



- J/Fiction ***The Strange Case of Origami Yoda*** by Tom Angleberger 141 pages
 Angleberger Sixth-grader Tommy and his friends describe their interactions with a paper finger puppet of Yoda, worn by their classmate Dwight, as they try to figure out whether or not the puppet can really predict the future. Look for other *Origami Yoda* books by this author.
- J/Fiction ***Anything But Typical*** by Nora Baskin 195 pages
 Baskin Jason, a twelve-year-old autistic boy who wants to become a writer, relates what his life is like as he tries to make sense of his world.
- J/Fiction ***Al Capone Does My Shirts*** by Gennifer Choldenko 228 pages
 Choldenko Book one in the trilogy. A twelve-year-old 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.
- J/Fiction ***My Teacher is an Alien*** by Bruce Coville 123 pages
 Coville After Susan sees Mr. Smith the substitute teacher peel off his face, she knows he's an alien and only Peter believes her. Together they work together to save the class from Mr. Smith's horrible plans. Look for other *Alien* books by this author.
- J/Fiction ***We the Children*** by Andrew Clements 142 pages
 Clements Book one in *Benjamin Pratt & the Keepers of the School* series. Devastated by plans to tear down his historic school to make room for an amusement park, history-loving sixth-grader Ben discovers a parchment scroll written by three students in 1791, who secretly dubbed themselves the Keepers of the School.
- J/Fiction ***Powerless*** by Matthew Cody 279 pages
 Cody Soon after moving to Noble's Green, Pennsylvania, twelve-year-old Daniel learns that his new friends have super powers that they will lose when they turn thirteen, unless he can use his brain power to protect them.
- J/Fiction ***Phineas L. MacGuire Erupts! The First Experiment*** by Frances Dowell 167 pages
 Dowell Book one in *From the Highly Scientific Notebooks of Phineas L. MacGuire* series. Fourth-grade science whiz Phineas MacGuire is forced to team up with the new boy in class on a science fair project, but the boy's quirky personality causes Phineas to wonder if they have any chance of winning.
- J/Fiction ***Funny Business*** written by a collection of authors 268 pages
 Guys Book one in the *Guys Read* series. A collection of humorous stories featuring a teenage mummy, a homicidal turkey, and the world's largest pool of chocolate milk. Authors include: Jack Gantos; Jeff Kinney; and Jon Scieszka.

Great Reads for Boys

- J/Fiction ***The Maze of Bones*** by Rick Riordan 220 pages
Thirty-Nine Book one in the *39 Clues* series. At the reading of their grandmother's will, Dan and Amy Cahill are given the choice of receiving a million dollars or uncovering the 39 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 members.
- J/Fiction ***Adam Canfield of the Slash*** by Michael Winerip 326 pages
Winerip While serving as co-editors of their school newspaper, middle-schoolers Adam and Jennifer uncover fraud and corruption in their school and their city's government.
- J/Fiction ***Niagara Falls, or Does It?*** by Henry Winkler 133 pages
Winkler Book one in *Hank Zipzer, the Mostly True Confessions of the World's Best Underachiever* series. 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.
- J/Fiction ***Rex Zero and the End of the World*** by Tim Wynne-Jones 186 pages
Wynne-Jones In the summer of 1962 with everyone nervous about a possible nuclear war, ten-year-old Rex, having just moved to Ottawa from Vancouver with his parents and five siblings, faces his own personal challenges as he discovers new friends and a new understanding of the world around him. Find other *Rex Zero* books by this author.

Selections From Popular Authors

- J/Fiction Andrew Clements's books include: ***Frindle; The Janitor's Boy; Lost and Found; Lunch***
Clements ***Money; No Talking; and A Week in the Woods.***
- J/Fiction Franklin Dixon is the author of the classic ***Hardy Boys*** series.
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- J/Fiction Louis Sachar's books include: ***Dogs Don't Tell Jokes; There's A Girl in the Boys'***
Sachar ***Bathroom; and The Wayside School*** series.
- J/Chapter Dixon Enjoy ***Hardy Boys*** for the beginning reader.
- J/Chapter Sachar Enjoy the ***Marvin Redpost*** series for the beginner reader.

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| J/Fiction Christopher | Matt Christopher | J/Chapter Maddox | Jake Maddox |
| J/Fiction Green | Tim Green | J/Chapter Sports | Sports Illustrated for Kids |
| J/Fiction Gutman | Dan Gutman | | |
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