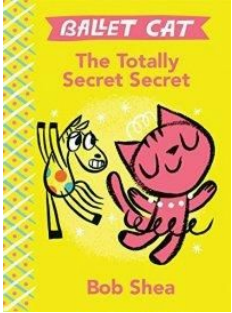
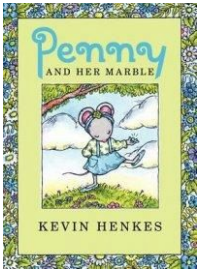
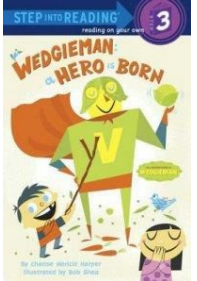


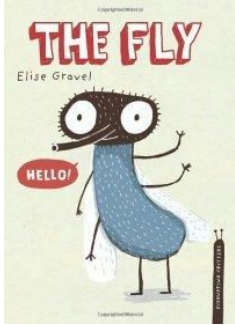


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<p>Ballet Cat: The Totally Secret</p> <p>(Similar to the <i>Elephant and Piggy Series</i>) Other books like this: <i>Boulder Brothers</i> and <i>Meet Mo and Joe</i></p>	<p>Bob Shea</p>	<p>While Ballet Cat and Sparkles the Pony are trying to decide what to play, they each share an important secret.</p>		<p>J Learn to Read</p>
<p>Penny and her Marble</p> <p>Three books in the series so far.</p>	<p>Kevin Henkes</p>	<p>Penny feels guilty after taking a beautiful blue marble that she sees in Mrs. Goodwin's grass, but gets a pleasant surprise when she goes to return it the next day.</p>		<p>J Learn to Read</p>
<p>Wedgieman: A Hero is Born</p> <p>2/3rd Grade Only</p> <p>Random House</p> <p>Three Books in Series so far</p>	<p>Charise Mericle Harper</p>	<p>Veggieboy practices flying, lifting, and helping people to hone his superhero skills, and finally Veggieman's training as a superhero is complete, but he is surprised when children want to change his name.</p>		<p>Level L</p>



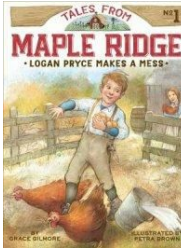
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<p>The Fly</p> <p>Simon and Schuster</p>	<p>Elise Gravel</p>	<p>Celebrates the common house fly, sharing humorous scientific facts about everything from its ability to walk on ceilings to its taste for unappetizing foods.</p>		<p>K Learn to Read</p>
<p>The Sweet Story of Hot Chocolate</p>	<p>History of Fun Stuff, various authors</p>	<p>Learn all about the history of America's favorite wintertime treat in this fun, fact-filled Level 3 Ready-to-Read! A special section at the back of the book includes relevant info on subjects like social studies and science</p>		<p>Levels L-O NF</p>
<p>Tales of Bunjitsu Bunny</p>	<p>John Himmelman</p>	<p>Although she can throw farther, kick higher, and hit harder than anyone else at school, Isabel, aka Bunjitsu Bunny, never hurts another creature--unless she has to.</p>		<p>M, Kids IRead</p>

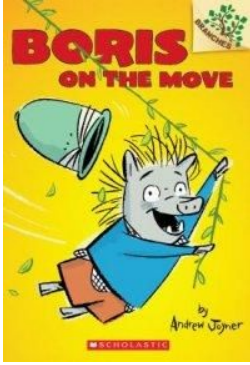
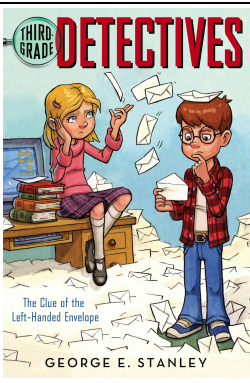
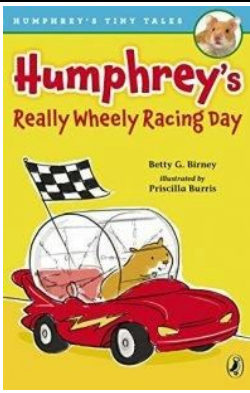
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<p>The Princess in Black</p> <p>Only two books so far</p> <p>2nd and 3rd Only</p>	<p>Shannon Hale</p>	<p>Princess Magnolia has a secret —she’s also the Princess in Black, and stopping monsters is the perfect job for <i>her!</i></p>		<p>Level L</p>
<p>Greetings from Somewhere</p> <p>Note: For Third Grade Mystery Reading Unit</p>	<p>Harper Paris</p>	<p>Second graders Ethan and Ella are sad about moving away from their hometown to travel the world with their mom, a journalist, and dad, who will home school them, but before they go they have a mystery to solve.</p>		<p>L/M</p>
<p>Tales From Maple Ridge</p>	<p>Grace Gilmore</p>	<p>When his father is hired for a temporary job at the general store, farm boy Logan can't wait to lend a hand. But his eagerness may cause his dad to lose this job. Can Logan's mistake be fixed in time?</p>		<p>M</p>

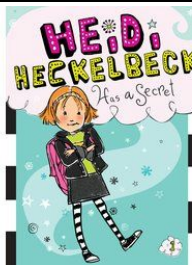
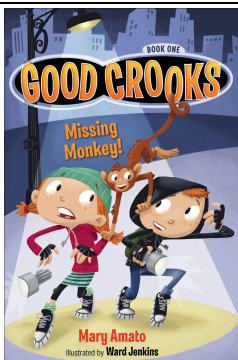
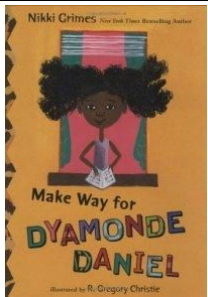
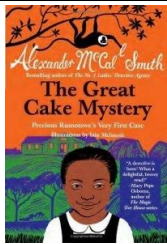
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<p>Boris on the Move</p> <p>Part of Branches imprint from Scholastic</p> <p>Second and Third Grade</p>	<p>Andrew Joyner</p>	<p>Boris lives in Hogg Bay, in an old bus that used to travel all over the world, but now just sits there--until one day when his parents take him on an adventure.</p>		<p>Level M</p>
<p>Third Grade Detectives</p> <p>The Clue of the Left-Handed Envelope</p>	<p>George E. Stanley</p>			<p>Level M</p>
<p>Humphrey's Really Wheely Racing Day</p> <p>Easy version of Humphrey, also see easy version of Judy Moody</p>	<p>Betty G. Birney</p>	<p>When Mandy, one of the students from classroom 26, brings a special hamster-sized racecar to class, it means just one thing--Humphrey is going to be in a hamster race</p>		<p>L/M</p>


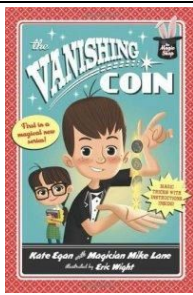

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<p>Heidi Heckelbeck</p>	Wanda Coven	Join Heidi on her adventures		Level L
<p>Good Crooks</p>		<p>A series, a little silly and not very realistic because the family is a band of robbers but harmless and the main character is a boy.</p>		Level M
<p>Make Way for Dyanonde Daniel</p> <p>Students need to read the series in order</p>	Nikki Grimes	Spunky third grader Dyanonde misses her old neighborhood when she starts at a new school		N
<p>The Great Cake Mystery</p> <p>4th/5th Grade</p> <p>Random House</p>	Alexander McCall Smith	Before becoming the first female private investigator in Botswana, eight-year-old Precious Ramotswe tracks down a thief who has been stealing her classmates' snacks.		Level S

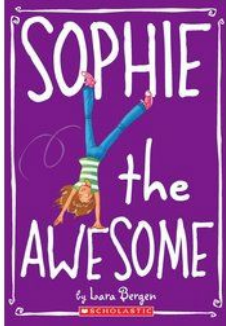
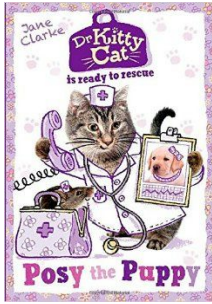
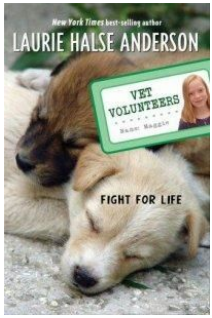
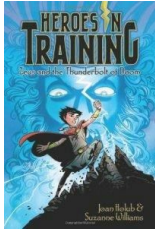
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<p>The Mysteries of Maisie Hitching</p> <p>Third Grade Mystery Unit Suggestions for high level readers or 4th Grade Series</p>	<p>Holly Webb</p>	<p>Junior sleuth Maisie Hitchins, who lives in her grandmother's boarding house in Victorian London, uncovers an intriguing plot involving stolen sausages, pilfered halfpennies, and a fast-paced bicycle chase.</p>		<p>P/Q</p>
<p>The Vanishing Coin</p>	<p>Kate Egan</p>	<p>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.</p>		<p>M</p>
<p>Stella and the Night Sprites</p>	<p>Sam Hay</p>	<p>This is a Branches book and was very cute, easy to read and it's a series. The girl gets new glasses so it's nice for girls who wear glasses.</p>		<p>Level L</p>

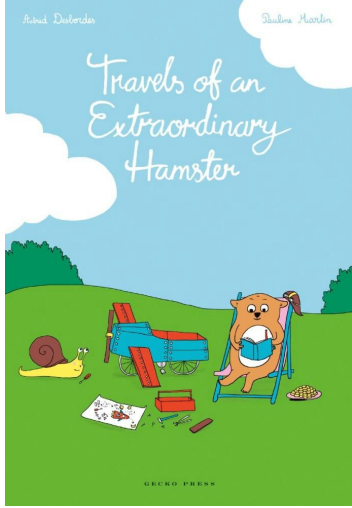
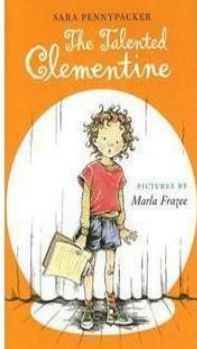
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Sophie the Awesome	Lara Bergan	Third grader Sophie has many adventures across this series.		Level M
Dr. Kitty Cat Series	Jane Clarke	Dr. Kitty Cat takes purr-fect care of all her patients.		Level M
Vet Volunteers Similar to <i>Babysitter's Club</i>	Laurie Halse Anderson	With the help of her veterinarian grandmother and the other volunteers at the Wild at Heart Animal Clinic, eleven-year-old Maggie rescues sick puppies from an illegal puppy mill.		O
Heroes in Training Easier Percy Jackson Grades 4/5	Joan Holub	When ten-year-old Zeus is kidnapped, he discovers he can defend himself with a magical thunderbolt.		O

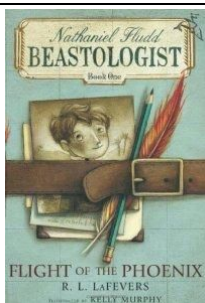

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<p>Travels of an Extraordinary Hamster</p>	<p>Astrid Desbordes & Pauline Miarlin</p>	<p>This is a graphic novel for young readers. Hamster is a self-absorbed character who wants to leave behind his dull life and his friends for an adventure in outer space. The illustrations are cute and make you expect something fluffy and warm, but instead there is the unexpected twist of meeting these quirky animal characters, which include Mole who loves to write, Porcupine, Rabbit and a Polar Bear and Penguin.</p>		<p>Level N</p>
<p>The Talented Clementine</p>	<p>Sara Pennypacker</p>			<p>Level O</p>

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Guinea Dog	by Patrick Jennings	This is a very funny, well written and cute book. The main character is a boy who befriends a girl, even though he doesn't want to, and ends up loving his guinea pig even though he really wanted a dog.		Level N/O
Flight of the Phoenix 5th Grade Series	R. L. LaFavers	In 1928, when timid ten-year-old Nate learns that his parents have been lost at sea, he joins his father's cousin on a flight to Arabia where they must oversee the death and rebirth of the phoenix, thus beginning his training as a "beastologist"		Q
Secrets of the Manor Historical Fiction Series 4th or 5th Grade	Adele Whitby	The Chatswood family tree has many branches--and even more secrets. Beth's search for answers leads her to a hidden diary with clues to a much larger family mystery that dates back generations. What secrets are hidden away in Chatswood Manor?		R

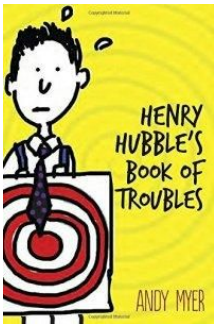
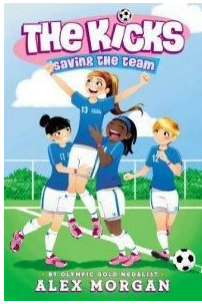

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<p>Fish Finelli</p> <p>5th Grade only</p>	E.S. Farber	Fish Finelli and his friends set out to find Captain Kidd's treasure, rumored to be buried on nearby Lyons Island, but it seems like the local library director is looking for it as well!		Q
<p>The Terrible Two</p> <p>Highly Recommended</p>	Jory John & Mac Barnett	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.		Q
<p>The Year of the Book</p>	Andrea Cheng	Follows a young Chinese American girl, as she navigates relationships with family, friends, and her fourth-grade classroom, and finds a true best friend.		Q
<p>Whatever After Fairest of All</p>	Sarah Mlynowski			Q

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<p>Henry Hubble's Book of Troubles</p> <p>5th Grade Only</p>	Andy Myer	Meet Henry Hubble. He's in a world of trouble. From class-trip bathroom breaks to Halloween-costume catastrophes to lunchroom-table love drama, Henry is always in the middle of a debacle.		Level R Fiction
<p>The Kicks</p>	Alex Morgan	After moving to California, seventh-grader Devin finds, a team is so bad that she is compelled to take the lead.		Level U Fiction
<p>Rose</p> <p>5th Grade Only</p>	Holly Webb	While others at St. Bridget's Home for Abandoned Girls dream of adoption, Rose wants only a job and independence until she is hired as maid to Mr. Fountain, an alchemist, and realizes that she, like his grand residence, is filled with magic.		Level T

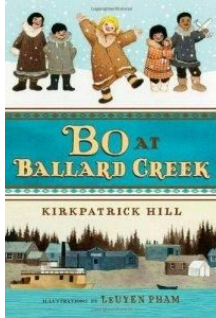
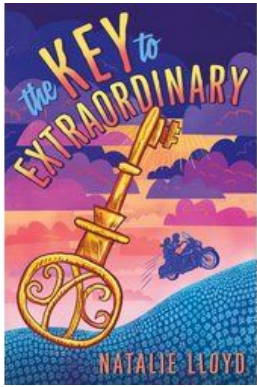
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<p>The 8th Continent</p> <p>5th Grade Only</p>	<p>Matt London</p>	<p>Hoping to transform a giant floating garbage patch into a habitable eighth continent where people can escape an oppressive bureaucracy, Evie and Rick must race against time when a plastic-obsessed villainess tries to claim the continent to expand her power.</p>		<p>T</p>
<p>The Sasquatch Escape</p> <p>4th Grade Only</p>	<p>Suzanne Selfors</p>	<p>Spending the summer in his grandfather's rundown town, Ben meets an adventurous local girl and together they learn that the town's veterinarian runs a secret hospital for imaginary creatures.</p>		<p>Level Q Fiction</p>
<p>Cupcake Cousins</p>	<p>Kate Hannigan</p>	<p>During a family vacation at Lake Michigan, nine-year-old cousins Willow and Delia, desperate to avoid being flower girls in their aunt's wedding, try to demonstrate that they would do better as chefs for the reception.</p>		<p>P/Q</p>

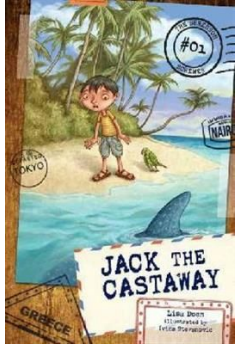
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<p>Bo at Ballard Creek</p> <p>Better version of Little House...</p>	<p>Kirkpatrick Hill</p>	<p>It's the 1920s, and Bo was headed for an Alaska orphanage when she won the hearts of two tough gold miners who set out to raise her, enthusiastically helped by all the kind people of the nearby Eskimo village</p>		<p>R</p>
<p>The Key to Extraordinary</p>	<p>Natalie Lloyd</p>	<p>Emma is waiting to find out her "destiny." She is an 11 year old girl who has lost her mom and lives with her older brother and Grandma Blue. You keep reading to find out what Emma's destiny dream will teach her about herself and her journey to save her home, which is threatened by a developer.</p>		<p>Level U</p>

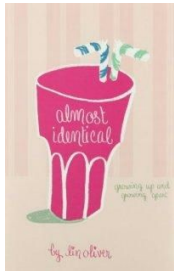
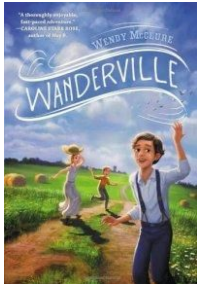
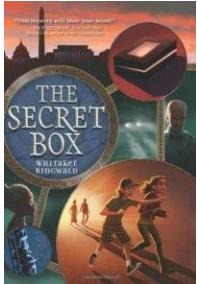
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<p>Spirit Animals - Fall of the Beasts</p>	<p>Eliot Schredfer (NYTimes Bestselling Series)</p>	<p>This is a series spin off of the Spirit Animals series, which has several books already. The Fall of the Beasts, Immortal Guardians is book one. Set in the magical world of Erdas, where certain children have a spirit animal. The animals are guardians who help protect the world. This book would interest kids who like fantasy and mystery and has both girl and boy characters in it. Lastly, these books also have an online game that kids can play with the code found in the book.</p>		<p>Level W</p>
<p>Jack the Castaway</p>	<p>Lisa Doan</p>			<p>Level T</p>

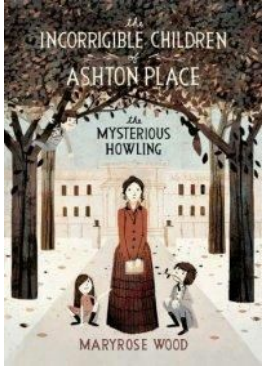
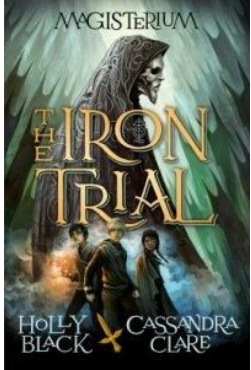
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<p>Almost Identical</p> <p>ONLY 5th Grade</p>	Lin Oliver	Once inseparable best friends, thirteen-year-old identical twins Sammie and Charlie begin to grow apart when they make new friends and join different clubs as seventh graders at a brand new school.		Level S
<p>Wanderville</p> <p>5th Grade Western Expansion</p>	Wendy McClure	To escape rumored terrors in Kansas, New Yorkers Jack and Frances, eleven, and Frances's brother Harold, seven, jump off an orphan train in 1899 and help new friend Alexander to build Wanderville, a safe place for homeless children.		Level T
<p>The Secret Box</p> <p>Another Percy Jackson-ish series</p> <p>5th Grade Only</p>	Whitaker Ringwald	On her twelfth birthday, Jax Malone receives an odd, unopenable present from an estranged aunt. When Jax and her cousins Ethan and Tyler go on a quest to open the box, they uncover a mystery with magical consequences		Level U

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<p>The Mysterious Howling</p> <p>5th Grade Only</p>	<p>Maryrose Wood</p>	<p>Fifteen-year-old Miss Penelope Lumley is hired as governess to three young children who have been raised by wolves and must teach them to behave in a civilized manner quickly, in preparation for a Christmas ball</p>		<p>Level V Fiction</p>
<p>The Iron Trial</p> <p>5th Grade Only</p>	<p>Holly Black and Cassandra Clare</p>	<p>All his life, Call has been warned by his father to stay away from magic. If he succeeds at the Iron Trial and is admitted into the Magisterium, he is sure it can only mean bad things for him. So he tries his best to do his worst - and fails at failing. Now the Magisterium awaits him. It's a place that's both sensational and sinister, with dark ties to his past and a twisty path to his future.</p>		<p>Level Y</p>

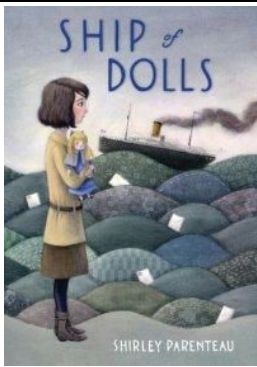
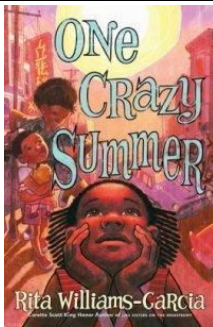
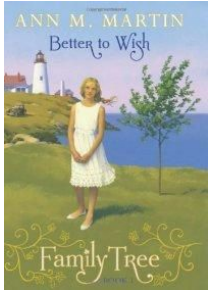
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Everest Series	Gordon Korman	A series about an adventure that takes place on Everest.		Level T
Survival Series	Gordan Korman	Six kids are shipwrecked on an island. A series about survival.		Level S
Goddess Girls	Joan Holub and Suzane Williams	A modern spin on classic myths		Level T

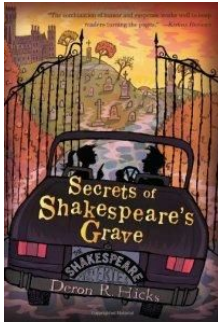
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Ship of Dolls	Shirley Parenteau	It's 1926, and the one thing eleven-year-old Lexie Lewis wants more than anything is to leave Portland, where she is living with her strict grandparents, and rejoin her mother, a carefree singer in San Francisco.		V
One Crazy Summer 5th Grade Only	Rita Williams-Garcia	In the summer of 1968, traveling from Brooklyn to Oakland, eleven-year-old Delphine and her two younger sisters California, to spend a month with the mother they barely know.		Level W
Better to Wish	Ann M. Martin	In 1930 Abby Nichols is an eight-year-old girl growing up in Maine, but as the Depression deepens, and her mother dies, the responsibility of taking care of her family falls to her, and she has to put her dreams of going to college		V

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		and becoming a writer on hold.		
<p>Secrets of Shakespeare's Grave</p> <p>Mystery</p>	Deron R. Hicks	<p>Twelve-year-old Colophon Letterford has a serious mystery on her hands. Will she discover the link between her family's literary legacy and Shakespeare's tomb before it's too late</p>		Level V