

The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle, by Leslie Connor
 Mason Buttle is the biggest, sweatiest kid in his grade, and everyone knows he can barely read or write. He's also grieving for his best friend, Benny, who turned up dead in the Buttle family's orchard 15 months ago. The police still won't believe the story Mason has told about that day. Relentlessly bullied by the other neighborhood boys, Mason and his new friend, tiny Calvin Chumsky, create an underground club space for themselves. When Calvin goes missing, Mason finds himself in trouble again, and desperate to figure out what happened to Calvin, and eventually, Benny. *Grades 6+*

The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street, by Karina Yan Glaser
 The Vanderbeekers have always lived in the brownstone on 141st Street. It's practically another family member. So when their reclusive, grumpy landlord decides not to renew their lease, the five siblings have 11 days to do whatever it takes to stay in their beloved home & convince him of just how wonderful they are. And all is fair in love and war when it comes to keeping their home. *Grades 5+*

Wedgie and Gizmo, by Suzanne Selfors
 Wedgie the dog is PSYCHED! He LOVES having new siblings and friends to protect (and his red cape helps too)! But Gizmo is not psyched. The guinea pig does not want to share his loyal human servant with a rump-sniffing beast! He does not want to live in a pink Barbie Playhouse. Or to be kissed and hugged by the girl human. Gizmo wants to take over the world. But first he must destroy his archenemy, Super Wedgie! *Grades 4+*



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The Adventurers Guild, by Zack Loran Clark & Nick Eliopoulos
In one of the world's last cities, best friends Zed and Brock have their future planned. Zed hopes to join the Mages Guild, where being Freestone's only half elf might finally be an asset. Brock, the handsome son of Merchants, is confident of a place in their Guild. Instead, the boys find themselves members of the perilous Adventurers Guild, the last line of defense against the monsters outside their gates. Can the boys prove their worth? Or even survive? *Grades 5+*

Amina's Voice, by Hena Khan
Amina has never been comfortable in the spotlight. She's happy just hanging out with her best friend, Soojin. Except now in middle school, Soojin is suddenly hanging out with one of the "cool" girls, and even talking about changing her name to something more "American." Does Amina need to change too? Or hide who she is to fit in? When a tragedy strikes close to home, Amina must find her true voice. *Grades 5+*

The Explorer, by Katherine Rundell
Four friends are on their way back to England from Manaus when the plane they're on crashes and the pilot dies. For days they survive alone, until one boy finds a map that leads them to a ruined city... and a secret. *Grades 5+*

Falcon Wild, by Terry Lynn Johnson
13-year-old Karma loves working directly with the birds at her dad's bird education center. On the way to return her favorite rescued falcon, Stark, to its previous owner, a car accident in the middle of nowhere leaves her dad & brother hurt, and Karma alone to find help. Lost for days, Karma and a troubled boy she meets face multiple dangers, while Karma and Stark's bond only grows stronger. But what will happen when they finally find help? *Grades 5+*

The Heart and Mind of Frances Pauley, by April Stevens
11-year-old Frances is an observer of both nature & people, just like her idol, the anthropologist Margaret Mead. She spends most of her time in her "rock world," behind her house. It's the one place where Frances can truly be herself. But when the unimaginable happens, Frances slowly discovers that perhaps the outside world isn't so bad after all. *Grades 5+*

In Darkling Wood, by Emma Carroll
For Alice, the only good thing about her new home with her estranged grandmother, Nell, is the beautiful Darkling Wood at the end of the garden. Nell wants to have it cut down, but Alice feels at home there, at peace. She even finds a friend, a girl named Flo. But Flo doesn't go to the local school, and no

one in town has heard of her. When Flo shows Alice the surprising secrets of Darkling Wood, Alice starts to wonder: what is real? And can she find out in time to save the wood? *Grades 6+*

Jake the Fake Keeps it Real, by Craig Robinson
Jake's no musician, and his art is better suited for Pictionary than Picasso, which is a problem, since Jake just faked his way into the Music & Art Academy for the gifted and talented (and Jake is pretty sure he's neither). Now jokester Jake will have to think of something quick before the last laugh is on him. *Grades 4+*

The Losers Club, by Andrew Clements
6th grader Alec can't put a good book down, so when his principal warns, "Pay attention, or *else!*" Alec takes action. He can't lose all his reading time, so he starts a club *just for himself*. After all, reading isn't a team sport, and no one wants to join something called the Losers Club, right? But more and more kids find their way to his club- including his ex-friend turned bully *and* the girl Alec is starting to like. Alec begins to realize that real life may be messier than his favorite books, but it's *just as interesting*. *Grades 5+*

Macy McMillan and the Rainbow Goddess, by Shari Green
6th grade is coming to an end, and so is life as Macy McMillan knows it. Her mother is moving the two of them in with a new stepfather and twin little stepsisters. On top of that, Macy's mother sends her next door to help 86-year-old Iris, who is also getting ready to move into an assisted living facility. Iris can't pack a single box on her own and, worse, she doesn't know sign language. How is Macy supposed to understand her? But Iris has stories to tell, and she isn't going to let Macy's deafness stop her. Soon, through notes & books and cookies, a bond grows. This odd, unexpected friendship may be just what Macy needs. *Grades 5+*

The Magic Misfits, by Neil Patrick Harris
When street magician Carter runs away, he never expects to find friends and magic in a sleepy New England town. But like any good trick, things change instantly when greedy B.B. Bosso and his crew of crooked carnies arrives to steal anything and everything they can get their sticky fingers on. Carter teams up with five other young illusionists to use magic and friendship to save the town from Bosso's villainous clutches. *Grades 4+*

Podkin One-Ear, by Kieran Larwood
When the Gorm, evil mutant rabbits, attack his warren, Podkin and his two siblings are the only survivors. Now, armed with a magical dagger from the dawn of time, the three rabbits must flee. Trying to evade capture, unlikely hero Podkin must also keep the dagger from the Gorm, and find a way to defeat them for good. *Grades 5+*

The Real McCoys, by Matthew Swanson
When someone kidnaps beloved school mascot Eddie the Owl, Moxie's on the case- but she's forced to fly solo since her BFF and crime-solving partner moved away. Moxie must interview her classmates- as possible suspects, AND as possible new best friends, but when her sleuthing hits a dead end, Moxie's little brother, Milton (boring as a butter knife) joins the case. Can the Real McCoys find the culprit? *Grades 4+*

The Sand Warrior, by Mark Siegel & Alexis Siegel
The Five Worlds are on the brink of extinction unless five ancient and mysterious beacons are lit. When war erupts, three unlikely heroes- a clumsy sand dancer, a boy from the slums, & a famous but lonely athlete- will discover there's more to themselves & their worlds than meets the eye. *Grades 5+*

Sidetracked, by Diana Harmon Asher
Joseph Friedman spends most of his time in school avoiding a bully & hiding out in the Resource Room. But on the first day of 7th grade, two important things happen. First, his teacher forces him to join the track team, and second, he meets Heather, an amazing runner who refuses to be bullied. With a new friend and a new team, Joseph finds that once you're in the race, anything can happen. *Grades 5+*

Spirit Hunters, by Ellen Oh
Rumors say that Harper Raine's new house is haunted. Harper's not sure she believes those rumors, until her younger brother, Michael, starts acting strangely. Harper finds the entire situation familiar, but she can't remember why. Can she uncover her blocked memories in time to help make sense of her brother's behavior and the strange and threatening sensations she feels in this house? *Grades 5+*

Strongheart, by Candace Fleming
1921, the movie *The Love Master* hit theaters, starring an unusual leading man: a German Shepard named Strongheart. Discover the true story of a dog who went from German police K9 to an American movie star! *Grades 4+*

The Trail, by Meika Hashimoto
Toby and Lucas created a list of brave, daring, totally awesome things to do together. But now Lucas isn't there to do the last item with him, and Toby's determined to hike the Appalachian Trail alone and fulfill their pact, which means dealing with everything alone, from blisters to bears, to memories. When a storm comes, Toby finds himself tangled up with two boys who desperately need his help. But does Toby have any help to give? *Grades 5+*