

THE WISHING SPELL

Colfer, Chris

Through the mysterious powers of a 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.

OUT OF MY MIND

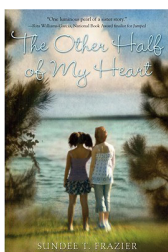
Draper, Sharon

Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time.

THE OTHER HALF OF MY HEART

Frazier, Sundee Tucker

When their African American grandmother enters them in the Miss Black Pearl Pre-Teen competition in North Carolina, red-haired and pale-skinned Minna realizes what life in their small town in the Pacific Northwest has been like for her more outgoing, darker-skinned twin, Keira.



A TALE DARK & GRIMM

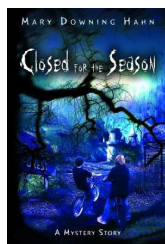
Gidwitz, Adam

Have fun following Hansel and Gretel into the land of fairy tales where they encounter evil witches and kind strangers in their many adventures.

HOME SWEET MOTEL

Grabenstein, Christ

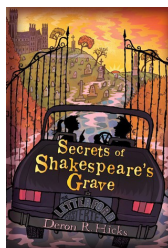
P.T. loves living at his grandfather's quirky motel in Florida, but if customers don't start coming, he and his friend Gloria may have to say goodbye to their beloved motel forever.



CLOSED FOR THE SEASON

Hahn, Mary Downing

When 13-year-old Logan and his family move into a run-down old house, he discovers that a woman was murdered there and becomes involved in a dangerous investigation to uncover the killer.



THE SECRETS OF SHAKESPEARE'S GRAVE

Hicks, Deron R.

Discovering that a mysterious treasure has been left to her family, 12-year-old Colophon Letterford explores clues hidden in antique paintings, secret passages and a locked mausoleum to discover a link between her family's legacy and William Shakespeare.

FULL CICADA MOON

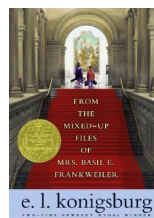
Hilton, Marilyn

In 1969, 12-year-old Mimi and her family move to an all-white town in Vermont, where Mimi's mixed-race background and interest in "boyish" topics like astronomy make her feel like an outsider.

FROM THE MIXED-UP FILES OF MRS. BASIL E. FRANKWEILER

Konigsburg, E. L.

Claudia runs away with her brother to live in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, where she sees a statue so beautiful she is determined to identify its sculptor.



THE GRAND PLAN TO FIX EVERYTHING

Krishnaswami, Uma

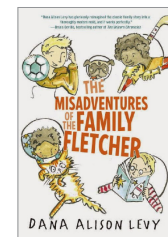
Because 11-year-old Dini loves movies, when she learns that her family is moving to India for two years, her devastation over leaving her best friend in Maryland is tempered by the possibility of meeting her favorite actress, Dolly Singh.



UPSIDE DOWN IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE

Lamana, Julie T.

At the end of August 2005, 10-year-old Armani is looking forward to her birthday party in the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans, but Hurricane Katrina is on the way, bringing destruction and tragedy in its wake.



THE MISADVENTURES OF THE FAMILY FLETCHER

Levy, Dana Allison

A family with two dads, four adopted boys, and a variety of pets make their way through a school year while trying to deal with a grumpy new neighbor.

A TOUCH OF MAGIC

Lloyd, Natalie

The Pickles are new to Midnight Gulch, a town which legend says was once magic—but Felicity is convinced the magic is still there, and with the help of her new friend, she hopes to bring the magic back.

RULES

Lord, Cynthia

Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, 12-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with an young paraplegic.



NUMBER THE STARS

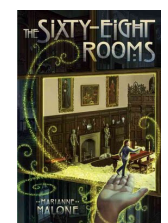
Lowry, Lois

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, 10-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.

THE LAST BOY AT ST. EDITH'S

Malone, Lee Gjersten

Seventh-grader Jeremy Miner, the only boy in a school of 475 girls, unleashes a series of pranks in hopes of getting expelled.



THE SIXTY-EIGHT ROOMS

Malone, Marianne

When Ruthie's 6th-grade class visits Chicago's Art Institute, she and her best friend Jack discover a magic key that allows them to discover the secrets of the 68 miniature Thorne Rooms.

RAIN REIGN

Martin, Ann M.

Struggling with Asperger's syndrome, Rose shares a bond with her dog Rain, but when the dog goes missing, she is forced to confront the limits of her comfort zone to search for her pet.

A NIGHT DIVIDED

Nielsen, Jennifer A.

When her family is divided by the rise of the Berlin Wall, 12-year-old Gerda harbors forbidden thoughts about freedom and reuniting with her family before a coded message from her father inspires a daring plan.

FUZZY MUD

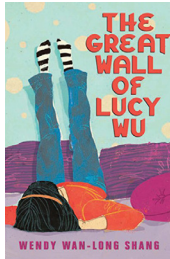
Sachar, Louis

Tamaya and Marshall always walk to and from school together. When bully Chad Wilson starts a fight with Marshall, they take a shortcut through the off-limits woods and soon find more trouble than they could have imagined.

THE GREAT WALL OF LUCY WU

Shang, Wendy Wan Long

Eleven-year-old Lucy Wu is excited about finally having her own bedroom, until she learns that her great-aunt is coming to visit and Lucy will have to share a room with her for several months.



THE SCREAMING STAIRCASE



Stroud, Jonathan

When London is overrun by evil spirits, a talented group of young psychic detectives compete against other ghostbusting agencies in the investigation of one of England's most haunted houses.

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GOOD BOOKS FOR 4th - 5th GRADE

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HOME OF THE BRAVE

Applegate, Katherine

Kek, an African refugee, is confronted by many strange things at his new Minneapolis home, but finds comfort in the company of a cow and her owner.



BOOK SCAVENGER

Chambliss Bertman, Jennifer

Just after 12-year-old Emily and her family move to San Francisco, she teams up with a new friend to follow clues in an odd book, hoping to figure out its secrets before the men who attacked Emily's hero, publisher Garrison Griswold, solve the mystery or come after the friends.



AL CAPONE DOES MY SHIRTS

Choldenko, Gennifer

A 12-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.