



4TH AND 5TH GRADE—BOOKS BOYS READ

J Angleberger—[The Strange Case of Origami Yoda](#)

Sixth-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. Includes instructions for making Origami Yoda.

J Avi—[Don't You Know There's a War On?](#)

In wartime Brooklyn in 1943, eleven-year-old Howie Crispers mounts a campaign to save his favorite teacher from being fired.

J Barry—[Peter and the Starcatchers](#) (series)

Peter, an orphan boy, and his friend Molly fight off thieves and pirates in order to keep a secret safe from the diabolical Black Stache and his evil associate Mister Grin.

J Cameron—[The Wonderful Flight to the Mushroom Planet](#)

A mystery man inspires two boys to build a space ship which takes them to the planet of Basidium to help the Mushroom people.

J Catanese—[The Brave Apprentice](#)

A tailor's apprentice finds himself waging a war against a gang of trolls.

J Cooper—[King of Shadows](#)

While in London as part of an all-boy acting company preparing to perform in a replica of the famous Globe Theatre, Nat Field suddenly finds himself transported back to 1599 and performing in the original theater under the tutelage of Shakespeare himself.

J Eager—[Half Magic](#) (and others)

Faced with a dull summer in the city, Jane, Mark, Katharine, and Martha suddenly find themselves involved in a series of extraordinary adventures after Jane discovers an ordinary-looking coin that seems to grant wishes.

J Gantos—[Joey Pigza Loses Control](#) (series)

Joey, who is still taking medication to keep him from getting too wired, goes to spend the summer with the hard-drinking father he has never known and tries to help the baseball team he coaches win the championship.

J Gutman—[*Million Dollar Putt*](#) and others

Assisted by his neighbor, Birdie, blind thirteen-year-old Ed "Bogie" Bogard will win one million dollars if he can sink a ten-foot putt in Hawaii's fifth annual Angus Killick Memorial Tournament.

J Raskin—[*The Westing Game*](#)

The mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim their inheritance.

J Salmon—[*Discordia: the Eleventh Dimension*](#)

Lance, who loves the addictive online battle game Discordia, finds himself transported to the real Discordia, where he must battle enemies to complete his quest or risk being changed into the zombie character he plays in the game.

J Scaletta—[*Mudville*](#)

For twenty-two years, since a fateful baseball game against their rival town, it has rained in Moundville, so when the rain finally stops, twelve-year-old Roy, his friends, and foster brother Sturgis dare to face the curse and form a team.

J Snicket—[*The Bad Beginning*](#) (series)

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.

J Snyder—[*The Egypt Game*](#)

A group of children, entranced with Egypt, play their own Egypt game, are visited by a secret oracle, become involved in a murder, and befriend the Professor before they move on to new interests, such as Gypsies.

J Spinelli—[*Maniac Magee*](#)

After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary, as he accomplishes athletic and other feats which awe his contemporaries.

J Winkler—[*Niagara Falls, or Does It?*](#) (series)

Fourth-graders Hank, Ashley, and Frankie are excitedly preparing for a magic show at the Rock 'N Bowl when Hank's creative alternative to an English essay lands him in detention and grounded the week of the show.

