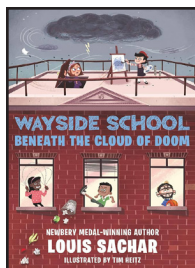
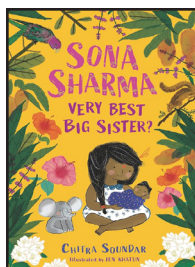




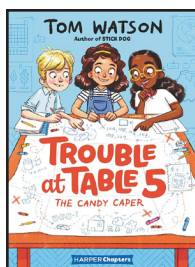
Ruths, Mitali Banerjee *Series: The Party Diaries*
Awesome Orange Birthday (bk. 1)
 Priya Chakraborty (8) decides to start a party planning business to raise money for endangered animals. She plans a birthday party for her first client using her favorite color for invitations, decorations, and food. As party-time finally arrives, Priya becomes nervous something will go wrong. 71 pp.
 (Graphic/Fiction) (580 Lexile, AR = 3.2)



Sachar, Louis *Series: Wayside School*
Wayside School Beneath the Cloud of Doom (bk. 4)
 Class is in session in Mrs. Jewls' 30th-floor classroom at Wayside School. Things get even wackier when a Cloud of Doom settles over the school. Will the students pass the Ultimate Test? 182 pp. (Humorous) (550 Lexile, AR = 3.9)



Soundar, Chitra *Series: Sona Sharma*
Sona Sharma, Very Best Big Sister? (bk. 1)
 Sona Sharma isn't sure how she feels when she learns her mom is going to have a baby. Wanting to be the very best big sister she can be, Sona is determined to find the perfect name for her new sibling in time for the Hindu baby naming ceremony. 102 pp. (Realistic Fiction) (590 Lexile, AR = 3.8)



Watson, Tom *Series: Trouble at Table 5*
The Candy Caper (bk. 1)
 Molly (8) gets things stuck in her head sometimes. This time, she NEEDS to know how many Skittles are in the jar on Principal Shelton's desk. Luckily, her two best friends, Simon and Rosie, are ready to help her find the answer. 84 pp.
 (Realistic Fiction, Humorous) (AR = 3.6)

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Recommended Reading List

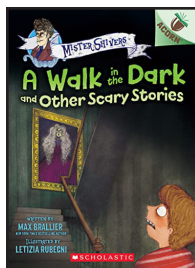


Books for 2nd & 3rd Grades

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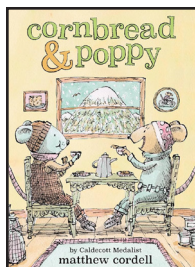
JJ Fiction [ER]

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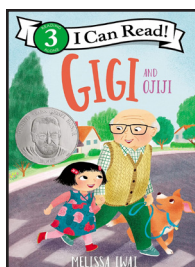
Brallier, Max Series: *Mister Shivers*

A Walk in the Dark and Other Scary Stories (bk. 4)
Get ready for some spooky stories! What would you do if the eyes of a woman in a picture stared at you or your hair started talking to you? What would you do with a magic pen that can make your wishes come true? 56 pp. (Horror, Short Stories) (490 Lexile, AR = 2.6)



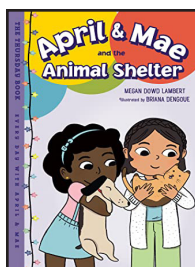
Cordell, Matthew Series: *Cornbread & Poppy*

Cornbread & Poppy (bk. 1)
Cautious Cornbread and carefree Poppy are best friends. Cornbread loves planning and preparing, but Poppy does not. When Poppy fails to prepare for winter, Cornbread ventures up Holler Mountain with Poppy to help her find food. 79 pp. (Animal Fantasy, Humorous) (AR = 2.9)



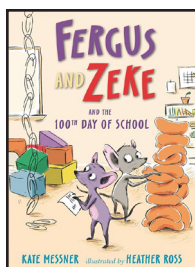
Iwai, Melissa Series: *Gigi and Ojiji*

Gigi and Ojiji (bk. 1)
Gigi can't wait for her Ojiji (grandpa) to move to America from Japan. Gigi plans lots of things to do with him, but her plans don't work out quite the way she'd hoped. Will Gigi find a way to connect with her Ojiji? 31 pp. (Realistic Fiction) (AR = 2.3) (2023 Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor)



Lambert, Megan Dowd Series: *Every Day with April & Mae*

April & Mae and the Animal Shelter: The Thursday Book (bk. 5)
April and Mae are best friends (and so are their pets). They decide to help the new animal shelter. Mae raises money with a lemonade stand to buy cat food for the shelter and April writes a letter to the newspaper to encourage people to adopt dogs. 48 pp. (Realistic Fiction) (430 Lexile)



Messner, Kate Series: *Fergus and Zeke*

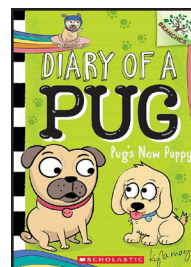
Fergus and Zeke and the 100th Day of School (bk. 4)
Fergus and Zeke love being class pets and they do everything the students do. But when the kids start collecting items to celebrate the 100th day of school, Fergus and Zeke have a hard time coming up with a collection of their own. 51 pp. (Animal Fantasy, Humorous) (560 Lexile, AR = 3.3)



McDonald, Megan Series: *Stink*

Stink, Superhero Superfan (bk. 13)

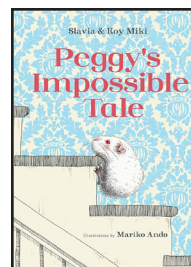
Stink uncovers a box of his dad's old Super Gecko comics. Super Gecko is making a comeback and Stink becomes a fan. Stink starts receiving mysterious notes signed by Super Gecko himself. Can Stink figure out who is writing the letters using his powers of deduction? 148 pp. (Realistic Fiction, Humorous, Mystery, Graphic/Fiction) (530 Lexile, AR = 3.6)



May, Kyla Series: *Diary of a Pug*

Pug's New Puppy (bk. 8)

Bub the pug and his human, Bella, cannot wait to teach Nana's new pup, Harlow, some new tricks, but they soon realize training a puppy is not as easy as they thought. 72 pp. (Animal Fantasy, Humorous, Graphic/Fiction) (470 Lexile, AR = 2.5)



Miki, Slavia & Miki, Roy

Peggy's Impossible Tale

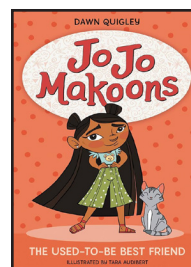
Peggy the guinea pig tells her story of how she was adopted by Lisa and her family. Peggy and Lisa learn to talk to each other and spend all of their time together. Peggy learns to climb stairs and to walk with a leash. Peggy even wins a prize for her accomplishments. 55 pp. (Animal Fantasy)



Mlynowski, Sarah Series: *Whatever After*

Just Dance (bk. 15)

Siblings Abby and Jonah (10 and 7) have a magic mirror that sends them to fairy tales. On this adventure, they are sent to the story of The Twelve Dancing Princesses to retrieve the crown ruby from the Kingdom of Douze so they can help Maryrose the fairy who is trapped in their magic mirror. 159 pp. (Fantasy, Adventure, Humorous) (480 Lexile, AR = 3.5)



Quigley, Dawn Series: *Jo Jo Makoons*

The Used-To-Be Best Friend (bk. 1)

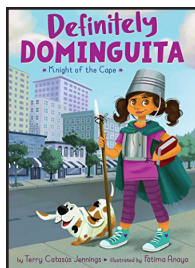
Jo Jo Makoons Azure (7) moves through the world a little differently than anyone else on her Ojibwe reservation. Jo Jo loves her #1 best friend Mimi (who is a cat). She is afraid that Fern, her school best friend, may not want to be friends anymore. 62 pp. (Realistic Fiction, Humorous) (610 Lexile, AR = 3.5) (2022 American Indian Youth Literature Middle Grade Honor)



Jenkins, Emily

Harry Versus the First 100 Days of School

Harry Bergen-Murphy does not feel ready when he starts first grade but by day 100, he has become an expert on several important things, including being a first-grader. 225 pp. (Realistic Fiction, Humorous) (AR = 3.9)



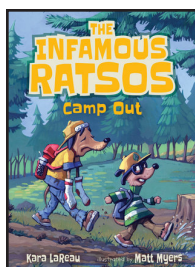
Jennings, Terry Catasús Series: *Definitely Dominguita*
Knight of the Cape (bk. 1)

After reading Don Quixote, Dominguita Melendez (8) decides to go on a quest to teach the class bully that girls can be knights. She and her new friends go on an adventure when she decides to do good deeds around her community by becoming Dom Capote. 118 pp. (Adventure) (490 Lexile, AR = 3.8)



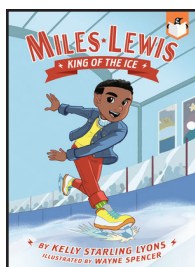
Katz, Alan Series: *S.O.S.: Society of Substitutes*
The Great Escape (bk. 1)

Milton Worthy (7) learns his classroom's pet ferret is the evil mastermind behind a plot for world domination. He also learns his mom is a member of the super-secret Society of Substitutes! Now it's up to Milton and his mom to save his school before time runs out. 86 pp. (Adventure, Science Fiction, Humorous, Graphic/Fiction)



LaReau, Kara Series: *The Infamous Ratsos*
Camp Out (bk. 4)

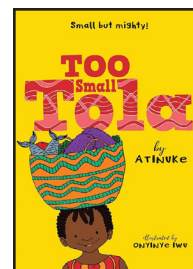
Louie and Ralphie Ratso and the Big City Scouts go camping with Grandpa Ratso! He teaches them the Scouts oath, which says Scouts are always able to solve problems without asking for help. They end up hungry, tired, lost, and itchy, and finally learn what the oath really means. 74 pp. (Animal Fantasy, Humorous) (620 Lexile, AR = 3.5)



Lyons, Kelly Starling Series: *Miles Lewis*
King of the Ice (bk. 1) (companion to the Jada Jones series)
Miles Lewis (9) loves science and sports. A class field trip to an ice skating rink to learn about physics turns into a bet with his friend that Miles will wipe out, since he has never ice skated before. Can Miles glide to glory on the ice or will he crack under the pressure? 80 pp. (Realistic Fiction, Sports, Humorous) (530 Lexile, AR = 3.5)

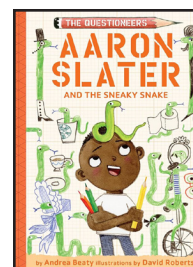
J Fiction

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Atinuke Series: *Too Small Tola*
Too Small Tola (bk. 1)

Tola lives in Lagos, Nigeria with her grandma. Too Small Tola is not too small to do big things. Tola is not too small to carry the goods home safely, or too small to figure out how to deal with the local bullies at the water pump. 88 pp. (Realistic Fiction) (610 Lexile, AR = 3.6)



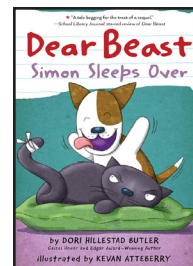
Beaty, Andrea Series: *The Questioneers*
Aaron Slater and the Sneaky Snake (bk. 6)

When Zookeeper Fred's green snake Vern gets loose in the zoo and lands atop a boy's head, there is trouble! A few citizens demand that all snakes must go and the Mayor closes the zoo. The Questioneers will need all their talents to save the zoo but in the end, it is Aaron's art that leads the way. 154 pp. (Humorous, STEAM)



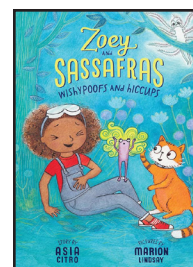
Bowles, David Series: *13th Street*
Battle of the Bad-Breath Bats (bk. 1)

Cousins Malia, Ivan, and Dante are visiting their aunt for the summer. On their way to a water park, they get lost and end up in a strange world filled with dangerous beasts! In order to survive, they must rely on Dante's video game experience, Ivan's creativity, and Malia's leadership. Will they find their way back to Aunt Lucy's? 86 pp. (Horror, Humorous) (420 Lexile, AR = 3.1)



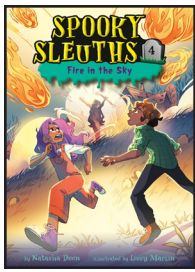
Butler, Dori Hillestad Series: *Dear Beast*
Simon Sleeps Over (bk. 4)

Andy has two pets: a snooty cat, Simon, at his mom's house and a good-natured dog, Baxter, at his dad's house. Simon and Baxter are pen pals until a disastrous sleepover finally brings them together. 80 pp. (Animal Fantasy, Humorous)



Citro, Asia Series: *Zoey and Sassafras*
Wishpoofs and Hiccups (bk. 9)

Magical animals ring Zoey's barn doorbell whenever they need help. Her frog friend, Pip, shows up with a new look. When Zoey and Sassafras retrace Pip's steps, they see another magical transformation. Zoey must solve the problem before more magical animals change! 96 pp. (Fantasy, STEM) (AR = 3.8)



Deen, Natasha Series: *Spooky Sleuths*

Fire in the Sky (bk. 4)

Asim (9) lives on a strange island where his parents work at a research lab. He suspects that his new student teacher is a witch that is after his friend, Max. Rokshar believes the teacher is a scientist using kids for her experiments. Either way, Max is in danger, so they must investigate to find out what is happening. 89 pp. (Supernatural, Horror, Mystery) (500 Lexile)



Esposito, Nick Series: *The Good Guys Agency*

Brave Like Jackie Robinson (bk. 2)

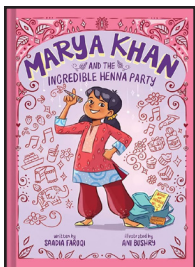
When it looks like their friend Marty is about to cave to peer pressure, Lucky, Rudy, and Red take a trip back in time to meet Jackie Robinson, the first Black baseball player to play Major League Baseball. Jackie faces prejudice with cool calm. Can Marty find courage of his own? 85 pp. (Graphic/Fiction, Humorous, Sports) (550 Lexile)



Fang, Vicky Series: *Layla and the Bots*

Happy Paws (bk. 1)

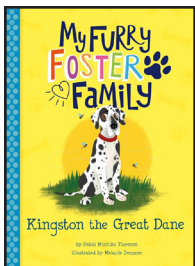
While Layla and her three Bots are setting up for their rock band's performance, she gets some bad news; Happy Days Amusement Park is closing. Layla and the robots must come up with a plan to save the park. 71 pp. (Graphic/Fiction, STEAM) (500 Lexile, AR = 2.5)



Faruqi, Saadia Series: *Marya Khan*

Marya Khan and the Incredible Henna Party (bk. 1)

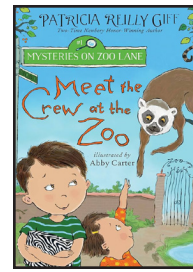
With her eighth birthday coming up, Marya claims she is having an epic henna party, so now she must convince her family to make it happen. Her plan "Operation Help the Khans" doesn't go as planned. Everything Marya does seems to end in disaster. 136 pp. (Realistic Fiction) (AR = 3.6)



Florence, Debbi Michiko Series: *My Furry Foster Family*

Kingston the Great Dane (bk. 5)

What do you do with a gentle Great Dane who's the size of a cow but acts like he's no bigger than a mini dachshund? If you're eight-year-old Kaita Takano and her animal-fostering family, you shower the dog with love and do everything you can to find him a forever home. 63 pp. (Realistic Fiction) (550 Lexile, AR = 3.1)



Giff, Patricia Reilly Series: *Mysteries on Zoo Lane*

Meet the Crew at the Zoo (bk. 1)

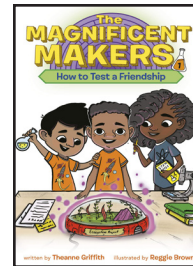
Luke is unhappy about leaving his home and abuelo in Florida when his father becomes the vet at a New York zoo. He is worried he won't make any friends, but soon he has new friends and a mystery to solve! 105 pp. (Mystery, Realistic Fiction) (460 Lexile)



Gough, Julian Series: *Rabbit & Bear*

A Bad King is a Sad Thing (bk. 5)

Icebear has arrived in Rabbit and Bear's valley, and he wants to be king. He's big and scary, and the more kind and understanding the animals are, the meaner he becomes. Will Rabbit, Bear, and their friends find the solution within themselves with help from an unexpected source? 98 pp. (Animal Fantasy, Humorous) (590 Lexile)



Griffith, Theanne Series: *The Magnificent Makers*

How to Test a Friendship (bk. 1)

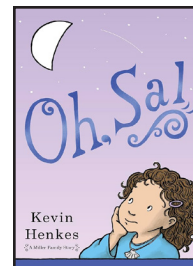
Third graders Violet, Pablo, and Deepak are transported to an adventure in the Maker Maze, a magical laboratory run by Dr. Crisp. They must solve a series of puzzles to get out of the Maker Maze. Will they be able to work as a team in order to make it back to their classroom? 92 pp. (Science Fiction, Adventure, STEM) (440 Lexile, AR = 3.5)



Hale, Shannon Series: *The Princess in Black*

The Princess in Black and the Mermaid Princess (bk. 9)

The Princess in Black and her friends meet Mermaid Princess Posy who needs their help protecting sea goats from being eaten by a very greedy kraken. The friends realize that fighting underwater is a lot harder than on land, and only Princess Posy can save the day by speaking up. 89 pp. (Adventure, Humorous) (550 Lexile, AR = 3.4)



Henkes, Kevin Series: *Miller Family Story*

Oh, Sal (bk. 3)

Four-year-old Sal cannot find her favorite Christmas gift, her new baby sister still does not have a name and takes up all of Mama's attention, and her big brother Billy is annoying. Despite this, Sal finds her own strengths through the love and support of her family. 123 pp. (Realistic Fiction)