

Al Capone Does My Shirts by *Gennifer Choldenko* J CHOL
A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.

Top Secret: A Handbook of Codes, Ciphers, and Secret

Writing By *Paul Janeczko* J 658.2 JAN
A handbook for the budding cryptographer including codes and ciphers, invisible inks, concealment techniques, spy stories and some history.

Past Perfect, Present Tense: A Collection of Stories

By *Richard Peck* YA PECK
A collection of short stories, including two previously unpublished ones that deal with the way things could be.

Bird by *Angela Johnson* YA JOHN
Devastated by the loss of a second father, thirteen-year-old Bird follows her stepfather from Cleveland to Alabama in hopes of convincing him to come home, and along the way helps two boys cope with their difficulties.

Hoot by *Carl Hiaasen* J HIAA
Roy Eberhardt is the new kid in town. Even though he tries to keep a low profile, he ends up becoming acquainted with two kids, both of them bullies. Which is more dangerous, standing up to Dana Matherson or being friends with Beatrice Leep?

The Big Burn by *Jeanette Ingold* YA INGO
In 1910 a massive wildfire blazed across Montana and Idaho. The Big Burn tells the story of people caught in its path.

Swear to Howdy by *Wendelin Van Draanen* J VAN
Rusty Cooper and Joey Banks are 13 years old, best friends and country boys who swim in swimming holes and drive their sisters crazy. They swear their allegiance to keep each other's secrets, such as dealing with pet goldfish that keep dying, accidentally shooting a pet cat and putting a frog in one sister's underwear drawer. When one of Joey's pranks turns serious Rusty must decide whether to keep his promise. Lots of funny stuff here, but also serious food for thought. Fans of Richard Peck's and Robert Newton Peck's stories will enjoy the humor.

Boston Jane: Wilderness Days by *Jennifer Holm* YA HOLM
Holm returns to the Pacific Northwest, picking up at the exact moment that Boston Jane left off. Jane is better at dealing with the rough and tumble frontier life, but still misses the gentility and refinement of Philadelphia, where she grew up. After a letter comes informing her of her beloved father's death, Jane realizes that there is little left for her back East. But what does she have going for her out west?

Point Blank by *Anthony Horowitz* YA HORO
In this suspenseful sequel to *Stormbreaker*, M16, a British Intelligence Agency, wants Alex Rider to infiltrate an exclusive boarding school. They won't give him a gun, but they do give him other cool gadgets, like a cd player that turns into a metal cutting saw. A teen James Bond!

Blow Out the Moon by *Libby Koponen* J KOPO
A fictionalized account of the author's childhood in the 1950's moving from the U.S. to a London boarding school. Leaving America is difficult and life is no easier there. Libby jumps at the chance to go away to Sibton House in the English countryside where she makes friends, learns to ride a horse and is noticed for her writing talent. A warm and cozy story. Harry Potter fans will love the British bits and the details of boarding school life.

Daughter of Venice by *Donna Jo Napoli* YA NAPO
Donata lives a privileged life as a daughter in a noble family. But she's restless and wants to be able to travel about Venice as freely as boys do. Disguised, she sneaks out, but begins to realize how much she is missing. Will her deception destroy her life?

Girl in a Cage by *Jane Yolen and Robert Harris* YA YOLE
In 1306 Robert de Bruce was crowned King of Scotland and declared Scotland free from England. England, however, had other ideas. During the ensuing battles, King Edward of England captured Robert's daughter Marjorie. To make an example of what happens to those who cross the King of England, Edward imprisoned Marjorie in a cage and left her on display in Lanercost, England. Marjorie knows that she's a princess, but can she convince her captors?

I Smell Like Ham by *Betty Hicks* YA HICK
Nick is a King Arthur fan; he really tries to follow the knightly code of honor. But that's hard to do when your competition for the starting spot on the basketball team is a jerk and a cheat, when your dad has remarried and you still miss your mom, and when your new step-brother is Dwayne the Dork.

Ghost Ship by *Dietlof Reiche*

J REIC

An eighteen-century figurehead, the journal of a ship's quartermaster, and supernatural occurrences at a seaside resort lead twelve-year-old Vicki and her friend Peter on a quest to lift a curse and set right a horrible deed committed two hundred and thirty years in the past.

The Wright 3 by *Blue Balliett*

J BALL

In the midst of a series of unexplained accidents and mysterious coincidences, sixth-graders Calder, Petra, and Tommy lead their classmates in an attempt to keep Frank Lloyd Wright's famous Robie House from being demolished.

Princess Academy by *Shannon Hale*

YA HALE

While attending a strict academy for potential princesses with the other girls from her mountain village, fourteen-year-old Miri discovers unexpected talents and connections to her homeland.

Here Lies the Librarian by *Richard Peck*

J PECK

Fourteen-year-old Eleanor "peewee" McGrath, a tomboy and automobile enthusiast, discovers new possibilities for her future after the 1914 arrival in her small Indiana town of four young librarians.

Little Divas by *Philana Marie Boles*

YA BOLE

The summer before seventh grade, Cassidy Carter must come to terms with living with her father, practically a stranger, as well as her relationships with her cousins, all amidst the overall confusion of adolescence.

First Boy by *Gary D. Schmidt*

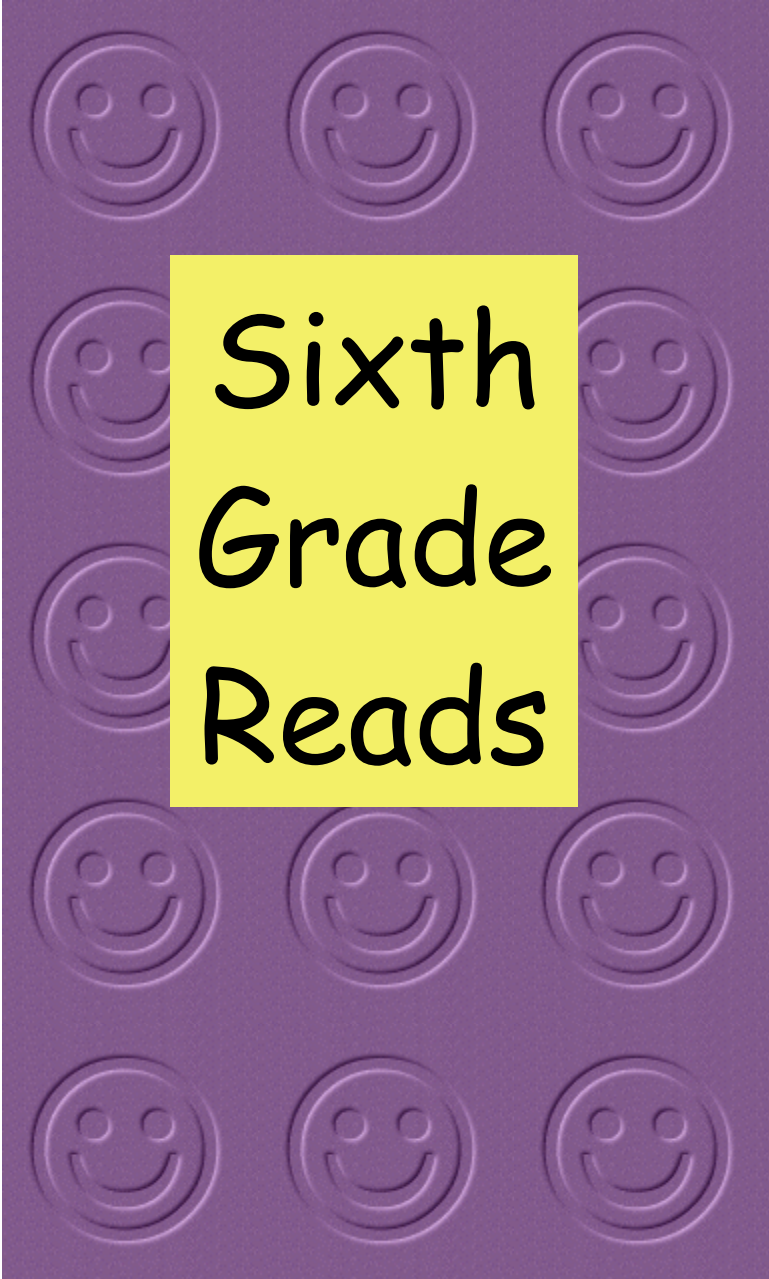
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Dragged into the political turmoil of a presidential election year, fourteen-year-old Cooper Jewett, who runs a New Hampshire dairy farm since his grandfather's death, stands up for himself and makes it clear whose first boy he really is.

The Guardians of Ga'Hoole: The Capture by *Kathryn Lasky*

J LASK

The reader is introduced to Soren, a barn owl and the centerpiece of this series. When Soren is pushed from his family's nest by his older brother, he is rescued from certain death on the forest floor by agents from a mysterious school for orphaned owls, St. Aggie's. When Soren arrives at St. Aggie's, he suspects there is more to the school than meets the eye. He and his new friend, the clever and scrappy Gylfie, find out that St. Aggie's is actually a training camp where the school's leader can groom young owls to help achieve her goal.



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