

# Everything I Learned About Gifted Kids I Found In Children's Literature

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## Novel Conversations List 3

### **The Absolute Value Of Mike**

By Kathryn Erskine

Fourteen-year-old Mike, whose father is a brilliant mathematician but who has no math aptitude himself, spends the summer in Pennsylvania with relatives helping to raise money to adopt a Romanian orphan.

L: 610 IL: 5-8 RL: 3.5

### **Anastasia, Absolutely**

By Lois Lowry

More adventures of thirteen-year-old Anastasia Krupnick as she tries to deal with a new dog, her school values class, and a personal moral dilemma.

L: 780 IL: 3-6 RL: 4.7

### **Annika Ritz, Math Whiz**

By Claudia Mills

Annika hopes to change her best friends' hatred of math by winning a Sudoku contest, but she does not realize how important their lack of mathematical ability is until they make a mistake at the school carnival.

L: 870 IL: K-3 RL: 4.6

### **As Easy As Falling Off The Face Of The Earth**

By Lynne Rae Perkins

A teenage boy encounters one comedic calamity after another when his train strands him in the middle of nowhere, and everything comes down to luck.

L: 730 IL: YA

### **Athlete vs. Mathlete: Time Out**

By W.C. Mack

Owen wins the last spot at the local basketball camp, leaving his twin brother Russ to join the "Multi-Sport Sampler" camp, but while Russ is inspired to study various sports and make sense of them, Owen is frustrated by not being the star.

IL: 3-6 RL: 4.3

### **Bringing Down The Mouse**

By Ben Mezrich

A mathematically gifted sixth-grader is recruited by a group of students to game the system at the biggest theme park in the world and win the big prize.

L: 1100 IL: 3-6 RL: 4.9

### **Amazing Grace**

By Mary Hoffman

Although a classmate says that she cannot play Peter Pan in the school play because she is black, Grace discovers that she can do anything she sets her mind to do.

L: 680 IL: K-3 RL: 4.1

### **Anne Of Green Gables**

By L.M. Montgomery

Anne, an eleven-year-old orphan, is sent by mistake to live with a lonely, middle-aged brother and sister on a Prince Edward Island farm and proceeds to make an indelible impression on everyone around her.

IL: 5-8

### **Artemis Fowl**

By Eoin Colfer

Twelve-year-old Artemis Fowl is a millionaire, a genius—and above all, a criminal mastermind. But even Artemis doesn't know what he's taken on when he kidnaps a fairy.

L: 600 IL: 5-8 RL: 5.5

### **Athlete vs. Mathlete: Double Dribble**

By W.C. Mack

Fraternal twins Russ and Owen's domination of the seventh-grade basketball team falters when Mitch and Marcus Matthews, identical twins, arrive and prove their skill on the court and in the classroom.

IL: 3-6 RL: 4.4

### **The Boy On The Porch**

By Sharon Creech

One day a couple wakes up to find a boy asleep on their porch. As their connection to them grows, they embrace his exuberant spirit and talents.

L: 680 IL: 3-6 RL: 4.0

### **Brown Girl Dreaming**

By Jacqueline Woodson

Jacqueline Woodson tells the moving story of her childhood in mesmerizing verse.

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By Carol Ryrie Brink

The adventures of an eleven-year-old tomboy growing up on the Wisconsin frontier in the mid-nineteenth century.

L: 890 IL: 5-8 RL: 6.0

### **Catherine, Called Birdy**

By Karen Cushman

Catherine feels trapped because her father is determined to marry her off to a rich man. But by wit, trickery and luck, Catherine manages to send several would-be husbands packing. Then a shaggy-bearded suitor from the north comes to call.

IL: 5-8 RL: 5.1

### **Chrysanthemum**

By Kevin Henkes

Chrysanthemum loves her name, until she starts going to school and the other children make fun of it.

L: 460 IL: K-3 RL: 2.8

### **The Copernicus Legacy: The Forbidden Stone**

By Tony Abbott

Wade, Lily, Darrell, and Becca fly from Texas to Germany for the funeral of an old family friend. But instead of just paying their respects, they wind up on a dangerous, mind-blowing quest to unlock an ancient, guarded secret that could destroy the fate of the world.

L: 680 IL: 5-8 RL: 5.2

### **The Cruisers**

By Walter Dean Myers

Friends, Zander, Kambui, LaShonda, and Bobbi, caught in the middle of a mock Civil War at DaVinci Academy, learn the true cost of freedom of speech when they use their alternative newspaper, The Cruiser, to try to make peace.

L: 810 IL: 5-8 RL: 4.9

### **Dear Mr. Henshaw**

By Beverly Cleary

Explores the thoughts and emotions of a sixth-grade boy, Leigh Botts, in letter form as he writes to his favorite author, Boyd Henshaw.

L: 910 IL: 3-6 RL: 4.9

### **Capture The Flag**

By Kate Messner

When the original Star Spangled Banner is stolen, Anne, Jack, and Henry, all descendants of the Silver Jaguar Society, pursue suspects through baggage handling tunnels while stranded at a Washington, D.C., airport during a snowstorm.

L: 700 IL: 3-6 RL: 4.5

### **Chasing The Milky Way**

By Erin E. Moulton

Lucy Peevey, twelve, and her best friend, Cam, are perfecting the robot that could win a competition, a scholarship and a way out of Sunnyside Trailer Park when Lucy's mother goes off her medication and her manic-depressive disorder goes out of control.

IL: 3-6 RL: 6.4

### **Cinder: Book One The Lunar Chronicles**

By Marissa Meyer

As plague ravages the overcrowded Earth, observed by a ruthless lunar people, Cinder, a gifted mechanic and cyborg, becomes involved with handsome Prince Kai and must uncover secrets about her past in order to protect the world.

IL: YA

### **A Crooked Kind Of Perfect**

By Linda Urban

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.

L: 730 IL: 3-6 RL: 4.3

### **The Cruisers: Oh Snap!**

By Walter Dean Myers

When their journalistic counterparts at a school in England begin to add incriminating photographs to their articles, the Cruisers and students at Harlem's DaVinci Academy realize that words and pictures do not always tell the whole story.

L: 820 IL: 5-8 RL: 5.0

### **Dork In Disguise**

By Carol Gorman

Starting middle school in a new town, brainy Jerry Flack changes his image from "dork" to "cool kid", only to discover that he'd rather be himself.

RL: 5.5

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Having reluctantly agreed to run for sixth-grade president, Jerry, who has been trying to change his image as a dork, finds his opponent playing dirty tricks on him.

RL: 3.4

### **The Eleventh Hour: A Curious Mystery**

By Graeme Base

An elephant's eleventh birthday party is marked by eleven games preceding the banquet to be eaten at the eleventh hour; but when the time to eat arrives, the birthday feast has disappeared. The reader is invited to guess the thief.

IL: 3-6 RL: 3.5

### **Ender's Shadow**

By Orson Scott Card

Growing up is never easy. But try living on the streets as a child begging for food and fighting like a dog with ruthless gangs of starving kids who wouldn't hesitate to pound your skull into pulp for a scrap of apple. It's how to survive – not with fists but with brains.

L:780 IL: YA

### **Eye Of The Storm**

By Kate Messner

In the not-too-distant future, huge tornadoes and monster storms are a part of everyday life. Sent to spend the summer in the heart of storm country with her father in the special StormSafe community his company has developed, Jaden Meggs is excited to reconnect with her dad. L: 740 IL: 5-8 RL: 4.8

### **Fever 1793**

By Laurie Halse Anderson

In 1793 Philadelphia, sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic.

L: 580 IL: 5-8 RL: 5.0

### **The Fourteenth Goldfish**

By Jennifer L. Holm

Eleven-year-old Ellie has never liked change. She misses fifth grade. She misses her old best friend. She even misses her dearly departed goldfish. Then one day a strange boy shows up and looks a lot like Ellie's grandfather, a scientist who's always been obsessed with immortality.

L: 550 IL: 3-6 RL: 4.4

### **Electric Ben: The Amazing Life Of Benjamin**

#### **Franklin**

By Robert Byrd

Presents a detailed tribute to the life and work of the Founding Father that augments parchment-style spreads with artwork, facts, and quotes.

L: 1050 IL: 5-8 RL: 7.7

### **Emma-Jean Lazarus Fell Out Of A Tree**

By Lauren Tarshis

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.

L: 830 IL: 5-8 RL: 5.5

### **Every Day After**

By Lauren Golden

A young girl fights to keep her mama out of the mental ward, her home away from the bank, and herself out of the orphanage after her father abandons her and her mother in depression-era Alabama.

L:700 IL:3-6 RL: 4.6

### **Family Ties: The Theory, Practice, and Destructive Properties of Relatives**

By Gary Paulsen

Kevin Spencer has a history of big ideas going completely awry. This time around, he's kind of in charge of a double wedding and a whole tribe of wacky relatives crowding him out of his own house.

L: 840 IL: 5-8 RL: 5.4

### **Flowers For Algernon**

By Daniel Keyes

A mentally challenged man receives an operation that turns him into a genius... and introduces him to heartache.

L: 910 IL: YA

### **Framed: A Swindle Mystery**

By Gordon Korman

Griffin Bing is in big trouble when a Super Bowl ring disappears from his middle school's display case, replaced by Griffin's retainer, and the more he and his friends investigate, the worse his situation becomes.

L: 730 IL: 3-6 RL: 5.2

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After an explosion, a new crime by an old murderer, and the sad passing of the founder of Norvelt, Pennsylvania, twelve-year-old Jack accompanies his slightly mental elderly mentor, Miss Volker, on a cross-country run as she pursues the oddest of outlaws.

L: 930 IL: 5-8 RL: 6.5

### **Gathering Blue**

By Lois Lowry

Lame and suddenly orphaned, Kira is mysteriously removed from her squalid village to live in the palatial Council Edifice, where she is expected to use her gifts as a weaver to do the bidding of the all-powerful Guardians.

L: 680 IL: YA

### **The Ghosts Of Tupelo Landing**

By Sheila Turnage

When Miss Lana accidentally buys a haunted inn at the Tupelo Landing town auction, Desperado Detective – Mo LoBeau and her best friend Dale – open up a paranormal division to solve the ghost's identity before the town's big 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary bash.

L: 550 IL: 5-8 RL: 4.6

### **The Girl From The Tar Paper School**

By Teri Kanefield

Describes a peaceful protest organized by teenager Barbara Rose Johns in order to secure a permanent building for her segregated high school in Virginia in 1951, and explains how her actions helped fuel the civil rights movement.

L: 1100 IL: 5-8 RL: 7.2

### **Good Enough**

By Paula Yoo

Debut novel about an overachiever who longs to fit in and strives to stand out. Patti's parents expect nothing less than the best. Everything affects her chances of getting into an Ivy League school.

L: 880 IL: YA

### **The Great Wall Of Lucy Wu**

By Wendy Wang-Long Shang

Eleven-year-old aspiring basketball star and interior designer Lucy Wu is excited about finally having her own bedroom, until she learns that her great-aunt is coming to visit and Lucy will have to share a room with her for several months, shattering her plans for the perfect sixth-grade year. L: 700 IL: 3-6 RL: 4.6

### **Full Ride**

By Margaret Peterson Haddix

After her father is convicted of embezzlement, Becca Jones, fourteen, and her mother flee Georgia for small-town Ohio but three years later she learns that his misdeeds may have jeopardized not just her future but also her life.

L: 800 IL: YA

### **A Gebra Named Al: A Novel**

By Wendy Isdell

Julie hates algebra- until she meets a Gebra named Al. In this student book, Julie, Al, and the Periodic horses journey through the Land of Mathematics, where the Orders of Operations are real places.

IL: YA

### **Gifted**

By Beth Evangelista

George is gifted - ahead of his classmates. His parents worship him, and his teachers adore him. Most of his classmates avoid him, until the Bruise Brothers, the intellectually challenged members of the school football team decide they want George to pass a test of their own design. IL: 5-8 RL: 5.9

### **The Golden Door**

By Emily Rodda

At night the skimmers fly over the Wall looking for human prey and the people of Weld huddle in their houses. But after his two brothers set out through the magic doors in an attempt to find the Enemy and don't come back, young Rye knows that he must follow and find them. L: 820 IL: 3-6 RL: 5.5

### **Gooney Bird And All Her Charms**

By Lois Lowry

Gooney Bird's Great Uncle Walter lends her second grade class a skeleton while they study human anatomy, and at the end of the month the students use Gooney Bird's charm bracelet to present all they have learned.

L: 610 IL: 3.6 RL: 4.4

### **Here's To You Rachel Robinson**

By Judy Blume

Expelled from boarding school, Charles' presence at home proves disruptive, especially for sister Rachel, a gifted seventh grader juggling friendships and school activities.

L: 650 IL: 5-8 RL: 5.9

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Ben and his friends are excited to play in their town's All-Star Baseball league. Ben gets hit by a pitch; Justin, the team's best hitter, is acting weird. Like good teammates do, Justin and Ben help each other deal with their issues.

L: 940 IL: 3-6 RL: 5.3

### **I Hate Being Gifted**

By Patricia Hermes

A young sixth-grader fears her friends will desert her when she advances to a special class for gifted children.

IL: 4-6

### **Jackpot**

By Gordon Korman

Griffin Bing and his friends are trying to locate Mr. Fielder's missing thirty million dollar lottery ticket, and thwart the local bully, Darren Vader, who wants to find it for himself.

IL: 3-6

### **Joshua Dread: The Nameless Hero**

By Lee Bacon

Joshua Dread accepts an invitation to Gifted & Talented, a summer program for children with super powers, but he and his friends have been chosen to form the greatest superhero team of all time; and their fame could mean trouble for his supervillain parents.

L: 700 IL: 3-6 RL: 5.4

### **Listen!**

By Stephanie Tolan

During her solitary convalescence from a crippling accident, twelve-year-old Charley finds a wild dog, and the arduous process of training him leads her to explore her feelings about her mother's death two years earlier.

L:910 IL: 5-8 RL: 5.4

### **Loot: How To Steal A Fortune**

By Jude Watson

When Allie McQuinn, the notorious jewel thief, is killed on the job, his last words to his son were, "Find Jewels". This instruction leads the boy to Jules, his twin sister he never knew and the perfect partner to carry on the family business.

L: 560 IL: 5-8 RL: 4.7

### **I Am Malala: Young Reader's Edition**

By Malala Yousafzai

A best-selling memoir, we hear first-hand the remarkable story of a girl who knew from a young age that she wanted to change the world. Malala was taught to stand up for what she believed in and was shot. Nobody expected her to survive.

IL: 5-8 RL: 5.8

### **I Kill The Mockingbird**

By Paul Acampora

When best friends Lucy, Elena, and Michael receive their summer reading list, they are excited to see *Kill A Mockingbird* included. But not everyone in their class shared the same enthusiasm so they hatch a plot to get the entire town talking about the well-known Harper Lee classic. IL: 5-8 RL: 5.9

### **Josephine: The Dazzling Life of Josephine**

**Baker**

By Patricia Hruby Powell

A portrait of the passionate performer and civil rights advocate, Josephine Baker, the woman who worked her way from the slums of St. Louis to the grandest places in the world.

L: 790 IL: 3-6 RL: 4.8

### **Kelsey Green, Reading Queen**

By Claudia Mills

Kelsey is the best reader in her third grade class, and she is determined to lead her class to victory in the all-school reading contest.

L: 750 IL: K-3 RL: 4.7

### **Listening For Lucca**

By Suzanne LaFleur

Thirteen-year-old Siena's visions of the past intensify when her family moves to the Maine coast hoping her little brother will begin speaking, and she connects with residents of the house from many years earlier who faced a similar problem.

L: 580 IL: 3-6 RL: 4.4

### **The Lucy Variations**

By Sara Zarr

Sixteen-year-old Lucy Beck-Moreau once had a promising future as a concert pianist. Her chance at a career has passed, and she decides to help her ten-year-old piano prodigy brother, Gus, map out his own future.

L: 610 IL: YA

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### **Manhunt**

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Henry, Anna, and Jose, the junior members of the Silver Jaguar Society, are on a mission in Paris to uncover the Mona Lisa- but when senior members of the Society are taken hostage, it is up to Henry to rescue them while continuing to pursue the missing masterpiece.

L: 720 IL: 3-6 RL: 4.3

### **A Midsummer Night's Dork**

By Carol Gorman

Jerry Flack, recently-elected sixth-grade president, organizes an Elizabethan festival at school but accepts a challenge from a bully that may mean he will once again be considered a "dork".

RL: 3.8

### **Ninja Detective: The Case Of The Time-Capsule**

#### **Bandit**

By Octavia Spencer

Deer Creek is a small town whose only hope for survival is the success of their Founder's Day Festival. But the festival's main attraction, a time capsule people believe holds the town's treasure is missing.

L: 680 IL: 3-6 RL: 4.9

### **Otherwise Known As Sheila The Great**

By Judy Blume

A summer in Tarrytown, N.Y., is a lot of fun for ten-year-old Sheila even though her friends make her face up to some self-truths she doesn't want to admit.

L: 590 IL: 3-6 RL: 4.0

### **The Penderwicks On Gardham Street**

By Jeanne Birdsall

The four Penderwick sisters are faced with the unimaginable prospect of their widowed father dating, and they hatch a plot to stop him.

L: 850 IL: 3-6 RL: 5.3

### **Poison Most Vial: A Mystery**

By Benedict Carey

When a famous forensic scientist turns up dead and Ruby's father becomes the prime suspect, Ruby must marshal everyone she can to help solve the mystery and prove her father didn't poison his boss.

L: 610 IL: 5-8 RL: 5.1

### **The Map Trap**

By Andrew Clements

Sixth-grader Alton Barnes loves maps, and when his portfolio of secret maps is stolen, he begins getting notes with orders that he must obey to get the maps back.

IL: 3-6 RL: 4.7

### **Nickel By Nick**

By Dean Pitchford

When eleven-year-old Sam gets into trouble and is forced to work for his reclusive neighbor, Mr. Wells, he soon finds out that his mysterious new acquaintance hides many secrets of his own – including one that will change Sam's life forever.

IL:3-6 RL: 5.3

### **Orientation: The School For Gifted Potentials**

By Allis Wade

One hundred years in the future, Government Observers roam the classrooms of average learners, looking for the rare gifted learners still left in the general population.

### **Paperboy**

By Vince Vawter

When an eleven-year-old boy takes over a friend's newspaper route in July, 1959, in Memphis, his debilitating stutter makes for a memorable month.

L: 940 IL: 5-8 RL: 5.5

### **Poached**

By Stuart Gibbs

Twelve-year-old Teddy Fitzroy is the prime suspect when FunJungle's newly-acquired koala goes missing, thanks to a prank staged by middle school bully Vance Jessup.

L: 750 IL: 3-6 RL: 4.2

### **Pop**

By Gordon Korman

Lonely after a midsummer move to a new town, sixteen-year-old high-school quarterback Marcus Jordan becomes friends with a retired professional linebacker who is great at training him, but whose childish behavior keeps Marcus in hot water.

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By Joyce Annette Barnes

Annie Armstrong faces her eighth-grade year and a whole world of new pressures as she struggles to achieve her goal of becoming an astronaut.

RL: 5.2

### **The Real Boy**

By Anne Ursu

A shy boy named Oscar who works as the hand to a powerful magic worker becomes the only person who can save his village from an evil monster.

L: 730 IL: 3-6 RL: 4.8

### **Revelations: The School For Gifted Potentials**

By Allis Wade

Everett is officially a Gifted Potential. Just as he is learning to juggle assignments, friends, and his myriad of emotions, an unexpected visitor to The School for Gifted Potentials is announced. The school transforms as the staff and students eagerly await their famous guest.

### **The School Story**

By Andrew Clements

Twelve-year-old Natalie has written a fabulous book and is determined to get it published. Even though Natalie's mother is an assistant editor for a major publisher, she doesn't want any favors.

L: 760 IL: 3-6 RL: 5.2

### **The Secret Box**

By Whitaker Ringwald

On her twelfth birthday, Jax Malone receives an odd, unopenable present from an estranged aunt. When Jax and her cousins go on a quest to open the box, they uncover a mystery with magical consequences.

L: 580 IL: 3-6 RL: 3.9

### **Stanford Wong Flunks Big Time**

By Lisa Yee

After flunking sixth-grade English, basketball prodigy Stanford Wong must struggle to pass his summer-school class, keep his failure a secret from his friends, and satisfy his academically demanding father.

L: 650 IL: 3-6 RL: 5.3

### **Pulse**

By Patrick Carman

In the year 2051, when most Americans live in one of two gigantic modern States, Faith Daniels, part of a dwindling group that lives between, learns that she, like other misfits, has unusual abilities that could help when the inevitable war begins.

L: 820 IL: YA

### **The Report Card**

By Andrew Clements

Nora Rose Rowley is a genius. She's managed to make it to the fifth grade without anyone figuring out she's not just an ordinary kid, and she wants to keep it that way. But then Nora gets fed up with the importance everyone attaches to scores and grades.

L: 700 IL: 3-6 RL: 4.5

### **Sasquatch In The Paint**

By Kareem Abdul Jabbar

Eight-grader Theo Rollins' growth spurt has Coach Mandrake trying to transform him into a basketball star, but training is hurting the science club's chances of winning the "Aca-lympics".

L: 660 IL: 5-8 RL: 5.5

### **Schooled**

By Gordon Korman

Homeschooled by his hippie grandmother, Cap Anderson has never watched TV or tasted pizza. When his grandmother lands in the hospital, Cap is forced to move in with a guidance counselor and attend the local middle school.

L: 740 IL: 5-8 RL: 4.9

### **Somebody On This Bus Is Going To Be Famous**

By J.B. Cheaney

During a torrential rainstorm, a school bus goes off the road and with the driver unconscious, it is up her passengers to try to rescue each other and go for help.

IL: 5-8 RL: 6.5

### **The Strange Case Of The Origami Yoda**

By Tom Angleberger

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.

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By Neal Shusterman

With a plot combining science and the supernatural, four kids are caught up in a dangerous plan concocted by the eccentric inventor, Nikola Tesla.

L: 870 IL: 5-8 RL: 6.3

### **Timmy Failure: Now Look What You've Done**

By Stephan Pastis

Timmy Failure, president, founder and CEO of the greatest detective agency in town, is about to crack the biggest case of his generation; a school competition to find a stolen globe.

L: 470 IL: 3-6

### **Things Not Seen**

By Andrew Clements

When fifteen-year-old Bobby wakes up and finds himself invisible, he and his parents and his new blind friend Alicia try to find out what caused his condition and how to reverse it.

L: 690 IL: 5-8 RL: 5.0

### **The Unknowns: A Mystery**

By Benedict Carey

When people start vanishing from a godforsaken trailer park next to the Folsom Energy Plant, two eleven-year-olds investigate using mathematical clues that were hastily planted by their friend Mrs. Clark before she disappeared.

L: 760 IL: 5-8 RL: 5.1

### **The Watsons Go To Birmingham - 1963**

By Christopher Paul Curtis

Enter the world of ten-year-old Kenny and his family, the "weird" Watsons of Flint, Michigan. When Mom and Dad decide to visit Grandma, the Watsons head off to Birmingham, Alabama, where they witness a tragic historic event.

L: 1000 IL: 5-8 RL: 5.0

### **Where I Belong**

By Mary Downing Hahn

Eleven-year-old Brendan Doyle doesn't get along with his foster mother, he's failing fifth grade, and he's bullied mercilessly by a band of boys in his class. Then Brendan meets two potential friends.

IL: 5-8 RL: 5.3

### **Timmy Failure: Mistakes Were Made**

By Stephan Pastis

Timmy Failure is the founder, president, and CEO of the best detective agency in town, probably the nation – along with his lazy sidekick, Total, a 1,500 pound polar bear.

L: 520 IL: 3-6 RL: 3.8

### **The True Confessions Of Charlotte Doyle**

By Avi

As the "young lady" on a transatlantic voyage in 1832, Charlotte learns that the captain is murderous and the crew rebellious.

IL: 5-8 RL: 5.3

### **Tuck Everlasting**

By Natalie Babbitt

When ten-year-old Winnie Foster stumbles upon the Tuck family's disturbing secret, she is forced to come to terms with her conflicting emotions. After drinking from a magic spring, the Tuck family tries to make Winnie understand that the terrible magic of the forest spring can never be revealed. IL: 5-8 RL: 5.9

### **Wake Up Missing**

By Kate Messner

After a concussion that affects her balance, memory, and other abilities, twelve-year-old Kat goes to I-Can, the "Miracle Clinic in the Swamp", where she joins forces with other patients to expose a plot that endangers them all.

L: 660 IL: 5-8 RL: 4.4

### **When Marian Sang**

By Pam Munoz Ryan

An introduction to the life of Marian Anderson, extraordinary signer and civil rights activist, who was the first African American to perform at the Metropolitan Opera, whose life and career encouraged social change.

L: 780 IL: K-3 RL: 4.6

### **Where The Wild Things Are**

By Maurice Sendak

A naughty little boy, sent to bed without his supper sailed to the land of the wild things where he becomes king.

IL: K-3



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Eleven-year-old twins Oz and Lily are recruited by a talking cat to assist her and M16 in foiling the dastardly plans of their great-great-uncle, a chocolatier who used magic to make a candy that bestows immortality.

L: 700 IL: 5-8 RL: 6.0

### **Written In Stone**

By Rosanne Parry

A young girl in a Pacific Northwest Native American tribe in the 1920's must deal with the death of her father and the loss of her tribe's traditional ways.

L: 810 IL: 3-6 RL: 5.3

### **Wild Pitch: A Novel**

By Cal Ripken, Jr.

Robbie Hammond, the Dulane Orioles' pitcher, has to persevere through a losing season.

L: 700 IL: 3-6 RL: 4.6

### **The Very Ordered Existence Of Merilee Marvelous**

By Suzanne Crowley

In the small town of Jumbo, Texas, thirteen-year-old Merrilee, who has Asperger's Syndrome, tries to live a "very ordered existence". But disruption begins when a boy and his father arrive in town, and the youngster makes himself a part of the family.

L: 800 IL: 5-8 RL: 4.7