

JUST FOR 6th GRADERS!

Abouzeid, Chris. [*Anatopsis*](#). J Fic Abouzeid

Immortal Princess Anatopsis's new tutor, the demi-god Mr. Pound, is searching for a relic that grants unlimited power to its bearer. It is up to Ana--with the help of a surprising gift, a rebel mortal army, a shockingly powerful metal, and the last dog in the Universe--to stop his evil plan in this fantasy, influenced by Greek mythology.

Acampora, Paul. [*Defining Dulcie*](#). Y Fic Acampora

When sixteen-year-old Dulcie's father dies, her mother makes a decision to move them to California, where Dulcie makes an equally radical decision to steal her dad's old truck and head back home.

Alexander, Lloyd. [*Westmark*](#). J FIC Alexander

A boy fleeing from criminal charges falls in with a charlatan, his dwarf attendant, and an urchin girl, travels with them about the kingdom of Westmark, and ultimately arrives at the palace where the king is grieving over the loss of his daughter.

Amato, Mary. [*The Naked Mole-Rat Letters*](#). J Fic Amato

When her father begins a long-distance romance with a Washington, D.C. zookeeper, twelve-year-old Frankie sends fabricated email letters to the zookeeper in an attempt to end the relationship.

Arrington, Aileen. [*Paper Heart*](#). J Fic Arrington

Sixth-grader Nadia begins to defy her overprotective mother, hoping to be seen as more than the "poor sick girl" who cannot participate in school activities, form friendships, or even be outside in the cold for fear she has inherited her father's heart trouble.

Birney, Betty G. [*The Princess and the Peabodys*](#). J Fic Birney

When a medieval princess appears out of a rusty box bought at a yard sale, fourteen-year-old tomboy Casey Peabody and her family are stuck with her royal snobbiness until the young wizard who had trapped her there figures out the spell to send her home.

Bonk, John J. [*Dustin Grubbs : one-man show*](#). Y Fic Bonk

A sixth-grader, who longs to see his name in lights, recounts life at Buttermilk Falls Elementary in preparation for the school drama production

Bosch, Pseudonymous. [*The Name of this Book is Secret*](#). J Fic Bosch

Two eleven-year-old misfits try to solve the mystery of a dead magician and stop the evil Dr. L and Ms. Mauvais, who are searching for the secret of immortality. This is the story of a secret, and also a secret story. This is the story of Cass and Max-Ernest, two friendless 11-year olds who come together to solve the mystery surrounding a dead magician and the clues he left behind.

Cooper, Susan. [*The Dark Is Rising*](#). J PB C

On his eleventh birthday Will Stanton discovers that he is the last of the Old Ones, destined to seek the six magical Signs that will enable the Old Ones to triumph over the evil forces of the Dark.

Corbett, Scott. [*Grave Doubts*](#). J FIC Corbett

Two sixteen-year-old boys, suspicious of the sudden death of an eccentric millionaire, look for a clue to the mystery in the last crossword puzzle the old man worked on.

DeClements, Barthe. [*Five Finger Discount.*](#) J FIC DeClements

Ten-year-old Jerry's attempts to adjust to his new school and make new friends are complicated by his determination to keep secret the fact that his father is serving time in the local prison for being a thief.

Deriso, Christine Hurley. [*Do-over.*](#) J Fic Deriso

Seventh-grader Elsa moves to a new town and starts a new school where, with the help of her recently deceased mother and a magic locket that allows her to redo the last ten seconds in any situation, she attempts to become popular.

Ferber, Brenda A. [*Julia's Kitchen.*](#) J Fic Ferber

When her mother and younger sister are killed in a house fire, eleven-year-old Cara struggles to find a way to deal with her emotions and to reach out to her grieving father.

Freeman, Martha. [*The Year My Parents Ruined My Life.*](#) J Fic Freeman

Twelve-year-old Kate has her entire world turned upside-down when she has to move from California to snowy Pennsylvania, where she tries to adjust to a new climate, a new school, and new friends.

Gavalda, Anna. [*95 Pounds of Hope.*](#) Y FIC Gavalda

From his first day, school had been torture for Gregory and it got progressively worse, until he was expelled in eighth grade, but through all his difficulties, Gregory could count on support from his grandfather, until his grandfather became ill and needed support from Gregory.

Goldschmidt, Judy. [*The Secret Blog of Raisin Rodriguez.*](#) Y Fic Goldschmidt

In a weblog she sends to her best friends back in Berkeley, seventh-grader Raisin Rodriguez chronicles her successes and her more frequent humiliating failures as she attempts to make friends at her new Philadelphia school.

Hahn, Mary Downing. [*Wait Till Helen Comes : A Ghost Story.*](#) J FIC Hahn / J PB H

Molly and Michael dislike their spooky new stepsister Heather but realize that they must try to save her when she seems ready to follow a ghost child to her doom.

Harness, Cheryl. [*Just For You to Know.*](#) J Fic Harness

Carmen, a 13 year old, feels embarrassed and trapped by her family. She dreams of becoming a famous artist and getting away from them all.

Haven, Paul. [*Two Hot Dogs with Everything.*](#) J Fic Haven

Although everyone credits him and his superstitions for the Slugger's first winning streak in 108 baseball seasons, eleven-year-old Danny Gurkin believes that his discovery of a secret from the team's past may be the real reason behind the ball club's success.

Henkes, Kevin. [*Olive's Ocean.*](#) J Fic Henkes

On a summer visit to her grandmother's cottage by the ocean, twelve-year-old Martha gains perspective on the death of a classmate, on her relationship with her grandmother, on her feelings for an older boy, and on her plans to be a writer.

Holman, Felice. [*Slake's Limbo.*](#) Y FIC Holman

Thirteen year-old Aremis Slake, hounded by his fears and misfortunes, flees them into New York City's subway tunnels, never again--he believes--to emerge.

ulme, John. [*The Glitch in Sleep.*](#) J Fic Hulme

When twelve-year-old Becker Drane is recruited by The Seems, a parallel universe that runs everything in The World, he must fix a disastrous glitch in the Department of Sleep that threatens everyone's ability to ever fall asleep again.

Korman, Gordon. [*Schooled.*](#) Y Fic Korman

Homeschooled by his hippie grandmother, Capricorn (Cap) Anderson has never watched television, tasted a pizza, or even heard of a wedge. But when his grandmother lands in the hospital, Cap is forced to move in with a guidance counselor and attend the local middle school. While Cap knows a lot about tie-dyeing and Zen Buddhism, no education could prepare him for the politics of public school.

Korman, Gordon. [*The Twinkie Squad.*](#) Y Fic Korman

Chaos spreads when Douglas, the most eccentric sixth grader in Thaddeus G. Little Middle School, joins the Twinkie Squad, a special counselling group for problem students.

Koss, Amy Goldman. [*The Girls.*](#) Y Fic Koss

Each of the girls in a middle-school clique reveals the strong, manipulative hold one of the group exerts on the others, and the hurt and self-doubt that it causes them.

Levy, Elizabeth. [*Cheater, Cheater.*](#) J FIC Levy

When Lucy enters junior high school, she finds the hard way that putting herself on the line to impress new friends is a bad idea and can lead to suspension from school.

Martin, Ann. [*Here Today.*](#) Y FIC Martin

In 1963, when her flamboyant mother abandons the family to pursue her dream of becoming an actress, eleven-year-old Ellie Dingman takes charge of her younger siblings, while also trying to deal with her outcast status in school and frightening acts of prejudice toward the "misfits" that live on her street.

Monson, A. M. [*The Secret of Sanctuary Island.*](#) J FIC Monson

While still becoming accustomed to his father's remarriage, thirteen-year-old Todd and a friend set out to prove they observed a burglary no one believes happened.

Morgenstern, Susie. [*Sixth Grade.*](#) J Fic Morgenstern

Follows the disappointments and exhilarations of a French girl and her sixth grade classmates as they exhaust their teachers, host a poetry competition, play spin the bottle, and travel to Rome on a class trip.

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. [*Alice In-Between.*](#) Y FIC Naylor

When motherless Alice turns thirteen she feels in-between, no longer a child but not yet a woman, and discovers that growing up can be both frustrating and wonderful.

O'Connell, Rebecca. [*Penina Levine is a hard-boiled egg.*](#) J Fic O'Connell

With only her best friend to lean on, forthright Penina celebrates Passover while she contends with a bratty younger sister and a seemingly unsympathetic sixth-grade teacher.

Orlev, Uri. [*The Island on Bird Street.*](#) J FIC Orlev

During World War II a Jewish boy is left on his own for months in a ruined house in the Warsaw Ghetto, where he must learn all the tricks of survival under constantly life-threatening conditions.

Paterson, Katherine. [*Jacob Have I Loved.*](#) Y FIC Paterson/Y PB P

Having felt deprived all her life of schooling, friends, mother, and even her name by her twin sister, Louise finally begins to find her identity.

Paulsen, Gary. [*Harris and Me: A Summer Remembered.*](#) Y FIC Paulsen

Sent to live with relatives on their farm because of his unhappy home life, an eleven-year-old city boy meets his distant cousin Harris and is given an introduction to a whole new world.

Roberts, Willo Davis. [*The Girl With the Silver Eyes.*](#) J Fic Roberts

A 10-year-old girl, who has always looked different from other children, discovers that she not only has unusual powers but that there are others like her.

Sheldon, Dyan. [*Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen.*](#) Y FIC Sheldon

In her first year at a suburban New Jersey high school, Mary Elizabeth Cep, who now calls herself "Lola," sets her sights on the lead in the annual drama production, and finds herself in conflict with the most popular girl in school.

Snyder, Zilpha Keatley. [*The Treasures of Weatherby.*](#) J Fic Snyder

Determined to be as strong and powerful as the first Harleigh, who built the rambling Weatherby Hall, twelve-year-old Harleigh Fourth and an equally diminutive new friend try to foil the plans of a distant relative who is seeking the long-lost Weatherby fortune.

Somper, Justin. [*Vampirates: Demons of the ocean.*](#) J Fic Somper

When twins Connor and Grace's ship is wrecked in a storm and Connor is rescued by pirates, he believes that Grace has been taken aboard the mythical Vampire's ship, and he is determined to find her.

Spinelli, Jerry. [*Maniac Magee : A Novel.*](#) Y FIC Spinelli/ Y PB S

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

Warner, Sally. [*Bad Girl Blues.*](#) J Fic Warner

At the beginning of the sixth grade, twelve-year-old Quinney starts volunteering at a shelter for stray animals and tackles some tough issues about loyalty and friendship when her former best friend Marguerite appears to be turning into a "bad girl."

Wells, Rosemary. [*Through the Hidden Door.*](#) Y FIC Wells

Two boys stumble upon the remains of an ancient underground civilization.

Williams, Dar. [*Lights, camera, Amalee.*](#) J Fic Williams

When seventh-grader Amalee uses an inheritance to make a movie about endangered species, she discovers a link with the mother she never knew.

Yolen, Jane. [*Hippolyta and the Curse of the Amazons.*](#) J FIC Yolen

Thirteen-year-old Hippolyta, a princess of the Amazons, fights to save her people from destruction when her mother the Queen refuses to sacrifice her second-born male child.

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