour  
 When Mr. Green, a stingy widower with three children he cannot be bothered with, decides to find a nanny for his children, he winds up hiring a glamorous ex-circus pig who knows nothing about children but a lot about chocolate. Gr. 5-6

**After All, You're Callie Boone**

by Winnie Mack Realistic Fiction/Sports  
 Runaway ferrets, former BFF drama-trauma, and one gigantic (and very, very public) belly flop. No doubt about it, Callie Boone's summer is crummy. The only things keeping her afloat are dive practice with her dad and a top-secret Olympic dream. Then a boy named Hoot-who is not her boyfriend!-moves in next door and turns her world upside down and right-side up. Gr. 5-6

**Big Nate in a Class by Himself**

by Lincoln Peirce Humour  
 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. Gr. 4-5

**Cosmic**

by Frank Cottrell Boyce Sci/Fi  
 Twelve-year-old Liam, who looks like he is thirty and is tired of being treated like he is older than he actually is, decides he is going to pose as the adult chaperone on the first spaceship to take civilians into space, but when he ends up in outer space with a group of kids and no adult supervision, he must think fast to make things right. Gr. 5-6

**The Crowfield Curse**

by Pat Walsh Fantasy/Historical  
 In 1347, when fourteen-year-old orphan William Paynel, an impoverished servant at Crowfield Abbey, goes into the forest to gather wood and finds a magical creature caught in a trap, he discovers he has the ability to see fays and becomes embroiled in a strange mystery involving Old Magic, a bitter feud, and ancient secrets. Gr. 6

**Dream of Night**

by Heather Henson Realistic Fiction/ Horse  
 Twelve-year-old Shiloh, a troubled foster child, Dream of Night, an abused former racehorse, and their caretaker Jess, a woman who knows how it feels to have loved and lost, find healing by helping one another through their pain. Gr. 5-6

**Emily's Fortune**

by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor Historical Fiction  
 While traveling to her aunt's home in Redbud, quiet young Emily and her turtle, Rufus, team up with Jackson, fellow orphan and troublemaker extraordinaire, to outsmart mean Uncle Victor, who is after Emily's inheritance. Gr. 4

**Fantastic Secret of Owen Jester**

by Barbara O'Connor Realistic Fiction  
 After Owen captures an enormous bullfrog, names it Tooley Graham, then has to release it, he and two friends try to use a small submarine that fell from a passing train to search for Tooley in the Carter, Georgia, pond it came from, while avoiding nosy neighbor Viola. Gr. 4

**The Fast and the Furriest**

by Andy Behrens Realistic Fiction/Dog/Sports  
 The unathletic son of a famous former football star discovers that his equally fat and lazy dog is unexpectedly--and obsessively--interested in competing in dog agility contests. Gr. 5

**Frozen in Time**

by Ali Sparkes Sci/Fi  
 In England, thirteen-year-old Ben and his twelve-year-old sister Rachel find two children who have been cryogenically frozen in a bomb shelter since 1956, and must prevent them from being discovered while helping them adjust to modern life. Gr. 5-6

**Ghost Dog Secrets**

by Peg Kehret Ghost/Dog  
 Sixth-grader Rusty, determined to help an injured dog that is chained outdoors in frigid weather, calls animal control then takes matters into his own hands, aided by his best friend and a ghost collie that leads Rusty to an even deeper secret. Gr. 4-5

**Guinea Dog**

by Patrick Jennings Humour  
 When his mother brings home a guinea pig instead of the dog he has always wanted, fifth-grader Rufus is not happy--until the rodent starts acting exactly like a dog. Gr. 4-5

**Hide and Seek**

by Katy Grant Adventure  
 In the remote mountains of Arizona where he lives with his mother, stepfather, and two sisters, fourteen-year-old Chase discovers two kidnapped boys and gets caught up in a dangerous adventure when he comes up with a plan to get them to safety. Gr. 5-6

**Magic Below Stairs**

by Caroline Stevermer Fantasy  
 Ten-year-old Frederick, who is surreptitiously watched over by a household elf, is plucked from a London orphanage to be a servant to a wealthy wizard, and eventually his uncanny abilities lead him to become the wizard's apprentice. Gr. 5

**Masters of Disaster**

by Gary Paulsen Realistic Fiction/Humour  
 Twelve-year-old Henry Mosely, having decided his life is boring, ropes his friends Riley and Reed into a series of hair-raising adventures, including trying to break world records, visiting a haunted house, and solving a century-old murder. Gr. 4-5

**Museum of Thieves**

by Lian Tanner Fantasy  
 Goldie, an impulsive and bold twelve-year-old, escapes the oppressive city of Jewel, where children are required to wear guardchains for their protection, and finds refuge in the extraordinary Museum of Dunt, an ever-shifting world where she discovers a useful talent for thievery and mysterious secrets that threaten her city and everyone she loves. Gr. 6

**On the Blue Comet**

by Rosemary Wells Fantasy/Historical  
 When the Depression hits in Cairo, Illinois, and Oscar Ogilvie's father must sell their home and vast model train set-up to look for work in California, eleven-year-old Oscar is left with his dour aunt, where he befriends a mysterious drifter, witnesses a stunning bank robbery, and is suddenly catapulted onto a train that takes him to a different time and place. Gr. 5-6

**Out of My Mind**

by Sharon Draper Realistic Fiction  
 Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time. Gr. 5-6

**Saving Sky**

by Diane Stanley Realistic/Sci-fi  
 Sky Brightman, living happily off the grid on sixty acres in New Mexico, with no television or Internet to bring her news of the war going on in the United States, is forced to face reality when her friend Kareem is unjustly arrested. Gr. 5-6

### **Saving Zasha**

by Randi Barrow.

Historical/Dog

In 1945 Russia, those who own German shepherds are considered traitors, but thirteen-year-old Mikhail and his family are determined to keep the dog a dying man brought them, while his classmate Katia strives to learn his secret.

Gr. 5-6

### **The Shadows**

by Jacqueline West

Fantasy

When eleven-year-old Olive and her distracted parents move into an old Victorian mansion, Olive finds herself ensnared in a dark plan involving some mysterious paintings, a trapped and angry nine-year-old boy, and three talking cats

Gr. 5

### **The Strange Case of Origami Yoda**

by Tom Angleberger

Realistic Fiction/Humor

Sixth-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.

Gr. 4-5

### **Sugar and Ice**

by Kate Messner

Realistic Fiction/Sports

Claire, a farm girl, accepts a scholarship from Russian skating coach Andrei Grosheva to train with the elite in Lake Placid, and encounters a world of mean girls on ice, where competition is everything.

Gr. 5

### **A Tale Dark & Grimm**

by Adam Gidwitz

Fantasy

Follows Hansel and Gretel as they walk out of their own story and into eight more tales, encountering such wicked creatures as witches, along with kindly strangers and other helpful folk

Gr. 5-6

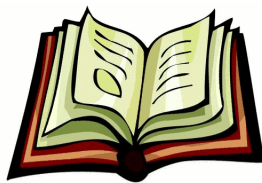
### **We the Children**

by Andrew Clements

Mystery

Ben and his friend Jill find themselves in danger when they discover the secret history of their Massachusetts school and set out to derail a developer's plan to level the building to make way for an amusement park.

Gr. 4



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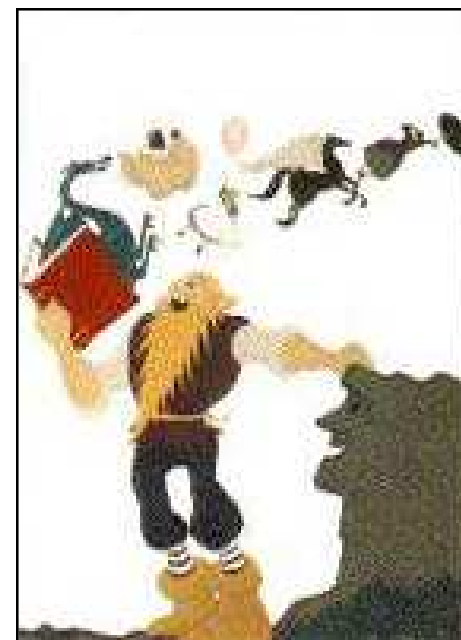
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