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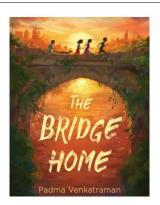
Sweep: The Story of a Girl and Her Monster by Jonathan Auxier, c2018 (IL: 5-8, RL: 4.5)

"Orphaned and alone, Nan Sparrow had no other choice but to work for a ruthless chimney sweep...When Nan gets stuck in a chimney fire, she fears the end has come. Instead, she wakes to find herself unharmed in an abandoned attic. And she is not alone. Huddled in the corner is a mysterious creature-a golem-made from soot and ash..., these two outcasts carve out a new life-saving each other in the process." - Pub.



The Wild Robot (Series: Wild Robot, Bk. 1) by Peter Brown, c2016 (IL: 3-6, RL: 5.1)

"Roz the robot discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island with no memory of where she is from or why she is there, and her only hope of survival is to try to learn about her new environment from the island's hostile inhabitants." - Follett



The Bridge Home

by Padma Venkatraman, c2019 (IL: 5-8, RL: 4.4) "Life is harsh in Chennai's teeming streets, so when runaway sisters Viji and Rukku arrive, their prospects look grim. Very quickly, eleven-year-old Viji discovers how vulnerable they are in this uncaring, dangerous world...with two homeless boys, Muthi and Arul, the group forms a family of sorts...But when illness strikes, Viji must decide whether to risk seeking help from strangers or to keep holding on to their fragile, hard-fought freedom." - Pub.



A Wolf Called Wander

by Rosanne Parry, c2019 (IL: 3-6, 4-6; RL: 4.4)

"A young wolf cub, separated from his pack, journeys 1000 miles across the Pacific Northwest, dealing with forest fires, hunters, highways, and hunger before finding a new home. Based on the true story of a wolf called OR-7." - Pub.

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A World Below

by Wesley King, c2018 (IL: 3-6, 5-8; RL: 5.9)

"Mr. Baker's eighth grade class thought they were in for a normal field trip to Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico, but their journey takes a terrifying turn when an earthquake hits and the students are plunged into a frigid underground lake, forcing them to fight for survival and find their way back above ground." - Follett



In the Red

by Christopher Swiedler, c2020 (IL: 5-7, 6 up; , RL: 5.3)

"Michael Prasad knows he shouldn't go out on the Mars surface alone. It's dangerous. His parents have forbidden it. And the anxiety he feels almost every time he puts on a spacesuit makes it nearly impossible for him to leave the safety of the colony. But when his best friend, Lilith, suggests they sneak out one night, he can't resist the chance to prove everyone—including himself—wrong." - Pub.



Dog Driven

by Terry Lynn Johnson, c2019 (IL: 5-8, RL: 5.0)

"... a riveting adventure about a musher who sets out to prove her impaired vision won't hold her back from competing in a rigorous sled race through the Canadian wilderness. Perfect for fans of Gary Paulsen." - Pub.



Refugee

by Alan Gratz, c2017 (IL: 5-8, 7-10; RL: 6.1)

"Although separated by continents and decades, Josef, a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany; Isabel, a Cuban girl trying to escape the riots and unrest plaguing her country in 1994; and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy in 2015 whose homeland is torn apart by violence and destruction, embark on harrowing journeys in search of refuge, discovering shocking connections that tie their stories together." - Follett

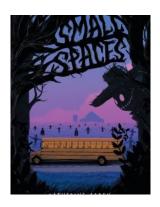
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The Whiz Mob and the Grenadine Kid by Colin Meloy, c2017 (IL: 5-8, RL: 6.2)

"It is an ordinary Tuesday morning in April when bored, lonely Charlie Fisher witnesses something incredible. Right before his eyes, in a busy square in Marseille, a group of pickpockets pulls off an amazing robbery. As the young bandits appear to melt into the crowd, Charlie realizes with a start that he himself was one of their marks." - Pub.



Small Spaces

by Katherine Arden, c2018 (IL: 5-8, RL: 4.1)

"After eleven-year-old Ollie's school bus mysteriously breaks down on a field trip, she has to take a trip through scary woods, and must use all of her wits to survive. She must stick to small spaces." - Pub.

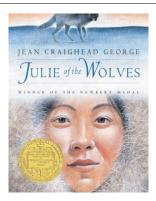
(Note: Sequel is Dead Voices.)



Overboard (Series: Survival Diaries)

by Terry-Lynn Johnson, c2017 (IL: 3-6, RL: 3.9)

"Eleven-year-old Travis and twelve-year-old Stacey, separated from their families after being thrown into the Atlantic off the coast of Washington, battle hypothermia as they struggle to survive. Includes Coast Guard-approved cold-water survival tips." - Follett



Julie of the Wolves

by Jean Craighead George, c1972 (IL: 5-8, RL: 5.8)

"While running away from home and an unwanted marriage, a thirteen-year-old Eskimo girl becomes lost on the North Slope of Alaska and is befriended by a wolf pack." - Follett

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Beautiful Blue World

by Suzanne Lafleur, c2017 (IL: 3-6, 5-8; RL: 4.0)

"Sofarende is at war and the army is paying families well to recruit children, so if twelve-year-old Mathilde or her best friend Megs is chosen, they hope to help their families but fear they will be separated forever." - Follett

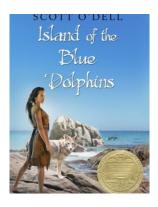
*Don't let the cover of this book deceive you about its theme and audience.



Lions and Liars

by Kate Beasley, c2018 (IL: 3-6, RL: 5.8)

"Fifth grade is off to a terrible start when Frederick is sent to a disciplinary camp for troublesome boys. His fellow troop mates--Nosebleed, Specs, The Professor, and little-yet-lethal Ant Bite--are terrifying. But in between trust-building exercises and midnight escape attempts, a tenuous friendship grows between them. Which is lucky, because a Category 5 hurricane is coming and everyone will have to work together—lions and fleas alike—to survive!" - Pub.



Island of the Blue Dolphins

by Scott O'Dell, c1988 (IL: 5-8, RL: 5.4)

"Records the courage and self-reliance of an [Indigenous] girl who lived alone for eighteen years on an isolated island off the California coast when her tribe emigrated and she was left behind." - Pub.

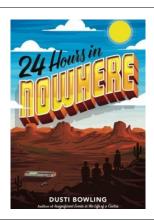


The Lion of Mars

by Jennifer L. Holm c2021 (IL: 3-6, 4-7; RL: 4.9)
"Bell has spent his whole life - all eleven years of it - on
Mars. But he's still just a regular kid - he loves cats, any
kind of cake, and is curious about the secrets the adults in
the US colony are keeping. Like, why don't have contact with
anyone on the other Mars colonies? Why are they so isolated? When a virus breaks out and the grown-ups all fall ill,
Bell and the other children are the only ones who can help.
It's up to Bell - a regular kid in a very different world - to
uncover the truth and save his family ... and possibly unite an
entire planet." - Pub.

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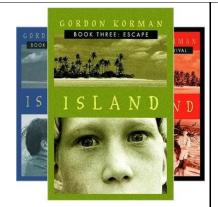
24 Hours in Nowhere

by Dusti Bowling, c2018 (IL: 3-6, 4-7, 5-7; RL: 4.2)

"Thirteen-year-old Gus, having been saved from the bullying of Bo Taylor by Rossi Scott who agreed to trade her dirt bike in exchange for Gus being left alone, agrees to go into Dead Frenchman Mine with Rossi and two other kids to find a piece of gold to buy the bike back; and, while on their adventure, the four bond over how hard life is in their small town of Nowhere, Arizona." - Follett

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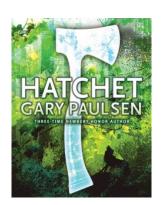


Series: Island

by Gordon Korman, c2001 (IL: 3-6, RL: 4.3-5.9)
"Six kids shipwrecked on an obscure Pacific island urgently need a plan to get home when they realize they are sharing their living space with a deadly group of smugglers..." - Follett

TitlesEscape

Shipwreck Survival



Series: Hatchet

by Gary Paulsen (Hatchet— IL: 4-7, RL: 5.7)

Titles:

Hatchet (1986) The River (1991) Brian's Winter (1996) Brian's Return (1999) Brian's Hunt (2003)