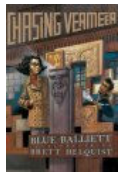


# Books for Boys: GRADES 3-5

## WHALES ON STILTS

Racing against the clock, shy middle-school student Lily and her best friends, Katie and Jasper, must foil the plot of her father's conniving boss to conquer the world using an army of whales. Look for other titles in *M.T. Anderson's Thrilling Tales*.

J ANDERSON



## CHASING VERMEER

When seemingly unrelated and strange events start to happen and a precious Vermeer painting disappears, eleven-year-olds Petra and Calder combine their talents to solve an international art scandal. Look for other titles in the *Chasing Vermeer* series.

J BALLIETT

## 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. Look for other titles in the *Peter and the Starcatchers* series.

J BARRY



## FRINDLE

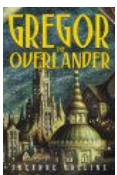
When he decides to turn his fifth grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.

J CLEMENTS

## HALF MOON INVESTIGATIONS

When Fletcher Moon, the youngest detective in the world, is framed for a crime he did not commit, he must team up with the unlikeliest of allies, run from the authorities, and solve the case within twelve hours to clear his name. Look for other titles in the *Half Moon Investigations* series.

J COLFER



## GREGOR THE OVERLANDER

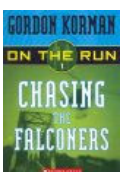
When eleven-year-old Gregor and his two-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving men, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy. Look for other titles in the *Underland Chronicles*.

J COLLINS

## FLUSH

With their father jailed for sinking a river boat, Noah Underwood and his younger sister, Abbey, must gather evidence that the owner of this floating casino is emptying his bilge tanks into the protected waters around their Florida Keys home.

J HIAASEN



## CHASING THE FALCONERS

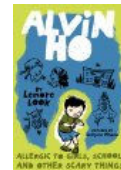
Aidan and Meg Falconers' parents are facing life in prison unless Aidan and Meg can prove their innocence, but first they must escape from a juvenile detention center and elude both the authorities and a sinister attacker who has his own reason to stop them. Look for other titles in the *On the Run* series.

J KORMAN

### ALVIN HO: ALLERGIC TO GIRLS, SCHOOL AND OTHER SCARY THINGS

J Look

A young boy in Concord, Massachusetts, who loves superheroes and comes from a long line of brave Chinese farmer-warriors, wants to make friends, but first he must overcome his fear of everything.



### ONE BEASTLY BEAST

J Nix

A collection of four fantasy tales in which a boy joins a strange navy in pursuit of video pirates, a neglected princess seeks adventure, an orphaned inventor seeks the perfect parents, and a genius girl faces a sea serpent.

### ATTACK OF THE GROWING EYEBALLS

J OLIVER

Daniel Funk, who lives with three sisters, his mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, has always wanted a brother, and when he suddenly shrinks to the size of a toe, he discovers that he has a twin brother who is the same size. Look for other titles in the *Who Shrunk Daniel Funk* series.



### MAGYK

J SAGE

After learning that she is the Princess, Jenna is whisked from her home and carried toward safety by the Extraordinary Wizard, those she always believed were her father and brother, and a young guard known only as Boy 412--pursued by agents of those who killed her mother ten years earlier. Look for other titles in the *Septimus Heap* series.

### FERGUS CRANE

J STEWART

Nine-year-old Fergus Crane's life is filled with classes on the school ship Betty Jeanne, interesting neighbors, and helping with his mother's work until a mysterious box flies into his window and leads him toward adventure. Look for other titles in the *Far-Flung Adventures* series.



### THE MYSTERIOUS BENEDICT SOCIETY

J STEWART

After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules. Look for other titles in the *Mysterious Benedict Society* series.

### THE MAZE OF BONES

J THIRTYNINE

Dan and Amy Cahill are given the choice of receiving a million dollars or uncovering the thirty-nine clues hidden around the world that will lead to the source of the family's power, but by taking on the clues, they end up in a dangerous race against their own family. Look for other titles in the *39 Clues* series.



### NIAGARA FALLS, OR DOES IT?

J WINKLER

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. Look for other titles in the *Hank Zipzer* series.



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