

Title	Author	Synopsis	Publication	Age	Links
Fake Mustache	Angleberger, Tom	Award-winning author Tom Angleberger flexes his comic muscle in this hairy adventure story with twists at every turn. Regular kid Lenny Flem Jr. is the only one standing between his evil-genius best friend—Casper, a master of disguise and hypnosis—and world domination. It all begins when Casper spends money from his granny on a spectacularly convincing fake mustache, the Heidelberg Handlebar #7. With it he's able rob banks, amass a vast fortune, and run for president. Is Lenny the only one who can see through his disguise? And will he be able to stop Casper from taking over the world?	Amulet (2012)	8+	<a href="http://blogs.slj.com/afuse8production/2012/02/01/review-of-the-day-fake-mustache-by-tom-angleberger/">http://blogs.slj.com/afuse8production/2012/02/01/review-of-the-day-fake-mustache-by-tom-angleberger/</a>
Inspector Flytrap series	Angleberger, Tom & Cece Bell	Inspector Flytrap introduces kids to the humorous and wacky world of Inspector Flytrap's Detective Agency, home to the world-renowned solver of BIG DEAL mysteries. The plant detective works tirelessly with his assistant Nina the Goat on his community's unsolved cases. There's no case too big, but there are definitely cases too small for this endearingly self-important plant detective. Celebrating the disabled yet enabled, the character of Inspector Flytrap is wheeled everywhere (on a skateboard, of course) by his goat sidekick as this mystery-solving duo works on cases. Combining wacky humor and a silly cast of characters with adventure, friendship, and mystery, the powerhouse team of Tom Angleberger and Cece Bell have created a uniquely engaging series that is perfect for newly independent readers. Also included in these books are some graphic novel-style pages that will attract reluctant readers.	Amulet (2016-present)	6+	<a href="https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/tom-angleberger/inspector-flytrap/">https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/tom-angleberger/inspector-flytrap/</a>

A Boy Called Bat series	Arnold, Elana K	A Boy Called Bat is the first book in a funny, heartfelt, and irresistible young middle grade series starring an unforgettable young boy on the autism spectrum. For Bixby Alexander Tam (nicknamed Bat), life tends to be full of surprises—some of them good, some not so good. Today, though, is a good-surprise day. Bat’s mom, a veterinarian, has brought home a baby skunk, which she needs to take care of until she can hand him over to a wild-animal shelter. But the minute Bat meets the kit, he knows they belong together. And he’s got one month to show his mom that a baby skunk might just make a pretty terrific pet.	Walden Pond Press (2017 - present)	6+	<a href="http://elanakarnold.com/">http://elanakarnold.com/</a>
Jenny Linsky series	Averill, Esther	In Greenwich Village an orphaned black cat lives happily with her master, a sea captain. Still, the gentle Jenny Linsky would like nothing more than to join the local Cat Club, whose members include Madame Butterfly, an elegant Persian, the high-stepping Macaroni, and stately, plump Mr. President. But can she overcome her fears and prove that she, too, has a special gift? Join Jenny and her friends, including fearless Pickles the Fire Cat, on their spirited downtown adventures and discover why The Atlantic Monthly called Jenny "a personality ranking not far below such giants as Peter Rabbit."	New York Review Books (2003, 1944-1972)	5+	<a href="https://www.nyrb.com/collections/esther-averill">https://www.nyrb.com/collections/esther-averill</a>

Poppy series	Avi	<p>This fanciful tale featuring a cast of woodland creatures. As ruler of Dimwood Forest, Ocax the hoot owl has promised to protect the mice occupying an abandoned farmhouse as long as they ask permission before "moving about." Poppy, a timid dormouse, is a loyal, obedient subject-until she sees Ocax devour her fianc and hears the owl deny her father's request to seek new living quarters. To prove that the intimidating ruler is really a phony, Poppy embarks on a dangerous and eye-opening quest, which ends with her one-on-one battle with Ocax. While the themes about tyranny and heroism are timeless, Avi leavens his treatment with such 20th-century touches as Poppy's jive-talking boyfriend and Poppy's own romantic vision of herself as Ginger Rogers. An engaging blend of romance, suspense and parody, this fantasy is well-nigh irresistible. Illustrations not seen by PW. Ages 9-11.</p> <p>(Publisher's Weekly)</p>	Scholastic (1995 - 2009)	8+	<a href="https://www.avi-writer.com/books/books/poppy.html">https://www.avi-writer.com/books/books/poppy.html</a>
Sisters 8 Series	Baratz-Logsted, Lauren	<p>The Sisters 8 is a quirky, humorous, and exciting series. And frankly, it's pretty awesome. The series was written by Lauren Baratz-Logsted, along with her husband, Greg, and daughter, Jackie (I believe she was about 8 when they started writing the series). In short, the series revolves around 8 octuplet sisters (Annie, Durinda, Georgia, Jackie, Marcia, Petal, Rebecca, Zinnia). They were born on August 8th, 2000, each one minute after the next. The series begins on New Year's Eve 2008 (December 31st, 2007) when the eight's parents mysteriously go missing (or possibly, they're dead). Their only clue appears behind a loose stone set in the wall of their drawing room telling them that they will each receive a power and a gift, one per sister, each month, until they all turn 8 on August 8th, 2008 – at which point, they will finally learn the whereabouts of their parents.</p>	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, c2008 -	6+	<a href="http://www.houghtonmifflinbooks.com/features/sisters8/books.html">http://www.houghtonmifflinbooks.com/features/sisters8/books.html</a> & <a href="http://www.offthelibraryshelf.com/series-review-the-sisters-8/#.W5LMP-hKiUk">http://www.offthelibraryshelf.com/series-review-the-sisters-8/#.W5LMP-hKiUk</a>

Very Very Far North, The	Bar-El, Dan	An inquisitive polar bear named Duane befriends an array of animals as he discovers where he belongs in this charming classic-in-the making that's reminiscent of Winnie the Pooh. In the Very, Very Far North, past the Cold, Cold Ocean and just below the hill that looks like a baby whale, you'll find Duane and his friends. Duane is a sweet and curious young bear who makes friends with everyone he meets—whether they're bossy, like Major Puff the puffin, or a bit vain, like Handsome the musk ox, or very, very shy, like Boo the caribou. For these arctic friends, every day is a new adventure!	Atheneum Books for Young Readers (2019)	5+	<a href="https://danbareil.com/home-2/books/the-very-very-far-north/">https://danbareil.com/home-2/books/the-very-very-far-north/</a>
Ivy & Bean Series	Barrows, Annie	Sometimes opposites can become the best of friends because they're opposites. For example, people who like to talk need people who like to listen. And people with great ideas need people who can put those ideas into action. For Ivy and Bean, their differences mean that they have more fun together than they could ever have separately. It also means that, together, they do more wacky things than any one kid could ever dream up. The Ivy and Bean books are about the adventures—and disasters—created by this unlikely team. And since their motto seems to be “Why not?” there's every reason to believe that their capers and catastrophes will continue for quite a while.	Chronicle Books, 2007 - present	6+	<a href="http://anniebarrows.com/kids-home/ivy-bean/">http://anniebarrows.com/kids-home/ivy-bean/</a>
Little Cat's Luck	Bauer, Marion Dane	When an indoor calico cat named Patches spots a golden autumn leaf fluttering past her window, she can't help but venture outside to chase it. But soon, Patches feels something tugging at her, telling her to find a special place—one she won't know until she sees it. Why must she go on this search? She doesn't know yet. Along the way, Patches finds herself in dire circumstances, but with the help of the other neighborhood animals, she faces off against the scariest dog in town and continues on her journey to her special place.	Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers (2016)	7+	<a href="http://www.mariondanebauer.com/bkpages/bk_littlecatsluck.html">http://www.mariondanebauer.com/bkpages/bk_littlecatsluck.html</a>

Penderwicks Series	Birdsall, Jeanne	Meet the Penderwicks, four different sisters with one special bond. There's responsible, practical Rosalind; stubborn, feisty Skye; dreamy, artistic Jane; and shy little sister Batty, who won't go anywhere without her butterfly wings. With over one million copies sold, this irresistible series of modern classics tells the story of the Penderwicks, a family that believes in truth and honor, yet can't seem to stay out of trouble.	Random House (2005)	8+	<a href="https://www.commonensemedia.org/book-reviews/the-penderwicks-a-summer-tale-of-four-sisters-two-rabbits-and-a-very-interesting-boy">https://www.commonensemedia.org/book-reviews/the-penderwicks-a-summer-tale-of-four-sisters-two-rabbits-and-a-very-interesting-boy</a> & <a href="https://www.jeannebirdsall.com/the-penderwicks/">https://www.jeannebirdsall.com/the-penderwicks/</a>
Olga da Polga (Series)	Bond, Michael	Olga has a wild imagination, and from the minute she arrives at her new home, she begins entertaining all the other animals in the garden with her outrageous tales and stories - but she still has time to get up to all kinds of mischief, and have lots of wonderful adventures too. This is the first in a series of books about Olga da Polga.		5+	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Olga_da_Polga">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Olga_da_Polga</a>
Paddington Bear Series	Bond, Michael	A Bear Called Paddington is a wonderful story about the adventures and mishaps of a polite bear found abandoned at a London train and taken in by a British family. This beloved classic, originally published in 1958, comes out of an earlier tradition in children's literature in which stories were gently humorous and comforting.		5+	<a href="http://www.paddington.com/gb/books/">http://www.paddington.com/gb/books/</a>
Violet Mackerel Series	Branford, Anna	Violet is a seven-year-old with a knack for appreciating the smallest things in life: her "Theory of Finding Small Things" states that the moment of finding a tiny treasure usually coincides with the moment of having a genius idea. This creative little girl always strives to think outside the box, so when she spots a small china bird that she desperately wants, she forms an imaginative plan for getting it—and her methods are anything but ordinary! The gentle, present-tense narration reflects the thinking of an imaginative and quite determined 7-year-old, following the model of elders who envision goals and work toward them. She's not always realistic about her own abilities. Her theory of the importance of small things mirrors the series of small moments that make the story. First published in Australia, where it was a Children's Book of the Year Honour Book.	Simon & Schuster, 2012 to 2015	5+	<a href="http://www.violetmackerel.com.au/">http://www.violetmackerel.com.au/</a>

Museum Mysteries series	Brezenoff, Steve	From Steve Brezenoff, author of the best-selling Field Trip Mysteries, comes a suspenseful new series --- Museum Mysteries. Join four friends as they take in culture and solve crimes in the Capitol City museums. Because of their parents' jobs in the museums, the kids have unprecedented access to the exhibits, and because of their brains, they solve mysteries that leave the pros scratching their heads. Discussion questions, writing prompts, a glossary, and nonfiction resources continue the reader's learning experience long after the story ends.	Capstone (2015 - present)	7+	<a href="http://www.capstonepub.com/consumer/brands/museum-mysteries/">http://www.capstonepub.com/consumer/brands/museum-mysteries/</a>
Flat Stanley seires & Flat Stanley's Worldwide Adventures series	Brown, Jeff & Multiple	Kids love Flat Stanley—even reluctant readers. And for parents and teachers, each Flat Stanley book delivers multicultural adventure, plot and character development story elements, and compare and contrast. The book recounts the adventures of Stanley Lambchop after surviving being crushed while sleeping by a falling bulletin board. He survives and makes the best of his altered state. Eventually, Stanley wearies of flatness and Arthur restores his proper shape with a bicycle pump.	HarperCollins (1964 - 2003 & 2009 - 2014)	5+	<a href="http://www.flatstanleybooks.com/">http://www.flatstanleybooks.com/</a>

The Secret Garden	Burnett, Frances Hodgson	<p>Mary Lennox has no one left in the world when she arrives at Misselthwaite Manor, her mysterious uncle's enormous, drafty mansion looming on the edge of the moors. A cholera epidemic has ravaged the Indian village in which she was born, killing both her parents and the "Ayah," or Indian servant, who cared for her. Not that being alone is new to her. Her socialite mother had no time between parties for Mary, and her father was both too ill and too occupied by his work to raise his daughter. Not long after coming to live with her uncle, Mr. Craven, Mary discovers a walled garden, neglected and in ruins. Soon she meets her servant Martha's brother Dickon, a robust country boy nourished both by his mother's love and by the natural surroundings of the countryside; and her tyrannical cousin Colin, whose mother died giving birth to him. So traumatized was Mr. Craven by the sudden death of his beloved wife that he effectively abandoned the infant Colin and buried the keys to the garden that she adored. His son has grown into a self-loathing hypochondriacal child whose tantrums strike fear into the hearts of servants. The lush garden is now overgrown and all are forbidden to enter it. No one can even remember where the door is, until a robin leads Mary to its hidden key. It is in the "secret garden," and with the help of Dickon, that Mary and Colin find the path to physical and spiritual health. Along the way the three children discover that in their imaginations—called "magic" by Colin—is the power to transform lives.</p>	1911	8+	<a href="https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/287692/the-secret-garden-by-frances-hodgson-burnett/9781101660560/readers-guide/">https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/287692/the-secret-garden-by-frances-hodgson-burnett/9781101660560/readers-guide/</a>
A Little Princess	Burnett, Frances Hodgson	<p>Sara Crewe seemed just like a real princess...When Sara Crewe arrives at Miss Minchin's London boarding school, she seems just like a real little princess. She wears beautiful clothes, has gracious manners, and tells the most wonderful stories. Then one day, Sara suddenly becomes penniless. Now she must wear rags, sleep in the school's dreary attic, and work for her living. Sara is all alone, but keeps telling herself that she can still be a princess inside, if only she tries hard enough.</p>	1905	6+	<a href="https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/296510/a-little-princess-by-frances-hodgson-burnett/">https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/296510/a-little-princess-by-frances-hodgson-burnett/</a>

Very Nearly Honorable league of Pirates series	Carlson, Caroline	Hilary Westfield has always dreamed of being a pirate. She can tread water for thirty-seven minutes. She can tie a knot faster than a fleet of sailors, and she already owns a rather pointy sword. There's only one problem: The Very Nearly Honorable League of Pirates refuses to let any girl join their ranks of scourges and scallywags. But Hilary is not the kind of girl to take no for answer. To escape a life of petticoats and politeness at her stuffy finishing school, Hilary sets out in search of her own seaworthy adventure.	HarperCollins (2013-2016)	7+	<a href="https://carolinecarlsonbooks.com/books/">https://carolinecarlsonbooks.com/books/</a>
Clarice Bean series	Child, Lauren	Irrepressible, sassy, quirky (and sometimes frenetic), the endearing, utterly entertaining Clarice Bean is the star of three full-length adventures featuring Lauren Child's wacky wit and eccentric visual energy.	Candlewick (1999 - present)	5+	<a href="http://www.milkmonitor.com/books/">http://www.milkmonitor.com/books/</a>
Zoey and Sassafras series	Citro, Asia	With magical animals, science, mystery, and adventure -- the brand new series Zoey and Sassafras has something for everyone! Easy-to-read language and illustrations on nearly every page make this series perfect for a wide range of ages.	Scholastic (2017 - present)		<a href="https://www.zoeyandsassafras.com/">https://www.zoeyandsassafras.com/</a>
Brambleheart series	Cole, Henry	A young chipmunk finds his path. Twig lives with other rodents and small mammals on the Hill, which is made of discarded metal, plastic, and rubber. But this isn't dystopic pollution—narrative descriptions are romantically pastoral, with golden sunlight, sweet-smelling earth, bird song, and bees in honeysuckle. Twig's problem is school: he doesn't merit being named master of any specialty (such as Weaver, Smelter, or Carver) at the upcoming Naming Ceremony and will be forced to work as a scorned, lowly Errand Runner. Venturing farther afield than he's ever been—down a river he's never seen—Twig finds an egg that hatches into a dragon in front of his eyes. Animal-fantasy purists will be as surprised as Twig himself. Sneaking the dragon home, Twig faces issues of integrity. The dragon's fiery breath welds metal for Twig's school projects, which is cheating; encaging a dragon is wrong. Freeing it, on the other hand, might free Twig, too.	Harper Collins 2016 - present	6+	<a href="https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/henry-cole-16/brambleheart/">https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/henry-cole-16/brambleheart/</a>



The BFG	Dahl, Roald	<p>One night when Sophie can't sleep, she goes to the window of her orphanage and sees a giant walking down the street, blowing something into the windows. When the giant sees her, he grabs her and takes her back to his desert cave home.</p> <p>There he explains, in his strange and garbled English, that he was blowing dreams into the minds of children, and that the other giants who live in the desert -- and are twice his size -- eat children all over the world. He, though, is the Big Friendly Giant (BFG), and eats nothing but disgusting snozzcumpers. But when the other giants head to England to eat children, Sophie hatches a plan, involving dreams, the Queen of England, and the BFG, to stop them once and for all.</p>	Farrar, Straus and Giroux (1982)	7+	<a href="http://www.roalddahl.com/roalddahl/stories/a-e/the-bfg">http://www.roalddahl.com/roalddahl/stories/a-e/the-bfg</a>
Matilda	Dahl, Roald	Matilda Wormwood is only five years old, but she is a genius. Unfortunately her parents are too stupid to even notice. Worse, her horrible headmistress Miss Trunchbull is a bully who makes life difficult for Matilda's teacher, Miss Honey, and her friends. But what Miss Trunchbull doesn't know is that Matilda has a trick or two up her sleeve...	Farrar, Straus and Giroux (1988)	6+	<a href="https://www.commonsensemedia.org/book-reviews/matilda-https://www.roalddahl.com/">https://www.commonsensemedia.org/book-reviews/matilda &amp; https://www.roalddahl.com/</a>
Flora and Ulysses	DiCamillo, Kate	It begins, as the best superhero stories do, with a tragic accident that has unexpected consequences. The squirrel never saw the vacuum cleaner coming, but self-described cynic Flora Belle Buckman, who has read every issue of the comic book Terrible Things Can Happen to You!, is the just the right person to step in and save him. What neither can predict is that Ulysses (the squirrel) has been born anew, with powers of strength, flight, and misspelled poetry—and that Flora will be changed too, as she discovers the possibility of hope and the promise of a capacious heart. A laugh-out-loud story filled with eccentric, endearing characters and featuring an exciting new format—a novel interspersed with comic-style graphic sequences and full-page illustrations, all rendered in black-and-white by artist K. G. Campbell. Newbery Award winner 2014.		7+	<a href="https://www.katedicamillo.com/books/flora.html">https://www.katedicamillo.com/books/flora.html</a>

Tale of Despereaux	DiCamillo, Kate	Welcome to the story of Despereaux Tilling, a mouse who is in love with music, stories, and a princess named Pea. It is also the story of a rat called Roscuro, who lives in the darkness and covets a world filled with light. And it is the story of Miggery Sow, a slow-witted serving girl who harbors a simple, impossible wish. These three characters are about to embark on a journey that will lead them down into a horrible dungeon, up into a glittering castle, and, ultimately, into each other's lives. And what happens then? As Kate DiCamillo would say: "Reader, it is your destiny to find out." Awarded the 2004 Newbery Medal	Candlewick (2003)	8+	<a href="https://www.commonsensemedia.org/book-reviews/the-tale-of-despereaux-being-the-story-of-a-mouse-a-princess-some-soup-and-a-spool-of">https://www.commonsensemedia.org/book-reviews/the-tale-of-despereaux-being-the-story-of-a-mouse-a-princess-some-soup-and-a-spool-of</a> & <a href="https://www.katedicamillo.com/books/tale.html">https://www.katedicamillo.com/books/tale.html</a>
Because of Winn Dixie	Dicamillo, Kate	The summer Opal and her father, the preacher, move to Naomi, Florida, Opal goes into the Winn-Dixie supermarket and comes out with a dog. A big, ugly, suffering dog with a sterling sense of humor. A dog she dubs Winn-Dixie. Because of Winn-Dixie, the preacher tells Opal ten things about her absent mother, one for each year Opal has been alive. Winn-Dixie is better at making friends than anyone Opal has ever known, and together they meet the local librarian, Miss Franny Block, who once fought off a bear with a copy of War and Peace. They meet Gloria Dump, who is nearly blind but sees with her heart, and Otis, an ex-con who sets the animals in his pet shop loose after hours, then lulls them with his guitar. Opal spends all that sweet summer collecting stories about her new friends, and thinking about her mother. But because of Winn-Dixie or perhaps because she has grown, Opal learns to let go, just a little, and that friendship-and forgiveness-can sneak up on you like a sudden summer storm.	Candlewick (2000)	9+	<a href="https://www.katedicamillo.com/books/bowd.html">https://www.katedicamillo.com/books/bowd.html</a> & <a href="https://www.commonsensemedia.org/book-reviews/because-of-winn-dixie">https://www.commonsensemedia.org/book-reviews/because-of-winn-dixie</a>

Bink & Gollie	DiCamillo, Kate & McGhee, Alison	Meet Bink and Gollie, two precocious little girls—one tiny, one tall, and both utterly irrepressible. Setting out from their super-deluxe tree house and powered by plenty of peanut butter (for Bink) and pancakes (for Gollie), they share comical adventures. No matter where their roller skates take them, at the end of the day they will always be the very best of friends. Full of quick-witted repartee, this brainchild of Newbery Medalist Kate DiCamillo and award-winning author Alison McGhee is a hilarious ode to exuberance and camaraderie, imagination and adventure, brought to life through the delightfully kinetic images of Tony Fucile.		5+	<a href="https://www.commonsensemedia.org/book-reviews/bink-gollie">https://www.commonsensemedia.org/book-reviews/bink-gollie</a> <a href="http://www.katedicamillo.com/books/bink01.html">http://www.katedicamillo.com/books/bink01.html</a> & <a href="http://www.binkandgollie.com/">http://www.binkandgollie.com/</a>
Kenny and the Dragon	Diterlizzi, Tony	What do you do when your new best buddy has been designated a scourge by the community and marked for imminent extermination? Just ask Kenny Rabbit. When the simple folks in the sleepy little village of Roundbrook catch wind that there's a dragon running loose in the countryside, they get the wrong idea and the stage is set for a fight to the death. So it's up to Kenny to give his neighbors front-row seats to one of the best-known battles in history – the legendary showdown between St. George and the dragon – without losing a friend in the fray. (Draws on Kenneth Graham's Reluctant Dragon)	Simon & Schuster (2008)	7+	<a href="http://diterlizzi.com/home/project/kenny-and-the-dragon/">http://diterlizzi.com/home/project/kenny-and-the-dragon/</a>

<p>Sam the Man &amp; the Chicken Plan</p>	<p>Dowell, Frances O'Roark</p>	<p>Sam the Man wants to earn some money and he's got a cluck-worthy plan in this endearing chapter book that's the first in a new series from Frances O'Roark Dowell. Sam the Man needs a job. His neighbor offers to pay him a whole dollar each time he can convince her dad, Mr. Stockfish, to join him for a walk. But it turns out that getting Mr. Stockfish to leave the living room isn't easy. So when another neighbor, asks if Sam would like to watch her chickens, Sam jumps on the task. Watching chickens is more fun than he expects, and comes with an added bonus: it turns out that visiting the chickens is the one thing that can coax Mr. Stockfish out of the house! But what does a seven-year-old do with all the money he's earning? It's too little for a bike, and too much for candy. But wait! It's just enough for a chicken of his own—the kind that lays BLUE eggs!</p>	<p>Atheneum (2017)</p>	<p>6+</p>	<p><a href="http://www.francesdowell.com/books/sam-the-man-the-chicken-plan/">http://www.francesdowell.com/books/sam-the-man-the-chicken-plan/</a></p>
<p>Tales of Magic series</p>	<p>Eager, Edward</p>	<p>For siblings Jane, Mark, Katharine, and Martha, summer is fairly dull aside from trips to the library. One day Jane finds an old coin, then irritably wishes for something exciting to happen -- and it does. The children soon realize they possess a magic charm that grants half of what they wish for. Sometimes carefully, and sometimes recklessly, they find themselves transported on adventures both thrilling and terrifying -- in a Middle Eastern desert, among King Arthur's knights, and even in their own neighborhood. Wishes are tricky things, they discover, and even the most thoughtful, generous wish has a way of backfiring horribly. Only by working together as a family can they set things right.</p>	<p>Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (2004, 1954 - 1962)</p>	<p>6+</p>	<p><a href="https://www.commonsensemedia.org/book-reviews/half-magic-tales-of-magic-book-1">https://www.commonsensemedia.org/book-reviews/half-magic-tales-of-magic-book-1</a></p>

Owl Diaries series	Elliott, Rebecca	Want to give your early independent reader a hoot of a time? Introduce them to Owl Diaries, a series from Scholastic’s Branches line that stars a little owl named Eva Wingdale. Throughout the series, Eva learns a number of valuable — or owl-uable — lessons, from overcoming jealousy and apologizing to friends she’s hurt, to learning to ask for help when she needs it. The Owl Diaries series features vibrant illustrations, easy-to-read text, fascinating owl facts (Did you know that a group of owls is referred to as a “parliament?”), and reading comprehension questions at the end of every book that sharpen emerging readers’ skills.	Scholastic (2016 - present)	5+	<a href="https://www.rebeccaelliott.com/owlidiaries">https://www.rebeccaelliott.com/owlidiaries</a>
Ginger Pye (A book in the Pye series)	Estes, Eleanor	The tragedy of losing the family pet and the joy of finding him again is a familiar experience of childhood, and this story is an absorbing one. Jerry and Rachel Pye were heartbroken when their puppy Ginger disappeared. Immediately the children begin to pick up clues, and by a yellow hat, luck, and the persistence of Uncle Benny, age three, the mystery is uncovered, and Ginger, now fully grown, escapes his captors. Some amusing incidents, indefatigable youngsters, and an ecstatic reunion. A Newbery medal winner in 1952.	1951	6+	<a href="https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/books/ginger-pye-by-eleanor-estes/">https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/books/ginger-pye-by-eleanor-estes/</a> & <a href="https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/a/eleanor-estes/ginger-pye/">https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/a/eleanor-estes/ginger-pye/</a>
Applesauce Weather	Frost, Helen	When the first apple falls from the tree, Faith and Peter know that it’s applesauce weather, even though Peter is getting a little old for such things. It also means Uncle Arthur should be here to tell his stories, with a twinkle in his eye as he spins tales about how he came to have a missing finger. But this is the first year without Aunt Lucy, and when Uncle Arthur arrives, there’s no twinkle to be found and no stories waiting to be told. Faith is certain, though, that with a little love and patience, she and Peter might finally learn the truth about that missing finger. Paired with warm, expressive illustrations by Amy June Bates, this heartfelt tale by award-winning poet Helen Frost highlights the strength of family and the power of a good story.	Candlewick Press (2016)	8+	<a href="https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/545671/applesauce-weather-by-helen-frost/9781536203615/">https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/545671/applesauce-weather-by-helen-frost/9781536203615/</a>

Dragon Rider 1 & 2	Funke, Cornelia	With a lonely boy named Ben on board, the brave young dragon Firedrake sets out on a magical journey to find the mythical place where silver dragons can live in peace forever. Flying over moonlit lands and sparkling seas, they encounter fantastic creatures, summon up surprising courage -- and cross the path of a ruthless villain with an ancient grudge who's determined to end their quest. Only a secret destiny can save the dragons in this enchanting adventure about the true meaning of home.	Scholsatic (2004 & 2018)	8+	<a href="https://www.corneliafunke.com/en/&amp; https://www.commonensemedia.org/book-reviews/dragon-rider">https://www.corneliafunke.com/en/&amp; https://www.commonensemedia.org/book-reviews/dragon-rider</a>
Igraine the Brave	Funke, Cornelia	Igraine dreams of becoming a famous knight just like her great grandfather, but the truth is, life at the family castle is rather boring. Until the nephew of the baroness-next-door shows up. He's got a dastardly plan to capture the castle and claim as his own the wonderful singing spell books that belong to Igraine's magician parents. To make matters worse, at the very moment of the siege, her mom and dad botch a spell, turning themselves into pigs! Aided by a Gentle Giant and a Sorrowful Knight, it's up to Igraine to be brave and save the day--and the books!	Chicken House (2007)	8+	<a href="https://www.corneliafunke.com/en/&amp; https://www.commonensemedia.org/book-reviews/igraine-the-brave">https://www.corneliafunke.com/en/&amp; https://www.commonensemedia.org/book-reviews/igraine-the-brave</a>
Ruffleclaw	Funke, Cornelia	Ruffleclaw is a furry red monster who lives in a burrow under a toolshed. When he decides to move in with a family of humans, he climbs right into bed with a boy named Tommy. Tommy wants to keep Ruffleclaw as a pet, but it won't be easy. Ruffleclaw makes huge messes—he spits, he drinks shampoo, and he eats everything in the fridge . . . along with the plates! Can Tommy teach his monster to behave?	Random House (2015)	7+	<a href="https://www.corneliafunke.com/en">https://www.corneliafunke.com/en</a>
Lily and Fin, Mermaid's Tale	Funke, Cornelia	These mermaid friends are fishing for trouble! Lilly and Fin are merpups—mermaid kids—who love to play and explore the caves outside the mermaid city. They aren't really supposed to leave the city, but that's what makes it so much fun! Surely all those stories about Two-Legs (you know, humans) and sea monsters are just made up to scare young merpups.	Random House (2017)	7+	<a href="https://www.corneliafunke.com/en">https://www.corneliafunke.com/en</a>

Emma and the Blue Genie	Funke, Cornelia	One night, Emma finds a mysterious green bottle floating in the ocean. When she pulls out the stopper, she sets a blue genie free! Most genies grant three wishes, but Karim can't grant even one anymore. A yellow genie stole his magic nose ring, leaving him small, powerless, and trapped in that bottle. Emma and her noodle-tailed dog have to help Karim get his nose ring—and his magic—back!	Random House (2014)	7+	<a href="https://www.corneliafunke.com/en/buecher/emma-and-the-blue-genie">https://www.corneliafunke.com/en/buecher/emma-and-the-blue-genie</a>
Fortunately the Milk	Gaiman, Neil	This is quite possibly the most exciting adventure ever to be written about milk since Tolstoy's epic novel War and Milk. Also it has aliens, pirates, dinosaurs and wumpires in it (but not the handsome, misunderstood kind), also a never-adequately-explained-bowl-of-piranhas, not to mention a Volcano God.	HarperCollins (2013)	6+	<a href="https://www.commonensemedia.org/book-reviews/fortunately-the-milk">https://www.commonensemedia.org/book-reviews/fortunately-the-milk</a> & <a href="http://www.neilgaiman.com/works/Books/">http://www.neilgaiman.com/works/Books/</a>
Three Tales of My Father's Dragon	Gannett, Ruth Chrisman	The classic fantasy trilogy of Elmer Elevator and the flying baby dragon has delighted children and their parents for generations. A Newbery Honor Book and an ALA Notable Book, My Father's Dragon is followed by Elmer and the Dragon, and The Dragons of. Each story stands alone, but read in succession, they are an unforgettable experience.	Random House (1997, 1948)	5+	<a href="https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/57877/three-ales-of-my-fathers-dragon-by-ruth-stiles-gannett/9780679889113/">https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/57877/three-ales-of-my-fathers-dragon-by-ruth-stiles-gannett/9780679889113/</a>
Magical Children Series	Gardner, Sally	Silly stories of extreme magic, enticingly packaged in a flip-book format, resourceful kids rely on their sense and savvy to save the day.	Dial Books (2007)	7+	<a href="http://www.sallygardner.net/books/magical-children/">http://www.sallygardner.net/books/magical-children/</a>
Wings & Co Series	Gardner, Sally	When Emily Vole inherits an abandoned shop, she discovers a magical world she never knew existed. And a fairy-hating witch, a mischievous set of golden keys, and a train full of brightly colored bunnies are just a few of the surprises that come with it. With the help of a talking cat called Fidget and a grumpy fairy detective called Buster, it is up to Emily to save the day.	New York : Henry Holt and Company, [2014]	7+	<a href="http://www.sallygardner.net/books/operation-bunny/">http://www.sallygardner.net/books/operation-bunny/</a>



Unicorn Rescue Society series	Gidwitz, Adam	Elliot Eisner isn't exactly thrilled with the first day at his new school. His class is going on a field trip to a creepy forest called the Pine Barrens. The trip is being led by Professor Fauna, the weirdest teacher Elliot has ever met. And the only kid who will talk to Elliot, Uchenna Devereaux, isn't afraid of danger. She likes danger. Elliot and Uchenna are about to become part of a secret group of adventurers, The Unicorn Rescue Society, whose goal is to protect and defend the world's mythical creatures. Join Elliot and Uchenna on their quest as members of the Unicorn Rescue Society Illustrated throughout, this is the perfect fit for newly independent readers looking for a story full of adventure, fun, and friendship.	Penguin (2018 - present)	8+	<a href="http://www.unicornrescuesociety.com/">http://www.unicornrescuesociety.com/</a> & <a href="https://www.commonsemmedia.org/book-reviews/the-creature-of-the-pines-the-unicorn-rescue-society-book-1">https://www.commonsemmedia.org/book-reviews/the-creature-of-the-pines-the-unicorn-rescue-society-book-1</a>
Sugar Plum Ballerinas series	Goldberg, Whoopi	Inspired by Cato's sketches of an African-American ballerina, Oscar-winning actress and "View" co-host Whoopi Goldberg has created a new series set at the Nutcracker Ballet School in Harlem. In this first title, Alex Johnson discovers it's hard being the new ballerina on the block. Rather than being a simple story full of girls who envy one another for looks, talent, or any other superficial quality, this is a story with lessons, many of them. And all of them point back to the basic premise that the girl who stays true to herself and her dreams, the girl who values and helps her friends, is a girl who will succeed.		5+	<a href="https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/books/sugar-plum-ballerinas-1-plum-fantastic-by-whoopi-goldberg/">https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/books/sugar-plum-ballerinas-1-plum-fantastic-by-whoopi-goldberg/</a>
The Adventures of Sophie Mouse series	Green, Poppy	Join Sophie Mouse and her many woodland friends on their adventures through the Silverlake Forest with this sweet and cozy chapter book series.	Simon & Schuster (2015 - present)	4+	<a href="http://www.simonandschuster.com/series/The-Adventures-of-Sophie-Mouse">http://www.simonandschuster.com/series/The-Adventures-of-Sophie-Mouse</a>
Say What	Haddix, Margaret Peterson	Wait, what did you say? Sukie is worried -- her parents are acting strange. When she runs in the house, her dad asks, "If all your friends jumped off a bridge, would you jump off a bridge too?" When she eats peas with her fingers, Mom yells, "You'll put an eye out with that thing!" What is going on? She and her older brothers decide to investigate. And what they discover leads to a kids-against-parents war!	Simon & Schuster (2004)	6+	<a href="https://haddixbooks.com/book/say-what/">https://haddixbooks.com/book/say-what/</a>



Dory Fantasmagory Series	Hanlon, Abby	As the youngest in her family, Dory really wants attention, and more than anything she wants her brother and sister to play with her. With plenty of pictures bursting with charm and character, this hilarious book about an irresistible rascal is the new must-read for the chapter book set.	Penguin (2014-present)	6+	<a href="http://www.abbyhanlon.com/dory/">http://www.abbyhanlon.com/dory/</a>
Just Grace Series	Harper, Charise Mericle	Just Grace—so named because she is the fourth Grace in her classroom—is an engaging and empathetic little girl who enjoys drawing, helping others and making lists. Gently humorous first-person stories.		7+	
Benny and Penny series	Hayes, Geoffrey	This TOON Book series of Benny and Penny books has garnered multiple awards. In 2009, Benny and Penny in the Big No-No! received the Theodor Seuss Geisel Award given by the American Library Association for the most distinguished American book for beginning readers published in English. Benny and Penny became known for realistically depicting conflicts and emotions that many children experience.	Toon Books (2008-2017)	4+	<a href="https://www.toon-books.com/level-2-grades-1-2.html">https://www.toon-books.com/level-2-grades-1-2.html</a>
Year of Billy Miller	Henkes, Kevin	Billy Miller visits the statue of the Jolly Green Giant at the end of summer vacation, he has an unlucky fall and ends up with a small lump on his head. What a way to start second grade, with a lump on your head! As the year goes by, though, Billy figures out how to navigate elementary school, how to appreciate his little sister, and how to be a more grown up and responsible member of the family and a help to his high school teacher mom and work-at-home artist dad. Newbery Honor author and Caldecott Medalist Kevin Henkes delivers a short, satisfying, laugh-out-loud-funny school and family. Illustrated throughout with black-and-white spot art by the author, this is a perfect short novel for the early elementary grades.	HarperCollins (2013)	7+	<a href="https://www.commonensemedia.org/book-reviews/the-year-of-billy-miller-amp-https://kevinhenkes.com/novels/the-year-of-billy-miller/">https://www.commonensemedia.org/book-reviews/the-year-of-billy-miller-amp-https://kevinhenkes.com/novels/the-year-of-billy-miller/</a>
Backyard Witch series	Heppermann, Christine	This new series stars three young girls and a mysterious visitor who appears exactly when you need her --- with just the right amount of magic --- begins. A must-have for newly independent readers.	HarperCollins (2015 - 2017)	6+	<a href="https://christineheppermann.com/backyard-witch/">https://christineheppermann.com/backyard-witch/</a>

<p>Babymouse series</p>	<p>Holm, Jennifer and Matthew Holm</p>	<p>With multiple Children's Choice Awards and over 1.8 million books sold, kids, parents, and teachers agree that Babymouse is perfect for fans of Junie B. Jones, Ivy and Bean, Bad Kitty, and Dork Diaries! Meet Babymouse— Her dreams are big! Her imagination is wild! Her whiskers are ALWAYS a mess! In her mind, she's Queen of the World! In real life... she's not even Queen of the lunch table. NEW YORK TIMES bestselling, three-time Newbery Honor winning author Jennifer Holm teams up with Matthew Holm to bring you a fully illustrated graphic novel series packed with humor and kid appeal.</p>	<p>Penguin Random House (2005 - present)</p>	<p>7+</p>	<p><a href="https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/series/BMO/babymouse">https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/series/BMO/babymouse</a></p>
<p>Mr. and Mrs. Bunny series</p>	<p>Horvath, Polly</p>	<p>In this hilarious chapter book mystery, meet a girl whose parents have been kidnapped by disreputable foxes, and a pair of detectives that also happen to be bunnies! A once-in-a-lifetime adventure involving a cast of unforgettable characters. There's Mr. and Mrs. Bunny, who drive a smart car, wear fedoras, and hate marmots; the Marmot, who loves garlic bread and is a brilliant translator; and many others. Translated from the Rabbit by Newbery Honor-winning author Polly Horvath, and beautifully illustrated by Caldecott Medal winner Sophie Blackall, here is a book that kids will both laugh over and love.</p>	<p>Random House (2012)</p>	<p>8+</p>	
<p>The Abominables</p>	<p>Ibbotson, Eva</p>	<p>A century after a yeti captures Lady Agatha Farlingham and takes her to a hidden valley to raise his motherless children, tourism threatens their peaceful existence and young Con and Ellen take these educated and civilized yetis across Europe to Lady Agatha's home in England.</p>	<p>New York : Amulet Books, 2013.</p>	<p>7+</p>	<p><a href="http://www.abramsbooks.com/product/abominables_9781419707896/">http://www.abramsbooks.com/product/abominables_9781419707896/</a> <a href="https://www.commonensemedia.org/book-reviews/the-abominables">https://www.commonensemedia.org/book-reviews/the-abominables</a></p>

Toys Go Out series	Jenkins, Emily	Highly acclaimed Toys trilogy, which includes the companion books Toys Go Out, Toy Dance Party, and Toys Come Home and chronicles the unforgettable adventures of three brave and loving toys. In these six linked stories from Emily Jenkins, and illustrated by Caldecott Medal winner Paul O. Zelinsky, readers will meet three extraordinary friends. Lumphy is a stuffed buffalo. StingRay is a stuffed stingray. And Plastic... well, Plastic isn't quite sure what she is. They all belong to the Little Girl who lives on the high bed with the fluffy pillows. A very nice person to belong to. Together is best for these three best friends. Together they look things up in the dictionary, explore the basement, and argue about the meaning of life. And together they face dogs, school, television commercials, the vastness of the sea, and the terrifying bigness of the washing machine.	Random House (2008 - 2011)	5+	<a href="http://www.emilyjenkins.com/toys-go-out/">http://www.emilyjenkins.com/toys-go-out/</a>
Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer series	Jones, Kelly	Twelve-year-old Sophie Brown feels like a fish out of water when she and her parents move from Los Angeles to the farm they've inherited from a great-uncle. But farm life gets more interesting when a cranky chicken appears and Sophie discovers the hen can move objects with the power of her little chicken brain: jam jars, the latch to her henhouse, the entire henhouse....	Random House (2015)	8+	<a href="http://curiosityjones.net/">http://curiosityjones.net/</a>
Calpurnia Tate, Girl Vet series	Kelly, Jacqueline	Jacqueline Kelly introduced younger readers to Calpurnia Tate, Girl Vet, in Newbery Honor-winner The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate. Delightfully illustrated, this historically-set chapter book series brings turn-of-the-twentieth-century Texas to life as Callie and her family explore the natural world around them, inspiring the eleven-year-old girl to learn about and help the wildlife right in her own backyard.	Henry Holt (2016-present)	7+	<a href="https://www.commonsemmedia.org/book-reviews/skunked-calpurnia-tate-girl-vet-book-1">https://www.commonsemmedia.org/book-reviews/skunked-calpurnia-tate-girl-vet-book-1</a> & <a href="https://us.macmillan.com/series/calpurniatatgirlvet/">https://us.macmillan.com/series/calpurniatatgirlvet/</a>

Emily Windsnap series	Kessler, Liz	For as long as she can remember, twelve-year-old Emily Windsnap has lived on a boat. And, oddly enough, for just as long, her mother has seemed anxious to keep Emily away from the water. But when Mom finally agrees to let her take swimming lessons, Emily makes a startling discovery — about her own identity, the mysterious father she’s never met, and the thrilling possibilities and perils shimmering deep below the water’s surface. With a sure sense of suspense and richly imaginative details, first-time author Liz Kessler lures us into a glorious undersea world where mermaids study shipwrecks at school and Neptune rules with an iron trident — an enchanting fantasy about family secrets, loyal friendship, and the convention-defying power of love.	Orion Children's Books (2010 - present)	7+	<a href="https://www.lizkessler.co.uk/us/series/emily-windsnap/">https://www.lizkessler.co.uk/us/series/emily-windsnap/</a> & <a href="https://www.commonsensemedia.org/book-reviews/emily-windsnap-series">https://www.commonsensemedia.org/book-reviews/emily-windsnap-series</a>
43 Old Cemetary Road Series	Klise, Kate & M. Sarah	Ignatius B. Grumply moves into the Victorian mansion at 43 Old Cemetery Road hoping to find some peace and quiet so he can crack a wicked case of writer's block. But 43 Old Cemetery Road is already occupied by eleven-year-old Seymour, his cat Shadow, and an irritable ghost named Olive. It's hard to say who is more outraged. But a grumpy old ghost just might inspire this grumpy old man—and the abandoned kid? Well, let's just say his last name's Hope. Silly rather than spooky ghost stories.	Harcourt (2009)	8+	<a href="http://www.kateandsarahklise.com/books.html">http://www.kateandsarahklise.com/books.html</a>
Dog Diaries series	Klimo, Kate	For anyone who has ever wanted a puppy, the Dog Diaries series tells a dog’s story in a new way—from a dog’s point of view! Focusing on a different breed for each book, these stories are based on true dog stories or on true-to-life situations. With realistic black-and-white illustrations by renowned illustrator Tim Jessel and a factual appendix, dog-loving early chapter book readers will beg for more!	Penguin Random House (1989 - present)	8+	<a href="https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/series/DGD/dog-diaries">https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/series/DGD/dog-diaries</a>
From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler	Konigsberg, E.L.	Run away to the Metropolitan Museum of Art with E. L. Konigsberg’s beloved classic and Newbery Medal–winning novel. Claudia knew that she could never pull off the old-fashioned kind of running away...so she decided to run not from somewhere but to somewhere. That was how Claudia and her brother, Jamie, ended up living in the Metropolitan Museum of Art—and right in the middle of a mystery that made headlines.	1967	8+	<a href="https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/books/from-the-mixed-up-files-of-mrs-basil-e-frankweiler-by-e-l-ko/">https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/books/from-the-mixed-up-files-of-mrs-basil-e-frankweiler-by-e-l-ko/</a>

My Happy Life Series	Lagercrantz, Rose	My Happy Life is a sweet, funny illustrated chapter book about a young girl with a lot of optimism—even if sometimes life makes it hard to be happy.	Gecko Press (2013 - present)	6+	<a href="https://www.nytimes.com/2013/04/24/books/my-happy-life-by-rose-lagercrantz.html">https://www.nytimes.com/2013/04/24/books/my-happy-life-by-rose-lagercrantz.html</a>
Catwings Series	Le Guin, Ursula K.	Catwings is a series of four American children's picture books written that follows the adventures of kittens who were born with wings. Mrs. Jane Tabby can't explain why her four precious kittens were born with wings, but she's grateful that they are able to use their flying skills to soar away from the dangerous city slums where they were born. However, once the kittens escape the big city, they learn that country life can be just as difficult!	Scholastic (1988 - 1999)	7+	<a href="https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/sd-schindler/catwings/">https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/sd-schindler/catwings/</a>
Gooney Bird Greene Series	Lowrey, Lois	Two-time Newbery Medalist Lowry introduces a feisty, friendly heroine in this light novel. Readers know immediately that red-haired, freckle-face Gooney Bird Greene is as unorthodox as her name: wearing pajamas and cowboy boots, she arrives at the door of her new second-grade classroom all alone, "without even a mother to introduce her." She announces she has just moved from China (which turns out to be the name of a town, not the country) and demands "a desk right smack in the middle of the room, because I like to be right smack in the middle of everything."	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (2002 - 2009)	6+	<a href="http://www.loislowry.com/index.php?option=com_djcatalog2&amp;view=items&amp;cid=5%3Athe-gooney-bird-books&amp;Itemid=185">http://www.loislowry.com/index.php?option=com_djcatalog2&amp;view=items&amp;cid=5%3Athe-gooney-bird-books&amp;Itemid=185</a>
Space Taxi Series	Mass, Wendy & Michael Brawer	It's not every day a regular kid like Archie Morningstar gets to wake up at midnight. But today is Take Your Kid to Work Day, and Archie is finally allowed to ride along in his dad's taxi cab. He has been waiting eight years, eight months, and eight days for this moment to arrive. But he's about to discover his dad is no ordinary cab driver...In fact, he drives an intergalactic space taxi! All night long, he shuttles aliens from one corner of the universe to another. And being a space taxi copilot is no easy task: Archie must steer them into wormholes, keep them from crashing into planets, deal with a very unusual cat...and save the universe from an evil mastermind!	Little, Brown Books (2014 - present)	6+	<a href="https://www.commonsemmedia.org/book-reviews/space-taxi-archie-takes-flight-amp-http://www.spacetaxibooks.com/">https://www.commonsemmedia.org/book-reviews/space-taxi-archie-takes-flight-amp-http://www.spacetaxibooks.com/</a>

Bob	Mass, Wendy & Rebecca Stead	It's been five years since Livy and her family have visited Livy's grandmother in Australia. Now that she's back, Livy has the feeling she's forgotten something really, really important about Gran's house. It turns out she's right. Bob, a short, greenish creature dressed in a chicken suit, didn't forget Livy, or her promise. He's been waiting five years for her to come back, hiding in a closet like she told him to. He can't remember who—or what—he is, where he came from, or if he even has a family. But five years ago Livy promised she would help him find his way back home. Now it's time to keep that promise. Clue by clue, Livy and Bob will unravel the mystery of where Bob comes from, and discover the kind of magic that lasts forever.	Feiwel & Friends 2018	5+	<a href="https://wendymass.com/books/bob/overview">https://wendymass.com/books/bob/overview</a>
Precious Ramotswe Mysteries for Young Readers	McCall Smith, Alexander	Fans around the world adore the bestselling No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series, the basis of the HBO TV show, and its proprietor Precious Ramotswe, Botswana's premier lady detective. In this charming series, Mma Ramotswe navigates her cases and her personal life with wisdom, and good humor—not to mention help from her loyal assistant, Grace Makutsi, and the occasional cup of tea.	Penguin Random House (2012-2013)	6+	<a href="https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/series/RYR/precious-ramotswe-mysteries-for-young-readers">https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/series/RYR/precious-ramotswe-mysteries-for-young-readers</a>
Firefly Hollow	McGhee, Alison	Firefly doesn't merely want to fly, she wants to touch the moon. Cricket doesn't merely want to sing about baseball, he wants to catch. When these two little creatures with big dreams wander out of Firefly Hollow, refusing to listen to their elders, they find themselves face-to-face with the one creature they were always told to stay away from... a giant. One who turns out to be a friend. There's a lot of loss woven into the story in Firefly Hollow, touching on death and sadness. The strong, relatable characters and Christopher Denise's plentiful illustrations draw the reader into a lively, uplifting tale. But for many, there are a few tears ahead in an often-poignant story.	New York : Atheneum Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing Division, (2015)	8+	<a href="http://books.simonandschuster.com/Firefly-Hollow/Alison-McGhee/9781442423367">http://books.simonandschuster.com/Firefly-Hollow/Alison-McGhee/9781442423367</a> <a href="https://www.commonensemedia.org/book-reviews/firefly-hollow">https://www.commonensemedia.org/book-reviews/firefly-hollow</a>

Franklin School Friends series	Mills, Claudia	In Claudia Mills and Rob Shepperson’s illustrated Franklin School Friends chapter book series for young readers, third grade students love learning and practicing their reading, math, and athletic skills—and enjoy sharing those loves with the rest of their class.	Farrar, Straus, Giroux (2013-present)	6+	<a href="https://us.macmillan.com/series/franklinschoolfriends/">https://us.macmillan.com/series/franklinschoolfriends/</a> & <a href="https://www.claudiamillsauthor.com/">https://www.claudiamillsauthor.com/</a>
Afterschool Super Stars Series	Mills, Claudia	Best friends Nixie and Grace spend every afternoon together . . . until Nixie's mom gets a new job and Nixie must attend the after-school program, without Grace. Third graders Nixie Ness and Grace Kenny have been best friends since they were two-years-old. They have always spent every afternoon after school at Nixie's house until Nixie's mom announces that she has a job, which means she won't be there to watch the girls after school, which means Nixie will have to go to the after-school program and Grace will be spending her afternoons at their classmate, Elyse's, house.	Penguin, Random House (2019 - present)	7+	<a href="https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/600021/nixie-ness-cooking-star-by-by-claudia-mills-illustrated-by-grace-zong/">https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/600021/nixie-ness-cooking-star-by-by-claudia-mills-illustrated-by-grace-zong/</a>
Upside Down Magic series	Mlynowski, Sarah, Lauren Myracle, and Emily Jenkins	In a world of elite magic academies, weird and wonderful things happen when you’re sent off to public school . . . and put in the Upside-Down Magic class. It’s never easy when your magic goes wonky. Nory, Elliott, Andres, and Bax are just four of the students in Dunwiddle Magic School’s Upside-Down Magic class. In their classroom, lessons are unconventional, students are unpredictable, and magic has a tendency to turn wonky at the worst possible moments. Because it’s always amazing, the trouble a little wonky magic can cause . . .	Scholastic (2015 - present)	8+	<a href="https://www.sarahm.com/upside-down-magic-series">https://www.sarahm.com/upside-down-magic-series</a>



Royal Rabbits of London	Montefiore, Sants & Simon Sebag Montefiore	Life is an adventure. Anything in the world is possible—by will and by luck, with a moist carrot, a wet nose, and a slice of mad courage! Shylo has always been the runt of the litter, the weakest and quietest of all of his family. His siblings spend their days making fun of him for not being like the rest of them. But when Shylo stumbles across a band of ratzis and overhears their evil plan to take a photo of the Queen in her nightie, it's up to this unlikely hero to travel to London and inform the Royal Rabbits of London about the diabolical plot! The Royal Rabbits of London have a proud history of protecting the royal family and now the secret society need to leap into action to stop the ratzis... But can a rabbit as feeble and shy as Shylo convince them that Queen is in danger?	Alladin (2018)	8+	<a href="http://www.simonandschuster.com/books/The-Royal-Rabbits-of-London/Santa-Montefiore/Royal-Rabbits-of-London/9781481498609">http://www.simonandschuster.com/books/The-Royal-Rabbits-of-London/Santa-Montefiore/Royal-Rabbits-of-London/9781481498609</a>
Detective Gordon series	Nilsson, Ulf	Detective Gordon is a friendly, philosophical, humorous, and thoughtful detective series following the adventures of the rather tired—and often hungry—Detective Gordon and his chirpy assistant, Buffy. Detective Gordon is something of a humanist, and keeps an eye out for the weaker inhabitants of his woods. The books are full of warm, witty wisdom from one of Sweden's foremost children's authors, Ulf Nilsson. The text is affectionately and generously illustrated in watercolor and pencil by acclaimed Dutch illustrator, Gitte Spee. This is a detective series with depth—ideal for elementary school, perfect for reading alone, wonderful for reading aloud.	Gecko Press (2015 - present)	6+	<a href="https://lernerbooks.com/series/10423-detective-gordon">https://lernerbooks.com/series/10423-detective-gordon</a> & <a href="https://www.kirkusreviews.com/issue/best-of-2015/section/fiction/">https://www.kirkusreviews.com/issue/best-of-2015/section/fiction/</a>
Clementine series	Pennypacker, Sara	Parents need to know that the main character, Clementine, is a precocious third-grader who frequently gets into mischief, though with the good intention to solve problems. In one week she "fixes" her friend's hair by cutting it all off, helps out the principal by answering her phone, and pays attention in class by watching the janitor embrace the lunch lady. A wide age range will enjoy this book and enjoy reading it aloud, from the emergent kindergartner reader up to third graders.	Disney-Hyperion (2006 - 2015)	6+	<a href="http://www.sarapennypacker.com/pennypacker-clementine.htm">http://www.sarapennypacker.com/pennypacker-clementine.htm</a> & <a href="https://www.commonsemmedia.org/book-reviews/clementine">https://www.commonsemmedia.org/book-reviews/clementine</a>



Max and the Midknights	Pierce, Lincoln	Max wants to be a knight! Too bad that dream is about as likely as finding a friendly dragon. But when Max’s uncle Budrick is kidnapped by the cruel King Gastley, Max has to act...and fast! Joined by a band of brave adventurers—the Midknights—Max sets out on a thrilling quest: to save Uncle Budrick and restore the realm of Byjovia to its former high spirits! Magic and (mis)adventures abound in this hilarious illustrated novel from the New York Times bestselling creator of the Big Nate series, Lincoln Peirce.	Penguin Random House (2019)		<a href="https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/253125/max-and-the-midknights-by-lincoln-peirce/">https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/253125/max-and-the-midknights-by-lincoln-peirce/</a>
Parker Bell and the Science Friendship	Platt, Cynthia	In this fun young-middle-grade novel with STEM appeal, budding scientist Parker Bell really wants to win the school Science Triathlon and follow in the footsteps of her idols, chimpanzee expert Jane Goodall and astronaut Mae Jemison. She’s sure that if she teams up with her trivia whiz BFF, Cassie, they will dominate the Science Bee, Egg Drop, and Animal Adaptation Presentation. When Cassie invites her new friend, Theo, to join their team, Parker is worried—that Theo won't help them win and might steal her best friend. As the three work together, Parker learns that you don’t have to be the best to be a real scientist and a good friend.	Clarion (2019)		<a href="https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/cynthia-platt/parker-bell-and-the-science-of-friendship/">https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/cynthia-platt/parker-bell-and-the-science-of-friendship/</a>
Olivia Kidney	Potter, Ellen	Olivia Kidney's new apartment building is crazy! Talking lizards crawling everywhere. A tropical rainforest growing in 7B. Even an apartment made entirely of glass! Maybe her father will get fired from his job as the building super, and they can leave. But Olivia is tired of moving from place to place, from school to school. What she wouldn't give for a little slice of sanity. And maybe a friend to share it with. Ellen Potter offers us a world where even the oddest of characters feel right at home.	Philomel Books, c2003	8+	

Piper Green series	Potter, Ellen	From award-winning author Ellen Potter comes a charming new chapter book series where kids, lobster boats, and a hint of magic are part of everyday life. There are three things you should know about Piper Green: 1. She always says what's on her mind (even when she probably shouldn't). 2. She rides a lobster boat to school. 3. There is a Fairy Tree in her front yard. Life on an island in Maine is always interesting. But when a new teacher starts at Piper's school—and doesn't appreciate the special, um, accessory that Piper has decided to wear—there may be trouble on the horizon. Then Piper discovers the Fairy Tree in her front yard. Is the Fairy Tree really magic? And can it fix Piper's problems?	Penguin Random House (2015 - present)	5+	
Big Idea Gang series	Preller, James	The series grew directly out of our current political reality. These are simple stories about empowerment, about a diverse group of young people making a small difference in our world. And by featuring persuasive writing as a subtext, the books help provide some of the tools that are necessary for changing minds, for becoming powerful instruments of positive change. Hopefully these little books (grades 2-4) will help inspire a new generation of budding activists. The books intentionally focus on kindness and cooperation, on compassion and friendship, on seeing the world at an extremely local level and working together to make it better.	2019 -present	6+	<a href="http://www.jamespreller.com/category/big-idea-gang/">http://www.jamespreller.com/category/big-idea-gang/</a>
Miss Mallard Mysteries (And other series' by this author.)	Quackenbush, Robert	Super-sleuth ducktective Miss Mallard is on the case as she solves baffling mysteries all over the world! A classic early reader series.	Simon & Schuster (2018 - present) c. 1981	5+	<a href="http://www.rquackenbush.com/books.htm">http://www.rquackenbush.com/books.htm</a>

Kingdom of Wrenly series	Quinn, Ellen	<p>The Kingdom of Wrenly, where main characters—Lucas, the eight year-old prince, and Clara, the daughter of the queen's seamstress reside. Lucas lives in the palace with his mom and dad, the King and Queen. Clara has traveled all over the kingdom helping her dad deliver bread. As a result, she knows the kingdom well and always acts as the guide when she and Lucas go out on adventures. The Kingdom of Wrenly gets its name from the all wrens that live there. Four magical kingdoms surround Wrenly. Primlox is ruled by the fairies, Hobsgrove is the island of the wizards, Burth is the home of the trolls, and Crestwood is home to the kingdom's dragons.</p>	Simon & Schuster (2014 - present)	5+	<a href="http://simonandschusterpublishing.com/kingdom-of-wrenly/">http://simonandschusterpublishing.com/kingdom-of-wrenly/</a>
Swallows and Amazons series	Ransome, Arthur	<p>Set in England's Lake District in the 1930s, Swallows and Amazons is the rollicking story of four young children-- John, Susan, Titty and Roger--who embark on an island adventure in their boat, the Swallow. Upon arriving, the friends are besieged by Amazon pirates, Nancy and Peggy, who claim ownership of the land. Luckily, the Swallows and Amazons soon call a truce and set off together on wild escapades, camping under open skies, swimming, fishing, and exploring.</p>	Overlook Press (2013, 1930 - 1947)	6+	<a href="https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/parenting/wp/2016/06/27/swallows-and-amazons-forever-why-a-now-obscure-childrens-novel-is-great-summer-reading/?noredirect=on&amp;utm_term=.6f5e69733899">https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/parenting/wp/2016/06/27/swallows-and-amazons-forever-why-a-now-obscure-childrens-novel-is-great-summer-reading/?noredirect=on&amp;utm_term=.6f5e69733899</a> & <a href="http://www.arthur-ransome.org.uk/">http://www.arthur-ransome.org.uk/</a>
Not-so-impossible Tales series	Reeve, Philip & Sarah MacIntyre	<p>Astra's family is moving—to a whole new planet. And what does any kid need on moving day? Snacks! But when Astra asks her spaceship's computer to whip up the ultimate dessert, it makes cakes so amazing that they come to life. Now these cake-monsters are destroying the ship! Can Astra and her robot friend stop them in time? Or are these terrible treats a recipe for disaster?</p>	Random House (2015 - present)	7+	<a href="http://www.jabberworks.co.uk/cakes-in-space/">http://www.jabberworks.co.uk/cakes-in-space/</a>

Wayside School Series		Bestselling and Newbery Medal-winning author Louis Sachar knows how to make readers laugh. And there are laughs galore in perennial favorite stories from Wayside School! This early middle grade novel is an excellent choice for tween readers in grades 3 to 5. Accidentally built sideways and standing thirty stories high (the builder said he was very sorry for the mistake), Wayside School has some of the wackiest classes in town, especially on the thirtieth floor. That's where you'll meet Bebe, the fastest draw in art class; John, who only reads upside down; Myron, the best class president, ever; and Sammy, the new kid—he's a real rat.	HarperCollins (1978-2020)	6+	<a href="http://www.louissachar.com/wayside-school-series.html">http://www.louissachar.com/wayside-school-series.html</a>
Araminta Spooky series	Sage, Angie	Araminta Spookie is funny, brave and not afraid to say what she thinks. She is also obsessed with ghosts, werewolves and anything else slightly strange. At the beginning of the series Araminta is a little bit lonely. She lives in a huge house with her Aunt Tabby and Uncle Drac and longs to find a ghost. She could also do with a best friend, although she doesn't know it yet, and when Wanda Wizzard and her strange parents turn up Araminta is not particularly pleased. But over time Araminta and Wanda become Best Friends Forever. They also find a highly unusual assortment of ghosts and have some scary and funny adventures along the way.	HarperCollins (2006-2016)	6+	<a href="http://www.angiesage.com/araminta-spookie/">http://www.angiesage.com/araminta-spookie/</a>
Septimus Heap series	Sage, Angie	Enter the world of Septimus Heap, Wizard Apprentice. Magyk is his destiny. These are the funny and fantastic adventures of a wizard apprentice and his quest to become an ExtraOrdinary Wizard. Septimus Heap, the seventh son of the seventh son, disappears the night he is born, pronounced dead by the midwife. That same night, the baby's father, Silas Heap, comes across an abandoned child in the snow—a newborn girl with violet eyes. Who is this mysterious baby girl, and what really happened to the Heaps' beloved son Septimus? The first book in this enthralling series by Angie Sage leads readers on a fantastic journey filled with quirky characters and Magykal charms, potions, and spells. Magyk is the original story of lost and rediscovered identities, rich with humor and heart.		8+	<a href="http://www.angiesage.com/septimus-heap/">http://www.angiesage.com/septimus-heap/</a>

Imaginary Veterinary series	Selfors, Suzanne	Hairy beasts. Magical unicorns. Fire-breathing monsters. Welcome to Dr. Woo's Hospital for Imaginary Creatures. When Ben Silverstein is sent to the rundown town of Buttonville to spend the summer with his grandfather, he's certain it will be the most boring vacation ever. That is, until his grandfather's cat brings home what looks like . . . a baby dragon? Amazed, Ben enlists the help of Pearl Petal, a local girl with an eye for adventure. They take the wounded dragon to the only veterinarian's office in town — Dr. Woo's Worm Hospital. But as Ben and Pearl discover once they are inside, Dr. Woo's isn't a worm hospital at all!	Little, Brown (2013 - present)	7+	<a href="https://www.commonsensemedia.org/book-reviews/the-sasquatch-escape-the-imaginary-veterinary-book-1">https://www.commonsensemedia.org/book-reviews/the-sasquatch-escape-the-imaginary-veterinary-book-1</a> & <a href="http://www.theimaginaryveterinary.com/">http://www.theimaginaryveterinary.com/</a>
Seven Stories Up	Snyder, Laurel	Annie wants to meet her grandmother. Molly wishes she had a friend. A little magic brings them together in an almost-impossible friendship. Time travel and historical details about the Great Depression.	Published by Yearling (2015)	8+	<a href="http://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/209551/seven-stories-up-by-laurel-snyder/9780375873263">http://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/209551/seven-stories-up-by-laurel-snyder/9780375873263</a> / <a href="https://www.commonsensemedia.org/book-reviews/seven-stories-up">https://www.commonsensemedia.org/book-reviews/seven-stories-up</a>
Eleanor series (Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie)	Sternberg, Julie	Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie tells the story of a girl named Eleanor, whose beloved babysitter, Bibi, has just moved away. Eleanor must try to bear the summer without Bibi and prepare for the upcoming school year. Her new, less-than-perfect babysitter just isn't the same. But as the school year looms, it's time for new beginnings. Eleanor soon realizes that she will always have Bibi, no matter how far away she is.	Amulet (2011 - 2014)	6+	<a href="https://www.juliesternberg.com/like-pickle-juice-on-a-cookie">https://www.juliesternberg.com/like-pickle-juice-on-a-cookie</a>

<p>The Mysterious Benedict Society series</p>	<p>Stewart, Tanton Lee</p>	<p>Dozens of children respond to a peculiar ad in the newspaper seeking "... a gifted child looking for special opportunities..." and are put through a series of mind-bending tests, which readers take along with them. Only four children—two boys and two girls—succeed. Their challenge: to go on a secret mission that only the most intelligent and inventive children could complete. To accomplish it they will have to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules. But what they'll find in the hidden underground tunnels of the school is more than your average school supplies. So, if you're gifted, creative, or happen to know Morse Code, they could probably use your help.</p>	<p>Little, Brown (2007 - 2012)</p>	<p>7+</p>	<p><a href="http://www.mysteriousbenedictsociety.com/">http://www.mysteriousbenedictsociety.com/</a></p>
<p>Pip Bartlett series</p>	<p>Stiefvater, Maggie &amp; Jackson Pearce</p>	<p>Pip is a girl who can talk to magical creatures. Her aunt is a vet for magical creatures. And her new friend Tomas is allergic to most magical creatures. When things go amok—and they often go amok—Pip consults Jeffrey Higgleston's Guide to Magical Creatures, a reference work that Pip finds herself constantly amending. Because dealing with magical creatures like unicorns, griffins, and fuzzles doesn't just require book knowledge—it requires hands-on experience and thinking on your feet. For example, when fuzzles (which have an awful habit of bursting into flame when they're agitated) invade your town, it's not enough to know what the fuzzles are—Pip and Tomas also must trace the fuzzles' agitation to its source, and in doing so, save the whole town.</p>	<p>Scholastic (2015 - present)</p>	<p>8+</p>	<p><a href="https://www.maggiestiefvater.com/novels/">https://www.maggiestiefvater.com/novels/</a> &amp; <a href="http://jackson-pearce.com/pip/">http://jackson-pearce.com/pip/</a></p>

<p>Geronimo Stilton series, Thea Stilton series, Other character books in this series</p>	<p>Stilton, Geronimo</p>	<p>In this series, the title character is an anthropomorphic mouse who lives in New Mouse City on Mouse Island. Best-selling author and journalist, Geronimo Stilton works as editor for the Rodent Gazette. Geronimo is a nervous, mild-mannered mouse who would like nothing better than to live a quiet life, but he keeps getting involved in far-away adventures with his sister, Thea, cousin Trap, and young nephew Benjamin. The books are written as autobiographical adventure stories. With ample illustrations and pictures mixed within the text, these books are a great for reluctant readers just venturing into chapter books.</p>	<p>Scholastic (2000 - present)</p>	<p>5+</p>	<p><a href="https://geronimostilton.com/US-en/home/">https://geronimostilton.com/US-en/home/</a></p>
<p>Real McCoys series</p>	<p>Swanson, Matthew &amp; Robbi Behr</p>	<p>An illustrated middle-grade series in which precocious detective, Moxie McCoy, solves mysteries with her super-smart little brother. Bold, opinionated, and haplessly self-confident, the world's greatest fourth-grade detective faces her biggest challenge! When someone kidnaps beloved school mascot Eddie the Owl, Moxie is on the case. Moxie must interview her classmates—both as potential new best friends and as possible suspects. She finds clues and points fingers but can't save the owl on her own. Enter Moxie's little brother, Milton. Quiet, cautious, and boring as a butter knife, he's a good listener. Can the Real McCoys form an unlikely alliance and solve the crime of the century? Bursting with interactive illustrations on every page, The Real McCoys delivers clever storytelling, laugh-out-loud humor, and heartwarming insight.</p>	<p>Macmillan (2018 - present)</p>	<p>8+</p>	<p><a href="https://us.macmillan.com/series/therealmccoys/">https://us.macmillan.com/series/therealmccoys/</a></p>

All-of-a-Kind Family Series	Taylor, Sydney	Sydney Taylor's saga of five Jewish immigrant sisters growing up on New York's Lower East Side at the beginning of the 20th century was reprinted in its entirety in 2014. The books were the first series about a Jewish family ever. The stories incorporate the history American Jewish culture, New York, the turn of the century, vaudeville, polio, and the rise of technology. Together the sisters share adventures that find them searching for hidden buttons while dusting Mama's front parlor and visiting with the peddlers in Papa's shop on rainy days. The girls enjoy doing everything together, especially when it involves holidays and surprises.	Penguin Random House (1951-1978)	6+	<a href="https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/177009/all-of-a-kind-family-by-sydney-taylor/">https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/177009/all-of-a-kind-family-by-sydney-taylor/</a>
Moomins series	Tove Janssen, Elizabeth	Tove Jansson's Moomin books have delighted generations of children. Starting with Comet in Moominland, these magical stories take readers into the fantasy world of Moominvalley, and introduce the Moomins, a family of friendly white trolls, as well as charming characters like Sniff, Snufkin, and Fillyjonk.	Farrar, Straus and Giroux (2010, 1945-1970)	6+	<a href="https://www.moomin.com/en/history/">https://www.moomin.com/en/history/</a> & <a href="https://us.macmillan.com/series/moomins/">https://us.macmillan.com/series/moomins/</a>
Dragonbreath series	Vernon, Ursula	Danny Dragonbreath can't breathe fire, but he has no fear. And that comes in handy when consulting his cousin the sea-serpent's, and encountering horned bunnies or ninja frogs!. Using a hybrid of comic-book panels and text, Ursula Vernon introduces an irresistible set of characters that will have readers laughing until smoke comes out of their noses!	Penguin RandomHouse -- Dial Books (2009 - present)	6+	<a href="http://www.dragonbreathbooks.com/books.html">http://www.dragonbreathbooks.com/books.html</a>



Hamster Princess series	Vernon, Ursula	<p>Sleeping Beauty gets a feisty, furry twist in this hilarious new comic series from the creator of Dragonbreath. Harriet Hamsterbone is not your typical princess. She may be quite stunning in the rodent realm (you'll have to trust her on this one), but she is not so great at trailing around the palace looking ethereal or sighing a lot. She finds the royal life rather . . . dull. One day, though, Harriet's parents tell her of the curse that a rat placed on her at birth, dooming her to prick her finger on a hamster wheel when she's twelve and fall into a deep sleep. For Harriet, this is most wonderful news: It means she's invincible until she's twelve! After all, no good curse goes to waste. And so begins a grand life of adventure with her trusty riding quail, Mumfrey...until her twelfth birthday arrives and the curse manifests in a most unexpected way.</p>	Penguin RandomHouse -- Dial Books (2015 - present)	6+	<a href="https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/series/HPS/hamster-princess">https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/series/HPS/hamster-princess</a>
Davis Farm series	Voigt	<p>The stories take place among the animals living on the Old Davis Farm, under the care of Mister and Missus. Angus and Sadie are border collie puppies adopted from a shelter, brother and sister, but very different from one another. Angus is quick and strong and bold while Sadie starts out with a broken leg, so she is slower, and also timid, and maybe even foolish. Fredle asks too many questions and, as if that doesn't get him in enough trouble, there is always his sweet tooth to do the job.</p>	Knopf Books for Young Readers (2011 - present)	8+	<a href="https://www.cynthiavoigt.com/books.php">https://www.cynthiavoigt.com/books.php</a>
Lulu series	Viorst, Judith	<p>Lulu's personality, which the author describes as "hardlike," as distinguished from adorable, cuddly, irresistible characters, is not unfamiliar to the author of Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day and its sequels. "Lulu is a pain, kind of like the way Alexander is a pain," Viorst says. "They're ultimately redeemable and lovable, but you have to work at it. They have an edge to them. I'm very fond of Lulu, and I'd like to give her more adventures, more opportunities to drive people crazy."</p>	Atheneum (2012 - present)	6+	<a href="http://www.simonandschuster.com/authors/Judith-Viorst/707395">http://www.simonandschuster.com/authors/Judith-Viorst/707395</a>

Boxcar Children series	Warner, Gertrude Chandler	The Boxcar Children tells the story of four orphaned children, Henry, Jessie, Violet, and Benny. They create a home for themselves in an abandoned boxcar in the forest. They eventually meet their grandfather, who is a wealthy and kind man (although the children had believed him to be cruel). The children decide to live with the grandfather, who moves the beloved boxcar to his backyard so the children can use it as a playhouse. Generations of kids have enjoyed the adventures of Henry, Jessie, Violet, and Benny Alden—The Boxcar Children. Gertrude Chandler Warner wrote the first 19 stories, but there are now 140 titles in The Boxcar Children® Mysteries series.	Albert Whitman & Company (1924 - present)	6+	<a href="https://www.boxcarchildren.com/">https://www.boxcarchildren.com/</a>
The Incurrible Children of Ashton Place series	Wood, Maryrose	Found running wild in the forest of Ashton Place, the Incurribles are no ordinary children: Alexander, age ten or thereabouts, keeps his siblings in line with gentle nips; Cassiopeia, perhaps four or five, has a bark that is (usually) worse than her bite; and Beowulf, age somewhere-in-the-middle, is alarmingly adept at chasing squirrels.	HarperCollins (2010 - present)	8+	<a href="https://www.maryrosewood.com/the-incorrible-children-of-ashton-place/">https://www.maryrosewood.com/the-incorrible-children-of-ashton-place/</a>