

Sixth and Seventh

Grade

Book List



Children's Fiction

YA Lowry

Messenger
Matty sees disturbing changes happening to the people of his village as they do business at the local trade mart.

YA Meyer

Bloody Jack
Desperate to escape the streets of London, a thirteen-year-old orphan disguises herself as a boy and hides on a British warship in search of pirates.

YA Paulsen

Tracker
At age thirteen, John must track a deer in the Minnesota woods for his family's winter meat, but he finds that he hates being a hunter.

YA Peck

The Teacher's Funerals: A Comedy in Three Parts
When his old teacher finally dies, Russell thinks his one-room schoolhouse will be shut down. Imagine his disappointment and horror when the job is given to his older sister.

YA Reiss

Paperquake: A Puzzle
When an earthquake uncovers mysterious writings from nearly a century ago, Violet and her two sisters are shocked to discover that the letters seem to be a warning to Violet herself.

YA Riordan

The Lightning Thief
Percy Jackson knows he's different but could never figure out exactly how. After drifting from school to school he attends summer camp and finds out he's the half-blood son of an Olympian god. He trains and learns to fight his enemies who are determined to stop him on his quest to find and return Zeus's stolen lightning bolt.

YA Tolan

Surviving the Applewhites
Rumor has it that Jake Semple burned down his old school. Only one place will take him now—a home school run by the Applewhites, a chaotic family of artists. Jake thinks surviving this one will be a breeze. But is he really as tough or as bad as he seems?

YA Vaupel

My Contract With Henry
A school assignment about Henry David Thoreau becomes a life-changing experience for a group of students who don't fit in with the rest of their class.

YA Whelan

Chu Ju's House
In order to save her sister, who is required by Chinese population law to be killed, fourteen-year-old Chu Ju runs away and struggles to support them both.

YA Zindel

The Gadget
A thirteen-year-old boy becomes ensnared in the secrecy of the Manhattan Project just before the deployment of the first atomic bombs.

J Barry

Peter and the Starcatchers
Soon after Peter, an orphan, sets sail from England on the ship Never Land, he befriends and assists Molly, a young Starcatcher, whose mission is to guard a trunk of magical stardust from a greedy pirate and the native inhabitants of a remote island.

J Buckley-Archer

Gideon the Cutpurse
Ignored by his father and sent to Derbyshire for the weekend, twelve-year-old Peter and his new friend Kate are accidentally transported back in time to 1763 England where they are befriended by a reformed cutpurse.

J Choldenko

Al Capone Does My Shirts
When Moose's family moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935, Moose has to deal with the unpredictable antics of the warden's daughter, as well as his family's private struggles to help his autistic sister.

J Codell

Sahara Special
Struggling after her father's departure, Sahara gets a new self-image of "special" with the help of a unique teacher.

J Collins

Gregor the Overlander
Gregor follows his baby sister down a laundry chute and finds himself in an underground world of giant cockroaches, bats, rats, and spiders, who, along with Gregor, have parts in fulfilling an ancient prophecy.

J Creech

Heartbeat
Twelve-year-old Annie uses the rhythm of running to anchor the other parts of her life that are changing.

J Hostetter

Blue
When teenager Ann Fay takes over as "man of the house" for her absent father she struggles to keep the family and herself together in the face of personal tragedy and the 1940's Polio epidemic in North Carolina.

Be sure to check out other books available by these authors!

Young Adult

Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Greg Heffley is thrust into middle school, where undersized weaklings share the hallways with kids who are taller, meaner, and already shaving. The hazards of growing up are uniquely revealed through words and drawings as Greg records them in his diary.

J Kinney

The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place

Irrepressible Margaret has her two elderly great-uncles free her from summer camp, after which she undertakes a fight to save the unusual towers her uncles have built in their backyard.

J Konigsburg

Wrinkle in Time

Meg's father mysteriously disappears after experimenting with the fifth dimension of time travel. Determined to rescue him, Meg and her friends must outwit the forces of evil on a heart-stopping journey through space and time.

J L'Engle

My Name is Not Angelica

Snatched from her home in Africa and sold as a slave in the Caribbean island of St. John, Raisha experiences the horrors leading up to the great slave revolt of 1733.

J O'Dell

Silverwing

Shade is the young runt of his bat colony who ends up getting separated from the rest of the bats during a long migration to a new home. On his journey to rejoin his family, he meets a host of colorful characters, some friends and some foes.

J Oppel

A Single Shard

Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself.

J Park

Parzival: The Quest of the Grail Knight

Parzival wants to prove himself worthy of knighthood by searching for the Holy Grail.

J Paterson

Lawn Boy

If you've dreamed of starting your own lawn mowing business, this book is for you. When the narrator receives an old riding lawn mower, he hopes to earn a little money and still make it to the pool in the afternoon, but soon things get out of control and he has a summer job to remember!

J Paulsen

The Young Man and the Sea

When Skiff Beaman's mother dies, his father deals with it by drinking beer day and night. Skiff decides to earn money for them by resurrecting their nearly sunken boat and harpooning the world's biggest tuna.

J Philbrick

Emma-Jean Lazarus Fell Out of a Tree

A quirky and utterly logical seventh-grader named Emma-Jean Lazarus discovers some interesting results when she gets involved in the messy everyday problems of her peers.

J Tardis

The Thief

Gen, an expert thief, is released from the king's prison to steal an ancient treasure.

J Turner

Down the Rabbit Hole

Eighth grader and Sherlock Holmes fan Ingrid Levin-Hill solves a murder case in her home town in this funny, action-packed mystery.

YA Abrahams

The Game of Sunken Places

Two boys travel to an uncle's house and discover a blank game board, which thrusts them into a dangerous role-playing game.

YA Anderton

London Calling

Martin Conway is a self-proclaimed hermit, a bright, unhappy twelve-year-old with little drive. When his grandmother dies, she leaves him a vintage 1940's radio that also happens to be a time machine to World War II London.

YA Bloor

The Loud Silence of Francine Green

In 1949, thirteen-year-old Francine goes to Catholic school in Los Angeles, where she becomes best friends with a girl who questions authority and stands up for her beliefs, causing Francine to question her own values.

YA Cushman

Double Dutch

Three eighth-grade friends prepare for the international jump rope contest and cope with various personal family problems.

YA Draper

Shadow Spinner

When Marjan, a thirteen-year-old crippled girl, joins the Sultan's harem in Ancient Persia, she gathers for Scheherazade the stories which will save the Queen's life in this clever spin-off of the Arabian Nights stories.

YA Fletcher

Double Identity

Thirteen-year-old Bethany's parents have always been overprotective, but when they suddenly drop out of sight with no explanation leaving her with an aunt she never knew existed, Bethany uncovers shocking secrets that make her question everything she thought she knew about herself and her family.

YA Haddix

The Goose Girl

A magical retelling of the Grimm's tale of a princess who must become a goose girl before she can become a queen.

YA Hale

The Truth About Sparrows

This story shows life through the eyes of twelve-year old Sadie, when her courageous family moves from dust bowl Missouri to the gulf coast of Texas.

YA Hale

Into the Wild

For generations, four clans of wild cats have shared the forest according to the laws laid down by their warrior ancestors, but now there is trouble. In the midst of this turmoil appears an ordinary house cat named Rusty, who may turn out to be the bravest warrior of them all.

YA Hunter