**Our Strange New Land: Elizabeth's Diary (My America series)**
Hermes, Patricia  
Call Letters: F He  Pgs: 109  Lexile: 350  
Nine-year-old Elizabeth keeps a journal of her experiences in the New World as she encounters Indians, suffers hunger and the death of friends, and helps her father build their first home.

**Cool Zone with Pain and the Great One**
Blume, Judy  
More adventures at school and at home with Jake, a first-grader, and his older sister Abigail, known to each other as the Pain and the Great One.

**Secrets of Droon: Hidden Stairs and the Magic Carpet (series)**
Abbott, Tony  
Call Letters: BC  Pgs: 80  Lexile: 380  
Eric and his friends find entry into the world of Droon by using a staircase in Eric's basement.

**Sideways Stories from Wayside School (series)**
Sachar, Louis  
Call Letters: F Sa  Pgs: 124  Lexile: 460  
Humorous episodes from the classroom on the thirtieth floor of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story.

**Tales of a 4th Grade Nothing (series)**
Blume, Judy  
Call Letters: F BI  Pgs: 120  Lexile: 470  
Peter finds his demanding two-year-old brother an ever-increasing problem.

**Good Dog**
Avi  
Call Letters: F Av  Pgs: 243  Lexile: 480  
McKinley, a malamute, is torn between the domestic world of his human family and the wild world of Lupin, a wolf that is trying to recruit dogs to replenish the dwindling wolf pack.
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**Stink: The Incredible Shrinking Kid**
McDonald, Megan

Call Letters: F Mc    Pgs: 102    Lexile: 480

Every morning, Judy Moody measures Stink and it's always the same: 3 feet, 8 inches tall. Stink feels like even the class newt is growing faster than he is. Then, one day, the ruler reads 3 feet, 7 and 3/4 inches! Is Stink shrinking?

**Class Trip from the Black Lagoon (series)**
Thaler, Mike

Call Letters: BC T    Pgs: 64    Lexile: 480

The students must deal with a scary bus driver named Mr. Fenderbender, mosquitoes as large as Dracula, and their mean teacher, Mrs. Green, on their class trip to the Black Lagoon.

**Dragon Slayer's Academy: The New Kid at School (series)**
McMullen, Kate


Wiglaf is off to Dragon Slayers' Academy and in for a first day of school he will never forget.

**A to Z Mysteries: The Absent Author (series)**
Roy, Ron

Call Letters: BC    Pgs: 86    Lexile: 510

Dink Duncan and his two friends investigate the apparent kidnapping of famous mystery author Wallis Wallace.

**Ivy and Bean**
Barrows, Annie

Call Letters: F Ba    Pgs: 113    Lexile: 510

When 7-year-old Bean plays a mean trick on her sister, she finds unexpected support for her antics from Ivy, the new neighbor, who is less boring than Bean first suspected.

**Geronimo Stilton: Lost Treasure of the Emerald Eye (series)**
Stilton, Geronimo

Call Letters: BC    Pgs: 116    Lexile: 530

Newspaper editor and adventure author Geronimo Stilton—who is also a mouse—gets roped into his sister Thea's treasure hunt on a remote island after she discovers an intriguing old map.
Judy Moody (series)
McDonald, Megan
Call Letters: F Mc  Pgs: 160  Lexile: 530
Third grader Judy Moody is in a first day of school bad mood until she gets an assignment to create a collage all about herself and begins creating her masterpiece, the Me collage.

Ghostville Elementary: Ghost Class (series)
Jones, Marcia Thornton
Call Letters: BC  Pgs: 79  Lexile: 540
ghosts who haunt the basement of Sleepy Hollow Elementary are determined not to allow living students to use their room.

Mallory on the Move (series)
Friedman, Laurie
Call Letters: F Fr  Pgs: 158  Lexile: 550
After moving to a new town, eight-year-old Mallory keeps throwing stones in the "Wishing Pond" but things will not go back to the way they were before, and she remains torn between old and new best friends.

Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective (series)
Sobol, Donald
Call Letters: F So  Pgs: 88  Lexile: 560
Fifth grader Leroy Brown solves ten mysteries and, by putting the solutions at the back of the book, challenges the reader to do the same.

Herculeah Jones: Dark Stairs (series)
Byars, Betsy
Call Letters: F By  Pgs: 130  Lexile: 570
The intrepid Herculeah Jones helps her mother, a private investigator, solve a puzzling and frightening case.

Doll People
Martin, Ann M.
Call Letters: F Ma  Pgs: 256  Lexile: 570
A family of porcelain dolls that has lived in the same house for one hundred years is taken aback when a new family of plastic dolls arrives and doesn't follow The Doll Code of Honor.
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<td>Until Mrs. Jeepers, the third grade at Baily Elementary School was hard to handle. No one ever dared make her mad--because whenever they did, the strangest things would happen.</td>
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<td>Little Wolf has not been behaving too courteously, so his parents send him to his uncle's Big Bad Wolf school to learn to be a proper wolf.</td>
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<td>Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.</td>
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<td>Evan and his younger sister, Jesse, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for 4th grade and as summer's end approaches, they battle it out through lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn 100 dollars.</td>
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<td>Fergal Banfield, an eccentric lad who collects cans, is surprised to find some unexpected--and even alarming--things in a few of his treasures, and when he meets Charlotte, another collector, they begin an investigation that leads them into dangerous territory.</td>
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Bobby inadvertently gets into a fight with his best friend Holly, and their disagreement develops into a boys versus girls war involving their whole fourth-grade class.

After celebrating their first nine same-day birthdays together, Amanda and Leo, who haven't spoken in a year, prepare to celebrate their 11th birthday separately. But peculiar things begin to happen as the day of their birthday begins to repeat itself over and over again.

After a fire destroys the farm where he was born, a young border collie acquires a series of owners and learns about life as he seeks a home and longs to fulfill his life's purpose of shepherding sheep.

Poppy, a deer mouse, urges her family to move next to a field of corn big enough to feed them all forever, but Mr. Ocax, a terrifying owl, has other ideas.

Humphrey, pet hamster at Longfellow School, learns that he has an important role to play in helping his classmates and teacher.

Jane travels to a remote region of Scotland to spend the summer with her new friend Staffa, but her vacation takes a mysterious turn when Jane finds herself irresistibly drawn to a glowing box she has been warned not to touch and the magical world found inside the castle walls.
Homework Machine
Gutman, Dan
Call Letters: F Gu  Pgs: 146  Lexile: 680
Four 5th grade students - a geek, a class clown, a teacher's pet, and a slacker - as well as their teacher and mothers, each relate events surrounding a computer programmed to complete homework assignments.

Runt
Bauer, Marion Dane
Call Letters: F Ba  Pgs: 138  Lexile: 690
Runt, the smallest wolf cub in the litter, seeks to prove himself to his father King and the rest of the pack and to earn a new name.

Champ
Jones, Marcia Thornton
Call Letters: F Jo  Pgs: 187  Lexile: 690
Riley struggles to make his father proud, despite his poor athletic abilities, but when he meets Champ, a three-legged former show dog, Riley learns that winning doesn't always have to mean coming in first.

From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler
Konigsburg, E.L.
Call Letters: F Ko  Pgs: 162  Lexile: 700
Two suburban children run away from their Connecticut home and go to New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, where their ingenuity enables them to live in luxury.

My Weird School: Miss Daisy is Crazy (series)
Gutman, Dan
Call Letters: BC  Pgs: 83  Lexile: 700
Miss Daisy's unusual teaching methods surprise her second grade students, especially reluctant learner A.J.

Jennifer Murdley’s Toad
Coville, Bruce
Call Letters: F Co  Pgs: 159  Lexile: 700
When an ordinary-looking fifth grader purchases a talking toad, she embarks on a series of extraordinary adventures.
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How to Steal a Dog
O'Connor, Barbara
Call Letters: F Co   Pgs: 170   Lexile: 700
Living in the family car after their father leaves them virtually penniless, Georgina, desperate to improve their situation, persuades her younger brother to help her in a scheme to get money by stealing a dog and then claiming the reward that the owners are bound to offer.

Fablehaven: Secrets of the Dragon
Mull, Brandon
Call Letters: F Br   Pgs: 351   Lexile: 700
Kendra and Seth find themselves in the midst of a battle between good and evil when they visit their grandparents' estate and discover that it is a sanctuary for magical creatures.

Zoobreak
Korman, Gordan
Call Letters: F Ko   Pgs: 230   Lexile: 700
After a class trip to a floating zoo where animals are mistreated and Savannah's missing pet monkey is found in a cage, Long Island sixth-grader Griffin Bing and his band of misfits plan a rescue.

Franny K. Stein: Lunch Walks Among Us (series)
Benton, Jim
Call Letters: F Be   Pgs: 102   Lexile: 710
Franny K. Stein is a mad scientist who prefers all things spooky and creepy, but when she has trouble making friends at her new school she experiments with fitting in--which works until a monster erupts from the trashcan.

Swindle
Korman, Gordan
Call Letters: F Ko   Pgs: 252   Lexile: 710
After unscrupulous collector S. Wendell Palamino cons him out of a valuable baseball card, 6th grader Griffin Bing puts together a band of misfits to break into Palomino's heavily guarded store and steal the card back, planning to use the money to finance his father's failing invention, the Smart Pick fruit picker.

Frog Princess
Baker, E.D.
Call Letters: F Ba   Pgs: 214   Lexile: 710
After reluctantly kissing a frog, an awkward, 14-year-old princess suddenly finds herself a frog, too, and sets off with the prince to seek the means - and the self-confidence - to become human again.
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*Dragon of Lonely Island*
Rupp, Rebecca
Call Letters: F Ru  Pgs: 160  Lexile: 710
Three children spend the summer with their mother on a secluded island where they discover a three-headed dragon living in a cave and learn what it means to be a dragon friend.

*Double-Digit Club*
Bauer, Marion Dane
Call Letters: F Ba  Pgs: 116  Lexile: 720
Nine-year-old Sarah is excited about summer vacation, but she faces unexpected crises when her best friend Paige becomes old enough to join a local girls' clique, and when she makes choices which affect her relationship with an elderly blind neighbor.

*Riding Freedom*
Ryan, Pam Munoz
Call Letters: F Ry  Pgs: 138  Lexile: 720
A fictionalized account of Charley (Charlotte) Parkhurst who ran away from an orphanage, posed as a boy, moved to California, and fooled everyone by her appearance.

*Toys Go Out*
Jenkins, Emily
Call Letters: F Je  Pgs: 116  Lexile: 730
Six stories relate the adventures of three best friends, who happen to be toys.

*The Anybodies*
Bode, N.E.
Call Letters: F Bo  Pgs: 276  Lexile: 730
After learning that she is not the biological daughter of boring Mr. and Mrs. Drudger, Fern embarks on magical adventures with her real father and finally finds "a place that feels like home."

*Genie Scheme*
Jones, Kimberly
Call Letters: F Jo  Pgs: 179  Lexile: 730
12-year-old Jenna buys a hat for a homeless woman, only to discover the woman is actually a genie who will grant Jenna's every wish, but when Jenna realizes that all the things she is wishing for are being taken from someone else, she must decide if her own happiness is worth someone else's misery.
Dying to Meet You
Klise, Kate
Call Letters: F Kl Pgs: 147 Lexile: 730
In this story told mostly through letters, children's book author, I. B. Grumply, gets more than he bargained for when he rents a quiet place to write for the summer.

Crooked Kind of Perfect
Urban, Linda
Call Letters: F Ur Pgs: 213 Lexile: 730
10-year-old Zoe Elias, who longs to play the piano but must resign herself to learning the organ instead, finds that her musicianship has a positive impact on her workaholic mother, her jittery father, and her school social life.

Witches
Dahl, Roald
Call Letters: F Da Pgs: 201 Lexile: 740
A young boy and his Norwegian grandmother, who is an expert on witches, together foil a witches' plot to destroy the world's children by turning them into mice.

Castle in the Attic
Winthrop, Elizabeth
Call Letters: F Wi Pgs: 179 Lexile: 750
A gift of a toy castle, complete with silver knight, introduces William to an adventure involving magic and a personal quest.

Ramona's World
Cleary, Beverly
Call Letters: F Cl Pgs: 192 Lexile: 750
Follows the adventures of nine-year-old Ramona at home with sisters Beezus and Roberta, and at school in Mrs. Meacham's fourth-grade class.

Escaping the Giant Wave
Kehret, Peg
Call Letters: F Ke Pgs: 151 Lexile: 750
When an earthquake creates a tsunami while 13-year-old Kyle is babysitting his sister during a family vacation at a Pacific Coast resort, he tries to save himself, his sister, and a boy who has bullied him for years.
**Marley: A Dog Like No Other**  
Grogan, John  
Call Letters: F Gr  Pgs: 196  Lexile: 760  
Those who know and love Marley understand that nothing can stop his loyalty, exuberance, and passion—not even the Grogans’ screen door! How this big, rambunctious dog becomes the heart of the Grogan family is the story of Marley.

**Ghosthunters and the Incredibly Revolting Ghost**  
Funke, Cornelia  
Call Letters: F Fu  Pgs: 135  Lexile: 760  
A timid boy named Tom reluctantly agrees to help professional ghostbuster Hetty Hyssop dispel an IRG (Incredibly Revolting Ghost) from an old house.

**School Story**  
Clements, Andrew  
Call Letters: F Cl  Pgs: 196  Lexile: 760  
After twelve-year-old Natalie writes a wonderful novel, her friend Zoe helps her devise a scheme to get it accepted at the publishing house where Natalie’s mother works as an editor.

**Chocolate Touch**  
Catling, Patrick Skene  
Call Letters: F Ca  Pgs: 126  Lexile: 770  
A boy acquires a magical gift that turns everything his lips touch into chocolate.

**Secret of Zoom**  
Jonell, Lynne  
Call Letters: F Jo  Pgs: 291  Lexile: 770  
10-year-old Christina lives a sheltered life until she discovers a secret tunnel, an evil plot to enslave orphans, and a mysterious source of energy known as zoom.

**Molly Moon's Incredible Book of Hypnotism (series)**  
Byng, Georgia  
Call Letters: F By  Pgs: 371  Lexile: 770  
Unlucky and unloved, Molly Moon, living in a dreary orphanage in a small English town, discovers a hidden talent for hypnotism and hypnotizes her way to stardom in New York City.
Peter and the Starcatchers
Barry, Dave
Call Letters: F Ba  Pgs: 451  Lexile: 770
Peter, an orphan boy, and his friend Molly fight off thieves and pirates in order to keep the secret safe away from the diabolical Black Stache and his evil associate Mister Grin.

Thing About Georgie
Graff, Lisa
Call Letters: F Ga  Pgs: 220  Lexile: 770
Georgie's dwarfism causes problems, but he could always rely on his parents, his best friend, and classmate Jeanie the Meanie's teasing, until a surprising announcement, a new boy in school, and a class project shake things up.

Wedding Planner's Daughter
Paratore, Coleen
Call Letters: F Pa  Pgs: 200  Lexile: 780
Willa, a romantic girl who wants a father, tries to find a husband for her mother, Cape Cod's most popular wedding planner.

Lost and Found
Clements, Andrew
Call Letters: F Cl  Pgs: 161  Lexile: 780
Twin brothers Jay and Ray Grayson learn about friendship, honesty, and themselves after taking advantage of a clerical oversight in which their new school thinks there is only one Grayson boy.

Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat
Jonell, Lynne
Call Letters: F Jo  Pgs: 352  Lexile: 780
When Emmy discovers that she and her formerly loving parents are being drugged by their evil nanny with rodent potions that can change people in frightening ways, she and some new friends must try everything possible to return things to normal.

Clementine (series)
Pennypacker, Sara
Call Letters: F Pe  Pgs: 133  Lexile: 790
While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.
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**The Penderwicks**  
Birdsall, Jeanne  
Call Letters: F Bi  
Pgs: 262  
Lexile: 800  
While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters, ages four through twelve, share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother.

**A Room With a Zoo**  
Feiffer, Jules  
Call Letters: F Fe  
Pgs: 182  
Lexile: 810  
Julie Feiffer wants a dog more than anything. . . . but she'll settle for a cat, a hamster, a carnivorous goldfish, a turtle, a headstrong kitten, a crab and a dying rabbit.

**The Trolls**  
Horvath, Polly  
Call Letters: F Ho  
Pgs: 135  
Lexile: 810  
Eccentric Aunt Sally comes from Canada to babysit the Anderson children while their parents are on a trip to Paris and every night the bedtime story adds another piece to a very suspect family history.

**Julia Gillian**  
McGhee, Alison  
Call Letters: F M  
Pgs: 280  
Lexile: 810  
Nine-year-old Julia Gillian learns a lot about facing fear as she and her St. Bernard, Bigfoot, take long walks through their Minneapolis neighborhood one hot summer, and she seeks the courage to finish a book that could have an unhappy ending.

**No Talking**  
Clements, Andrew  
Call Letters: F Ci  
Pgs: 146  
Lexile: 820  
The noisy fifth grade boys of Laketon Elementary School challenge the equally loud fifth grade girls to a "no talking" contest.

**Kenny and the Dragon**  
DiTerlizzi, Tony  
Call Letters: F Di  
Pgs: 151  
Lexile: 820  
Kenny Rabbit tries to save his friend, the dragon, after he is labeled a community nuisance by the simple people of Roundbrook village, who arrange for the creature to be fought by St. George.
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**The Big House**
Coman, Carolyn
Call Letters: F Co  Pgs: 220  Lexile: 820
When Ivy and Ray's parents are sent to jail, and left in the custody of their parent's accusers, they decide to look for evidence that will "spring" their parents.

**Dealing With Dragons (Book 1: Enchanted Forest Chronicles)**
Wrede, Patricia
Call Letters: F Wr  Pgs: 212  Lexile: 830
Bored with traditional palace life, a princess goes off to live with a group of dragons and soon becomes involved with fighting against some disreputable wizards who want to steal away the dragons' kingdom.

**Frindle**
Clements, Andrew
Call Letters: F Cl  Pgs: 105  Lexile: 830
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.

**Regarding the Fountain**
Klise, Kate
Call Letters: F Kl  Pgs: 138  Lexile: 830
When the principal asks a fifth-grader to write a letter regarding the purchase of a new drinking fountain for their school, he finds that all sorts of chaos results.

**Once Upon a Marigold**
Ferris, Jean
Call Letters: F Fe  Pgs: 266  Lexile: 840
A young man with a mysterious past and a penchant for inventing things leaves the troll who raised him, meets an unhappy princess he has loved from afar, and discovers a plot against her and her father.

**Lunch Money**
Clements, Andrew
Call Letters: F Cl  Pgs: 222  Lexile: 840
Twelve-year-old Greg, who has always been good at moneymaking projects, is surprised to find himself teaming up with his lifelong rival, Maura, to create a series of comic books to sell at school.
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**Room One: A Mystery or Two**  
Clements, Andrew  
Call Letters: F Cl  
Pgs: 162  
Lexile: 840  
Ted Hammond, the only sixth grader in his small Nebraska town's one-room schoolhouse, searches for clues to the disappearance of a homeless family.

**Smart Dog**  
Vande Velde, Vivian  
Call Letters: F Va  
Pgs: 145  
Lexile: 840  
Fifth grader Amy finds her life growing complicated when she meets and tries to hide an intelligent, talking dog who has escaped from a university lab.

**Fairy Tale Detectives (Book 1: The Sisters Grimm)**  
Buckley, Michael  
Call Letters: F Ba  
Pgs: 284  
Lexile: 840  
When sisters Sabrina and Daphne are sent to live with their mysterious grandmother, Relda Grimm, they learn they are descendants of the Brothers Grimm, whose famous book of fairy tales is actually a collection of case files.

**Matilda**  
Dahl, Roald  
Call Letters: F Da  
Pgs: 240  
Lexile: 840  
Matilda applies her untapped mental powers to rid the school of the evil, child-hating headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, and restore her nice teacher, Miss Honey, to financial security.

**Moving Day: Allie Finkle’s Rules for Girls**  
Cabot, Meg  
Call Letters: F Ca  
Pgs: 228  
Lexile: 850  
9-year-old Allie Finkle has rules for everything and is even writing her own rule book, but her world is turned upside-down when she learns that her family is moving across town, which will mean a new house, school, best friend, and plenty of new rules.

**Dial-a-Ghost**  
Ibbotson, Eva  
Call Letters: F lb  
Pgs: 195  
Lexile: 850  
A family of nice ghosts protects a British orphan from the diabolical plans of his evil guardians.
Nowhere to Call Home
DeFelice, Cynthia
Call Letters: F De Pgs: 199 Lexile: 870
When her father kills himself after losing his money in the stock market crash of 1929, twelve-year-old Frances, now a penniless orphan, decides to hop aboard a freight train and live the life of a hobo.

Ugly Princess and the Wise Fool
Grey, Margaret
Call Letters: F Gr Pgs: 167 Lexile: 870
When plain-looking Princess Rose longs for the beauty to snare handsome Prince Parsley, and the wise fool Jasper longs to restore wisdom to the kingdom, they end up working together and find they must face the magical Godmother Board of Trustees.

Dog’s Life: The Autobiography of a Stray
Martin, Ann M.
Call Letters: F Ma Pgs: 182 Lexile: 870
Squirrel, a stray puppy, tells her life story, from her nurturing mother and brother to making her own way in the world, facing busy highways, changing seasons, and humans both gentle and brutal.

My Haunted House (Book 1: Araminta Spookie)
Sage, Angie
Call Letters: F Sa Pgs: 132 Lexile: 870
Araminta enlists the help of several ghosts in an attempt to stop her Aunt Tabby from selling Spook House.

Oggie Cooder
Weeks, Sarah
Call Letters: F We Pgs: 176 Lexile: 880
Quirky 4th-grader Oggie Cooder goes from being shunned to everyone's best friend when his uncanny ability to chew slices of cheese into the shapes of states wins him a slot on a popular television talent show, but he soon learns the perils of being a celebrity - and having a neighbor girl as his manager.

Star of Kazan
Ibbotson, Eva
Call Letters: F Ib Pgs: 405 Lexile: 880
Annika, a twelve-year-old foundling in late nineteenth-century Vienna, inherits a trunk of costume jewelry, and soon afterwards a woman claiming to be her aristocratic mother arrives and takes her to live in a strangely decrepit mansion in Germany.
Three Good Deeds
Vande Velde, Vivian
Call Letters: F Va  Pgs: 147  Lexile: 890
Caught stealing some goose eggs from a witch, Howard is cursed for his heartlessness and turned into a goose himself. He can only become human again by performing three good deeds.

Gully’s Travels
Seidler, Tor
A well-bred Lhasa Apso named Gulliver is forced to leave his master and finds a new one named Carlos, the doorman of a Manhattan apartment building, who takes the dog to his place in Queens, where Gully meets low-life mutts and boisterous humans.

Measle and the Wrathmonk (series)
Ogilvy, Ian
Call Letters: F Og  Pgs: 210  Lexile: 900
12-year-old orphan Measle Stubbs is shrunk down to half an inch tall and placed in a train set by his evil guardian, the Wrathmonk. But when Measle joins up with other victims, he becomes more than just a smelly little orphan. Suddenly he's a hero ... with a plan!

Evangeline Mudd and the Golden-Haired Apes of the Ikkinasti Jungle
Elliot, David
Call Letters: F El  Pgs: 196  Lexile: 900
When Evangeline Mudd’s primatologist parents travel without her to the Ikkinasti Jungle to study the golden-haired apes, Evangeline and the world-famous Dr. Aphrodite Pikkaflee are eventually called upon to rescue the Mudds and save the jungle from the evil schemes of Aphrodite's money-mad brother.

Igraine the Brave
Funke, Cornelia
Call Letters: F Fu  Pgs: 212  Lexile: 900
12-year-old Igraine, the daughter of two magicians, wants nothing more than to be a knight; and when their castle is attacked by a treacherous neighbor bent on stealing their singing magic books, Igraine has an opportunity to demonstrate her bravery.

Our Only May Amelia
Holm, Anne
Call Letters: F Ho  Pgs: 253  Lexile: 900
As the only girl in a Finnish American family of seven brothers, May Amelia Jackson resents being expected to act like a lady while growing up in Washington state in 1899.
Waggit's Tale
Howe, Peter
Call Letters: F Ho Pgs: 276 Lexile: 910
When Waggit is abandoned by his owner as a puppy, he meets a pack of wild dogs who become his friends and teach him to survive in the city park, but when he has a chance to go home with a kind woman who wants to adopt him, he takes it.

Dog for Life
Matthews, L.S.
Call Letters: F Ma Pgs: 167 Lexile: 910
John, finds that his dog, Mouse, is scheduled to go to the pound and decides to run away and find his uncle, who may be able to help him.

Pepins and Their Problems
Horvath, Polly
Call Letters: F Ho Pgs: 179 Lexile: 920
Whether it's waking up to find toads in their shoes, becoming trapped on the roof, or searching for cheese when their cow makes only lemonade, the Pepin family always seem to get into the most bizarre scrapes. Lucky for them they have great problem-solving readers.

Stuart Little
White, E.B.
Call Letters: F Wh Pgs: 131 Lexile: 920
After being adopted by a human family, a tiny mouse sets out to win over his resentful new brother and the family feline while fending off a gang of cats who want him out of the house.

Dark Hills Divide (Book 1: Land of Elyon)
Carman, Patrick
Call Letters: F Ca Pgs: 253 Lexile: 940
When she finds the key to a secret passageway leading out of the walled city of Bridewell, twelve-year-old Alexa realizes her lifelong wish to explore the mysterious forests and mountains that lie beyond the wall.

Ghosts in the Gallery
Wallace, Barbara
Call Letters: F Wa Pgs: 136 Lexile: 940
When eleven-year-old Jenny arrives at her grandfather's house but is not recognized as one of the family because of a servant's intrigue, the young orphan endures a difficult fate.
A Booklist Especially for...
3rd Grade Girls

Everything on a Waffle
Horvath, Polly
Call Letters: F Ho  Pgs: 149  Lexile: 950
Eleven-year-old Primrose, who lives in a small fishing village in British Columbia, recounts her experiences and all that she learns about human nature and the unpredictability of life in the months after her parents are lost at sea.

Green Dog: A Mostly True Story
Staples, Suzanne
Call Letters: F St  Pgs: 119  Lexile: 960
During the summer before fifth grade, Suzanne, a daydreaming loner who likes to fish and walk through the woods, acquires a canine companion.

Secret Garden
Burnett, Frances
Call Letters: F Bu  Pgs: 256  Lexile: 970
Ten-year-old Mary comes to live in a lonely house on the Yorkshire moors and discovers an invalid cousin and the mysteries of a locked garden.

Perils of the Peppermints
Wallace, Barbara
Call Letters: F Wa  Pgs: 263  Lexile: 970
Left at a New York boarding school by Aunt and Uncle Twice, eleven-year-old Emily finds horrors even greater than those she faced at Sugar Hill Hall, especially after she gets word that her inheritance is lost.

Ida B
Hannigan, Katherine
Call Letters: F Ha  Pgs: 246  Lexile: 970
In Wisconsin, fourth-grader Ida B spends happy hours being home-schooled and playing in her family's apple orchard, until her mother begins treatment for breast cancer and her parents must sell part of the orchard and send her to public school.

Just Grace
Harper, Charise Mericle
Call Letters: F Ha  Pgs: 138  Lexile: 1060
Misnamed by her teacher, seven-year-old Just Grace prides herself on being empathetic, but when she tries to help a neighbor feel better, her good intentions backfire.
Lucy Rose: Here's the Thing About Me
Kelly, Katy
Call Letters: F Ke  Pgs: 137  Lexile: 1190
Eight-year-old Lucy Rose keeps a diary of her first year in Washington, D.C., where she spends time with her grandparents, makes new friends, and longs to convince her teacher to let her take care of the class pet during a holiday.