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## 4th and 5th grade BOOKS GIRLS LOVE

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**J Abouzeid—** [\*Anatopsis\*](#)

In the realm from which the Greek gods ruled the universe thousands of years ago, the immortal witch Anatopsis uncovers the true objectives of her demi-god tutor Mr. Pound and attempts to prevent him from carrying out his evil plans.

**J Britton—** [\*The Treekeepers\*](#)

Searching for her father, Bird joins three other children, Issie, Dren, and Stoke, on a journey to the Kingdom of Wen to overthrow the evil Lord Rendarren.

**J Codell—** [\*Vive la Paris\*](#)

Fifth-grader Paris learns some lessons about dealing with bullies of all kinds as she wonders how to stop a classmate from beating up her brother at school and as she learns about the Holocaust from her piano teacher, Mrs. Rosen.

**J Giff—** [\*Nory Ryan's Song\*](#)

When a terrible blight attacks Ireland's potato crop in 1845, twelve-year-old Nory Ryan's courage and ingenuity helps her family and neighbors survive.

**J Gold—** [\*Change of a Dress\*](#) (series)

Unexcited by her duties at the family dry-cleaning business, Diana learns that the tailors try on and occasionally borrow cool clothing, a practice she adopts that leads to her discovery of an invitation to a Broadway gala opening.

**J Hannigan—** [\*Ida B.-- and her plans to maximize fun, avoid disaster, and \(possibly\) save the world\*](#)

In Wisconsin, fourth-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.

**J Hostetter—** [\*Blue\*](#) (series)

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

**J Levine—[\*The Two Princesses of Bamarre\*](#)**

Older sister Princess Meryl seems so much braver than 12-year-old Princess Addie, but when Meryl falls ill and the fate of the kingdom is in Addie's hands, she finds the courage that she needs to save all.

**J Lord—[\*Touch Blue\*](#)**

When the state of Maine threatens to shut down their island's one-room schoolhouse because of dwindling enrollment, eleven-year-old Tess, a strong believer in luck, and her family take in a trumpet-playing foster child, to increase the school's population.

**J Marsden—[\*When Heaven Fell\*](#)**

When her grandmother reveals that the daughter that she had given up for adoption is coming from America to visit her Vietnamese family, nine-year-old Binh is convinced that her newly-discovered aunt is wealthy and will take care of all the family's needs.

**J Martin—[\*A Dog's Life: the autobiography of a stray\*](#)**

Squirrel, a stray puppy, tells her life story, from her nurturing mother and brother to making her own way in the world, facing busy highways, changing seasons, and humans both gentle and brutal.

**J Mass—[\*11 Birthdays\*](#)**

After not speaking to each other for the last year, Amanda and Leo prepare to celebrate their eleventh birthday separately but peculiar things begin to happen as that day begins to repeat itself over and over again.

**J Myracle—[\*Eleven\*](#)**

The year between turning eleven and turning twelve brings many changes for Winnie and her friends.

**J Primavera—[\*The Secret Order of the Gumm Street Girls\*](#)**

In order to save the town of Sherbet, four girls become involved with people and events that seem to bear a resemblance to "The Wizard of Oz."

**J Tarshis—[\*Emma Jean Lazarus Fell Out of a Tree\*](#) (series)**

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

**J Zahler—[\*The Thirteenth Princess\*](#)**

Zita, cast aside by her father and raised as a kitchen maid, learns when she is nearly twelve that she is a princess and that her twelve sisters love her, and so when she discovers they are victims of an evil enchantment, she desperately tries to save them. Inspired by the Grimm fairy tale, "The twelve dancing princesses."

