**Adventure Books - Grade 4**

**Dragon Slayers Academy: Class Trip to the Cave of Doom (series)**
McMullan, Kate
Call Letters: BC  Pgs: 107  Lexile: 300
Wiglaf joins the other students of Dragon Slayers' Academy in searching the Dark Forest for the Cave of Doom, which supposedly contains the gold of the dead dragon Seetha.

**Graveyard Diaries: All in a Night's Work (series)**
Specter, Baron
Call Letters: F Sp  Pgs: 127  Lexile: 360
When he accidentally trips over a grave, Stan Summer lands in the middle of a century-old feud between two rival ghost families, and finds himself cast in the role of peacemaker.

**Code Breakers**
Powell, Jillian
Call Letters: F Po  Pgs: 33  Lexile: 380
Brad, Conor, and Scott are bored until they find a briefcase containing a cell phone number that leads them on an adventure.

**Survive**
Buckton, Chris
Call Letters: F Buc  Pgs: 33  Lexile: 410
When brothers Mark and Pete get separated while hiking up a mountain, one of them almost does not make it back to the family campsite.

**Wild River**
Petersen, R.J.
Call Letters: F Pe  Pgs: 120  Lexile: 420
When 12-year-old Ryan reluctantly agrees to join his experienced older brother Tanner on a camping trip, he could never have dreamed this would turn into the most frightening day of his life.

**Blizzard! (Jake Maddox Survive! Series)**
Maddox, Jake
Call Letters: BC M  Pgs: 65  Lexile: 420
Owen and Gary have to use their survival instincts when they are caught in the middle of a blizzard with no sign of help.

**Ninth Ward**
Rhodes, Jewell Parker
Call Letters: F Rh  Pgs: 217  Lexile: 470
In New Orleans' Ninth Ward, 12-year-old Lanesha and her adopted grandmother have no choice but to stay and weather the storm as Hurricane Katrina bears down upon them.
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**Dragon Slayer's Academy: The New Kid at School (series)**
McMullen, Kate
Wiglaf is off to Dragon Slayers' Academy and in for a first day of school he will never forget.

**Doll People (series)**
Martin, Ann M.
Call Letters: F Ma Pgs: 256 Lexile: 570
A family of porcelain dolls that has lived in the same house for one hundred years is taken aback when a new family of plastic dolls arrives and doesn't follow The Doll Code of Honor.

**Dog on His Own**
Auch, Mary Jane
Call Letters: F Auc Pgs: 153 Lexile: 570
After a daring escape from the animal shelter, Pearl, Peppy, and K-10--so named because he is one step above all the other canines--explore the outside world while moving from one adventure to another.

**The Lambkins**
Bunting, Eve
Call Letters: F Bu Pgs: 180 Lexile: 580
Kyle finds himself shrunk to the size of a doll and living with three other children in a dollhouse from which there seems to be no escape.

**Tail of Emily Windsnap**
Kessler, Liz
Call Letters: F Ke Pgs: 208 Lexile: 600
After finally convincing her mother that she should take swimming lessons, 12-year-old Emily discovers a terrible and wonderful secret about herself that opens up a whole new world.

**Grimm Legacy**
Shulman, Polly
Call Letters: F Sh Pgs: 325 Lexile: 600
High school student Elizabeth gets an after-school job at the New York Library, and when she gains access to its collection of magical objects, she and the others are drawn into a series of frightening adventures involving mythical creatures and stolen goods.

**Nightmare at the Book Fair**
Gutman, Dan
Call Letters: F Gu Pgs: 230 Lexile: 610
On his way to lacrosse tryouts, the president of the PTA asks Trip Dinkelman to help her with the book fair, resulting in Trip sustaining a head injury which causes him temporary amnesia and makes for an interesting journey home.
**Maze of Bones (39 Clues series)**
Riordan, Rick  
Call Letters: F Th  Pgs: 220  Lexile: 610  
Amy and Dan, members of the powerful Cahill family, try to uncover the 39 clues which will reveal what really happened to their parents.

**Missing on Superstition Mountain**
Broach, Elise  
Call Letters: F Bro  Pgs: 262  Lexile: 620  
Simon, Henry, and Jack Barker decide to ignore their parents' warning to stay away from Superstition Mountain in order to search for their missing cat Josie, but they begin to see the wisdom of their mom and dad's advice when they find three human skulls.

**Saffy's Angel**
McKay, Hilary  
Call Letters: F Mc  Pgs: 152  Lexile: 630  
After learning that she was adopted, 13-year-old Saffron's relationship with her eccentric, artistic family changes, until they help her go back to Italy where she was born to find a special momento of her past.

**Gregor the Overlander (series)**
Collins, Suzanne  
Call Letters: F Co  Pgs: 311  Lexile: 630  
eleven-year-old Gregor and his 2-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving humans, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy.

**London Eye Mystery**
Dowd, Siobhan  
Call Letters: F Do  Pgs: 322  Lexile: 640  
When Ted and Kat's cousin Salim disappears from the London Eye ferris wheel, the two siblings must work together - Ted with his brain that is "wired differently" and impatient Kat - to try to solve the mystery of what happened to Salim.

**Ingo**
Dunmore, Helen  
Call Letters: F Du  Pgs: 328  Lexile: 640  
When the sea called to Sapphy's father, he vanished from her life. When the sea called to her brother, he started disappearing for hours on end. And now the sea is calling to Sapphy, and she feels its pull more strongly than she's ever felt anything in her life.

**Magic Half**
Barrows, Annie  
Call Letters: F Ba  Pgs: 211  Lexile: 640  
11-year-old Miri Gill feels left out in her family, which has two sets of twins and her, until she travels back in time to 1935 and discovers Molly, her own lost twin, and brings her back to the present day.
Cirque Du Freak (series)
Shan, Darren
Call Letters: F Sh  Pgs: 266  Lexile: 650
Two boys who are best friends visit an illegal freak show, where an encounter with a vampire and a deadly spider forces them to make life-changing choices.

Lost Hero
Riordan, Rick
After saving Olympus from the evil Titan lord, Kronos, Percy and friends have rebuilt their beloved Camp Half-Blood, where the next generation of demigods must now prepare for a chilling prophecy of their own.

Steel Trapp: The Challenge
Pearson, Ridley
Call Letters: F Pe  Pgs: 324  Lexile: 660
On a two-day train trip to enter his invention in the National Science Competition in Washington, D.C., 14-year-old Steven "Steel" Trapp, possessor of a remarkable photographic memory, becomes embroiled in an international plot of kidnapping and bribery that may have links to terrorists.

Cosmic
Boyce, Frank Cottrell
Call Letters: F Boy  Pgs: 313  Lexile: 670
12-year-old Liam decides he is going to pose as the adult chaperone on the first spaceship to take civilians into space, but when he ends up in outer space with a group of kids and no adult supervision, he must think fast to make things right.

Dog's Way Home
Pyron, Bobbie
Call Letters: F Pyr  Pgs: 321  Lexile: 670
After a car accident strands them at opposite ends of the Blue Ridge Parkway, 11-year-old Abby and her beloved sheltie Tam overcome months filled with physical and emotional challenges to find their way back to each other.

Poppy (series)
Avi
Call Letters: F Av  Pgs: 146  Lexile: 670
Poppy, a deer mouse, urges her family to move next to a field of corn big enough to feed them all forever, but Mr. Ocax, a terrifying owl, has other ideas.

Conspiracy 365: January (series)
Lord, Gabrielle
Call Letters: F Lor  Pgs: 0  Lexile: 680
On New Year's Eve, Cal is chased down the street by a staggering, sick man with a deadly warning..."They killed your father. They'll kill you. You must survive the next 365 days." With that, the 15-year-old fugitive is hurled into a life on the run isolated and alone.
**Little Secret**  
Saunders, Kate  
Call Letters: F Sa  
Pgs: 231  
Lexile: 680  
Jane travels to a remote region of Scotland to spend the summer with her new friend Staffa, but her vacation takes a mysterious turn when Jane finds herself irresistibly drawn to a glowing box she has been warned not to touch and the magical world found inside the castle walls.

**Earthquake Terror**  
Kehret, Peg  
Call Letters: F Ke  
Pgs: 132  
Lexile: 690  
When an earthquake hits the isolated island in northern California where his family had been camping, twelve-year-old Jonathan Palmer must find a way to keep himself, his partially paralyzed younger sister, and their dog alive until help arrives.

**Blind Mountain**  
Thomas, Jane Resh  
Call Letters: F Th  
Pgs: 117  
Lexile: 690  
Unsure of himself and annoyed at having to spend a day climbing a Montana mountain with his bossy father, 12-year-old Sam must become the guide on their perilous journey down when his carelessness temporarily blinds his father.

**Wild Man Island**  
Hobbs, Will  
Call Letters: F Ho  
Pgs: 184  
Lexile: 690  
After 14-year-old Andy slips away from his kayaking group to visit the wilderness site of his father's death, a storm strands him on an island where he manages to survive and encounters unexpected animal and human inhabitants.

**Brixton Brothers: Ghostwriter Secret (series)**  
Barnett, Mac  
Call Letters: F Bar  
Pgs: 226  
Lexile: 690  
12-year-old Steve is investigating a diamond heist but the case suddenly changes when the author of the Bailey Brothers detective novels writes him a letter to say that he fears for his life.

**Go Big or Go Home**  
Hobbs, Will  
Call Letters: F Ho  
Pgs: 185  
Lexile: 700  
14-year-old Brady and his cousin Quinn love extreme sports, but nothing could prepare them for the aftermath of Brady's close encounter with a meteorite after it crashes into his Black Hills, South Dakota, bedroom.

**Fablehaven (series)**  
Mull, Brandon  
Call Letters: F Br  
Pgs: 351  
Lexile: 700  
Kendra and Seth find themselves in the midst of a battle between good and evil when they visit their grandparents' estate and discover that it is a sanctuary for magical creatures.
Storm Runners
Smith, Roland
Call Letters: F Smi  Pgs: 143  Lexile: 700
12-year-old Chase Masters travels the country with his father, a "storm runner," but he is tested in ways he never could have imagined when he and a new friend are caught in a hurricane near St. Petersburg, Florida.

Zoobreak
Korman, Gordan
Call Letters: F Ko  Pgs: 230  Lexile: 700
After a class trip to a floating zoo where animals are mistreated and Savannah's missing pet monkey is found in a cage, Long Island 6th-grader Griffin Bing and his band of misfits plan a rescue.

Wolf Stalker (National Geographic Mysteries)
Skurzynski, Gloria
Call Letters: F Sk  Pgs: 147  Lexile: 700
12-year-old Jack, his younger sister, and the family's teenage foster child Troy go to Yellowstone National Park, where Jack's mother, a wildlife veterinarian, is investigating the report that wolves reintroduced to the park have killed a dog there.

Key to Rondo
Rodda, Emily
Call Letters: F Ro  Pgs: 342  Lexile: 710
Through an heirloom music box, Leo, a serious, responsible boy, and his badly-behaved cousin Mimi enter the magical world of Rondo to rescue Mimi's dog from a sorceress, who wishes to exchange him for the key that allows free travel between worlds.

Magnificent 12: The Call (series)
Grant, Michael
Call Letters: F Gra  Pgs: 243  Lexile: 710
Mack MacAvoy, a seriously average 12-year-old boy, is faced with a difficult decision when a 3000-year-old man appears in the boys' bathroom and informs him that he is one of the Magnificent 12 and is needed to find his 11 teammates and save the world.

Swindle
Korman, Gordan
Call Letters: F Ko  Pgs: 252  Lexile: 710
After unscrupulous collector S. Wendell Palamino cons him out of a valuable baseball card, 6th grader Griffin Bing puts together a band of misfits to break into Palamino's heavily guarded store and steal the card back, planning to use the money to finance his father's failing invention, the Smart Pick fruit picker.

Frog Princess
Baker, E.D.
Call Letters: F Ba  Pgs: 214  Lexile: 710
After reluctantly kissing a frog, an awkward, 14-year-old princess suddenly finds herself a frog, too, and sets off with the prince to seek the means - and the self-confidence - to become human again.
**Breadcrumbs**  
Ursu, Anne  
Call Letters: F Urs  Pgs: 312  Lexile: 720  
Hazel and Jack are best friends until an accident with a magical mirror and a run-in with a villainous queen find Hazel on her own, entering an enchanted wood in the hopes of saving Jack's life.

**Emerald Atlas**  
Stephens, John  
Call Letters: F Ste  Pgs: 417  Lexile: 720  
Kate, Michael, and Emma have passed from one orphanage to another in the ten years since their parents disappeared, but now they learn that they have special powers - and a fearsome enemy - and embark on a quest to find a magical book.

**Billionaire's Curse**  
Newsome, Richard  
Call Letters: F Ne  Pgs: 344  Lexile: 730  
13-year-old Gerald inherits twenty billion pounds, a Caribbean island, a yacht, and three estates from his great-aunt Geraldine, a relative he never knew, but the fortune comes with a letter that informs him Geraldine was murdered and that it is up to him to solve the crime.

**The Capture**  
Lasky, Katherine  
Call Letters: F La  Pgs: 226  Lexile: 730  
Soren, a barn owl that is captured and taken to a special school for orphaned owls, is befriended by elf owl Gyflie and together the two set out to discover what is really going on at St. Aegolius Academy.

**Genius Files: Mission Unstoppable**  
Gutman, Dan  
Call Letters: F Gut  Pgs: 293  Lexile: 730  
On a cross-country vacation with their parents, 12-year-old twins Coke and Pepsi fight off strange assassins as they try to come to terms with their being part of a top-secret government organization known as The Genius Files.

**Running Out of Time**  
Haddix, Margaret Peterson  
Call Letters: F Ha  Pgs: 184  Lexile: 730  
When a diphtheria epidemic hits her 1840 village, 13-year-old Jessie discovers it is actually a 1995 tourist site under unseen observation by heartless scientists, and it's up to Jessie to escape the village and save the lives of the dying children.

**Skeleton Creek**  
Patrick, Carmen  
Call Letters: F Ca  Pgs: 185  Lexile: 740  
Although housebound following an eerie accident, teenaged Ryan continues to investigate the strange occurrences in his hometown of Skeleton Creek, recording his findings in a journal and viewing email video clips sent by fellow detective Sarah.
Wings of Fire: The Dragonet Prophecy (series)
Sutherland, Tui
Call Letters: F Sut  Pgs: 336  Lexile: 740
The seven dragon tribes have been at war for generations, locked in an endless battle 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—a foretelling that calls for great sacrifice.

Candy Shop War
Mull, Brandon
Call Letters: F Bra  Pgs: 409  Lexile: 750
When 5th-graders Nate, Summer, Trevor, and Pigeon meet the owner of the new candy store in town and are given a magical candy that endows them with super powers, they find that along with its benefits there are also dangerous consequences.

Escaping the Giant Wave
Kehret, Peg
Call Letters: F Ke  Pgs: 151  Lexile: 750
When an earthquake creates a tsunami while 13-year-old Kyle is babysitting his sister during a family vacation at a Pacific Coast resort, he tries to save himself, his sister, and a boy who has bullied him for years.

Elephant Run
Smith, Roland
Call Letters: F Sm  Pgs: 318  Lexile: 750
Nick’s father and others are taken prisoner when his plantation in Burma is invaded by the Japanese in 1941, leaving Nick and his friend Mya to risk their lives in order to free them from the POW camp.

NERDS: National Espionage, Rescue, and Defense Society
Buckley, Michael
Call Letters: F Bu  Pgs: 306  Lexile: 760
While running a spy network from their elementary school, five unpopular misfits combine their talents and use cutting-edge gadgetry to fight evil around the world.

Molly Moon’s Incredible Book of Hypnotism (series)
Byng, Georgia
Call Letters: F By  Pgs: 371  Lexile: 770
Unlucky and unloved, Molly Moon, living in a dreary orphanage in a small English town, discovers a hidden talent for hypnotism and hypnotizes her way to stardom in New York City.

Science Fair
Barry, Dave
Call Letters: F Ba  Pgs: 394  Lexile: 770
The president of Kprshtskan is plotting to infiltrate the science fair at Hubble Middle School in Maryland in order to take over the United States government, but when Toby Harbinger, an ordinary student, makes up his mind finally to win the fair, the terrorists’ plans go awry.
Cold Cereal
Rex, Adam
Call Letters: F Re  Pgs: 421  Lexile: 770
When Scott sees a guy with a rabbit's head, he figures it's just another one of the odd hallucinations he occasionally experiences. It turns out that it's the first of many bizarre events that include a snarky leprechaun, a Bigfoot butler, and a plot to take over the world with breakfast cereal.

Witches of Dredmoore Hollow
McKenzie, Riford
Call Letters: F Mc  Pgs: 264  Lexile: 770
When his two strange aunts arrive at Dredmoore Hollow, 11-year-old Elijah finds his life turned upside down. His parents suddenly leave town, and he's whisked away to stay with Serena and Agnes on Moaning Marsh, where they run the world's most mysterious beauty salon.

Fantastic Secret of Owen Jester
O'Connor, Barbara
Call Letters: F Oc  Pgs: 168  Lexile: 770
An amazing secret has tumbled off a freight train and Owen Jester is the only person who knows about it. If he can simply manage to evade his grandfather's housekeeper, organize his two best friends, and keep his nosy neighbor at bay, he just might be in for the summer of a lifetime.

Peter and the Starcatchers
Barry, Dave
Call Letters: F Ba  Pgs: 451  Lexile: 770
Peter, an orphan boy, and his friend Molly fight off thieves and pirates in order to keep the secret safe away from the diabolical Black Stache and his evil associate Mister Grin.

13 Treasures
Harrison, Michelle
Call Letters: F Har  Pgs: 355  Lexile: 770
Bedeviled by evil fairies that only she can see, 13-year-old Tanya is sent to stay with her cold and distant grandmother at Elvesden Manor, where she and the caretaker's son solve a disturbing mystery that leads them to the discovery that Tanya's life is in danger.

Secret of Zoom
Jonell, Lynne
Call Letters: F Jo  Pgs: 291  Lexile: 770
10-year-old Christina lives a sheltered life until she discovers a secret tunnel, an evil plot to enslave orphans, and a mysterious source of energy known as zoom.

Day of the Pelican
Paterson, Katherine
Call Letters: F Pat  Pgs: 145  Lexile: 770
In 1998 when the Kosovo hostilities escalate, 13-year-old Meli's life as an ethnic Albanian changes forever after her brother escapes his Serbian captors and the entire family flees from one refugee camp to another until they are able to immigrate to America.
Theodore Boone, Kid Lawyer (series)
Grisham, John
Call Letters: F Gri Pgs: 209 Lexile: 790
In the small city of Strattenburg, there are many lawyers, and though he's only 13-years-old, Theo Boone thinks he's one of them. But Theo finds himself in court much sooner than expected when a cold-blooded killer is about to go free, and only Theo knows the truth.

Powerless
Cody, Matthew
Call Letters: F Co Pgs: 279 Lexile: 800
Soon after moving to Noble's Green, Pennsylvania, 12-year-old Daniel learns that his new friends have super powers that they will lose when they turn thirteen, unless he can use his brain power to protect them.

Redwall (series)
Jacques, Brian
Call Letters: F Ja Pgs: 351 Lexile: 800
When the peaceful life of ancient Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of the evil rat Cluny and his villainous hordes, Matthias, a young mouse, determines to find the legendary sword of Martin the Warrior which, he is convinced, will help Redwall's inhabitants destroy the enemy.

Name of This Book is a Secret
Bosch, Pseudonymous
Call Letters: F Bo Pgs: 360 Lexile: 810
Cassandra and Max find a missing magician's notebook and start to investigate the fire which burnt down his house and his mysterious "symphony of smells."

Flush
Hiaasen, Carl
Call Letters: F Ha Pgs: 263 Lexile: 830
With their father jailed for sinking a river boat, Noah Underwood and his younger sister, Abbey, must gather evidence that the owner of this floating casino is emptying his bilge tanks into the protected waters around their Florida Keys home.

Liesl & Po
Oliver, Lauren
Call Letters: F Oli Pgs: 307 Lexile: 830
After her father's death, Liesl is locked away in a tiny attic room by her stepmother, where she meets Po, a lonely ghost, and Will, an alchemist's apprentice who bungles an important delivery and enlists Liesl and Po's help in setting things right.

Becoming Naomi Leon
Ryan, Pam Munoz
Call Letters: F Ry Pgs: 246 Lexile: 830
When Naomi's absent mother resurfaces to claim her, Naomi runs away to Mexico with her great-grandmother and younger brother in search of her father.
Football Hero
Green, Tim
Call Letters: F Gr  Pgs: 297  Lexile: 840
When 12-year-old Ty’s brother Thane is recruited out of college to play for the New York Jets, their Uncle Gus uses Ty to get insider information for his gambling ring, landing Ty and Thane in trouble with the Mafia.

Young Fredle
Voigt, Cynthia
Call Letters: F Voi  Pgs: 227  Lexile: 840
Fredle, a young mouse cast out of his home, faces dangers and predators, makes some important discoveries and friends, and learns the meaning of freedom as he struggles to return home.

Mysterious Benedict Society
Stewart, Trenton Lee
Call Letters: F St  Pgs: 496  Lexile: 840
After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules.

Quest Begins (Book 1: The Seekers)
Hunter, Erin
Call Letters: F Hu  Pgs: 293  Lexile: 840
Three young bears of different species - one black, one polar, and one grizzly - travel on a perilous quest to the Northern Lights, escorting a shape-shifting grizzly cub whose destiny will affect them all.

Fairy Tale Detectives (Book 1: The Sisters Grimm)
Buckley, Michael
Call Letters: F Ba  Pgs: 284  Lexile: 840
When sisters Sabrina and Daphne are sent to live with their mysterious grandmother, Relda Grimm, they learn they are descendants of the Brothers Grimm, whose famous book of fairy tales is actually a collection of case files.

Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray
Martin, Ann M.
Call Letters: F Ma  Pgs: 182  Lexile: 870
Squirrel, a stray puppy, tells her life story, from her nurturing mother and brother to making her own way in the world, facing busy highways, changing seasons, and humans both gentle and brutal.

Measle and the Wrathmonk (series)
Ogilvy, Ian
Call Letters: F Og  Pgs: 210  Lexile: 900
12-year-old orphan Measle Stubbs is shrunk down to half an inch tall and placed in a train set by his evil guardian, the Wrathmonk. But when Measle joins up with other victims, he becomes more than just a smelly little orphan. Suddenly he's a hero ... with a plan!
One Dog and His Boy
Ibbotson, Eva
Call Letters: F Ibb  Pgs: 282  Lexile: 910
When lonely, 10-year-old Hal learns that his wealthy but neglectful parents only rented Fleck, the dog he always wanted, he and new friend Pippa take Fleck and four other dogs from the rental agency on a trek from London to Scotland, where Hal's grandparents live.

Familiars
Epstein, Adam Jay
Call Letters: F Eps  Pgs: 360  Lexile: 920
When three young wizards-in-training are kidnapped by an evil queen, their magic assistants - an alley cat, a know-it-all blue jay, and a tree frog who can see the future - set out on a dangerous journey to rescue the boys.

Girl Who Could Fly
Forester, Victoria
Call Letters: F Fo  Pgs: 329  Lexile: 920
Piper McCloud, who can fly, is whisked off to a top-secret institute whose purpose is to make children normal at all costs.

Into the Woods
Gardner, Lyn
Call Letters: F Ga  Pgs: 427  Lexile: 930
Pursued by the sinister Dr. DeWilde and his ravenous wolves, three sisters flee into the woods and begin a treacherous journey to defeat their pursuer and keep him from taking control of the entire land.

Dark Hills Divide (Book 1: Land of Elyon)
Carman, Patrick
Call Letters: F Ca  Pgs: 253  Lexile: 940
When she finds the key to a secret passageway leading out of the walled city of Bridewell, 12-year-old Alexa realizes her lifelong wish to explore the mysterious forests and mountains that lie beyond the wall.

William S. and the Great Escape
Snyder, Zilpha Keatly
Call Letters: F Sny  Pgs: 214  Lexile: 980
In 1938, 12-year-old William has already decided to leave home when his younger sister informs him that she and their brother and sister are going as well, but complications arise as they try to make their way to their Aunt Fiona's house.

The Hobbit
Tolkien, J.R.
Call Letters: F To  Pgs: 255  Lexile: 1000
The adventures of the well-to-do hobbit, Bilbo Baggins, who lived happily in his comfortable home until a wandering wizard granted his wish.
**Bad Beginning (Book 1: Series of Unfortunate Events)**  
Snicket, Lemony  
Call Letters: F Sn  
Pgs: 162  
Lexile: 1010  
After the sudden death of their parents, the three Baudelaire children must depend on each other and their wits when it turns out that the distant relative who is appointed their guardian is determined to use any means necessary to get their fortune.

**Hatchet**  
Paulsen, Gary  
Call Letters: F Pa  
Pgs: 195  
Lexile: 1020  
After a plane crash, 13-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.

**Twenty-One Balloons**  
DuBois, William  
Call Letters: F Du  
Pgs: 179  
Lexile: 1070  
Three weeks after leaving San Francisco in a balloon to fly across the Pacific, Professor Sherman is picked up in the Atlantic clinging to wreckage.