

**Books for Older Readers
Northborough Free Library 2011**

Adventure Fiction



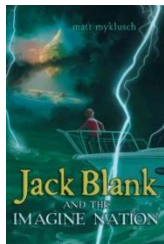
[The Hidden Boy](#) j FIC Berkeley
While on an underwater adventure Bea's brother goes missing and it is up to her to discover what happened.



[The Magnificent 12: The Call](#) j FIC Grant
Mack, a 12 year old with a million phobias, discovers that he is destined to save the world.



[Hero](#) j FIC Lupica
Zach learns he has special abilities and now must decide how to use them.

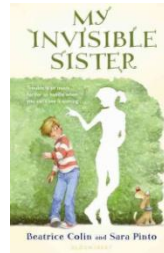


[Jack Blank and the Imagine Nation](#) j FIC Myklusch
Jack, freed from a dismal orphanage, makes his way to the elusive and impossible Imagine Nation, where a mentor trains him to use his superpower.

Fantasy



[The Wide Awake Princess](#) j FIC Baker
Annie, Sleeping Beauty's sister, is immune to magic and stays awake when the rest of the castle falls into an enchanted sleep. It is up to her to break the spell.



[My Invisible Sister](#) j FIC Colin
Frank's older sister Elizabeth, invisible since birth, is always causing trouble so Frank decides to find a way to make her visible.



[Rise of the Darklings](#) j FIC Crilly
After saving a piskie's life, Emily Snow finds herself in the middle of a centuries-old war between rival fairy factions and a secret society named The Invisible Order.



[Thomas and the Dragon Queen](#) j FIC Crum
When the princess is kidnapped by a dragon queen, Thomas, a new and very small squire-in-training boldly sets out on a quest to rescue her.



[Falling In](#) j FIC Dowell
Isabelle Bean falls into a parallel universe where the children believe she is the witch they have feared for years, finally coming to devour them.



[The Familiars](#) j FIC Epstein
It is up to Aldwyn, a magical cat, and his fellow familiars to save the kingdom from the evil Queen.



[Scumble](#) j FIC Law
Mibs's cousin Ledge is disappointed to discover that his magical power is to make things fall apart, which accidentally reveals the family secret.



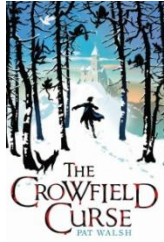
[The Giant-Slayer](#) j FIC Lawrence
When her eight-year-old neighbor is stricken with polio in 1955, 11 year old Laurie discovers that there is power in her imagination.



[No Such Thing as Dragons](#) j FIC Reeve
A mute boy, who is apprenticed to a dragon-slayer, suspects that the winged beasts do not exist, until he learns the truth.



[Museum of Thieves](#) j FIC Tanner
Goldie, an impulsive and bold girl, escapes the oppressive city of Jewel and finds that she has a talent for thievery.

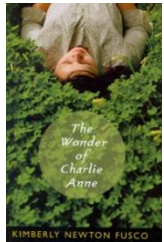


[The Crowfield Curse](#) j FIC Walsh
In 1347, William Paynel, an impoverished servant at Crowfield Abbey, goes into the forest to gather wood and he becomes embroiled in a strange mystery.

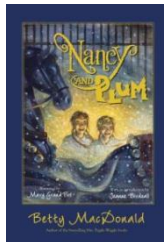
Historical Fiction



[Murder Afloat](#) j FIC Conly
In the 1870s, Benjamin is kidnapped and forced to work on an oyster dredger with a captain who will murder any crewman who fails to meet his demands.



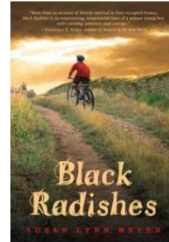
[The Wonder of Charlie Anne](#) j FIC Fusco
In a Massachusetts farm town torn by the Depression, Charlie Anne and her black next-door neighbor form a friendship that begins to transform their community.



[Nancy and Plum](#) j FIC MacDonald
Two orphaned sisters are sent to live with cruel and greedy Mrs. Monday and dream that someday they will have a real Christmas.



[Take Me With You](#) j FIC Marsden
Following World War II, orphans Susanna and Pina hope to be adopted, but fear being separated.



[Black Radishes](#) j FIC Meyer
In Nazi-threatened Paris, Gustave, a young Jewish boy, meets a Catholic resistance fighter who offers to help him flee to America.



[On the Blue Comet](#) j FIC Wells
When the Depression hits, Oscar Ogilvie's father must sell their home and vast model train set to look for work in California while Oscar is left with his dour aunt.

Mystery



[Red Blazer Girls: The Vanishing Violin](#) j FIC Beil
Seventh-graders Sophie, Margaret, Rebecca, and Leigh Ann follow a trail of cryptic clues to locate a rare violin.



[Belly Up](#) j FIC Gibbs
Twelve-year-old Teddy investigates when a popular Texas zoo's star attraction, Henry the hippopotamus, is murdered.

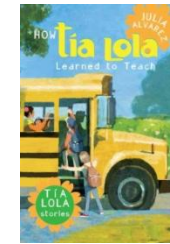


[The Body Thief](#) j FIC Giles
Lured to their sick Uncle Silas's home under the pretense of becoming heirs to his vast fortune, cousins Adele, Isabella, and Milo soon learn that the old man has a plan to prevent his own death.



[The Billionaire's Curse](#) j FIC Newsome
When Gerald finds himself the heir to twenty billion pounds from an aunt he never met, he inherits with it a mystery surrounding his aunt's death.

Realistic Fiction



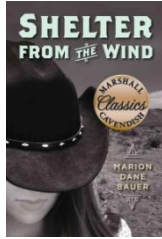
[How Tia Lola Learned to Teach](#) j FIC Alvarez
Juanita and Miguel's great aunt, Tía Lola, comes from the Dominican Republic to help take care of them after their parents' divorce.



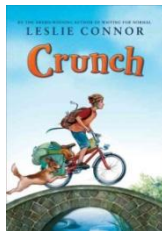
[I, Emma Freke](#) j FIC Atkinson
Emma has always felt out of place but when she attends the family reunion her father's family holds annually in Wisconsin, she is in for some surprises.



[Magenta McPhee](#) j FIC Bateson
Thinking her father needs a new interest in his life after he is laid-off of work, Magenta decides to dabble in matchmaking which brings unexpected results.



[Shelter from the Wind](#) j FIC Bauer
When Stacy gets fed up with her pregnant stepmother and leaves her Oklahoma panhandle home, she is led by a pair of dogs to the home of Old Ella, who gives her a new perspective on life.



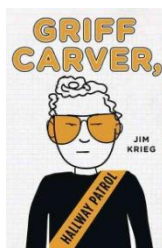
[Crunch](#) j FIC Connor
After a sudden energy crisis strands his parents far from home, Dewey attempts to be the "embodiment of responsibility" as he juggles the management of the family's bicycle repair shop and caring for his siblings.



[Kyle's Island](#) j FIC Derby
Kyle spends much of the summer yearning to explore a nearby island, striving to be a good brother, fishing with an elderly neighbor, and fuming at his parents over their separation.



[Guinea Dog](#) j FIC Jennings
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.



[Griff Carver, Hallway Patrol](#) j FIC Krieg
Legendary Griff Carver joins the Rampart Middle School Hallway Patrol and with the help of his new friends, Griff solves the case of counterfeit hall passes.



[Touch Blue](#) j FIC Lord
When the state of Maine threatens to shut down their island's one-room schoolhouse Tess and her family take in a foster child to increase the school's population.



[Milo: Sticky Notes and Brain Freeze](#) j FIC Silberberg
Milo Cruikshank navigates love and friendship at school while coping with the loss of his mom at home.



[What Happened on Fox Street](#) j FIC Springstubb
Fox Street means everything to Mo Wren, so she is very upset when a land developer offers to buy her father's house.



[Bobby the Brave \(Sometimes\)](#) j FIC Yee
Fourth-grader Bobby is hurt when he hears his father, a former pro-football player, say that the two of them are nothing alike, but finally summons the courage to talk about it after his public asthma attack proves how right his father is.



[Cosmic](#) j FIC Cottrell Boyce
Liam makes a giant leap for boy-kind by competing with a group of adults for the chance to go into space.



[The Search for WondLa](#) j FIC DiTerlizzi
Living in isolation with a robot on what appears to be an alien world populated with bizarre life forms, Eva Nine sets out on a journey to find others like her.



[Spaceheadz](#) j FIC Scieszka
On his first day at his new school, Michael K. is teamed with two very strange students, and while he gradually comes to believe they are aliens who need his help, he has trouble convincing anyone else of the truth.

Series

[The Mother Daughter Book Club](#) j FIC Frederick

[The Seems](#) j FIC Hulme

[Super Sluggers](#) j FIC Markey

[The Kane Chronicles](#) j FIC Riordan

[Heroes of Olympus](#) j FIC Riordan

[Dork Diaries](#) j FIC Russell

[Dragonbreath](#) j FIC Vernon