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3rd Grade Boys

*My Rotten Life*
Lubar, David
Call Letters: F Lu  Pgs: 160  Lexile:
Tired of continually having his feelings hurt by popular students and bullies, 5th grader Nathan agrees to try an experimental formula (Hurt-Be-Gone) and becomes a half-dead zombie, a condition which, he soon discovers, has some real advantages.

*Julian Rodriguez Episode One: Trash Crisis on Earth*
Stadler, Alexander
Call Letters: F St  Pgs: 123  Lexile:
8-year-old Julian Rodriguez is sent to his room for refusing to take out the trash, and imagines that he is a space warrior.

*Marvin Redpost: Kidnapped at Birth? (series)*
Sachar, Louis
Call Letters: BC  Pgs: 68  Lexile: 290
Red-haired Marvin is convinced that the reason he looks different from the rest of his family is that he is really the lost prince of Shampoo.

*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.

*Rotten School: The Great Smelling Bee (series)*
Stine, R.L.
Call Letters: F St  Pgs: 108  Lexile: 440
In order to hide a bulldog in his no-pets-allowed dorm, scheming fourth-grader Bernie Bridges enrolls his pet as a transfer student.
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 Bl  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.

Chet Gecko: This Gum for Hire (series)
Hale, Bruce  
Call Letters: F Ha  Pgs: 115  Lexile: 480  
To save his own skin, private eye Chet Gecko sets out to solve the mystery of Emerson Hicky Elementary School's disappearing football players.

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.
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*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.

*Secret Identity (Book 1: Shredderman)*
Van Draanen, Wendelin
Call Letters: F Va  Pgs: 138  Lexile: 520
Fifth-grader Nolan Byrd, tired of being called names by the class bully, has a secret identity--Shredderman!

*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.

*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.

*Windcatcher*
Avi
Call Letters: F Av  Pgs: 120  Lexile: 540
While learning to sail during a visit to his grandmother's at the Connecticut shore, 11-year-old Tony becomes excited about the rumors of sunken treasure in the area and starts following a couple who seem to be making a mysterious search for something.
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**Morgy Makes His Move**
Lewis, Maggie
Call Letters: F Le  Pgs: 74  Lexile: 550
When third-grader Morgy MacDougal-MacDuff moves from California to Massachusetts with his parents, he has a lot of new things to get used to before he feels comfortable.

**Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective (series)**
Sobel, 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.

**Winners Take All**
Bowen, Fred
Call Letters: F Bo  Pgs: 104  Lexile: 560
When Kyle fakes a catch, his baseball team goes on to win the league championship but Kyle doesn't feel good about winning by cheating.

**Zach Files: Great-Grandpa's in the Litter Box (series)**
Greenburg, Dan
Call Letters: BC  Pgs: 59  Lexile: 570
Zack takes home from the local animal shelter a scruffy tomcat who not only talks but claims to be the reincarnation of Zack's Great-Grandpa Julius.

**Legend of Spud Murphy**
Colfer, Eoin
Call Letters: F Co  Pgs: 95  Lexile: 580
Brothers Will and Marty have been ordered to spend their summer at the library, under the supervision of the terrifying librarian, surrounded by row after row of books they're sure will bore them silly. Will the brothers figure out a way to survive a summer marooned on the carpet of Spud's children's section? Or will they discover a new interest that surprises even

**Little Wolf's Book of Badness (series)**
WhyBrow, Ian
Call Letters: F Wh  Pgs: 130  Lexile: 600
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.
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Field Guide (Book 1: Spiderwick Chronicles)
DiTerlizzi, Tony
Call Letters: F Di Pgs: 107 Lexile: 600
When the Grace children go to stay at their Great Aunt Lucinda's worn Victorian house, they discover a field guide to fairies and other creatures and begin to have some unusual experiences.

Bailey School Kids: Vampires Don't Wear Polka Dots (series)
Dadey, Debbie
Call Letters: BC Pgs: 78 Lexile: 600
Until Mrs. Jeepers, the third grade at Bailey Elementary School was hard to handle. No one ever dared make her mad--because whenever they did, the strangest things would happen.

Maze of Bones
Riordan, Rick
Call Letters: F Th Pgs: 220 Lexile: 610
Amy and Dan, members of the powerful Cahill family, try to uncover the 39 clues which will reveal what really happened to their parents.

Nightmare at the Book Fair
Gutman, Dan
Call Letters: F Gu Pgs: 230 Lexile: 610
On his way to lacrosse tryouts, the president of the PTA asks Trip Dinkelman to help her with the book fair, resulting in Trip sustaining a head injury which causes him temporary amnesia and makes for an interesting journey home.

Melvin Beederman: Terror in Tights (series)
Trine, Greg
Call Letters: BC Pgs: 138 Lexile: 610
Los Angeles superhero Melvin Beederman and Candace, his partner in "uncrime," find themselves on an adventure involving liquid bologna and country music after Melvin receives some mysterious, threatening e-mails.

Year Mom Won the Pennant (Matt Christopher series)
Christopher, Matt
Call Letters: F Ch Pgs: 129 Lexile: 610
The boys are all hesitant when one boy's mother is the only parent who volunteers to coach their Little League team, but there is quite a surprise in store for them.
Niagara Falls, Or Does It? (Book 1: Hank Zipzer)
Winkler, Henry
Call Letters: F Wi  Pgs: 133  Lexile: 610
When Hank Zipzer has to write an essay on what he did over the summer, he decides instead to "show" what he did.

Eggs
Spinelli, Jerry
Call Letters: F Sp  Pgs: 220  Lexile: 610
Mourning the loss of his mother, 9-year-old David forms an unlikely friendship with independent, quirky 13-year-old Primrose, as the two help each other deal with what is missing in their lives.

The Good, the Bad, and the Goofy (Time Warp Trio)
Scieszka, Jon
Call Letters: F Sc  Pgs: 70  Lexile: 620
The Time Warp Trio find themselves in the Wild West of yesteryear, rubbing elbows with cowboys and Indians.

Canned
Shearer, Alex
Call Letters: F Sh  Pgs: 237  Lexile: 630
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.

Lemonade War
Davies, Jacqueline
Call Letters: F Da  Pgs: 173  Lexile: 630
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.

How to Eat Fried Worms
Rockwell, Thomas
Call Letters: F Ro  Pgs: 115  Lexile: 650
Two boys set out to prove that worms can make a delicious meal.
Bobby vs. Girls (Accidently)
Yee, Lisa
Call Letters: F Ye Pgs: 170 Lexile: 650
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.

Mysterious Matter of I.M. Fine
Stanley, Diane
Call Letters: F St Pgs: 201 Lexile: 650
Noticing that a popular series of horror novels is having a bizarre effect on the behavior of its readers, Franny and Beamer set out to find the mysterious author.

Sheep
Hobbs, Valerie
Call Letters: F Ho Pgs: 115 Lexile: 660
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.

World According to Humphrey
Birney, Betty
Call Letters: F Bi Pgs: 124 Lexile: 670
Humphrey, pet hamster at Longfellow School, learns that he has an important role to play in helping his classmates and teacher.

Poppy (series)
Avi
Call Letters: F Av Pgs: 146 Lexile: 670
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.

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.

**Honus & Me: A Baseball Card Adventure (series)**
Gutman, Dan
Call Letters: F Gu  Pgs: 140  Lexile: 690
Joey, who loves baseball but is not very good at it, finds a valuable 1909 Honus Wagner card and travels back in time to meet Honus.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.
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**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.

**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.

**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.

**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."

**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.
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**Comic Book Kid**  
Osterweil, Adam  
Call Letters: F Os  Pgs: 151  Lexile: 740  
When they are given an unusual comic book that allows them to travel in time, twelve-year-old Brian hopes that he and his friend will be able to replace his father's valuable Superman comic that Brian had ruined years before.

**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.

**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.

**Big One-Oh**  
Pitchform, Dean  
Call Letters: F Pi  Pgs: 181  Lexile: 750  
Determined not to be weird all his life like his neighbor, Charley Maplewood decides to throw himself a 10th birthday party, complete with a "house of horrors" theme, but first he will have to make some friends to invite.

**Aurora County All-Stars**  
Wiles, Deborah  
Call Letters: F Wi  Pgs: 242  Lexile: 750  
Twelve-year-old House Jackson, team captain and star pitcher, is finally ready to play again after being sidelined for a year with a broken elbow, but a standoff ensues when the team's big game is scheduled for the same day as Aurora County's 200th anniversary pageant - an event directed by the very girl who caused his injury.

**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.
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.

Kickoff!
Barber, Tiki
Call Letters: F Ba  Pgs: 156  Lexile: 760
12-year-olds Tiki and Ronde tryout for the junior high footabll team and hope to not only get a spot but also to be a part of the starting lineup.

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.

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.

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.

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.
**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.

**Sun & Spoon**  
Henkes, Kevin  
Call Letters: F He  
Pgs: 135  
Lexile: 780  
After the death of his grandmother, 10-year-old Spoon observes the changes in his grandfather and tries to find the perfect artifact to preserve his memories of her.

**Phineas L. MacGuire...Erupts!**  
Dowell, Francis O'Roark  
Call Letters: F Do  
Pgs: 167  
Lexile: 810  
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.

**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.

**No Talking**  
Clements, Andrew  
Call Letters: F Cl  
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.

**Half Magic**  
Eager, Edward  
Call Letters: F Ea  
Pgs: 217  
Lexile: 830  
Four children looking forward to an ordinary summer enjoy a series of fantastic adventures by double-wishing on an ancient coin.
**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Dial-a-Ghost**
Ibbotson, Eva  
Call Letters: F Ib  Pgs: 195  Lexile: 850  
A family of nice ghosts protects a British orphan from the diabolical plans of his evil guardians.

**Ralph S. Mouse**
Cleary, Beverly  
Call Letters: F Cl  Pgs: 160  Lexile: 860  
Presents the further adventures of a motorcycle-riding mouse who goes to school and becomes the instigator of an investigation of rodents and the peacemaker for two lonely boys.
**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.

**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.

**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.

**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!

**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.

Comeback Kids: Hot Hand (series)
Lupica, Mike
Call Letters: F Lu   Pgs: 165   Lexile: 930
In the wake of his parents' separation, 10-year-old Billy seems to have continual conflicts with his father, who is also his basketball coach, but his quiet, younger brother Ben, a piano prodigy, is having even more trouble adjusting, and only Billy seems to notice.