



4TH AND 5TH GRADE—ADVENTURE BOOKS

J Batson—[Isle of Swords](#)

A young man awakens on an island, alone and seriously injured, with no memory, and as he searches for his identity he finds himself caught between two notorious pirates battling for a legendary treasure reportedly hidden by monks.

J Bosch—[The Name of this Book is Secret](#)

Two eleven-year-old misfits try to solve the mystery of a dead magician and stop the evil Dr. L and Ms. Mauvais, who are searching for the secret of immortality.

J Coulombis—[The Misadventures of Maude March, or, Trouble Rides a Fast Horse](#)

After the death of the stern aunt who raised them since they were orphaned, eleven-year-old Sallie and her fifteen-year-old sister escape their self-serving guardians and begin an adventure resembling those in the dime novels Sallie loves to read.

J Creech—[The Wanderer](#)

Thirteen-year-old Sophie and her cousin Cody record their transatlantic crossing aboard the Wanderer, a forty-five foot sailboat, which, along with uncles and another cousin, is en route to visit their grandfather in England.

J Feldman—[The Gollywopper Games](#)

Twelve-year-old Gil competes against thousands of other children at extraordinary puzzles, stunts, and more in hopes of a fresh start for his family, which has been ostracized since his father was falsely accused of embezzling from Golly Toy and Game Company.

J Frost—[Diamond Willow](#)

In a remote area of Alaska, 12-year-old Willow helps with their sled dogs when she is not at school, wishing she were more popular, all the while unaware that the animals surrounding her carry the spirits of dead ancestors and friends who care for her.

J Korman—[Chasing the Falconers](#) (On the Run series)

Aidan and Meg Falconer are their parents' only hope. The Falconers are facing life in prison—unless Aidan and Meg can follow a trail of clues to prove their innocence.

J Korman—[Swindle](#)

After unscrupulous collector cons him out of a valuable baseball card, sixth-grader Griffin Bing puts together a band of misfits to break into the heavily guarded store and steal the card back, planning to use the money to finance his father's failing invention, the SmartPick fruit picker.

J LaFevers—[Theodosia and the Serpents of Chaos](#)

Twelve-year-old Theo uses arcane knowledge and her own special talent when she encounters two secret societies, one sworn to protect the world from ancient Egyptian magic and one planning to harness it to bring chaos to the world, both of which want a valuable artifact stolen from the London museum for which her parents work.

J Lasky—[The Capture](#) (Guardians of Ga’Hoole series)

When Soren, a barn owl, arrives at St. Aggie's, a school for orphaned owls, he suspects trouble and with his new friend, a clever elf owl, embarks on a perilous journey to save all owls from the danger at St. Aggie's.

J Mass—[The Candymakers](#)

When four twelve-year-olds, including Logan, who has grown up never leaving his parents' Life Is Sweet candy factory, compete in the Confectionary Association's annual contest, they unexpectedly become friends and uncover secrets about themselves during the process.

J OConnor—[The Fantastic Secret of Owen Jester](#)

After Owen captures an enormous bullfrog, names it Tooley Graham, then has to release it, he and two friends try to use a small submarine that fell from a passing train to search for Tooley in the Carter, Georgia, pond it came from, while avoiding nosy neighbor Viola.

J Pinkwater—[The YGGSEY: how Iggy wondered what happened to all the ghosts, found out where they went, and went there](#)

In the mid-1950s, Yggdrasil Birnbaum and her friends, Seamus and Neddie, journey to Old New Hackensack, which is on another plane, to try to learn why ghosts are disappearing from the Birnbaum's hotel and other Hollywood, California, locations.

J Potter—[The Kneebone Boy](#)

Otto, Lucia, and Max Hardscrabble, whose mother has been missing for many years, have unexpected and illuminating adventures in the village of Snoring-by-the-Sea after their father, who paints portraits of deposed monarchs, goes away on a business trip.

J Salisbury—[Night of the Howling Dogs](#)

In 1975, eleven Boy Scouts, their leaders, and some new friends camping at Halape, Hawaii, find their survival skills put to the test when a massive earthquake strikes, followed by a tsunami.

J Wilson—[Leepike Ridge](#)

While his widowed mother continues to search for him, eleven-year-old Tom, presumed dead after drifting down a river, finds himself trapped in a series of underground caves with another survivor and a dog, and pursued by murderous treasure-hunters.

J Winerip—[Adam Canfield of the Slash](#) (series)

While serving as co-editors of their school newspaper, middle-schoolers Adam and Jennifer uncover fraud and corruption in their school and in the city's government.

