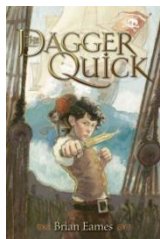


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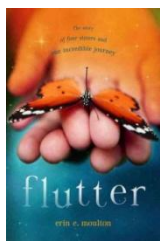
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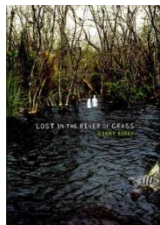
[The Dagger Quick](#) j FIC Eames
Twelve-year-old Christopher, finds himself on a dangerous seafaring adventure with his newly discovered uncle, the infamous pirate William Quick.



[The Glorious Adventures of the Sunshine Queen](#) j FIC McCaughrean
When twelve-year-old Cissy leaves her Oklahoma hometown in the 1890s, she and her two classmates embark on a wild adventure down the Missouri River.



[Flutter](#) j FIC Moulton
Sisters, Maple and Dawn, must work together to face treacherous terrain, wild animals, and poachers as they trek through the mountains, seeking help for their baby sister.



[Lost in the River of Grass](#) j FIC Rorby
When two Florida teenagers become stranded in the Everglades, they attempt to walk ten miles through swampland to reach civilization.

Fantasy



[Secondhand Charm](#) j FIC Berry
On her journey to the university to become a doctor, fifteen-year-old Evie, learns of her monstrous inheritance.



[Kat, Incorrigible](#) j FIC Burgis
In Regency England, twelve-year-old Kat tries to use her magic powers to rescue her sister from marrying a man she does not love.



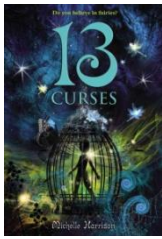
[Just Add Magic](#) j FIC Callaghan
Discovering a dusty cookbook of magical recipes, three friends are surprised when their concoctions produce genuinely magical results.



[The Society of Dread](#) j FIC Dakin
Now head of the Society of Good Works, Theo must reluctantly use his mysterious ability to melt evil when he ventures underground to face villains of old.



[The Unseen World of Pappy Malone: A Gaggles of Goblins](#) j FIC Harper
Eleven-year-old Poppy's parents are paranormal investigators who have never actually found anything, but that may change when they move and Poppy meets a goblin in the attic of their new house.



13 Curses

j FIC Harrison

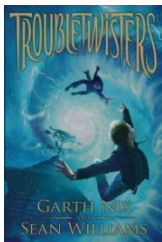
When fairies steal her brother, Rowan Fox promises that in exchange for his return she will find the thirteen charms that the fairies have enchanted and hidden in the human world.



The Dragon of Cripple Creek

j FIC Howell

When Kat and her family visit an old gold mine that has been turned into an amusement park, she falls down a shaft and meets an ancient dragon and inadvertently triggers a twenty-first century gold rush.



Trouble Twisters

j FIC Nix

When their house mysteriously explodes and they are sent to live with an unknown relative named Grandma X, Jaide and Jack Shield learn that they must protect humanity from The Evil trying to break into Earth's dimension.



Spellbound

j FIC West

Eleven-year-old Olive finds herself drawn to the grimoire of the witches who built her house and tries to use its spells to uncover the house's magic.

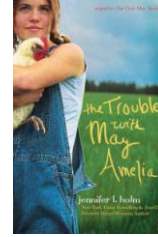


You'll Like It Here (Everybody Does)

j FIC White

Although Meggie Blue seems to be an average sixth-grader she is abnormally frightened when residents of her small town become fixated on aliens, and soon she and her family are forced to flee, making it clear that all is not as it seems.

Historical Fiction



The Trouble With May Amelia

j FIC Holm

Living with seven brothers and her father, who thinks girls are useless, a thirteen-year-old farm girl is determined to prove her worth when an enterprising gentleman tries to purchase their cash-strapped family settlement in Washington State in 1900.

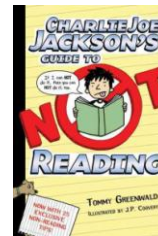


Phantoms in the Snow

j FIC Duble

In 1944, Noah Garrett, recently orphaned, is sent to live at Camp Hale, Colorado, with an uncle he has never met, and there he finds his pacifist views put to the test.

Funny Stories



Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to NOT Reading

j FIC Greenwald

Middle schooler Charlie Joe is proud of his success at avoiding reading, but eventually his schemes go too far.



Emmy and the Rats in the Belfry

j FIC Jonell

Emmy and her rodent friends must fend off the evil former nanny, Miss Barmy, as they search for Ratty's missing mother.

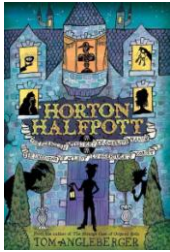


Vordak the Incomprehensible: How to Grow Up and Rule the World

j FIC Seegert

A top super villain offers rules and advice to readers on how to develop an evil plan to rule the world.

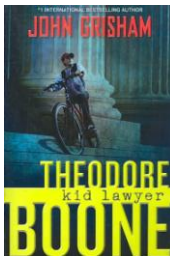
Mysteries



[Horton Halfpott](#) j FIC Angleberger
 Horton, an upstanding kitchen boy in a castle in nineteenth-century England, becomes embroiled in a mystery surrounding a series of thefts, which is also connected to the pursuit of a very eligible and wealthy young lady's affections.



[The Summer of May](#) j FIC Galante
 An angry thirteen-year-old girl and her hated English teacher spend a summer school class together, learning surprising things about each other.



[Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer](#) j FIC Grisham
 Theodore Boone knows more about the law than most lawyers do. But when a high profile murder trial comes to his small town it's up to this amateur attorney to save the day.



[The Girl Behind the Glass](#) j FIC Kelley
 Moving from Brooklyn to a rental house in the country strains the relationship between twins Hannah and Anna Zimmer, a situation made worse by the ghost of a girl who is trapped in the house because of problems with her own sister eighty years before.

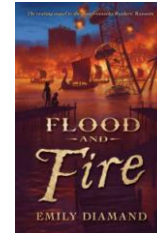


[Girl's Best Friend](#) j FIC Margolis
 In Brooklyn, New York, twelve-year-old dog-walker Maggie, aided by her twin brother Finn and best friend Lucy, investigates someone she believes is stealing pets.



[Sparrow Road](#) j FIC O'Connor
 Twelve-year-old Raine spends the summer at a mysterious artists' colony and discovers a secret about her past.

Science Fiction



[Flood and Fire](#) j FIC Diamand
 In 22nd-century Cambridge, England, thirteen-year-old Lilly Melkun must try to stop the strange, uncontrollable robots that were activated when a sinister-looking chip in her hand-held computer triggered a false anti-terrorist alert.



[The Other Side of the Island](#) j FIC Goodman
 Honor lives in a highly regulated colony with her defiant parents, but when they have an illegal second child and are taken away, it is up to Honor and her friend Helixto uncover a terrible secret about their Island.



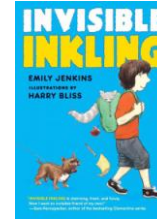
[Tomorrow Girls: Behind the Gates](#) j FIC Gray
 In a Chicago troubled by the war against the Alliance, Louisa and her best friend, Maddie are sent to the exclusive Country Manor School, where they are cut off from the outside world and learn survival skills.



[The Rendering](#) j FIC Naftali
 Thirteen-year-old Doug relates in a series of blog posts the story of how he saved the world but was falsely branded a terrorist and murderer, forced to fight the evil Dr. Roach and his armored biodroid army.



[The Boy at the End of the World](#) j FIC Van Eekhout
Born half-grown in a world that is being destroyed, Fisher has instinctive knowledge of many things, including that he must avoid the robot that knows his name.



[Invisible Inkling](#) j FIC Jenkins
When Hank Wolowitz runs into trouble in the form of a lunch-stealing bully, he finds an unlikely ally in an invisible refugee pumpkin-loving bandage named Inkling.

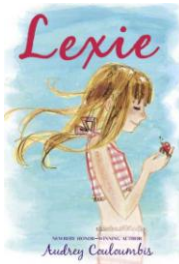
Realistic Fiction



[Possum Summer](#) j FIC Blom
While her father is away at war, eleven-year-old Princess ignores his warning that pet ownership leads to pain when she raises an orphaned possum on their Oklahoma ranch, then tries to send it back to the wild.



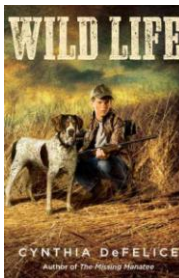
[Alabama Moon](#) j FIC Key
After the death of his father, ten-year-old Moon leaves their forest shelter home and is sent to an Alabama institution, becoming entangled in the outside world he has never known and making good friends, a relentless enemy, and finally a new life.



[Lexie](#) j FIC Coulumbis
When ten-year-old Lexie goes with her father to the beach for a week, she is surprised to find that he has invited his girlfriend and her two sons to join them.



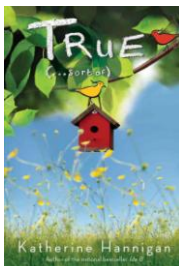
[Okay for Now](#) j FIC Schmidt
As a fourteen-year-old who just moved to a new town, with no friends, an abusive father, and a louse for an older brother, Doug Swietek has all the stats stacked against him until he finds an ally in Lil Spicer--a fiery young lady. Together, they find a safe haven in the local library, inspiration in learning about the plates of John James Audubon's birds, and a hilarious adventure on a Broadway stage.



[Wild Life](#) j FIC DeFelice
When twelve-year-old Eric's parents are deployed to Iraq, he goes to live with grandparents he hardly knows in small-town North Dakota, but his grandfather's hostility and the threat of losing the dog he has rescued are too much and Eric runs away.



[The Detention Club](#) j FIC Yoo
Sixth-grader Peter Lee, in a desperate attempt to regain the popularity he had in elementary school, discovers that serving detention can win him important friends, much to the dismay of his over-achieving eighth-grade sister, Sunny.



[True \(...Sort of\)](#) j FIC Hannigan
For most of her eleven years, Delly has been in trouble without knowing why, until her little brother, R.B., and a strange, silent new friend, Ferris, help her find a way to be good--and happy--again.