

Adventure

Fields, T. S.

DANGER IN THE DESERT

Kidnapped and left in the desert with no food or water, Scott and Robbie must use the contents of their mother's car for survival.

Hobbs, Will

WILD MAN ISLAND

A teen stranded on a remote Alaskan island faces starvation, food poisoning, cold, wild animals and a mysterious “Wild Man.”

LaFevers, R. L.

THEODOSIA AND THE SERPENTS OF CHAOS *

An archaeologist’s daughter becomes caught up in a web of intrigue and danger involving Egyptian tombs and the future of England.

Napoli, Donna Jo

NORTH

Smothered by his overprotective mother, and inspired by Arctic explorer Matthew Henson, Alvin runs away to the North Pole—in January.

Neale, Jonathan

LOST AT SEA

Three kids sail a small yacht across the Atlantic by themselves after the skipper is washed overboard and their mother becomes catatonic.

Paulsen, Gary

HATCHET *

Following a plane crash in the Canadian wilderness, Brian must learn to survive with only a hatchet and his own wits.

Sachar, Louis

HOLES*

Sentenced to a brutal detention camp for a crime he didn't commit, Stanley finds buried treasure and his first real friend.

Salisbury, Graham

NIGHT OF THE HOWLING DOGS

A Boy Scout camping trip on Hawaii’s Big Island becomes a race for survival when an earthquake triggers a massive tsunami.

Shahan, Sherry

DEATH MOUNTAIN

A day hike interrupted by a thunderstorm turns into a six day trek in the wilderness for two girls determined to survive their ordeal.

Wallace, Bill

EYE OF THE GREAT BEAR

Because he is easily startled, Bailey fears he is a coward until he has a face-to-face encounter with a grizzly bear.

Mystery

Balliet, Blue

CHASING VERMEER

Two smart sixth graders become involved in an intricate art world mystery.

Berlin, Eric

PUZZLING WORLD OF WINSTON BREEN

A box with a false bottom contains the first clue in a 25-year-old scavenger hunt, which Winston and his younger sister avidly pursue.

Broach, Elise

SHAKESPEARE’S SECRET

Hero, the new kid in school, discovers that a priceless diamond is hidden in her family's new house.

Hoobler, Dorothy

IN DARKNESS, DEATH *

In 18th century Japan, young Seikei becomes involved with a ninja as he helps his foster father investigate the murder of a samurai.

Kehret, Peg

ABDUCTION

When Bonnie’s little brother is kidnapped by the father he has never met, she becomes involved in the major search effort to find him.

Mack, Tracy

THE FALL OF THE AMAZING ZALINDAS*

The Baker Street Irregulars, a gang of street children, help the great Sherlock Holmes investigate the murder of three circus performers.

Raskin, Ellen

THE WESTING GAME

A millionaire’s death brings together an odd group of heirs who must solve the puzzle of his will before they can claim their inheritance.

Springer, Nancy

THE CASE OF THE MISSING MARQUESS*

Enola Holmes, younger sister of Sherlock, must travel to London in disguise in order to unravel the puzzle of her missing mother.

Chills and Thrills

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THE SEER OF SHADOWS

Horace, an apprentice photographer, learns he has the ability to draw ghosts into the world.

Bruchac, Joseph

WHISPER IN THE DARK

Maddie becomes convinced that she is being stalked by a madman from Narragansett Indian folklore.

Delaney, Joseph

REVENGE OF THE WITCH *

The 7th son of a 7th son is apprenticed to the village spook, whose job it is to protect ordinary folk from ghosts, witches and bogbarts.

Gaiman, Neil

CORALINE

A bored little girl is pitted against a soul-eating horror that inhabits the reality right next door.

Grabenstein, Chris

THE CROSSROADS

When Zack moves to Connecticut with his father and new stepmother, they must deal with the ghosts left behind by a terrible accident.

Hahn, Mary Downing

DEEP AND DARK AND DANGEROUS

During a summer spent at the family's vacation home, Ali stumbles upon a secret that her mother and aunt have been hiding for over thirty years.

Landy, Derek

SKULDUGGERY PLEASANT *

When Stephanie inherits her weird uncle's estate, she must join forces with Skulduggery Pleasant, a skeleton mage, to save the world.

Mould, Chris

THE WOODEN MILE *

When Stanley inherits his great-uncle’s house, he discovers it is located in a village full of secrets. First in the *Something Wickedly Weird* series.

Snyder, Zilpha Keatley

THE UNSEEN

Xandra copes with her family problems by imagining magical worlds until the day she discovers the ability to enter a separate reality.

Stewart, Paul

CURSE OF THE NIGHT WOLF *

Barnaby Grimes has a near miss with nasty wolf-like creature during a full moon, and his friend disappears the same night.

***This book has one or more sequels or is part of a series.**

Fantasy and Science Fiction

Burden, Meg
NORTHLANDER*

Although they are persecuted by the Northlanders for their powers, Ellin and her father brave the harsh Northland winter to heal the enemy king.

DuPrau, Jeanne
THE CITY OF EMBER *

Lina and Doon search for a way out of their beloved city that is running out of electricity...and food.

Fox, Helen
EAGER *

The Bell family's new robot is a prototype that is programmed to not merely obey but also to question, reason, and exercise free will.

Funke, Cornelia
DRAGON RIDER

Development threatens the last remaining silver dragons, so brave Firedrake sets out to find the ancient Himalayan home of his kind.

Hale, Shannon
THE PRINCESS ACADEMY

When a remote mining town learns that the next princess will be one of their citizens, the village girls must learn some new skills.

Hulme, John
THE GLITCH IN SLEEP *

12-year-old Becker is a newly trained "Fixer" in the Seems where nature, weather, time and sleep are all manufactured.

Kirov, Erica
ETERNAL HOURGLASS *

Nick discovers that his dad may be just a second-rate stage magician, but the hordes of cousins on his dead mother's side are real ones.

L'Engle, Madeleine
A WRINKLE IN TIME *
Meg's scientist father has mysteriously disappeared and Meg, her friend and her brother must travel to other worlds to find him.

O'Brien, Robert C.
MRS. FRISBY AND THE RATS OF NIMH *
Only the brilliant and mysterious rats of NIMH can help the widowed field mouse Mrs. Frisby achieve the seemingly impossible.

Paulsen, Gary
THE TIME HACKERS
Two boys travel through space and time to stop the gamers who are endangering the universe.

Reeve, Philip
LARKLIGHT *
Arthur and Myrtle, who live in a floating house in one of Her Majesty's outer space territories, uncover a plot to destroy the solar system.

Historical Fiction

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CRISPIN: THE CROSS OF LEAD
In 1377 England, mysteries surround Crispin, a serf from a rural village who never knows his own name until his mother dies.

Curtis, Christopher Paul
BUD, NOT BUDDY
During the Great Depression, 10-year-old orphan Bud hops a freight train in search of the jazz musician he thinks is his father.

Cushman, Karen
THE BALLAD OF LUCY WHIPPLE
Stuck with her family in a muddy California tent town during the gold rush, Lucy schemes to get back to civilized Massachusetts.

Erdrich, Louise
THE BIRCHBARK HOUSE *
Experience a year in the life of Omakayas, a member of the Ojibwa tribe living on an island in Lake Superior in 1847.

Lowry, Lois
NUMBER THE STARS
In Nazi-occupied Denmark, Annemarie and her family risk everything to help smuggle Jewish families to safety.

Park, Linda Sue
KEEPING SCORE
Maggie prays that the Brooklyn Dodgers will win the World Series and wishes that her friend Jim, a soldier in Korea, would answer her letters.

Ryan, Pam Muñoz
ESPERANZA RISING
Esperanza and her mother must flee their privileged life in Mexico for an uncertain future in Depression-era California.

Speare, Elizabeth George
THE SIGN OF THE BEAVER
When Matt is left alone in the wilderness, the Chief of the Beaver Tribe cares for him in return for teaching the Chief's grandson to read.

Williams-Garcia, Rita
ONE CRAZY SUMMER
Three sisters travel from New York to Oakland to spend the summer of 1968 with the mother who abandoned them for politics and poetry.

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