

Anton and Cecil: Cats at Sea

by Lisa and Valerie Martin Animal Fantasy
 Anton and Cecil are as different as port and starboard. Cecil thirsts for seafaring adventure. Anton prefers listening to the sailors' shanties at the town saloon. When Anton is kidnapped by sailors on a ship bound for the high seas, Cecil boards another ship in hopes of finding him. What begins as a rescue mission turns into a pair of high-seas adventures. On an ocean as vast as the one Anton and Cecil have discovered, will they ever see home --or each other--again? Gr. 5

Brown Girl Dreaming

by Jacqueline Woodson Memoir
 The author shares her childhood memories and reveals the first sparks that ignited her writing career in this free-verse story about growing up in the North and South. Gr. 5, 6

Dash

by Kirby Larson Historical Fiction
 When her family is forced into an internment camp, Mitsi Kashino is separated from her home, her classmates, and her beloved dog Dash. As her family begins to come apart around her, Mitsi clings to her one connection to the outer world--the letters from the kindly neighbor who is caring for Dash. Gr. 5-6

El Deafo

by Cece Bell Graphic
 Going to school and making new friends can be tough. But going to school and making new friends while wearing a bulky hearing aid strapped to your chest? That requires superpowers! Cece's hearing aid gives her the ability to hear--sometimes things she shouldn't--but also isolates her from her classmates. Will she be able to find her place in the world, and the friends she's longing for? Gr. 4 and up

Fish in a Tree

by Lynda Mullaly Hunt Contemporary
 Ally has been smart enough to fool a lot of smart people. Every time she lands in a new school, she is able to hide her inability to read by creating clever yet disruptive distractions. She is afraid to ask for help. However, her newest teacher Mr. Daniels sees the bright, creative kid underneath the trouble maker. Will Ally discover there's more to her than just a label? Gr. 5-6

Gabriel Finley and the Raven's Riddle

by George Hagen Fantasy
 Eleven-year-old Gabriel, with the help of the young raven Paladin, which whom he has a magical bond, travels to the foreboding land of Aviopolis, where he must face challenges and unanswerable riddles to rescue his long-missing father. Gr.5, 6

Half a Chance

by Cynthia Lord Contemporary
 Lucy, with her mother and her photographer father, has just moved to a small rural community in New Hampshire, and with her new friend Nate she plans to spend the summer taking photos for a contest, but pictures sometimes reveal more than people want to see...does Nate want to see the changes that are occurring as his grandmother gets older? Gr. 4, 5

The Honest Truth

by Dan Gemeinhart Survival/ Adventure
 Mark is a normal kid. He's got a dog named Beau and a best friend, Jessie. He dreams of climbing a mountain one day. But in one important way, Mark is not like other kids at all. Mark is sick. The kind of sick that means hospitals. And treatments. The kind of sick some people never get better from. So Mark runs away--with his camera, his notebook, his dog, and a plan to reach the top of Mount Rainier--even if it's the last thing he ever does. Gr. 5, 6

Honey

by Sarah Weeks Contemporary
 When she suspects that her widowed father finally has a girlfriend, Melody and her best friend are determined to figure out who it is and why it is a secret. Gr. 4, 5

Loot

by Jude Watson Adventure
 When Alfie McQuinn, the notorious jewel thief, is killed on a job, his last words to his son, March, are to "find jewels." This instruction leads the boy to Jules, the twin sister he never knew he had--and the perfect partner to carry on the family business. Gr. 5, 6

The Luck Uglies

by Paul Durham Fantasy
 When "bog noblins", horrifying creatures thought long extinct, begin appearing outside the town walls, Rye and her two friends delve into the secret lore of their village, leading them to the notorious secret society, the Luck Uglies. Maybe the Luck Uglies shouldn't have been exiled...might they offer just the help the village needs? Gr. 5,6

The Mark of the Dragonfly

by Jaleigh Johnson Fantasy
 Since her father's death in a factory in the Dragonfly territories, thirteen-year-old Piper has eked out a living as a scrapper in Merrow Kingdom, but the arrival of a mysterious girl sends her on a dangerous train journey to distant lands. Gr. 6

Masterminds

by Gordon Korman Sci-fi /Adventure
 With no unemployment, no homelessness and no crime, Serenity, New Mexico, is the perfect town. Or is it? When a group of middle school students discover that the local traffic-cone factory, is just a front for something more sinister, they decide to investigate. What they find is so shocking that it puts into question everything they know, even their identities. Must they escape from Serenity? Gr. 5, 6

A Million Ways Home

by Diana Dorisi-Winget Contemporary
 When her grandmother and guardian suffers a stroke, Poppy Parker's life turns upside down--but when she witnesses a murder and has to go into witness protection, it becomes hard to believe she will ever find a way home, let alone save Gunner, a beautiful German shepherd with an uncertain future. Gr. 5,6

Murphy, Gold Rush Dog

by Alison Hart Historical/Dog
 "In 1900, a dog named Murphy wants to help Sally and Mama build a new life in Nome, Alaska. But life in the mining town is not easy. Can the three of them find a home --and maybe a fortune?" Gr. 4

Running Out of Night

by Sharon Lovejoy Historical
 Every day is a misery for a nameless, motherless Southern girl who is treated cruelly by her pa and brothers. When a runaway slave named Zenobia turns to her for help, the girl decides to run away, and she and Zenobia set off on a harrowing journey. Running by night, hiding by day, the girls are pursued by family members and slave catchers. Will they reach a safe haven? Gr. 6

The Terrible Two

by Mac Barnett and Jory John Humor
 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. Gr. 4 and up

The Vanishing Coin

by Kate Egon Contemporary
Mike reluctantly bonds with good-girl neighbor Nora while learning fun skills at The White Rabbit magic shop, the owner of which believes Mike could become a great magician. Gr. 4

The War that Saved My Life

by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley Historical
Ada has never left her one-room apartment—her mother considers Ada’s clubfoot to be so disgusting that she won’t allow it. So when her little brother Jamie is shipped out of London to escape the war, Ada sneaks out to join him. So begins a new adventure for Ada, and for Susan, the woman who is forced to take the two kids in. But in the end, will their bond be enough to hold them together through war-time? Or will Ada and her brother fall back into the cruel hands of their mother? Gr. 5-6

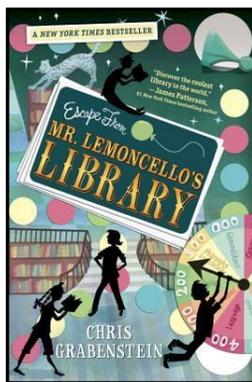
Where I Belong

by Mary Downing Hahn Contemporary
Brendan Doyle doesn't get along with his foster mother, he's failing fifth grade, and he's bullied mercilessly by a band of boys in his class. Then Brendan meets two potential friends--an eccentric old man and a girl from summer school--and he sees that there may be hope for him after all. Gr. 5,6



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