

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

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Ada Twist And The Perilous Pants

By Andrea Beaty

When Rosie Revere's Uncle Ned gets a little carried away wearing his famous helium pants, it's up to Ada and friends to chase him down. As Uncle Ned floats farther and farther away, Ada starts asking lots of questions: How high can a balloon float?

IL: K-3 RL: 3.0 L: 560

All The Greys On Greene Street

By Laura Tucker

Twelve-year-old Olympia is an artist. Her dad and his business partner Apollo bring antique paintings back to life, while her mother makes intricate sculptures in a corner of their loft, leaving Ollie to roam the streets of New York with her best friends Richard and Alex, drawing everything that catches her eye. IL: 3-6 RL:4.5

Baabwaa And Wooliam

By David Elliott

Baabwaa and William are friends, and together they decide to have an adventure of their own. After meeting a fierce wolf in sheep's wool they form an unusual friendship with the wolf, teaching him to read and knit. They also lose a little weight.

IL: K-3 RL: 1.9 L: 530

The Big Game

By Tim Green

Danny Owens is dedicating his seventh-grade football season to his recently-deceased father, an NFL legend, but the pressure to succeed is magnified by his inability to read.

IL: 5-8 RL: 5.7 L: 670

The Book Of Boy

By Catherine Gilbert Murdock

In 1350, a boy with a large hump on his back becomes the servant of a shadowy pilgrim on his way to Rome, who pulls the boy into a dangerous expedition across Europe to gather the seven precious relics of Saint Peter.

IL: 3-6 RL: 4.7

Broken Things

By Lauren Oliver

It's been five years since Summer Marks was murdered in the woods. Everyone thinks Mia and Brynn killed their best friend. But they didn't do it. An insignificant Discovery resurrects the mystery.

IL: YA L: 760

All Four Stars

By Tara Dairman

Eleven-year-old Gladys Gatsby loves food and cooking, so when she lands an assignment to write a restaurant review for a New York City newspaper, she will do anything to make it happen, even risk the wrath of her fast-food loving parents.

IL: 3-6 RL: 6.0 L: 950

Angel Thieves

By Kathi Appelt

The lives of four characters, including cemetery thief Cade Curtis, a runaway slave, and an illegally captured ocelot, flow together across time through their connections to the Houston bayou and an angel carved from Georgia marble.

IL: YA L: 900

The Benefits Of Being An Octopus

By Ann Braden

Eleventh-grader Zoey Albro focuses on caring for three younger siblings and avoiding rich classmates at school until her fascination with octopuses gets her on the debate team and she begins to speak out.

IL: 3-6 RL: 4.9 L: 770

Blended

By Sharon M. Draper

Eleven-year-old Isabella's family is more divided than ever in this thoughtful story about divorce and racial identity.

IL: 3-6 L: 610

The Bridge Home

By Padma Venkatraman

Viji and Rukku are runaway sisters and their prospects look grim. Very quickly, they discover how vulnerable they are in this uncaring, dangerous world.

Fortunately, they find shelter--and friendship--on an abandoned bridge with two homeless boys, Muthi and Arul. IL: 5-8 RL: 4.0 L: 680

Calpurnia Tate: A Squirrely Situation

By Jacqueline Kelly

When Callie's brother brings home a baby squirrel, and names it Fluffy, Mother isn't so sure Fluffy will make a good family pet.

IL: 3-6 RL: 4.4 L: 700

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Cape: The League Of Secret Heroes

By Kate Hannigan

Soon after being recruited by the mysterious Mrs. Boudica to join a secret military intelligence operation, Josie, Mae, and Akiko discover their superhero abilities and use them to thwart a Nazi plot to steal the ENIAC computer.

IL: 5-8 RL: 4:9 L: 760

Checked

By Cynthia Kadohata

To help his dog through cancer treatment, Conor gives up hockey and finds himself considering who he is without the sport that has defined him, and connecting more with his family and best friend.

IL: 3-6 RL: 6.7 L: 1060

The Doughnut King

By Jessie Janowitz

Tris tries to save his doughnut business and town of Petersville, New York, by competing on a cooking show.

IL: 3-6 RL: 4.9

Dry

By Neal Shusterman

When the California drought escalates to catastrophic proportions, Alyssa's quiet suburban street spirals into a warzone in the hunt for water. And that's when her parents go missing.

IL: YA L: 790

Finding Audrey

By Sophie Kinsella

An anxiety disorder disrupts fourteen-year-old Audrey's daily life. She's been making slow but steady progress with Dr. Sarah. When Audrey meets Linus, her brother's gaming teammate, she is energized. Audrey can talk through her fears with Linus in a way she's never been able to do with anyone before. IL: YA L: 540

Finding Orion

By John David Anderson

Rion Kwirk comes from a rather odd family. His mother named him and his sisters after her favorite constellations, and his father makes funky-flavored jellybeans for a living. But no one in the family is more odd than Rion's grandfather, Papa Kwirk.

IL: 3-6 RL: 5.8

Charlie Thorne And The Last Equation

By Stuart Gibbs

The CIA forces twelve-year-old Charlotte "Charlie" Thorne, a rebellious genius, to use her code-breaking skills on an epic global chase to locate Einstein's last equation before dangerous agents discover it and unlock the solution to harnessing energy. IL: 5-8 RL: 6.6

Child Of The Dream: A Memoir Of 1963

By Sharon Robinson

In 1963, Sharon Robinson turned thirteen the night before George Wallace declared on national television 'segregation now, segregation tomorrow, segregation forever'. That was the start of a year that would become one of the most pivotal years in the history of America. IL: 3-6 RL: 3.7

Dread Nation

By Justina Ireland

When families go missing in Baltimore County, Jane McKeene, who is studying to become an Attendant, finds herself in the middle of a conspiracy that has her fighting for her life against powerful enemies.

IL: YA RL: 870

Fast Break

By Derek Jeter

Young Derek bites off more than he can chew when he decides to enter the school talent show and try out for the basketball team.

IL: 3-6 RL: 4.8 L: 690

Finding Langston

By Lesa Cline-Ransome

Discovering a book of Langston Hughes' poetry in the library helps Langston cope with the loss of his mother, relocating from Alabama to Chicago as part of the Great Migration, and being bullied.

IL: 3-6 RL: 3.2 L: 760

Firegirl

By Tony Abbott

A middle school boy's life is changed when Jessica, a girl disfigured by burns, starts attending his Catholic school while receiving treatment at a local hospital.

IL: 3-6 RL: 4.1 L: 670

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Flashback Four: The Hamilton-Burr Duel

By Dan Gutman

The Flashback Four are coerced by a secret government organization, NOYB, to travel to July 1804 Weehawken, New Jersey, to witness the duel between Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr.

IL: 3-6

Genesis Begins Again

By Alicia D. Williams

Thirteen-year-old Genesis tries again and again to lighten her black skin, thinking it is the root of her family's troubles, before discovering reasons to love herself as is.

IL: 5-8 RL: 5.8 L: 670

The Girl In The Locked Room

By Mary Downing Hahn

Told in two voices, Jules, whose father is restoring an abandoned house, and a girl who lived there a century before, begin to communicate and slowly, the girl's tragic story is revealed.

IL:3-6 RL: 4.3 L: 650

Going Places

By Peter and Paul Reynolds

Rafael has looked forward to the Going Places contest and builds his go-cart from a kit in record time, but his neighbor, Maya, has a much more interesting and creative idea for her entry and Rafael decides to help.

IL: K-3 RL: 3.4 L: 480

Grace For President

By Kelly DiPucchio

When Grace discovers that there has never been a female U.S. President, she decides to run for school president.

IL: K-3 RL: 4.6

Greystone Secrets: The Strangers

By Margaret Peterson Haddix

Told from separate viewpoints, Chess, Emma, and Finn Greystone ages twelve, ten, and eight, investigate why their mother went missing and uncover their ties to an alternate world.

IL: K-3 RL: 4.7 L: 730

The Friendship War

By Andrew Clements

Grace and Ellie have been best friends since second grade. Ellie's always right in the center of everything--and Grace is usually happy to be Ellie's sidekick. But what happens when everything changes?

IL: 3-6 RL: 5.2 L: 770

Ghost Boys

By Jewell Parker Rhodes

After seventh-grader Jerome is shot by a white police officer, he observes the aftermath of his death and meets the ghosts of other fallen black boys including historical figure Emmett Till.

IL: 5-8 RL: 3.9 L: 360

The Girl Who Thought In Pictures

By Julia Finley Mosca

Describes the life and accomplishments of the animal scientist and designer of cruelty-free livestock facilities, from her early life and autism diagnosis through her journey to become a livestock expert.

IL: K-3 RL:3.2 L: 680

A Good Kind Of Trouble

By Lisa Moore Ramee

Twelve-year-old Shayla is allergic to trouble. All she wants to do is to follow the rules. But in junior high, it's like all the rules have changed. Now she's suddenly questioning who her best friends are and some people at school are saying she's not black enough. IL: 3-6 RL: 4.8 L: 720

The Great Jeff

By Tony Abbott

Thirteen-year-old Jeff's life spirals downward into homelessness after his alcoholic mother loses her job.

IL: 3-6 RL: 5.7 L: 550

Heartless

By Marissa Meyer

In this prequel to Alice in Wonderland, Cath would rather open a bakery and marry for love than accept a proposal from the King of Hearts, especially after meeting the handsome and mysterious court jester.

IL: YA L: 780

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Hidden Figures

By Margot Lee Shetterly

Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, and Christine Darden were good at math. They participated in some of NASA's greatest successes, like providing the calculations for America's first journeys into space. And they did so during a time when being black and a woman limited what they could do. IL: K-3 RL: 4.5 L: 980

How High The Moon

By Karyn Parsons

Eleven-year-old Ella seeks information about her father while enjoying a visit with her mother, a jazz singer, in Boston in 1944, then returns to the harsh realities of segregated, small-town South Carolina.

IL: 3-6 RL: 6.2

Imagine

By Raul Colon

When a boy visits an art museum and one of the paintings comes to life, he has an afternoon of adventure and discovery [that] changes how he sees the world ever after.

IL: K-3

Internment

By Samira Ahmed

Forced into an internment camp for Muslim-American citizens in a near-future United States, 17-year-old Layla Amin helps forge an alliance of new friends and outside sympathizers before becoming the leader of a revolution against the camp's corrupt guards.

IL: YA L: 600

It's Trevor Noah: Born A Crime

By Trevor Noah

The host of The Daily Show, Trevor Noah, tells the story of growing up half black, half white in South Africa under and after apartheid in this young readers' adaptation of his bestselling adult memoir Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood.

IL: 5-8 RL: 5.8 L: 780

The Journey Of Little Charlie

By Christopher Paul Curtis

When his poor sharecropper father is killed in an accident and leaves the family in debt, twelve-year-old Little Charlie agrees to accompany fearsome plantation overseer Cap'n Buck north in pursuit of people who have stolen from him.

IL: 5-8 RL: 5.9 L: 960

House Arrest

By K.A. Holt

Young Timothy is sentenced to house arrest after impulsively stealing a wallet, and he is forced to keep a journal into which he pours all his thoughts, fears, and frustrations.

IL: 5-8 RL: 4.0 L: 610

I Walk With Vanessa

By Kerascoet

An elementary school girl witnesses the bullying of another girl, but she is not sure how to help.

IL: K-3

Insignificant Events In The Life Of A Cactus

By Dusti Bowling

New friends and a mystery help Aven, thirteen, adjust to middle school and life at a dying western theme park in a new state, where her being born armless presents many challenges.

IL: 5-8 RL: 5.6 L: 700

Isabella, Artist Extraordinaire

By Jennifer Fosberry

When Isabella has a day off from school, her parents suggest going somewhere special. Isabella knows that home is special, but she humors them anyway and begins to imagine places they could go, turning to some of history's most famous artists for inspiration. IL: K-3 RL: 2.0

Jada Sly Artist And Spy

By Sherri Winston

Jada Sly, artist and spy with a flair for all things French, is on a mission to find her missing mom, who she believes was also a spy.

IL: 3-6 RL: 4.6

The Law Of Finders Keepers

By Sheila Turnage

A rumor that Blackbeard's buried treasure is somewhere near Tupelo Landing causes pirate fever to sweep through town just as clues about Mo's Upstream Mother surface and the Desperado Detectives.

IL: 5-8 RL: 4.2 L: 580

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Level 13 A Slacker Novel

By Gordon Korman

Cameron Boxer, king of the slackers, has found something worth his time. By playing video games online in front of an audience he can find both fame AND fortune -- especially with Elvis (a beaver who seems to love video games as much as Cam) at his side.

IL: 3-6 RL: 5.1 L: 720

Lion Down

By Stuart Gibbs

A local lion is accused of killing a famous dog--and the dog's owner, an inflammatory radio host, goes on a crusade to have the cat declared a nuisance so it can be hunted. There's evidence that the lion might have been framed for murder.

IL: 5-8 RL: 5.1 L: 850

Long Way Down

By Jason Reynolds

As Will, fifteen, sets out to avenge his brother Shawn's fatal shooting, seven ghosts who knew Shawn board the elevator and reveal truths Will needs to know.

IL: YA L: 720

The Lost Girl

By Ann Ursu

When fifth grade arrives, it's decided that twins Iris and Lark should be split into different classrooms. Iris is no longer so confident; Lark retreats into herself as she deals with challenges at school. And at the same time, something strange is happening in the city around them.

IL: 3-6 RL: 5.9

Love, Hate And Other Filters

By Samira Ahmed

Maya Aziz, seventeen, is caught between her India-born parents' world of college and marrying a suitable Muslim boy and her dream world of film school and dating her classmate, Phil, when a terrorist attack changes her life forever.

IL: YA L: 660

Mac Undercover Kid Spy

By Mac Barnett

One day, Mac (smartest boy in his class in a small town in California) receives a telephone call from the Queen of England, recruiting him to find the crown jewels. So Mac embarks on his first adventure as a secret agent--with the assurance that the Queen will give him a note excusing him from school. IL: 3-6 RL: 3.7 L: 460

The Line Tender

By Kate Allen

Following a tragedy that further alters the course of her life, twelve-year-old Lucy Everhart decides to continue the shark research her marine biologist mother left unfinished when she died years earlier.

IL: 5-8 RL: 7.0 L: 710

Lola At The Library

By Anna McQuinn & Rosalind Beardshaw

Every Tuesday Lola and her mother visit their local library to return and check out books, attend story readings, and share a special treat.

IL: K-3 RL: 2.3 L: 480

The Looney Experiment

By Luke Reynolds

Chronicles one boy's journey through bullying, first love, and an up-close examination of the meaning of courage.

IL: 5-8 RL: 5.5 L: 850

Louisiana's Way Home

By Kate DiCamillo

When Louisiana's granny wakes her up in the middle of the night to tell her that the day of reckoning has arrived and they have to leave home immediately, Louisiana isn't overly worried. Louisiana struggles to oppose the winds of fate and find a way home. IL: 5-8 RL: 6.4 L: 630

Lu

By Jason Reynolds

Lu was born albino, but that's got nothing to do with being a track star. There are hurdles in Lu's way, literally and not-so-literally, and Lu needs to figure out, fast, what winning the gold really means.

IL: 5-8 RL: 5.7 L: 570

Mae Among The Stars

By Rhoda Ahmed

When young Mae Jemison is asked by her teacher what she wants to be when she grows up, African American Mae tells her mostly white classmates that she wants to be an astronaut, a dream that her parents wholeheartedly support.

IL: K-3 RL: 2.8 L: 580

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Max Einstein: The Genius Experiment

By James Patterson & Chris Grabenstein

Max Einstein and a group of international geniuses use their creativity and curiosity to help solve some of the world's toughest problems with science.

IL: 3-6

My Family Divided

By Diane Guerrero & Erica Moroz

The star of Orange Is the New Black and Jane the Virgin, Diane Guerrero presents her personal story in this middle grade memoir about her parents' deportation and the nightmarish struggles of undocumented immigrants and their American children. IL: 5-8 RL: 5.4 L: 730

No Truth Without Ruth

By Kathleen Krull

For years before becoming a justice of the Supreme Court, Ruth had to fight the notion that being female meant that she was less smart, less qualified, and less worthy of attention than her male counterparts.

IL: 3-6 RL: 5.6 L: 860

One Last Word

By Nikki Grimes

In this collection of poetry, Nikki Grimes looks afresh at the poets of the Harlem Renaissance.

IL: 5-8 RL: 5.5

Our Castle By The Sea

By Lucy Strange

This is the story of a girl who is small, afraid and unnoticed. A girl who freezes with fear at the enemy planes ripping through the skies overhead. A girl who is somehow destined to become part of the strange, ancient legend of the Daughters of Stone.

IL: 3-6 RL: 4.7 L: 820

Pride

By Ibi Aanu Zobi

Zuri Benitez has pride. Brooklyn pride, family pride, and pride in her Afro-Latino roots. But pride might not be enough to save her rapidly gentrifying neighborhood from becoming unrecognizable.

IL: YA L: 760

Mr. Lemoncello's All-Star Breakout Game

By Chris Grabenstein

To win Mr. Lemoncello's new television game show, Kyle and his team have to break out of their comfort zone and walk a mile in other characters' shoes and figure out how to unlock a series of locks and break out of the game before their competition!

IL: 3-6 RL: 4.4 L: 640

New Kid

By Jerry Craft

Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade. IL: 5-8 RL: 3.6 L: 320

Nyxia

By Scott Reintgen

Emmett accepts an interstellar space contract but learns en route that to win the promised fortune he and nine other recruits face a brutal competition, putting their very humanity at risk.

IL: YA L: 650

One Third Nerd

By Gennifer Choldenko

Ten-year-old Liam and his two younger sisters, precocious third-grader Dakota and second-grader Izzy, who has Down syndrome, face the possibility of losing their beloved dog, Cupcake, who keeps urinating on their apartment's carpet.

IL: 3-6 RL: 5.8 L: 540

Pay Attention, Carter Jones

By Gary D. Schmidt

Sixth-grader Carter must adjust to the unwelcome presence of a know-it-all butler who is determined to help him become a gentleman, and also to deal with burdens from the past.

IL: 5-8 RL: 5.6 L: 840

Property Of The Rebel Librarian

By Allison Varnes

Twelve-year-old June Harper, shocked when her parents go on a campaign to clear the Dogwood Middle School library of objectionable books, starts a secret banned books library in an empty locker.

IL: 3-6 RL: 3.9 L: 560

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The Reason I Jump

By Naoki Higashida

A journey into the mind of a remarkable thirteen-year-old Japanese boy with severe autism shares firsthand insights into a variety of experiences associated with the disorder, from behavioral traits and misconceptions to perceptions about the world.

IL: YA

The Remarkable Journey Of Coyote Sunrise

By Dan Gemeinhart

Living on the road in an old school bus with her dad after losing her mother and sisters, 12-year-old Coyote devises an elaborate plan to convince her father to make a first trip home to Washington state in five years.

IL: 3-6 RL: 5.7 L: 730

Rosie Revere And The Raucous Riveters

By Andrea Beaty

When Rosie is unable to invent a contraption to help one of Aunt Rose's Raucous Riveters friends, she calls on classmates Iggy Peck and Ada Twist to help.

IL: K-3 RL: 2.4 L: 520

Shouting At The Rain

By Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Delsie loves tracking the weather, living with her grandmother, and the support of friends and neighbors, but misses having a "regular family," especially after her best friend outgrows her.

IL: 5-8 RL: 4.4

Slider

By Pete Hautman

David can eat an entire sixteen-inch pepperoni pizza in four minutes and thirty-six seconds. He's going to compete in the Super Pigorino Bowl, the world's greatest pizza-eating contest. He has to win it because he borrowed his mom's credit card and accidentally put \$2,000 on it. IL: 5-8 RL: 4.3 L: 660

Some Places More Than Others

By Renee Watson

Amara visits her father's family in Harlem for her twelfth birthday, hoping to better understand her family and herself, but New York City is not what she expected.

IL: 5-8 RL: 4.8

Recruits

By Thomas Locke

Twin brothers Sean and Dillon discover they have the ability to transfer between worlds and become recruits to the planetary Assembly.

IL: YA

Renegades/Archenemies

By Marissa Meyer

As Nova, Adrian, and the rest of their crew face escalating crime in Gatlon City, covert weapons and conflicting missions have Nova and Adrian questioning not only their beliefs about justice, but also their feelings for each other.

IL: YA L: 820

Shingaling: A Wonder Story

By R.J. Palacio

A short story based on the author's novel "Wonder" that shows how Charlotte became friends with Auggie.

IL: 3-6

The Size Of The Truth

By Andrew Smith

Eleven-year-old Sam Abernathy, extremely overprotected and a reluctant celebrity since he was trapped in a well at age four, dreams of becoming a chef and starts by entering a local cook-off.

IL: 5-8 RL: 5.6 L: 1000

Small Spaces

By Katherine Arden

After suffering a tragic loss, eleven-year-old Ollie only finds solace in books. Ollie discovers a chilling story about a girl named Beth, the two brothers who both loved her, and a peculiar deal made with "the smiling man".

IL: 5-8 RL: 4.1 L: 570

Song For A Whale

By Lynne Kelly

Twelve-year-old Iris and her grandmother, both deaf, drive from Texas to Alaska armed with Iris's plan to help Blue-55, a whale unable to communicate with other whales.

IL: 3-6 RL: 5.6 L: 800

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The Spindlers

By Lauren Oliver

Accompanied by an eccentric, human-sized rat, Liza embarks on a perilous quest through an underground realm to save her brother Patrick, whose soul has been stolen by the vilest of creatures--the spider-like spindlers.

IL: 3-6 RL: 5.8 L: 840

Spy School British Invasion

By Stuart Gibbs

Follows the spies-in-training on a hunt to find the leader of the evil organization SPYDER and take them down once and for all.

IL: 5-8 RL: 6.7 L: 850

Square

By Mac Barnett & Jon Klassen

When his friend Circle asks him to do her portrait after praising him as a sculptor and genius, Square struggles to carve her likeness from a stone block.

IL: K-3 RL: 2.0

Stay

By Bobbie Pyron

Piper and her family move into a shelter in a new city. She misses her house, her friends, and her privacy--and she hates being labeled the homeless girl at her new school. But while Hope House offers her new challenges, it also brings new friendships and a sweet street dog named Baby. IL: 3-6 RL: 4.3

Sweep

By Jonathan Auxier

In nineteenth-century England, after her father's disappearance Nan Sparrow, ten, works as a "climbing boy," aiding chimney sweeps, but when her most treasured possessions end up in a fireplace, she unwittingly creates a golem.

IL: 5-8 RL: 3.6 L: 630

Theodore Boone: The Accomplice

By John Grisham

When his best friend Woody is arrested--an unwitting accomplice to a robbery--Theodore Boone must work to prove his innocence.

IL: 3-6 RL: 6.0 L: 610

Sputnik's Guide To Life On Earth

By Frank Cottrell Boyce

Prez is still learning to fit in at his new home when he answers the door to meet Sputnik--a kid who is more than a little strange. First, he can hear what Prez is thinking. Second, he looks like a dog to everyone except Prez. Third, he can manipulate the laws of space and time. IL: 3-6 RL: 4.3 L: 530

Spy School Goes South

By Stuart Gibbs

Thirteen-year-old spy in training Ben Ripley is sent to Mexico to try to thwart the evil organization, SPYDER--the CIA's main enemy.

IL: 5-8 RL: 5.9 L: 780

Squirm

By Carl Hiaasen

Billy Dickens discovers that his mysterious father lives in Montana, so this summer Billy will fly across the country, hike a mountain, float a river, dodge a grizzly bear, shoot down a spy drone, and save his own father.

IL: 5-8 RL: 4.5 L: 740

Still A Work In Progress

By Jo Knowles

Noah is just trying to make it through seventh grade. The girls are confusing, the homework is boring, and even his friends are starting to bug him. Not to mention that his older sister, Emma, has been acting pretty strange.

IL: 5-8 RL: 4.1 L: 660

Sweeping Up The Heart

By Kevin Henkes

Amelia Albright dreams about going to Florida for spring break like everyone else in her class, but her father--a cranky and stubborn English professor--has decided Florida is too much adventure. Now Amelia is stuck at home with him and her babysitter.

IL: 3-6 RL: 4.7 L: 570

The Train To Impossible Places

By P.G. Bell

Eleven-year-old Suzy Smith joins the troll-operated Impossible Postal Express, but she botches her first delivery by stealing a cursed snow globe containing a boy who claims there is a plot to take control of the Union of Impossible Places.

IL: 5-8 RL: 5.4 L: 750

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Two Brothers Four Hands

By Jan Greenberg & Sandra Jordan

The inspiring true story of the Giacometti Brothers, one an artist, the other a daredevil, both devoted to their craft . . . but even more devoted to each other.

IL: 3-6 RL: 4.2

The Unteachables

By Gordon Korman

Told in alternating voices, the teacher and students in room 117 find their lives changed over the course of a school year.

IL: 3-6 RL: 5.3 L: 740

The VanderBeekers And The Hidden Garden

By Karina Yan Glaser

When catastrophe strikes their beloved upstairs neighbors, the Vanderbeeker children set out to build the best, most magical healing garden in Harlem--in spite of a locked fence, thistles and trash, and the conflicting plans of a wealthy real estate developer.

IL: 3-6 RL: 5.3 L: 820

Where You'll Find Me

By Natasha Friend

After her mother's attempted suicide, thirteen-year-old Anna goes to live with her father and his new family, and learns to navigate the shifting loyalties of middle school friendships.

IL: YA L: 520

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