**Popularity Papers**  
Ignatow, Amy  
Call Letters: F Ign  
Pgs: 204  
Lexile: 0  
Two best friends embark on a project to study the behavior and taste of the popular girls at their elementary school so that by the time they get to middle school they too will be in the right crowd.

**Kids of Polk Street School: Sunny-Side Up (series)**  
Giff, Patricia Reilly  
Call Letters: BC  
Pgs: 74  
Lexile: 180  
Summer for Richard Best, nicknamed Beast, means facing the two ordeals of summer school and losing his best friend, who is moving to a distant state.

**Kids of Polk Street School: Beast in Ms. Roony’s Class (series)**  
Giff, Patricia Reilly  
Call Letters: BC  
Pgs: 76  
Lexile: 340  
Held back for a year in second grade, Richard can't seem to help getting into trouble, until he gets really interested in reading and helps his class in a special way.

**Ghost Dog**  
Warren, C  
Call Letters: F Wa  
Pgs: 33  
Lexile: 350  
When Nate and Jack are awakened by ghostly sounds of a dog howling, they are led to a starving pup tied up in an abandoned yard.

**Sleepwalker**  
Powell, Jillian  
Call Letters: F Po  
Pgs: 33  
Lexile: 360  
Josh and his new stepbrother, Tom, seem to have nothing in common when they first move in together, but when Tom begins sleepwalking, Josh makes a frightening discovery.

**Monica and the Bratty Stepsister (series)**  
Gallagher, Diana G.  
Call Letters: F Gal  
Pgs: 78  
Lexile: 370  
Monica tries to be nice to her 8-year-old stepsister, Angela, but she begins to wonder why she bothers when it seems like Angela is trying to get her in trouble.

**Cool Zone with Pain and the Great One (series)**  
Blume, Judy  
Call Letters: F Bi  
Pgs: 109  
Lexile: 370  
More adventures at school and at home with Jake, a 1st-grader, and his older sister Abigail, known to each other as the Pain and the Great One.
**Jake Maddox: Mr. Strike Out (series)**
Maddox, Jake
Call Letters: BC   Pgs: 65   Lexile: 380
David is a great baseball pitcher, but he always strikes out at bat until he learns about Babe Ruth and the importance of practice.

**Pee Wee Scouts: Camp Ghost-Away (series)**
Delton, Judy
Call Letters: BC   Pgs: 80   Lexile: 380
The Pee Wee Scouts sell donuts to raise money for a camping trip. When they arrive at the camp, a strange and scary voice scares them during the night.

**Friends Forever?: The Complicated Life of Claudia Cristina Cortez (series)**
Gallagher, Diane
Call Letters: F Ga   Pgs: 88   Lexile: 400
Claudia tries to talk her friend, Monica, out of trying out for cheerleading fearing that she will be let down because only the cool kids make the squad.

**Surviving Brick Johnson**
Myers, Laurie
Call Letters: F My   Pgs: 74   Lexile: 410
Afraid of getting maimed for making fun of Brick, the husky new kid in his 5th-grade class, Nick decides that even his baseball collection will not protect him so he signs up for karate class, despite his little brother's reassurances that Brick is not a bully.

**Calvin Coconut: Trouble Magnet (series)**
Salisbury, Graham
Call Letters: F Sal   Pgs: 152   Lexile: 410
9-year-old Calvin catches the attention of the school bully on the day before he starts fourth grade, while the unfriendly, 15-year-old daughter of his mom's best friend takes over his bedroom.

**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.

**Trading Faces (series)**
DeVillers, Julia
Call Letters: F De   Pgs: 300   Lexile: 460
7th-grade twins Payton and Emma decide to shake things up at their new middle school by switching places and taking on each other's lives, and their antics teach them that no one is exactly who the world thinks they are.
Jake Drake, Bully Buster (series)
Clements, Andrew
Call Letters: F Cle  Pgs: 67  Lexile: 460
Jake Drake has his hands full trying to survive in second grade with Link Baxter, the class bully.

Tales of a 4th Grade Nothing (series)
Blume, Judy
Call Letters: F Bl  Pgs: 120  Lexile: 470
Peter finds his demanding two-year-old brother an ever-increasing problem.

Dream of Night
Henson, Heather
Call Letters: F He  Pgs: 218  Lexile: 470
A troubled foster child, an abused former racehorse, and their caretaker find healing by helping one another through their pain.

Loser List
Kowitt, Holly
Call Letters: F Ko  Pgs: 213  Lexile: 480
Danny Shine tries to get his name off the "Loser List" in the girls' bathroom and winds up in detention, where the school bullies befriend him. But when the bullies steal from his favorite store, Danny needs to find a way to return it and end his association with the bullies before he gets a new reputation.

Please Write in This Book (MHL Winner 2012)
Amato, Mary
Call Letters: F Am  Pgs: 97  Lexile: 480
When 4th grade teacher Ms. Wurtz leaves a blank book in the Writer's Corner with a note encouraging those who find it to "talk to each other" in its pages, the student's entries spark a classroom-wide battle.

Good Dog
Avi
Call Letters: F Av  Pgs: 243  Lexile: 480
McKinley, a malamute, is torn between the domestic world of his human family and the wild world of Lupin, a wolf that is trying to recruit dogs to replenish the dwindling wolf pack.

Stink: The Incredible Shrinking Kid
McDonald, Megan
Call Letters: F Mc  Pgs: 102  Lexile: 480
Every morning, Judy Moody measures Stink and it's always the same: 3 feet, 8 inches tall. Stink feels like even the class newt is growing faster than he is. Then, one day, the ruler reads 3 feet, 7 and 3/4 inches! Is Stink shrinking?
Crunch
Connor, Leslie
The oldest Mariss brother, 14-year-old Dewey, juggles the management of the family's bicycle repair business after a sudden energy crisis strands their parents far from home.

Big Nate: In a Class By Himself
Peirce, Lincoln
Call Letters: F Pei  Pgs: 214   Lexile: 500
Supremely confident middle school student Nate Wright manages to make getting detention from every one of his teachers in the same day seem like an achievement.

Kylie Jean: Drama Queen (series)
Peschke, Marci
Call Letters: F Pes  Pgs: 103   Lexile: 500
Kylie Jean Carter knows she would be perfect to play the Queen of Hearts in the class play, but the new girl, Paula Dupree, also has her sights set on the role.

Ellie McDoodle: New Kid in School
Barshaw, Ruth
Call Letters: F Ba  Pgs: 170   Lexile: 510
11-year-old Ellie McDoodle illustrates her sketchbook with chronicles of her adventures and mishaps while camping with her cousins, aunt, and uncle.

Ivy and Bean (series)
Barrows, Annie
Call Letters: F Ba  Pgs: 113   Lexile: 510
When 7-year-old Bean plays a mean trick on her sister, she finds unexpected support for her antics from Ivy, the new neighbor, who is less boring than Bean first suspected.

Girl With 500 Middle Names
Haddix, Margaret Peterson
Call Letters: F Ha  Pgs: 81   Lexile: 510
Janie's parents move to the suburbs so she can go to a better school, but when she discovers that all the other students are richer than she is, she feels out of place—until she realizes that there are more important things than money.

Dork in Disguise
Gorman, Carol
Call Letters: F Go  Pgs: 164   Lexile: 510
Starting middle school in a new town, brainy Jerry Flack changes his image from "dork" to "cool kid," only to discover that he'd rather be himself.
**Nasty Stinky Sneakers**
Bunting, Eve
Call Letters: F Bu  Pgs: 105  Lexile: 510
Will 10-year-old Colin find his missing stinky sneakers in time to enter The Stinkiest Sneakers in the World contest?

**George Brown: World's Worst Wedgie (series)**
Krulick, Nancy
Call Letters: BC  Pgs: 123  Lexile: 520
10-year-old George Brown tries his best to earn money for a special toy he wants, but whether he is working in his mother's craft shop or setting up a backyard circus, the magic burps erupt at exactly the wrong time and foil his plans.

**Secret Identity (Book 1: Shredderman)**
Van Draanen, Wendelin
Call Letters: F Va  Pgs: 138  Lexile: 520
5th-grader Nolan Byrd, tired of being called names by the class bully, has a secret identity--Shredderman!

**Chicken!: Be Brave with David Mortimore Baxter (series)**
Tayleur, Karen
Call Letters: F Ta  Pgs: 88  Lexile: 520
While at camp with his classmates, David is too scared to walk over a suspension bridge and gets the nickname chicken, which he tries to live down.

**Eyes on the Goal**
Coy, John
Call Letters: F Co  Pgs: 164  Lexile: 530
While away at soccer camp, Jackson learns that his mother's boyfriend has invited them to move into his house, and friend Diego's father is deployed to Afghanistan.

**Top of the Order**
Coy, John
Call Letters: F Co  Pgs: 182  Lexile: 530
10-year-old Jackson lives for baseball, but becomes distracted by the approach of middle school, his mother's latest boyfriend, and the presence his good friend's sister on his team.

**Judy Moody (series)**
McDonald, Megan
Call Letters: F Mc  Pgs: 160  Lexile: 530
3rd grader Judy Moody is in a first day of school bad mood until she gets an assignment to create a collage all about herself and begins creating her masterpiece, the Me collage.
**Close to Famous**
Bauer, Joan
Call Letters: F Ba  Pgs: 250  Lexile: 540
6th-grader Foster McFee is a supremely talented baker and dreams of being a famous television chef on the Food Network, but she’s facing some major challenges in her life, including her father’s death in Iraq and hard financial times with her mother.

**Summer of Riley**
Bunting, Eve
Call Letters: F Bu  Pgs: 170  Lexile: 540
Shortly after he gets the perfect dog, Riley, 11-year-old William must fight for his dog’s life after Riley is taken away because he chases and injures an elderly neighbor’s old horse.

**Morgy Makes His Move**
Lewis, Maggie
Call Letters: F Le  Pgs: 74  Lexile: 550
When 3rd-grader Morgy MacDougal-MacDuff moves from California to Massachusetts with his parents, he has a lot of new things to get used to before he feels comfortable.

**Mallory on the Move (series)**
Friedman, Laurie
Call Letters: F Fr  Pgs: 158  Lexile: 550
After moving to a new town, 8-year-old Mallory keeps throwing stones in the "Wishing Pond" but things will not go back to the way they were before, and she remains torn between old and new best friends.

**Winners Take All**
Bowen, Fred
Call Letters: F Bo  Pgs: 104  Lexile: 560
When Kyle fakes a catch, his baseball team goes on to win the league championship but Kyle doesn't feel good about winning by cheating.

**Crash**
Spinelli, Jerry
Call Letters: F Sp  Pgs: 162  Lexile: 560
7th-grader John "Crash" Coogan has always been comfortable with his tough, aggressive behavior, until his relationship with an unusual Quaker boy and his grandfather’s stroke make him consider the meaning of friendship and the importance of family.

**Reinvention of Bessica Lefter**
Tracy, Kristen
Call Letters: F Tra  Pgs: 305  Lexile: 570
Bessica Lefter looked forward to middle school until a rash decision to get matching pixie haircuts led to her having to attend the school entirely on her own, without her longtime best friend Sylvie.
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Alvin Ho: Allergic to Camping, Hiking and Other Natural Disasters (series)
Look, Lenore
Call Letters: F Loo  Pgs: 170  Lexile: 570
Alvin makes a new friend and learns that he can be brave when his father takes him camping, hoping to instill a love of nature.

Eight Keys
LaFleur, Suzanne
Call Letters: F Laf  Pgs: 216  Lexile: 590
When 12-year-old Elise, orphaned since age three, becomes disheartened by middle school, with its bullies, changing relationships, and higher expectations, keys to long-locked rooms and messages from her late father help her cope.

Sloppy Copy Slip-Up
DiSalvo, Dyanne
Call Letters: F Dis  Pgs: 103  Lexile: 590
4th-grader, Brian Higman, worries about how his teacher Miss Fromme will react when he fails to hand in a writing assignment; but he ends up being able to tell his story after all.

Samantha Hansen Has Rocks in Her Head
Viau, Nancy
Call Letters: F Vi  Pgs: 178  Lexile: 590
While anticipating a vacation to the Grand Canyon, 10-year-old Samantha Hanson wonders why her mother refuses to talk about her father, who died when Samantha was young, and finds it difficult to control her temper towards her older sister.

Bystander
Preller, James
Call Letters: F Pr  Pgs: 226  Lexile: 600
13-year-old Eric discovers there are consequences to not standing by and watching as the bully at his new school hurts people, but although school officials are aware of the problem, Eric may be the one with a solution.

How Not to Run for President
Clark, Catherine
Call Letters: F Cla  Pgs: 235  Lexile: 600
When 12-year-old Aidan saves presidential candidate Bettina Brandon from a falling campaign sign and ends up the "Clarinet Hero," he's adopted by the campaign and hits the road.

Niagara Falls, Or Does It? (Book 1: Hank Zipzer)
Winkler, Henry
Call Letters: F Wi  Pgs: 133  Lexile: 610
When Hank Zipzer has to write an essay on what he did over the summer, he decides instead to "show" what he did.
No More Nasty
MacDonal, Amy
Call Letters: F Ma Pgs: 171 Lexile: 610
When Simon's Great Aunt Matilda becomes the substitute teacher for his unruly 5th-grade class, her unique way of looking at things gives the students a new perspective on learning.

Because of Winn-Dixie
DiCamillo, Kate
Call Letters: F Di Pgs: 182 Lexile: 610
10-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.

Eggs
Spinelli, Jerry
Call Letters: F Sp Pgs: 220 Lexile: 610
Mourning the loss of his mother, 9-year-old David forms an unlikely friendship with independent, quirky 13-year-old Primrose, as the two help each other deal with what is missing in their lives.

Warp Speed
Yee, Lisa
Call Letters: F Ye Pgs: 310 Lexile: 620
Marley Sandelski has always felt invisible at school when he is not facing bullies, but a series of unexpected events gives him a taste of popularity and insights into some of his classmates.

Melonhead
Kelly, Katy
Call Letters: F Kel Pgs: 209 Lexile: 620
Adam "Melonhead" Melon, a budding inventor with a knack for getting into trouble, enters a science contest that challenges students to recycle an older invention into a new invention.

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.

Boys are Dogs
Margolis, Leslie
Call Letters: F Ma Pgs: 195 Lexile: 630
After Annabelle's mother starts dating a new boyfriend, she faces life in a new town with a new school, and a new puppy, and while training the dog Annabelle decides to experiment with some of her training techniques to deal with the unruly middle school boys in her class.
**Lemonade War**  
Davies, Jacqueline  
Call Letters: F Da  
Pgs: 173  
Lexile: 630  
Evan and his younger sister, Jesse, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for 4th grade and as summer's end approaches, they battle it out through lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn 100 dollars.

**Mockingbird**  
Erskine, Kathryn  
Call Letters: F Ers  
Pgs: 253  
Lexile: 630  
10-year-old Caitlyn hates recess, with all its noise and chaos, and her kind, patient counselor, Mrs. Brook, helps her to understand the reasons behind her discomfort, while offering advice about how to cope with her Asberger's Syndrome, make friends, and deal with her grief over her older brother's death in a recent school shooting.

**Wild Girl**  
Giff, Patricia Reilly  
Call Letters: F Gif  
Pgs: 147  
Lexile: 640  
When 12-year-old Lidie leaves Brazil to join her father and brother on a horse ranch in New York, she has a hard time adjusting to her changed circumstances, as does a new horse that has come to the ranch.

**The Jacket**  
Clements, Andrew  
Call Letters: F Cle  
Pgs: 89  
Lexile: 640  
Sixth-grader Phil comes to an awareness of his own racial prejudice after he sees Daniel, an African-American boy, wearing his brother's one-of-a-kind jacket and leaps to the conclusion that Daniel has stolen the coat.

**It's Raining Cupcakes**  
Schroeder, Lisa  
Call Letters: F Sch  
Pgs: 193  
Lexile: 640  
12-year-old Isabel dreams of seeing the world but has never left Oregon, and so when her best friend tells her of a baking contest whose winners travel to New York City, she eagerly enters despite concerns about her mother, who is opening a cupcake bakery.

**Bobby vs. Girls (Accidentally)**  
Yee, Lisa  
Call Letters: F Ye  
Pgs: 170  
Lexile: 650  
Bobby inadvertently gets into a fight with his best friend Holly, and their disagreement develops into a boys versus girls war involving their whole 4th-grade class.

**Crossing Jordan**  
Fogelin, Adrian  
Call Letters: F Ad  
Pgs: 140  
Lexile: 650  
12-year-old Cass meets her new African-American neighbor, Jemmie, and despite their families' prejudices, they build a strong friendship around their mutual talent for running and a pact to read Jane Eyre.
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**STAT #1: Home Court (series)**
Stoudemire, Amar'e  
Call Letters: F Sto  Pgs: 134  Lexile: 650  
When an older group of boys start bullying his friends on the basketball court, Amar'e is forced to step in and use his athletic ability and intelligence to save the day.

**Loser**
Spinelli, Jerry  
Call Letters: F Sp  Pgs: 218  Lexile: 650  
Even though his classmates from 1st grade on have considered him strange and a loser, Daniel Zinkoff's optimism and exuberance and the support of his loving family do not allow him to feel that way about himself.

**My Life in Pink and Green**
Greenwald, Lisa  
Call Letters: F Gr  Pgs: 267  Lexile: 680  
When the family's drugstore is failing, seventh-grader Lucy uses her problem-solving talents to come up with a solution that might resuscitate the business, along with helping the environment.

**Face First**
Cummings, Priscilla  
Call Letters: F Cu  Pgs: 197  Lexile: 680  
12-year-old Kelley decides to cut off contact with her friends and classmates after suffering third-degree burns to her face and body in a car accident near her home on Maryland's Kent Island.

**Million Dollar Shot (Million Dollar series)**
Gutman, Dan  
Call Letters: F Gu  Pgs: 114  Lexile: 680  
11-year-old Eddie gets a chance to win a million dollars by sinking a foul shot at the National Basketball Association finals.

**Graduation of Jake Moon**
Park, Barbara  
Call Letters: F Pa  Pgs: 115  Lexile: 680  
14-year-old Jake recalls how he has spent the last four years of his life watching his grandfather descend slowly but surely into the horrors of Alzheimer's disease.

**Pick of the Litter**
Wallace, Bill  
Call Letters: F Wal  Pgs: 172  Lexile: 680  
12-year-old Tom learns first-hand about honor, first when he is wrongly accused of lying at school and then when he faces the risk of losing a puppy he has come to love.
Champ (MHL 1st Place 2010)
Jones, Marcia Thornton
Call Letters: F Jo  Pgs: 187  Lexile: 690
Riley struggles to make his father proud, despite his poor athletic abilities, but when he meets Champ, a 3-legged former show dog, Riley learns that winning doesn't always have to mean coming in first.

Geek Chic: The Zoey Zone
Palatini, Margie
Call Letters: F Pal  Pgs: 184  Lexile: 690
11-year-old Zoey is suffering the pains of entering the sixth grade, stressing over things such as having a bad hair day and finding a place at the primo lunch table.

Year of the Dog
Lin, Grace
Call Letters: F Lin  Pgs: 134  Lexile: 690
Frustrated at her seeming lack of talent for anything, a young Taiwanese American girl sets out to apply the lessons of the Chinese Year of the Dog, those of making best friends and finding oneself, to her own life.

Elvis & Olive
Watson, Stephanie Elaine
Call Letters: F Wa  Pgs: 230  Lexile: 690
In spite of their differences, Natalie Wallis and Annie Beckett become friends and decide to spend their summer spying on their neighbors.

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.

Ten (Winnie Years series)
Myracle, Lauren
Call Letters: F Myr  Pgs: 208  Lexile: 700
Winnie Perry is certain that she will gain more courage and responsibilities with her 10th birthday and, with her best friend Amanda by her side, Winnie is determined to make the most of her last year of elementary school.

Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life
Patterson, James
Call Letters: F Pat  Pgs: 281  Lexile: 700
When Rafe Kane 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.
**Airball: My Life in Briefs**
Harkrader, Lisa
Call Letters: F Ha  Pgs: 208  Lexile: 700
Kirby Nickel loves basketball. He loves watching basketball. He loves talking about basketball. The only problem is he can't play basketball. But coach has a plan for Kirby and the supremely untalented 7th-grade team. It involves the guys playing only in their briefs. Maybe the sportswear will really inspire the team. And maybe Kirby will find out who his

**Report Card**
Clements, Andrew
Call Letters: F Cl  Pgs: 173  Lexile: 700
5th-grader Nora Rowley has always hidden the fact that she is a genius from everyone because all she wants is to be normal, but when she comes up with a plan to prove that grades are not important, things begin to get out of control.

**How to Steal a Dog**
O'Connor, Barbara
Call Letters: F Co  Pgs: 170  Lexile: 700
Living in the family car after their father leaves them virtually penniless, Georgina, desperate to improve their situation, persuades her younger brother to help her in a scheme to get money by stealing a dog and then claiming the reward that the owners are bound to offer.

**Road to Paris**
Grimes, Nikki
Call Letters: F Gr  Pgs: 153  Lexile: 700
Inconsolable at being separated from her older brother, eight-year-old Paris is apprehensive about her new foster family but just as she learns to trust them, she faces a life-changing decision.

**Out of My Mind**
Draper, Sharon
Call Letters: F Dra  Pgs: 295  Lexile: 700
Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient 5th-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time.

**Frankly Franny (series)**
A.J. Stern
Call Letters: F Ste  Pgs: 123  Lexile: 710
Frannie Miller, who cannot wait to grow up and work in an office with a swivel chair and her own assistant, causes havoc when she tries to help out while on a school field trip to the local radio station.

**Griff Carver, Hallway Patrol**
Krieg, Jim
Call Letters: F Kri  Pgs: 224  Lexile: 710
 Legendary Griff Carver joins the Rampart Middle School Hallway Patrol and with the help of his new friends, solves the case of counterfeit hall passes.
**Sugar and Ice**  
Messner, Kate  
Call Letters: F Me  Pgs: 275  Lexile: 710  
12-year-old ice skater Claire Boucher is offered a scholarship to train at Lake Placid, where she finds herself rocked by the challenges of competitive ice skating.

**Boy on Cinnamon Street**  
Stone, Phoebe  
Call Letters: F Sto  Pgs: 234  Lexile: 720  
Since a tragedy she cannot remember, 13-year-old Louise has changed her name, given up gymnastics, moved in with her grandparents, and locked her feelings inside but through her friends Reni and Hen and notes from a secret admirer she begins to find herself again.

**Crooked Kind of Perfect**  
Urban, Linda  
Call Letters: F Ur  Pgs: 213  Lexile: 730  
10-year-old Zoe Elias, who longs to play the piano but must resign herself to learning the organ instead, finds that her musicianship has a positive impact on her workaholic mother, her jittery father, and her school social life.

**Whole Lot of Lucky**  
Hayworth, Danette  
Call Letters: F Ha  Pgs: 288  Lexile: 730  
When 12-year-old Hailee's family wins the lottery, her life changes in unexpected--and not always good--way.

**Troublemaker**  
Clements, Andrew  
Call Letters: F Cle  Pgs: 140  Lexile: 730  
When his older brother gets in serious trouble, 6th-grader Clay decides to change his own mischief-making ways, but he cannot seem to shake his reputation as a troublemaker.

**Second Life of Abigail Walker**  
Dowell, Frances O'Roark  
Call Letters: F Do  Pgs: 228  Lexile: 740  
Bullied by two mean girls in her sixth-grade class, a lonely, plump girl gains self-confidence and makes new friends after a mysterious fox gently bites her.

**Captain Nobody**  
Pitchford, Dean  
Call Letters: F Pit  Pgs: 208  Lexile: 750  
When 10-year-old Newton dresses up as an unusual superhero for Halloween, he decides to keep wearing the costume after the holiday to help save townspeople and eventually his injured brother.
Big One-Oh  
Pitchform, Dean  
Call Letters: F Pi  
Pgs: 181  
Lexile: 750  
Determined not to be weird all his life like his neighbor, Charley Maplewood decides to throw himself a 10th birthday party, complete with a "house of horrors" theme, but first he will have to make some friends to invite.

Strange Case of Origami Yoda  
Angleberger, Tom  
Call Letters: F An  
Pgs: 141  
Lexile: 760  
6th-grader Tommy and his friends describe their interactions with a paper finger puppet of Yoda, worn by their weird classmate Dwight, as they try to figure out whether or not the puppet can really predict the future.

Hoot  
Hiaasen, Carl  
Call Letters: F Hi  
Pgs: 292  
Lexile: 760  
Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.

Beauty and the Beast: The Only One Who Didn't Run Away  
Mass, Wendy  
Call Letters: F Ma  
Pgs: 282  
Lexile: 760  
Living in the shadows of their seemingly perfect older siblings, Beauty and Prince Riley have a hard time figuring out who they're supposed to be. When each experience an unusual turn of events, however, they realize that the only way to save each other is by saving themselves.

Kickoff!  
Barber, Tiki  
Call Letters: F Ba  
Pgs: 156  
Lexile: 760  
12-year-olds Tiki and Ronde tryout for the junior high football team and hope to not only get a spot but also to be a part of the starting lineup.

Thing About Georgie  
Graff, Lisa  
Call Letters: F Ga  
Pgs: 220  
Lexile: 770  
Georgie's dwarfism causes problems, but he could always rely on his parents, his best friend, and classmate Jeanie the Meanie's teasing, until a surprising announcement, a new boy in school, and a class project shake things up.

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.
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**Cheesie Mack is Not a Genius or Anything**
Cotler, Stephen L  
Call Letters: F Cot  Pgs: 229  Lexile: 770  
Ronald “Cheesie” Mack shares memories, thoughts, and drawings about everything that happened before, during, and after 5th grade graduation.

**Lost and Found**
Clements, Andrew  
Call Letters: F Cl  Pgs: 161  Lexile: 780  
Twin brothers Jay and Ray Grayson learn about friendship, honesty, and themselves after taking advantage of a clerical oversight in which their new school thinks there is only one Grayson boy.

**Clementine (series)**
Pennypacker, Sara  
Call Letters: F Pe  Pgs: 133  Lexile: 790  
While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, 8-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.

**Wonder**
Palacio, R.J.  
Call Letters: F Pal  Pgs: 315  Lexile: 790  
10-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities, goes from being home-schooled to entering 5th grade at a private middle school, which entails enduring the taunts of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student.

**Justin Case: School, Drool and Other Deadly Disasters**
Vail, Rachel  
Call Letters: F Vai  Pgs: 245  Lexile: 790  
Justin is very nervous about starting third grade and must make the best of things when he does not get the teacher he wanted, his best friend is in another class, and his favorite stuffed animal disappears.

**Ten Rules for Living with My Sister**
Martin, Ann M.  
Call Letters: F Mar  Pgs: 228  Lexile: 790  
Nine-year-old Pearl and her popular, thirteen-year-old sister, Lexie, do not get along very well, but when their grandfather moves in and the girls have to share a room, they must find common ground.

**Chomp**
Hiaasen, Carl  
Call Letters: F Hia  Pgs: 290  Lexile: 800  
The star of the reality television show, “Expedition Survival,” disappears on location in the Florida Everglades, and Wahoo and classmate Tuna Gordon set out to find him.
Millicent Min, Girl Genius
Yee, Lisa
Call Letters: F Ye   Pgs: 248   Lexile: 800
In a series of journal entries, 11-year-old girl genius Millicent Min records her struggles to learn to play volleyball, tutor her enemy, deal with her grandmother's departure, and make friends over the course of a tumultuous summer.

Homeless Bird
Whelan, Goria
Call Letters: F Wh   Pgs: 240   Lexile: 800
13-year-old Koly enters into an ill-fated arranged marriage and must either suffer a destiny dictated by India's customs or find the courage to oppose tradition.

The Penderwicks
Birdsall, Jeanne
Call Letters: F Bi   Pgs: 262   Lexile: 800
While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters, ages four through twelve, share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother.

Nerd Camp
Weissman, Elissa Brent
Call Letters: F Wei   Pgs: 261   Lexile: 810
For 10-year-old Gabe, the Summer Center for Gifted Enrichment is all that he dreamed it would be, but he must work hard to write about the fun in letters to Zach, his cool future stepbrother, without revealing that it is a camp for "nerds."

Julia Gillian
McGhee, Alison
Call Letters: F M   Pgs: 280   Lexile: 810
9-year-old Julia Gillian learns a lot about facing fear as she and her St. Bernard, Bigfoot, take long walks through their Minneapolis neighborhood one hot summer, and she seeks the courage to finish a book that could have an unhappy ending.

Scat
Hiaasen, Carl
Call Letters: F Hi   Pgs: 371   Lexile: 810
Nick and Marta are both suspicious when their biology teacher, the feared Mrs. Bunny Starch, disappears, and try to uncover the truth despite the police and headmaster's insistence that nothing is wrong.

No Talking
Clements, Andrew
Call Letters: F Ci   Pgs: 146   Lexile: 820
The noisy 5th grade boys of Laketon Elementary School challenge the equally loud fifth grade girls to a "no talking" contest.
**Frindle**  
Clements, Andrew  
Call Letters: F Cl  Pgs: 105  Lexile: 830  
When he decides to turn his 5th-grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.

**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.

**Lunch Money**  
Clements, Andrew  
Call Letters: F Cl  Pgs: 222  Lexile: 840  
12-year-old Greg, who has always been good at moneymaking projects, is surprised to find himself teaming up with his lifelong rival, Maura, to create a series of comic books to sell at school.

**Moving Day: Allie Finkle’s Rules for Girls (series)**  
Cabot, Meg  
Call Letters: F Ca  Pgs: 228  Lexile: 850  
9-year-old Allie Finkle has rules for everything and is even writing her own rule book, but her world is turned upside-down when she learns that her family is moving across town, which will mean a new house, school, best friend, and plenty of new rules.

**So B. It**  
Weeks, Sarah  
Call Letters: F We  Pgs: 245  Lexile: 860  
After spending her life with her mentally retarded mother and agoraphobic neighbor, 12-year-old Heidi sets out from Reno, Nevada, to New York to find out who she is.

**Harry Sue**  
Stauffacher, Sue  
Call Letters: F St  Pgs: 281  Lexile: 860  
Although tough-talking Harry Sue would like to start a life of crime in order to be "sent up" and find her incarcerated mother, she must first protect the children at her neglectful grandmother's home day care center and befriend a paralyzed boy.

**Secret Language of Girls**  
Dowell, Frances O’Roark  
Call Letters: F Do  Pgs: 247  Lexile: 870  
Marylin and Kate have been friends since nursery school, but when Marylin becomes a middle school cheerleader and Kate begins to develop other interests, their relationship is put to the test.
Realistic Fiction - Grade 4

**Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Writing Thank-You Notes (series)**
Gifford, Peggy
Call Letters: F Gi  Pgs: 159  Lexile: 870
10-year-old Moxy Maxwell has promised to write twelve thank-you notes by the day after Christmas so that she and her twin brother Mark can go to Hollywood to visit their father, but all her brilliant ideas to help finish the task more efficiently end up creating chaos in the house.

**Oggie Cooder**
Weeks, Sarah
Call Letters: F We  Pgs: 176  Lexile: 880
Quirky 4th-grader Oggie Cooder goes from being shunned to everyone's best friend when his uncanny ability to chew slices of cheese into the shapes of states wins him a slot on a popular television talent show, but he soon learns the perils of being a celebrity - and having a neighbor girl as his manager.

**My Life as a Book**
Tashjian, Janet
Call Letters: F Tas  Pgs: 211  Lexile: 880
When 12-year-old Derek discovers an old newspaper article in his attic about a girl "found dead" on a beach, he becomes obsessed, especially when he learns the teenager may have died saving him from the ocean when he was just a toddler.

**Faith, Hope and Ivy June**
Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds
Call Letters: F Na  Pgs: 280  Lexile: 900
During a student exchange program, 7th-graders Ivy June and Catherine share their lives, homes, and communities, and find that although their lifestyles are total opposites, they have a lot in common.

**Where I'd Like to Be**
Dowell, Frances O'Roark
Call Letters: F Do  Pgs: 232  Lexile: 910
When 12-year old Maddie, a foster child who can't stop looking for a home, shows a new girl her beloved scrapbook, she doesn't anticipate this one gesture will challenge her very idea of what home, and family, are all about.

**As Simple As It Seems**
Weeks, Sarah
Call Letters: F We  Pgs: 181  Lexile: 910
11-year-old Verbena Polter gets through a difficult summer of turbulent emotions and the revelation of a disturbing family secret with an odd new friend who believes she is the ghost of a girl who drowned many years before.

**Dog for Life**
Matthews, L.S.
Call Letters: F Ma  Pgs: 167  Lexile: 910
John finds that his dog, Mouse, is scheduled to go to the pound and decides to run away and find his uncle, who may be able to help him.
Comeback Kids: Hot Hand (series)
Lupica, Mike
Call Letters: F Lu  Pgs: 165  Lexile: 930
In the wake of his parents' separation, 10-year-old Billy seems to have continual conflicts with his father, who is also his basketball coach, but his quiet, younger brother Ben, a piano prodigy, is having even more trouble adjusting, and only Billy seems to notice.

Travel Team
Lupica, Mike
Call Letters: F Lu  Pgs: 274  Lexile: 930
After he is cut from his travel basketball team--the very same team that his father once led to national prominence--12-year-old Danny Walker forms his own team of cast-offs that might have a shot at victory.

Pie
Weeks, Sarah
Call Letters: F We  Pgs: 183  Lexile: 930
Alice's Aunt Polly passes away and entrusts the recipe for her world-famous pie crust to her cat, which she leaves in Alice's care, and as everyone, including Alice, tries to discover the secret ingredients, Alice learns some important lessons about faith, love, and family.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid
Kinney, Jeff
Call Letters: F Ki  Pgs: 217  Lexile: 950
Greg records his 6th grade experiences in a middle school where he and his best friend, Rowley, undersized weaklings, hope just to survive, but when Rowley grows more popular, Greg must take drastic measures to save their friendship.

Leanin' Dog
Nazum, K.A.
Call Letters: F Na  Pgs: 250  Lexile: 960
11-year-old Dessa Dean, mourning the death of her mother, finds an injured dog on her porch, which allows both Dessa and the dog to heal together with a friendship that shapes both of their lives.

Green Dog: A Mostly True Story
Staples, Suzanne
Call Letters: F St  Pgs: 119  Lexile: 960
During the summer before 5th grade, Suzanne, a daydreaming loner who likes to fish and walk through the woods, acquires a canine companion.

Deep Down Popular
Stone, Phoebe
Call Letters: F Sto  Pgs: 280  Lexile: 960
In a small Virginia town, 6th-grader Jessie Lou Ferguson has a crush on the hugely popular Conrad Parker Smith, and when he suddenly develops a medical problem and the teacher asks Jessie Lou to help him, they become friends, much to her surprise.
Ida B
Hannigan, Katherine
Call Letters: F Ha  Pgs: 246  Lexile: 970
In Wisconsin, 4th-grader Ida B spends happy hours being home-schooled and playing in her family's apple orchard, until her mother begins treatment for breast cancer and her parents must sell part of the orchard and send her to public school.

Big Field
Lupica, Mike
Call Letters: F Lu  Pgs: 243  Lexile: 970
When 14-year-old baseball player Hutch feels threatened by the arrival of a new teammate named Darryl, he tries to work through his insecurities about both Darryl and his remote and silent father, who was once a great ballplayer too.

100 Days and 99 Nights
Madison, Alan
Call Letters: F Ma  Pgs: 137  Lexile: 970
Living on the army base in Alexandria, Virginia, 7-year-old Esme is “mad-sad” when her father, a sergeant, is called to war. As she counts off the 100 days of his tour of duty, her zoo of stuffed animals comforts her.

Love That Dog
Creech, Sharon
Call Letters: F Cr  Pgs: 86  Lexile: 1010
A young student, who comes to love poetry through a personal understanding of what different famous poems mean to him, surprises himself by writing his own inspired poem.

Just Grace (series)
Harper, Charise Mericle
Call Letters: F Ha  Pgs: 138  Lexile: 1060
Misnamed by her teacher, 7-year-old Just Grace prides herself on being empathetic, but when she tries to help a neighbor feel better, her good intentions backfire.

Milo: Sticky Notes and Brain Freeze
Silberberg, Alan
Call Letters: F Sil  Pgs: 275  Lexile: 1180
In love with the girl he sneezed on the first day of school, Milo copes with being the new kid (again) as he struggles to survive the school year that is filled with reminders of what his life “used to be” before his mother died.

Lucy Rose: Here’s the Thing About Me (series)
Kelly, Katy
Call Letters: F Ke  Pgs: 137  Lexile: 1190
8-year-old Lucy Rose keeps a diary of her first year in Washington, D.C., where she spends time with her grandparents, makes new friends, and longs to convince her teacher to let her take care of the class pet during a holiday.