

Books 3rd and 4th Graders Will Enjoy

Albus, Kate. **A Place to Hang the Moon**. (JUV ALBUS)

In World War II England, orphaned siblings William, Edmund, and Anna are evacuated from London to live in the countryside, where they bounce from home to home in search of someone willing to adopt them permanently.

Applegate, Katherine. **The One and Only Ivan**. (JUV APPLE)

When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life.

Baptiste, Tracy. **The Jumbies**. (JUV BAPTI)

Eleven-year-old Corinne must call on her courage and an ancient magic to stop an evil spirit and save her island home.

Barnett, Mac and Jory John. **The Terrible Two**, (JUV BARNE)

When master prankster Miles Murphy moves to sleepy Yawnee Valley, he challenges the local mystery prankster in an epic battle of tricks, but soon the two join forces to pull off the biggest prank ever seen.

Bell, Cece. **El Deafo**, (JUV GN BELL)

Starting a new school is scary, even more so with a giant hearing aid strapped to your chest. At her old school, everyone in Cece's class was deaf. Here she is different. She is sure the kids are staring at the Phonic Ear, the powerful aid that will help her hear her teacher. Too bad it also seems certain to repel potential friends.

Brallier, Max. **The Last Kids on Earth**. (JUV BRALL)

After a monster apocalypse hits town, average thirteen-year-old Jack Sullivan builds a team of friends to help slay the eerily intelligent monster known as Blarg.

Brown, Peter. **The Wild Robot**. (JUV BROWN)

Roz the robot discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island with no memory of where she is from or why she is there, and her only hope of survival is to try to learn about her new environment from the island's hostile inhabitants.

Chokshi, Roshani. **Aru Shah and the End of Time.** (JUV CHOKS)

Aru Shah has a tendency to stretch the truth in order to fit in at her private middle school. While her classmates are jetting off to exotic vacations, she'll be spending her autumn break in the Museum of Ancient Indian Art and Culture that her mom curates. Is it any wonder Aru makes up stories about being royalty, traveling to Paris, and having a chauffeur? One day, three schoolmates show up at Aru's doorstep to catch her in a lie. They don't believe her claim that the museum's Lamp of Bharata is cursed, and they dare Aru to prove it. Just a quick light, Aru thinks. Then she'll never ever fib again. But lighting the lamp has dire consequences.

Colfer, Chris. **Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell.** (JUV COLFE)

Through the mysterious powers of a cherished book of stories, twins Alex and Conner leave their world behind and find themselves in a foreign land full of wonder and magic where they come face-to-face with the fairy tale characters they grew up reading about.

Colfer, Eoin. **Artemis Fowl.** (JUV COLFE)

When a twelve-year-old evil genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll.

DiCamillo, Kate. **Flora and Ulysses: an Illuminated Adventure.**

(JUV DICAM)

Rescuing a squirrel after an accident involving a vacuum cleaner, comic-reading cynic Flora Belle Buckman is astonished when the squirrel, Ulysses, demonstrates astonishing powers of strength and flight after being revived.

Dobbs, Alda P. **Barefoot Dreams of Petra Luna.** (JUV DOBBS)

Based on a true story, the tale of one girl's perilous journey to cross the U.S. border and lead her family to safety during the Mexican Revolution.

DuPrau, Jeanne. **City of Ember.** (JUV DUPRA)

In the year 241, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.

Gibbs, Stuart. **Funjungle Series.** (JUV GIBBS)

Twelve-year-old Teddy investigates when a popular Texas zoo's star attraction--Henry the hippopotamus--is murdered.

Griffiths, Andy. **The 13-Story Treehouse**. (JUV GRIFFI)

Who wouldn't want to live in a treehouse? Especially a 13-story treehouse that has a bowling alley, a see-through swimming pool, a tank full of sharks, a library full of comics, a secret underground laboratory, a games room, self-making beds, vines you can swing on, a vegetable vaporizer and a marshmallow machine that follows you around and automatically shoots your favorite flavored marshmallows into your mouth whenever it discerns you're hungry.

Hiranandani, Veera. **How to Find What You're Not Looking For**. (JUV HIRAN)

Middle schooler Ariel Goldberg must find her own voice and define her own beliefs after her big sister elopes with a young man from India following the Supreme Court decision that strikes down laws banning interracial marriage.

Keller, Tae. **When You Trap a Tiger**. (JUV KELLE)

When Lily, her sister Sam, and their mother move in with her sick grandmother, Lily traps a tiger and makes a deal with him to heal Halmoni.

Kelly, Erin Entrada. **You Go First**. (JUV KELLY)

Charlotte, twelve, and Ben, eleven, are highly-skilled competitors at online Scrabble and that connection helps both as they face family issues and the turmoil of middle school.

Kinney, Jeff. **Diary of a Wimpy Kid**. (JUV KINNE)

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, but when Rowley grows more popular, Greg must take drastic measures to save their friendship.

Marks, Janae. **From the Desk of Zoe Washington**. (JUV MARKS)

Zoe Washington isn't sure what to write. What does a girl say to the father she's never met, hadn't heard from until his letter arrived on her twelfth birthday, and who's been in prison for a terrible crime? A crime he says he never committed.

Mass, Wendy. **Bob**. (JUV MASS)

Visiting her grandmother in Australia, Livy, ten, is reminded of the promise she made five years before to Bob, a strange, green creature who cannot recall who or what he is.

McNicoll, Elle. **A Kind of Spark**. (JUV MCNIC)

When she discovers that her small Scottish town used to burn witches simply because they were different, a neurodivergent girl who sees and hears things others cannot refuses to let them be forgotten.

Pastis, Stephan. **Timmy Failure: Mistakes Were Made**. (JUV PASTI)

Meet Timmy Failure, the founder, president, and CEO of the best detective agency in town, probably the nation. And his lazy sidekick, Total, a 1,500-pound polar bear.

Peirce, Lincoln. **Big Nate: In a Class by Himself.** (JUV PEIRC)

Supremely confident middle-school student Nate Wright manages to make getting detention from every one of his teachers in the same day seem like an achievement.

Pennypacker, Sarah. **Pax.** (JUV PENNY)

After being forced to give up his pet fox Pax, a young boy named Peter decides to leave home and get his best friend back.

Pérez, Celia. **The First Rule of Punk.** (JUV PEREZ)

Twelve-year-old María Luisa O'Neill-Morales (who really prefers to be called Malú) reluctantly moves with her Mexican-American mother to Chicago and starts seventh grade with a bang--violating the dress code with her punk rock aesthetic and spurning the middle school's most popular girl in favor of starting a band with a group of like-minded weirdos.

Reynolds, Jason. **Stuntboy, in the Meantime.** (JUV REYNO)

Portico Reeves' secret identity as Stuntboy allows him to use his superpower keep everybody safe, but when his superhero parents start fighting a lot he feels the responsibility to save them.

Sutherland, Tui. **Wings of Fire: Dragonet Prophecy.** (JUV SUTHE)

Clay has lived his whole life under the mountain. The MudWing dragonet knows war is raging between the dragon tribes in the world outside -- a war that he and four other dragonets are destined to end, according to the mysterious prophecy they have been taught. The five "chosen" dragonets were stolen from their homes while they were still in their eggs -- and hidden away for years -- all to fulfill the prophecy. But not every dragonet wants a destiny. And when danger threatens one of their own, Clay and his friends may choose freedom over fate ... leave the mountain ... and set the dragon world on a course that no one could have predicted.

Tarshis, Lauren. **I Survived.** (CHAPTER TARSH)

Each book in this series looks at a different historical disaster through a child's perspective. The characters are fictional, but the events are factual —black and white photos and facts accompany each story.

Yang, Kelly. **Front Desk.** (JUV YANG)

Recent immigrants from China and desperate for work and money, ten-year-old Mia Tang's parents take a job managing a rundown motel in Southern California, even though the owner, Mr. Yao is a nasty skinflint who exploits them; while her mother (who was an engineer in China) does the cleaning, Mia works the front desk and tries to cope with demanding customers and other recent immigrants--not to mention being only one of two Chinese in her fifth grade class, the other being Mr. Yao's son, Jason.