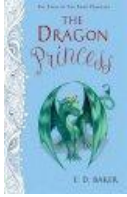




HUMOROUS BOOKS FOR GRADES 5 AND 6



J/F/BAK

The Dragon Princess by E. D. Baker

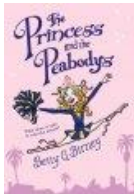
Knowing that her hot-tempered outbursts are what cause her to transform into a dragon, Princess Millie finds it hard to keep her cool when her fourteenth birthday bash plans go awry, but certain that she doesn't want to ruin her future, Millie must find a way to maintain control or risk having a loveless life forever.



J/F/BAR

Science Fair: A Story of Mystery, Danger, International Suspense, and a Very Nervous Frog by Dave Barry

The president of Kprshstkan is plotting to infiltrate the science fair at Hubble Middle School in Maryland in order to take over the United States government, but when Toby Harbinger, an ordinary student, makes up his mind finally to win the fair, the terrorists' plans go awry.



J/F/BIR

The Princess and the Peabodys by Betty G. Birney

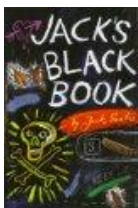
When a medieval princess appears out of a rusty box bought at a yard sale, fourteen year-old tomboy Casey Peabody and her family are stuck with her royal snobbinness until the young wizard who had trapped her there figures out the spell to send her home.



J/F/BON

Dustin Grubbs: Take Two! by John Jay Bonk

Now in seventh grade, chronic performer Dustin Grubbs is hoping to star in the school production of "Oliver," but his father's continuing absence, his aunt's upcoming wedding, a possible role in a national television commercial, and some changes in his long-time friends all make this an especially confusing time for Dustin.



J/F/GAN

Jack's Black Book by Jack Gantos

According to his new motto - A WRITER'S JOB IS TO TURN HIS WORST EXPERIENCES INTO MONEY - Jack Henry is going to be filthy rich even before he gets out of junior high, for his life is filled with the worst experiences imaginable. In the course of a few months, Jack is humiliated by a gorgeous synchronized swimmer, gets a tattoo the size of an ant on his big toe, flubs an IQ test, nearly fails wood shop, and has to dig up his dead dog not once but twice. And that's not the half of it.

J/F/HAL

Big Mouth by Deborah Halverson

Fourteen year-old Sherman Thuff, a student at the tomato-obsessed Del Heiny Junior High, has his hopes set on being a competitive eater, but when his training regimen begins to seriously interfere with his enjoyment of life and he even starts losing his friends, he decides he should rearrange his priorities.

J/F/HOW

Bunnica meets Edgar Allan Crow by James Howe

An overly-alarmed Chester (the cat) predicts a gruesome fate for the pets in the Monroe household when a writer of juvenile horror fiction and his bird companion stay overnight.

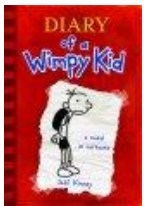


J/F/JON

Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat by Lynne Jonell

When Emmy discovers that she and her formerly loving parents are being drugged by their evil nanny with rodent potions that can change people in frightening ways, she and some new friends must try everything possible to return things to normal.

J/F/KIN



Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Greg Heffley's Journal by Jeff Kinney

Greg records his sixth grade experiences in a middle school where he and his best friend, Rowley, undersized weaklings amid boys who need to shave twice daily, hope just to survive. When Rowley grows more popular, Greg must take drastic measures to save their friendship. Enjoy other titles in the **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** series.



J/F/KLI

Deliver us from Normal by Kate Klise

With a mother who buys Christmas cards in August and a younger brother who describes the Trinity as a toasted marshmallow on a graham cracker, life for eleven year-old Charles Harrington is anything but normal in Normal, Illinois. Enjoy other titles by Kate Klise such as **Regarding the Fountain**.

J/F/KUR

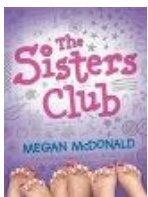
Leon and the Champion Chip by Allen Kurzweil

Employing scientific methods learned in Mr. Sparks's class, fifth-grader Leon competes in a potato chip tasting contest and takes revenge against Lumpkin, a bully.

J/F/LOW

The Willoughbys by Lois Lowry

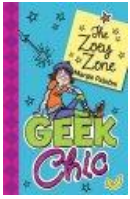
In this tongue-in-cheek take on classic themes in children's literature, the four Willoughby children set about to become "deserving orphans" after their neglectful parents embark on a treacherous around-the-world adventure, leaving them in the care of an odious nanny.



J/F/MCD

The Sisters Club by Megan McDonald

Stevie Reel feels like she's the glue holding her family together, especially since Boss Queen Alex has gotten so wrapped up in her school play - and her leading man - that she doesn't have time for the Sisters Club. Is it up to the middle-sister Stevie to save the day?



J/F/PAL

Geek Chic: The Zoey Zone by Margie Palatini

With only 198 days before the start of sixth grade, Zoey Zinevich embarks on a zany journey of self-discovery in her quest to become "cool."

J/F/PEC



The Teacher's Funeral by Richard Peck

In rural Indiana in 1904, fifteen-year-old Russell's dreams of quitting school and joining a wheat threshing crew are disrupted when his older sister takes over the teaching at his one-room schoolhouse after mean old Myrt Arbuckle "hauls off and dies."

J/F/PET

The Scrivener Bees by J. T. Petty

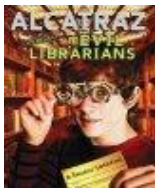
When the rogue changeling Inky Mess tries to take over the Make Believe using the Forgetting Book, feisty fairy-killer Clemency Pogue must put aside worries about her parents and learn to communicate with some frightening bees in order to stop him.

J/F/PUL

I Was a Rat by Philip Pullman

When a young boy starts proclaiming that he was once a rat, the media and members of the community get involved to find out the truth behind his rather unusual tale.

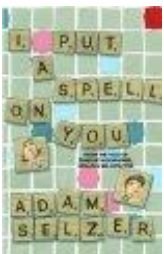
J/F/SAN



Alcatraz versus the Evil Librarians by Brandon Sanderson

On his thirteenth birthday, foster child Alcatraz Smedry receives a bag of sand which is immediately stolen by the evil Librarians who are trying to take over the world, and Alcatraz is introduced to his grandfather and his own special talent, and told that he must use it to save civilization.

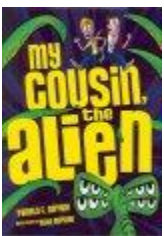
J/F/SEL



I Put a Spell on You by Adam Selzer

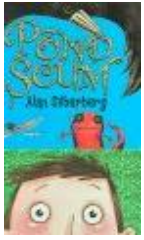
With the televised spelling bee generating major excitement in the small town of Preston, a home-schooled outsider, a class clown, a super-studious speller, and various other sixth-grade characters prepare for their moment in the spotlight while Principal Floren looks into suspicious activities that may cause problems during the important event.

J/F/SER



My Cousin, the Alien by Pamela F. Service

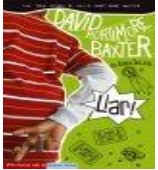
While at a resort on a vacation trip his uncle won, Zack begins wondering if his cousin has been telling the truth for years. He really is an alien prince sent to Earth for protection, and who is now being chased by enemy aliens disguised as bald, fat men.



J/F/SIL

Pond Scum by Alan Silberberg

Oliver is a 10 year-old boy who enjoys pulling the wings off flies just to hear the little snap. His life takes a turn, though, when his mom moves the family to a run-down old house in a small town. Their house seems to be guarded by the creatures from the nearby pond who don't want Oliver and his family living there. One day Oliver falls through the roof into the attic, where he finds a strange gem that has the power to turn him into any creature he touches.



J/F/ TAY

Liar! : David Mortimore Baxter by Karen Tayleur

A young boy relates some of the daily troubles caused by his uncontrollable problem--telling lies. Enjoy other titles in the **David Mortimore Baxter** series.



J/F/URB

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.



J/F/VEN

The Autobiography of Meatball Finkelstein by Ross Venokur

Thirteen year-old Meatball, an overweight vegetarian, discovers that eating meatballs gives him the magic power of turning into anything he wants, and he uses this ability to fight his principal's diabolical plot to eliminate fun from the planet.



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