



MIDDLE SCHOOL—ADVENTURE BOOKS

JUVENILE FICTION

J Bell—[Shield of Stars](#) (series)

When the Justice he works for is condemned for treason, fourteen-year-old and semi-reformed pickpocket Weasel sets out to find a notorious bandit who may be able to help save his master's life.

J Feldman—[The Gollywhopper Games](#)

Twelve-year-old Gil Goodson 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 Jean—[Puddlejumpers](#)

Kidnapped as a baby by Puddlejumpers, little people who live in a world below puddles, twelve-year-old Ernie must find courage to save the Puddlejumpers by leading them into battle against their mortal enemies, the Troggs.

J Korman—[Swindle](#)

After an 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 Smith—[Cryptid Hunters](#) (series)

Twins, Grace and Marty, along with a mysterious uncle, are dropped into the middle of the Congolese jungle in search of their missing photojournalist parents.

J Stead—[First Light](#)

When twelve-year-old Peter and his family arrive in Greenland for his father's research, he stumbles upon a secret his mother has been hiding from him all his life, and begins an adventure he never imagines possible.

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

YA Duane—[*So You Want to Be a Wizard*](#) (Young Wizards series)

Thirteen-year-old Nita, tormented by a gang of bullies because she won't fight back, finds the help she needs in a library book on wizardry which guides her into another dimension.

YA Friesner—[*Nobody's Princess*](#)

Determined to fend for herself in a world where only men have real freedom, headstrong Helen, who will be called queen of Sparta and Helen of Troy one day, learns to fight, hunt, and ride horses while disguised as a boy, and goes on an adventure throughout the Mediterranean world.

YA Meyer—[*Bloody Jack: Being an Account of the Curious Adventures of Mary "Jacky" Faber, Ship's Boy*](#) (series)

Reduced to begging and thievery in the streets of London, a thirteen-year-old orphan disguises herself as a boy and connives her way onto a British warship set for high sea adventure in search of pirates.

YA Patterson—[*The Angel Experiment*](#) (Maximum Ride series)

After the mutant Erasers abduct the youngest member of their group, the "bird kids," who are the result of genetic experimentation, take off in pursuit and find themselves struggling to understand their own origins and purpose.

YA Paver—[*Wolf Brother*](#) (Chronicles of Ancient Darkness series)

6,000 years in the past, 12-year-old Tarak and his guide, a wolf cub, set out on a dangerous journey to fulfill an oath the boy made to his dying father -- to travel to the Mountain of the World Spirit seeking a way to destroy a demon-possessed bear that threatens all the clans.

YA Pierce—[*Alanna: the First Adventure*](#) (Song of the Lioness series)

Alanna, who aspires to be a knight even though she is a girl, disguises herself as a boy to become a royal page, learning many hard lessons along her path to high adventure.

YA Pierce—[*First Test*](#) (Protector of the Small series)

Keladry of Mindalen, daughter of nobles, serves as a page but must prove herself to the males around her if she is ever to fulfill her dream of becoming a knight.

YA Riordan—[*The Red Pyramid*](#) (The Kane Chronicles)

Brilliant Egyptologist Dr. Julius Kane accidentally unleashes the Egyptian god Set, who banishes the doctor to oblivion and forces his two children to embark on a dangerous journey, bringing them closer to the truth about their family and its links to a secret order that has existed since the time of the pharaohs.

YA Smith—[*Peak*](#)

A 14-year-old boy attempts to be the youngest person to reach the top of Mount Everest.

