

## REALISTIC

### The Terrible Two\*

X Barnett, Mac

When master prankster Miles Murphy moves to sleepy Yawnee Valley, he challenges the local mystery prankster in an epic battle of tricks.

### Lexie

X Couloumbis, Audrey

When ten-year-old Lexie goes with her father to the beach for a week, she is surprised to find that he has invited his girlfriend and her two sons to join them.

### The Mighty Miss Malone

X Curtis, Christopher Paul

Deza is the smartest girl in her class in Gary, Indiana, singled out by teachers for a special path in life. However, the Great Depression has hit Gary hard, and there are no jobs for black men, which means her father has to leave home to find work.

### Lemonade War

X Davies, Jacqueline

Evan and his younger sister, Jesse, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for fourth grade, and as the end of summer approaches, they battle it out through lemonade stands.

### Little Sister is Not My Name

X Draper, Sharon

It's not easy being nine, especially when you're Sassy Simone Sanford; Especially when you were named for sticking out your tongue on the day you were born; Especially when everyone in the family calls you Little Sister.

### The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary School\*

X Fleming, Candace

An unlikely teacher takes over the disorderly fourth-grade class of Aesop Elementary School with surprising results.

### Home Sweet Motel \*

X Grabenstein, Chris

P.T. and his friend Gloria must solve a mystery at the world's wackiest motel: The Wonderland.

### Dexter the Tough

X Haddix, Margaret P.

Dexter hates his new school. He hates that his family moved across the country so his dad can get treatment for his cancer. To make matters worse, Dexter gets into a fight the first day of school.

### Melonhead\*

X Kelly, Katy

Melonhead is a self-proclaimed inventor. All his life, which is ten years and counting, great ideas have been popping in and out of his melon head. And sometimes they work!

### Two-Minute Drill\*

X Lupica, Mike

Chris Conlan is the coolest kid in sixth grade and the quarterback of the football team. Scott Parry is the new kid—a brainiac. These two boys may seem like an odd couple, but each has a secret that draws him to the other.

### Rain Reign

X Martin, Ann

Rose, a girl who struggles with a developmental disorder, shares a bond with her beloved dog, but when the dog goes missing during a storm, Rose is forced to confront the limits of her comfort levels.

### Julia Gillian (and the Art of Knowing)\*

X McGhee, Alison

Ten-year-old Julia Gillian knows everything about her quirky neighbors and her Minneapolis neighborhood. The one thing Julia doesn't know is how the book she's reading is going to end.

### Dear George Clooney: Please Marry My Mom

X Nielsen, Susin

Violet's parents have divorced. When her mother takes up with the unfortunately named Dudley Wiener, Violet and her friend Phoebe decide that if Violet's mom can't pick a decent man herself, they will help her snag George Clooney.

### Wonder

X Palacio, R. J.

Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities goes from being home-school to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan.

### The Worst Years of My Life\*

X Patterson, James

When Rafe enters middle school, he teams up with his best friend, "Leo the Silent," to create a game to make school more fun by trying to break every rule in the school's code of conduct.

### Season of Gifts

X Peck, Richard

It is 1958, and a new family has moved in next door to Grandma Dowdel: a Methodist minister his wife, and their three kids. Soon Mrs. Dowdel will work her particular brand of charm on all of them.

### Two Naomis

X Rhuday-Perkovich, Olugbemisola

Other than their first names, Naomi Marie and Naomi Edith are sure they have nothing in common, until Naomi Marie's mom and Naomi Edith's dad get serious about dating.

### Bobby vs. Girls (Accidentally)\*

X Yee, Lisa

Bobby Ellis-Chan has a secret: his best friend is a girl. Holly Harper has always liked to do the same things Bobby does, but now that they're in the fourth grade, things are changing.

## SCIENCE FICTION/FANTASY

### The Strange Case of Origami Yoda\*

X Angleberger, Tom

Dwight, unpopular at school, talks to his classmates via an origami finger puppet of Yoda. Things get strange when it looks like Yoda can predict the future.

### Crenshaw

X Applegate, Katherine

A homeless boy and his imaginary friend prove in unexpected ways that friends matter, whether real or imaginary.

### The Girl Who Drank the Moon

X Barnhill, Kelly

An epic fantasy about a young girl raised by a witch, a swamp monster, and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon, who must unlock the powerful magic buried deep inside her.

### Cosmic

X Cottrell Boyce, Frank

Liam has always had trouble keeping his feet on the ground. Being 239,000 miles from earth doesn't make it any easier.

### The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane

X DiCamillo, Kate

Once, in a house on Egypt Street, there lived a china rabbit named Edward Tulane. The rabbit was very pleased with himself, and for good reason: he was owned by a girl named Abilene, who adored him completely. And then, one day, he was lost. . .

### How to Save Your Tail

X Hanson, Mary

Once upon a time, in a grand castle, there lived a rat named Bob, who was fond of baking and wild about reading. So begins Bob's quest to save himself from being eaten by telling the Queen's cats fractured fairy tales about his whole rat family (and feeding them cookies).

# Grade 4

# Great Reads

## The Fourteenth Goldfish

X Holm, Jennifer L.

Ellie's scientist grandfather has discovered a way to reverse aging, and has turned into a teenager. When he moves in with Ellie and her mom, his daughter, life gets complicated.

## A Tale of Two Castles

X Levine, Gail Carson

A fabulous and funny fantasy novel about a shape-shifting ogre, a dragon detective, and a girl who dreams of becoming an actress.

## Benjamin Franklin Lives!\*

X McElligott, Matthew

Victor Godwin's orderly life is upended when he discovers that Benjamin Franklin never actually died—he was put into suspended animation and hidden away for more than 200 years in Victor's basement.

## The Magic Thief\*

X Prineas, Sarah

In a city that runs on a dwindling supply of magic, a young boy is drawn into a life of wizardry and adventure.

## The Dragonet Prophecy\*

X Sutherland, Tui

The seven dragon tribes have been at war for generations over an ancient, lost treasure. A secret movement called the Talons of Peace is determined to bring an end to the fighting with the help of a prophecy.

## You'll Like it Here (Everybody Does)

X White, Ruth

Although Meggie Blue seems to be an average sixth-grader, she is abnormally frightened when residents of her small, North Carolina town become fixated on aliens, and soon she and her family are forced to flee, making it clear that all is not as it seems.

## ADVENTURE/MYSTERY/THRILLER

### Murder at Midnight

X Avi

Mangus the magician and his new servant boy, Fabrizio, have been marked as scapegoats in a plot to overthrow King Claudio. Together, these two unlikely partners must solve the mystery before midnight . . . or face death.

### Missing on Superstition Mountain\*

X Broach, Elise

It's summer and the three Barker brothers have just moved from Illinois to Arizona. Their parents have warned them repeatedly not to explore Superstition Mountain, which is near their home. But when their cat goes missing, they see no other choice.

### Half-Moon Investigations

X Colfer, Eoin

As Fletcher follows the clues, evidence of a conspiracy begins to emerge. But before he can crack the case, Fletcher finds himself framed for a serious crime. Fletcher has twelve hours to find the guilty party—or he is the guilty party.

### Twenty Gold Falcons

X Gordon, Amy

After Aidan's father dies, her mother moves them to a new town. There, Aidan learns about a stash of hidden valuable coins called gold falcons. Her search for it unleashes a remarkable chain of events and brings her in touch with unforgettable characters, including smart-aleck elevators and a mouse that appears to appreciate opera.

## The Fantastic Secret of Owen Jester

X O'Connor, Barbara

Once you've finally captured the most enormous frog in Carter, Georgia, what exactly are you supposed to do with it?

### Maze of Bones\*

X Thirty Nine

When their beloved aunt dies, orphaned siblings Amy and Dan Cahill compete with less honorable Cahill descendants in a race around the world to find cryptic clues to a mysterious fortune.

### Three Times Lucky\*

X Turnage, Sheila

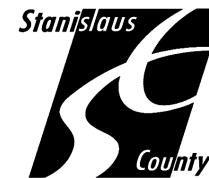
Washed ashore as a baby in tiny Tupelo Landing, North Carolina, Mo LoBeau, now eleven, and her best friend Dale are in for an epic summer when the owner of their favorite café is implicated in a murder.

### Footer Davis Probably is Crazy

X Vaught, Susan

Eleven-year-old Footer and her friends investigate when a nearby farm is burned, the farmer murdered, and his children disappear, but as they start gathering clues, Footer starts having flashbacks and wonders if she is going crazy like her bipolar mother.

\*this book has a sequel or is part of a series



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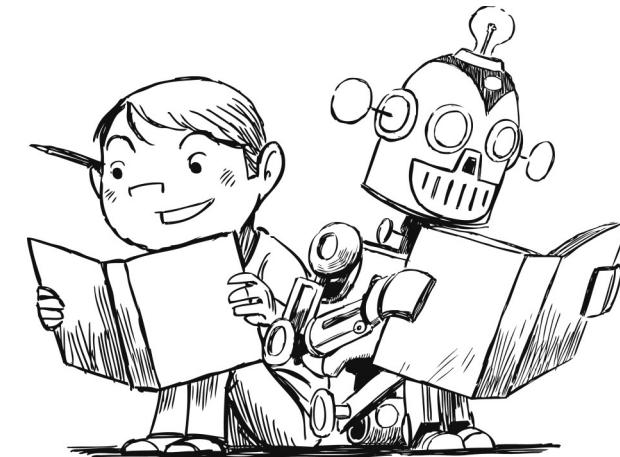
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