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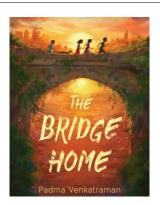
Sweep: The Story of a Girl and Her Monster by Jonathan Auxier, c2018 (IL: 5-8, RL: 4.5)

"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.

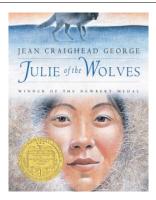
(Note: Sequel is Dead Voices.)



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

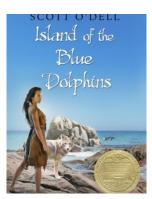
*Don't let the cover of this book deceive you about its theme and audience.



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.

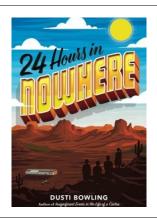


The Lion of Mars

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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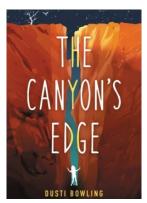
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24 Hours in Nowhere

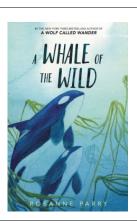
by Dusti Bowling, c2018 (IL: 3-6, 4-7, 5-7; RL: 4.2)

"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



The Canyon's Edge

by Dusti Bowling, c2020 (IL: 3-6, 4-7; RL: 4.8) "One year after a random shooting changed their family forever, Nora and her father are exploring a slot canyon deep in the Arizona desert, hoping it will help them find peace. Nora longs for things to go back to normal, like they were when her mother was still alive, while her father keeps them isolated in fear of other people. But when they reach the bottom of the canyon, the unthinkable happens: A flash flood rips across their path, sweeping away Nora's father and all of their supplies." - Pub.



A Whale of the Wild

by Rosanne Parry, c2020 (IL: 3-6, 4-7, 3-5; RL: 4.2)

"Vega, a young orca whale, lives with her pod in the Salish Sea. When a double tragedy strikes her family, and Vega and her little brother Deneb are separated from everyone they love, it's up to Vega to keep Deneb safe. Their journey is full of peril and wonder, and they encounter a giant octopus, strange killer whales, and packs of hunting sharks as they travel into the deep ocean. Will Vega be able to protect her brother and find her way home?" - Pub.



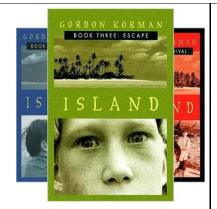
Clan

by Sigmund Brouwer, c2020 (IL: 3-6, 4+; RL: 5.5)

"When Atlatl brings Cub back to his Clan, it begins a series of events that end with Atlatl being banished—the worst possible punishment for any Clan member...But before the Clan can leave him behind, disaster strikes, and Atlatl has to rely on his wits, his ingenuity and his bravery to face the biggest foe yet and try to save what remains of his Clan." - Pub.

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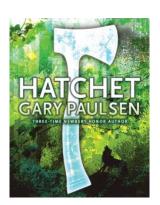


Series: Island

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

Titles

Escape 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)



Red Fox Road

by Frances Greenslade, c2020 (IL: 5-8, RL: 4.7)

"Francie and her parents are on a spring road trip: driving from British Columbia, Canada to hike in the Grand Canyon. When a shortcut leads them down an old logging road, disaster strikes...Francie can't help feeling a little excited—she'd often imagined how she'd survive if she got stranded in the bush, and now here they are. But will her survival skills—building fires, gathering dandelion leaves and fir needles for tea-be enough when hours stretch into days?" - Pub.



The World Ends in April

by Stacy McAnulty, c2019 (IL: 3-6, 3-7; RL: 4.2)

"When seventh-grader Eleanor reads an article online claiming that an asteroid will hit Earth in April, she starts an underground school club to prepare kids for the end of the world as we know it." - Pub.

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The Explorer

by Katherine Rundell, c2017 (IL: 3-6, 4-7, 5-8; RL: 4.6)

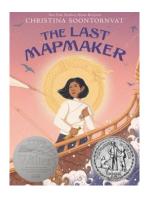
"Left stranded in the Amazon jungle when their plane crashes on their way back to England from Manaus, Brazil, four children struggle to survive for days until one of them finds a map that leads them to a ruined city and a secret hidden among the vines." - Follett



Alone

by Megan E. Freeman, c2021 (IL: 5-8, RL: 5.0)

"When twelve-year-old Maddie hatches a scheme for a secret sleepover with her two best friends, she ends up waking up to a nightmare. She's alone-left behind in a town that has been mysteriously evacuated and abandoned. With no one to rely on, no power, and no working phone lines or internet access, Maddie slowly learns to survive on her own." - Follett



The Last Map Maker

by Christina Soontornvat, c2022 (IL: 4-7, RL: 5.2)

"Joining an expedition to chart the southern seas, twelve-year-old mapmaker's assistant Sai, posing as a well-bred young lady with a glittering future, realizes she's not the only one on board harboring secrets when she discovers the ship's true destination." - Follett



Across the Desert

by Dusti Bowling, c2021 (IL: 5-7, RL: 4.2)

"While using a public library computer to find help for her mother who is addicted to pain medicine, twelveyear-old Jolene witnesses a friend's livestreamed crash-landing in the Arizona desert and embarks on a journey to rescue her." - Follett

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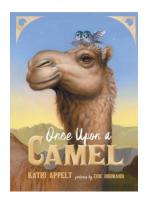
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Northwind

by Gary Paulsen, c2022 (IL: 5-7)

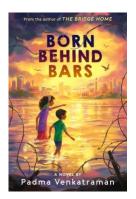
"When a deadly plague reaches the small fish camp where he lives, an orphan named Leif is forced to take to the water in a cedar canoe. He fled north, following a wild shore and riven fjord, sailing from one danger to another, uncertain of his destination. Yet the deeper he paddles into his journey, the closer he gets to his true self as he connects to the heartbeat of the ocean . . . the pulse of the sea." - Pub



Once Upon a Camel

by Kathi Appel, c2022 (IL: 4-7, RL: 5.6)

"Perfect for fans of The One and Only Ivan, this exquisite middle grade novel follows a creaky old camel out to save two baby kestrel chicks during a massive storm in the Texas desert." - Pub



Born Behind Bars

by Padma Venkatraman, c2023 (IL: 4-7, RL: 4.5)

"In Chennai, India, after spending his whole life in jail with his mother, who is serving time for a crime she did not commit, nine-year-old Kabir is suddenly released and has to figure out how to survive on his own in the outside world." - Follett

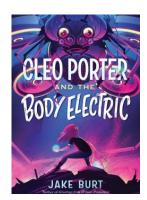


<u>Green Mountain Academy</u> by Frances Greenslade, c2022 (IL: 4-7, RL: 4.4)

"After a family trip turned disastrous...Francie is now back in British Columbia. People try to make things as "normal" as possible for her, but they don't understand that trying to be normal in your old life that's exploded is the worst feeling in the world. Luckily for Francie, the wilderness is still soothing, and an opportunity to attend the Green Mountain Academy, a tiny boarding school perched on the side of a mountain, seems perfect." - Pub

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Cleo and the Body Electric

by Jake Burt, c2020 (IL: 4-6, RL: 5.6)

"Like everyone else, twelve-year-old Cleo and her parents are sealed in an apartment without windows or doors. They never leave. They never get visitors. Thus, when they receive a package clearly meant for someone else--a package containing a substance critical for a stranger's survival--Cleo is stuck. As a surgeon-in training, she knows the clock is ticking. But people don't leave their units. Not ever. Until now." - Pub



Blue Mountain

by Martine Leavitt, c2014 (IL: 3-6)

"When the young Tuk is born on the mountain, life is simple for a young hemline. Run, jump and play with his bandmates, eat and get strong. But soon, it will be up to Tuk to lead the herd to a new mountain he has seen far to the west. It will be a long journey filled with dangers. Wolf, Bear, Wolverine, Puma and Man." - Pub



Iceberg

by Jennifer A. Nielsen, c2023 (IL: 4-7, RL: 6.4)

"Twelve-year-old Hazel Rothbury stows away aboard the Titanic and, with the help of a porter named Charlie and a first-class passenger named Sylvia, she sets out to explore the great ship, uncovering a haunting mystery-until the ship hits an iceberg and she must fight to save herself and her friends." - Pub



The Skeleton Tree

by Iain Lawrence, c2017 (IL: 5-7, RL: 4.8)

"Less than forty-eight hours after twelve-year-old Chris sets off on a sailing trip down the Alaskan coast with his uncle, their boat sinks. The only survivors are Chris and a boy named Frank, who hates Chris immediately. Chris and Frank have no radio, no flares, no food. Suddenly, they've got to forage, fish, and scavenge the shore for supplies. The boys have to get along if they want to survive." - Pub