

Captain Underpants Read-alike Series



Youth Services

J/Fiction
Amato

Riot Brothers by Mary Amato

Orville and Wilbur like to create games, such as Underfoodle, where players see how many pairs of underpants they can fit on their heads in 30 seconds.

J/Fiction
Barshaw

Ellie McDoodle by Ruth McNally Barshaw

Ellie likes to keep an illustrated diary to comment on her life and those around her, such as her cousin “Er-ICK.” She also includes such helpful ideas as instructions on making cootie catchers.

J/Fiction
Benton

Dear Dumb Diary by Jim Benton

Jamie keeps a diary and records the events and people at Mackerel Middle School, including Angeline, a.k.a. Princess Turd of Turdsylvania.

J/Fiction
Buckley

NERDS by Michael Buckley

The misfits of a school are actually super-spy members of NERDS—the National Espionage, Rescue, and Defense Society. Jackson Jones, the coolest kid in school, becomes a misfit and joins the society when he gets new braces.

J/Fiction
Kinney

Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney

For those few readers who haven’t found this popular series, the books follow the adventures of Greg Heffley, who writes and draws in his diary. He computes his class ranking as either the fifty-second or fifty-third most popular kid in his grade.

J/Fiction
Peirce

Big Nate by Lincoln Peirce

Comic-strip character Big Nate stars in his own children’s books. School is not Nate’s favorite place to be. He receives a fortune cookie that reads, “Today you will surpass all others,” but the only thing he succeeds in surpassing is earning the most detention slips.

J/Fiction
Trine

Melvin Beederman, Superhero by Greg Trine

Melvin is a graduate of the Superhero Academy. His weakness is bologna. He and his sidekick, Candace, face such villains as the McNasty Brothers, the smelliest evildoers around.

J/Chapter
Applegate

Roscoe Riley Rules by Katherine Applegate

First-grader Roscoe doesn’t always have good judgment, such as the time he used Super-Mega-Gonzo Glue to firmly attach his classmates to their chairs.

- J/Chapter
Benton ***Franny K. Stein, Mad Scientist*** by Jim Benton
Franny is a young girl who is actually a brilliant mad scientist. She tries to fit in with her classmates but has trouble understanding why they prefer baseball bats over the flying mammal kind of bats.
- J/Chapter
Gutman ***My Weird School Daze*** by Dan Gutman
A. J. is a student at Ella Mentry School. The different volumes feature characters from the school, such as a skateboarding principal, a super custodian, and a security officer who winds up arresting the entire school.
- J/Chapter
Krulik ***George Brown, Class Clown*** by Nancy E. Krulik
Readers will love George's zany behavior—made even more outrageous through frequent black and white illustrations. George may not always solve his problems, but he usually learns a lot about himself!
- J/Chapter
McDonald ***Stink*** by Megan McDonald
Judy Moody's youngest brother is the star of these books. He visits the Gross-Me-Out museum exhibit, tries to find homes for 101 guinea pigs, and more.
- J/Chapter
Simon ***Horrid Henry*** by Francesca Simon
Henry lives up to his name and behaves horridly. He scares off a babysitter, sabotages a dance recital, tells his brother a cardboard box is a time machine, and tries to trick the tooth fairy by stealing another kid's tooth.
- J/Graphic Novel
Amelia Rules ***Amelia Rules!*** by Jimmy Gownley
New student Amelia slowly realizes her new friends—Reggie, Rhonda, and Pajamaman—are actually the class nerds. Reggie is an expert of the “sneeze barf.” The four love to play superhero role-playing games and meet other kids in town with similar interests.
- J/Graphic Novel
Knights ***Knights of the Lunch Table*** by Frank Cammuso
These graphic novels feature Artie, the new kid at Camelot Middle School. On his first day of school, he opens a seemingly rusted-shut locker, reminiscent of King Arthur drawing Excalibur from the stone, and attracts the attention of the evil Principal, Dagger, and Joe, the school bully.
- J/Graphic Novel
Lunch Lady ***Lunch Lady*** by Jarrett J. Krosoczka
Three school children learn that their lunch lady is really a super spy. With the help of her cook assistant, they use such devices as the spatu-copter and chicken nugget bombs to fight evil.
- J/Graphic Novel
Sardine ***Sardine in Outer Space*** by Emmanuel Guibert
Goofy space adventures of a little girl called Sardine travels the cosmos on a mission to defeat the evil dictator of the universe. Her encounters aren't always friendly: weird creatures, cosmic squids, masters of the universe, talking clouds, and evil beings abound.