

Genre: Action and Adventure

Bibliography

This kit contains a wide variety of individual titles that fit the genre category of “Action and Adventure.” The titles vary in their interest levels, reading levels, number of pages, themes etc., in order to provide students with “choice” in their reading for pleasure. Note that if more than one interest level (IL) is listed, the first is from the publisher. Publishers tend to rate titles for lower grade levels than reviewers.

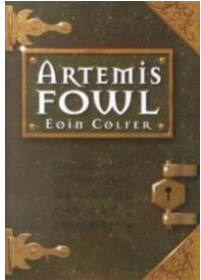
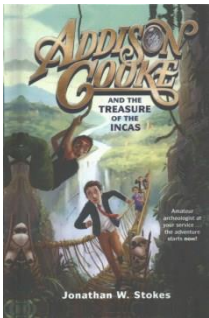

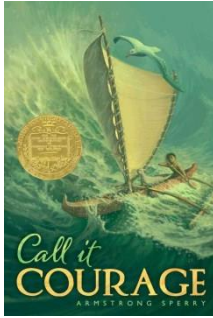
If you would like a second or third copy of a title, or more titles beyond what is in the kit, your Teacher-Librarian or Library Clerk will be able to help you find titles in your school’s collection, or interlibrary loan copies from other schools.

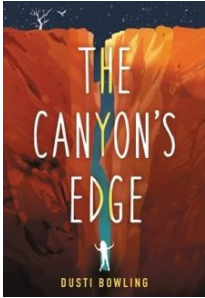
We hope that your students enjoy these titles and expand the genres that they regularly choose to read. A “Passport to Genres” activity, where students read one title from each genre, is one way to encourage this. If you have any questions about any of them, please feel free to contact me.

Joan

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Selected by Joan Pearce

	<p><u>Artemis Fowl</u> (<i>Artemis Fowl, Bk. 1</i>) by Eoin Colfer, c2001 (IL: 5-9, 6-8; RL: 5.5)</p> <p>“When a twelve-year-old evil genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll.” – <i>Follett</i></p>
	<p><u>Addison Cooke and the Treasure of the Incas</u> (<i>Addison Cooke, Bk. 1</i>) by Jonathan Stokes, c2016 (IL: 4-7; RL: 5.2)</p> <p>“After twelve-year-old Addison Cooke's uncle unearths ancient Incan secrets in Peru, he is kidnapped by a shadowy organization intent on stealing the treasure unless Addison and his friends can decipher the clues first.” - <i>Follett</i></p>
	<p><u>Alone</u> by Meghan Freeman, c2021, 2022 (IL: 5-8, 5+; RL: 4.7)</p> <p>“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.” – <i>Follett</i></p>
	<p><u>Call It Courage</u> by Armstrong Sperry, c1940, 1990 (IL: 4-7; RL: 6.2)</p> <p>Newberry Award winner. “Relates how Mafatu, a young Polynesian boy whose name means Stout Heart, overcomes his terrible fear of the sea and proves his courage to himself and his people.” – <i>Pub.</i></p>

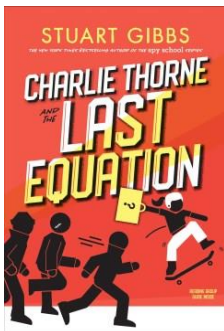


The Canyon's Edge

by Dusti Bowling, c2020, (IL: 5-7, RL: 4.8)

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“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. Suddenly, Nora finds herself lost and alone in the desert, facing dehydration, venomous scorpions, deadly snakes, and, worst of all, the Beast who has terrorized her dreams for the past year. If Nora is going to save herself and her father, she must conquer her fears, defeat the Beast, and find the courage to live her new life.” – *Pub.*



Charlie Thorne and the Last Equation (*Charlie Thorne, Bk. 1*)

by Stuart Gibbs c.2019, (IL: 5-8; RL: 6.1)

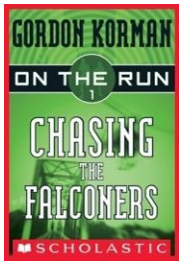
“Decades ago, Albert Einstein devised an equation that could benefit all life on earth--or destroy it. Fearing what would happen if the equation fell into the wrong hands, he hid it. But now, a diabolical group known as the Furies are closing in on its location. In desperation, a team of CIA agents drags Charlie into the hunt, needing her brilliance to find it first--even though this means placing her life in grave danger. In a breakneck adventure that spans the globe, Charlie must crack a complex code created by Einstein himself, struggle to survive in a world where no one can be trusted, and fight to keep the last equation safe once and for all.” – *Pub.*



Chase

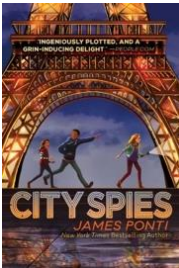
by Linwood Barclay c2019, (IL: 4-7; RL: 5.3)

"Twelve-year-old orphan Jeff becomes tangled up with Chipper, a dog fleeing from an organization that wants to bury the truth of what he is. It will be up to Chipper to keep them both alive." - *Follett*



Chasing the Falconers (*On the Run, Bk. 1*)
by Gordon Korman, c2013 (IL: 4-7; RL: 4.9)

“Aiden and Meg Falconer must escape from a juvenile detention center in order to prove their parents innocent of charges which would put them in jail for life.” – *Pub.*



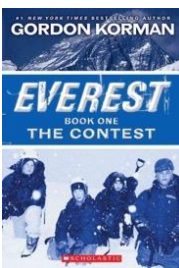
City Spies (*City Spies, Bk. 1*)
by James Ponti c.2020 (IL: 4-7; RL: 5.3)

“Five kids from around the globe. Home is a castle on the coast of Scotland. They attend an elite prep school, and just happen to be part of an experimental, off-the-books program run by Britain's MI6. They call themselves the City Spies because the only connections they maintain to their pasts are the codenames taken from their hometowns: Brooklyn, Paris, Sydney, Rio, and Kat (short for Kathmandu). This first story focuses on Sara Martinez, Brooklyn, who is a hacker. Before she knows what she's doing, Sara is helping to hack into a rival team's computer to prevent them from winning, dangling thirty feet off the side of a building in Paris, and trying to stop a villain from releasing a deadly virus into the air...” – *Pub.*



Clan
by Sigmund Brouwer c2021, (IL: 4-7; RL: 5.5)

“Part survival story, part animal-human friendship story and part redemption story, Clan follows the journey of Atlatl and the saber tooth cub he rescues from a dire wolf attack. Injured as a child, Atlatl dreams of one day earning his father's respect as a hunter. But when Atlatl brings the young saber tooth to his Clan, it leads to a devastating moment of torn loyalties between Atlatl and his father--a moment that will change their lives forever.” – *Pub.*



The Contest (*Everest, Bk. 1*)
by Gordon Korman, c2002 (IL: 4-7; RL: 5.1)

“Four kids. One mountain. They come from all across America to be the youngest kid ever to climb Everest. But only one will reach the top first. The competition is fierce. The preparation is intense. The challenge is breathtaking. When the final four reach the higher peaks, disaster strikes- and all that separates the living from the dead is chance, bravery, and action.” – *Pub.*



Dog Driven

by Terry Lynn Johnson c2019 (IL: 5-8; RL: 4.4)

"McKenna Barney is trying to hide her worsening eyesight and has been isolating herself for the last year. But at the request of her little sister, she signs up for a commemorative mail run race in the Canadian wilderness, a race she doesn't know if she can even see to run. Winning would mean getting her disease and her sister national media coverage, but it would also pit McKenna and her team of eight sled dogs against racers from across the globe for three days of shifting lake ice, owl attacks, snow squalls, and bitterly cold nights. A page-turning adventure about living with disability and surviving the wilderness, Dog Driven is the story of one girl's self-determination and the courage it takes to trust in others." – *Pub.*



Dog Squad

by Chris Grabenstein, c2021 (IL: 3-7, 3-5; RL: 4.1)

"Fred, a scrappy and lovable dog, gets cast as a stand-in for the lead role in Dog Squad, a show about crime-fighting dogs, and he soon finds out the action doesn't always stop on screen." – *Pub.*



Double Vision

by F.T. Bradley c2013 (IL: 3-7, 5-7; RL: 4.6)

"After a routine school field trip goes awry, Linc Baker is thrust into a world of intrigue and espionage, where a kid agent who looks exactly like him threatens to use powerful artifacts to control the world." - *Pub.*



Dragon Pearl

by Yoon Ha Lee c2019 (IL: 4-7, 5-8; RL: 7.0)

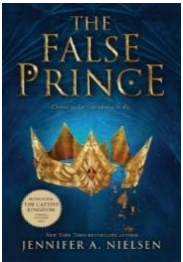
"Rick Riordan Presents. Min, a thirteen-year-old girl with fox-magic, stows away on a battle cruiser and impersonates a cadet in order to solve the mystery of what happened to her older brother in the Thousand World Space Forces." - *Follett*



Extreme Ice Adventure (*Jake Maddox*)

by Jake Maddox, c2020 (IL: 3-6; RL: 4.1)

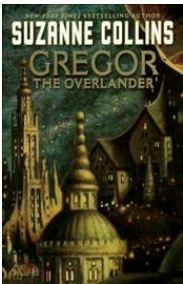
“Nita and Sohail are thrilled when they win scholarships to attend the Alaska Young Explorers program. But things take a turn when they're paired up on an expedition. The two make a misstep while hiking down a glacier and find themselves in dangerous territory.” – *Pub.*



The False Prince

by Jennifer A. Nielsen, c2012 (IL: 4-7, 5-8; RL: 5.1)

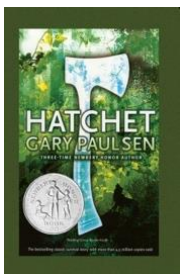
“In a discontent kingdom, civil war is brewing. To unify the divided people, Conner, a nobleman of the court, devises a cunning plan to find an impersonator of the king's long-lost son and install him as a puppet prince. Four orphans are recruited to compete for the role, including a defiant boy named Sage. Sage knows that Conner's motives are more than questionable, yet his life balances on a sword's point -- he must be chosen to play the prince or he will certainly be killed. But Sage's rivals have their own agendas as well...” – *Pub.*



Gregor the Overlander (*Underland Chronicles, Bk. 1*)

by Suzanne Collins c2011 (IL: 4-7, 4-8; RL: 4.8)

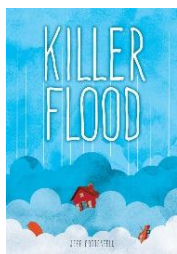
“When eleven-year-old Gregor and his two-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving humans, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy.” - *Pub*



Hatchet

by Gary Paulsen c1987 (IL: 5-9, 6-8; RL: 5.7)

“After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.” – *Pub.*



Killer Flood (*Red Rhino Hi Lo*)

by Jeff Gottesfeld, c2014 (IL: 4-7, RL: not above 1.5)

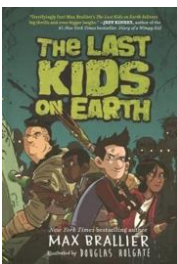
“Dan and Pete are excited to have a sleepover at Dan's house while their parents are away. Their excitement turns to fear when the dam breaks and a killer flood smashes through town. The boys decide to stay put until they realize that Dan's elderly neighbors may be in danger. When they reach the neighbors' house, they find one of them near death. His lifesaving medicine is under water, and his wife is too old to make her way to town to get more. Both boys brave the flood to go find help.” – *Pub.*



Last Gate of the Emperor

by Kwame Mbalia, c2021 (IL: 4-7, 5-7; RL: 5.0)

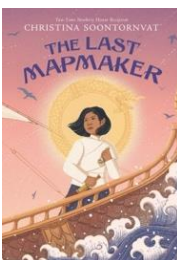
“Yared Heywat is a star player of the underground augmented reality game, The Hunt for Kaleb's Obelisk, but when city-razing monsters attack Addis Prime, he finds himself in the middle of a forgotten, galaxy-spanning war.” – *Pub.*



The Last Kids on Earth

by Max Brallier, c2015 (IL: 3-7, 3-6; RL: 4.1)

"After a monster apocalypse hits town, average thirteen-year-old Jack Sullivan builds a team of friends to help slay the eerily intelligent monster known as Blarg." – *Pub.*



The Last Mapmaker

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

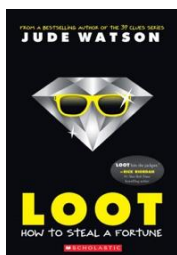
“Joining an expedition to chart the southern seas, twelve-year-old mapmaker's assistant Sai, posing as a well-bred young lady with a glittering future, realizes she's not the only one on board harboring secrets when she discovers the ship's true destination.” – *Pub.*



Lola Benko, Teasure Hunter

by Beth McMullen, c2020 (IL: 4-8, 6-9; RL: 6.8)

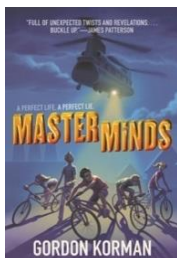
“Sent to a private school after multiple brushes with the law, twelve-year-old Lola Benko recruits classmates to help find her archaeologist father, who disappeared while seeking a powerful mythical stone.” - *Follett*



Loot: How to Steal a Fortune

by Jude Watson, c2015 (IL: 4-7; RL: 4.2)

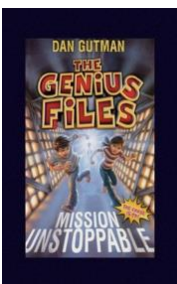
"When Alfie McQuinn, the notorious jewel thief, is killed on a job, his last words to his son, March, are to "find jewels" and this instruction leads the boy to Jules, the twin sister he never knew he had--and the perfect partner to carry on the family business." – *Pub.*



Masterminds (Masterminds, Bk. 1)

by Gordon Korman, c2015 (IL: 4-7, 5-8; RL: 5.2)

"A group of kids discovers they were cloned from the DNA of some of the greatest criminal masterminds in history for a sociological experiment." – *Pub.*



Mission Unstoppable (Genius Files, Bk. 1)

by Dan Gutman, c2011 (IL: 4-7, 5-8; RL: 4.8)

“On a cross-country vacation with their parents, twins Coke and Pepsi, soon to be thirteen, fend off strange assassins as they try to come to terms with their being part of a top-secret government organization known as The Genius Files.” – *Pub.*



Mrs. Smith's Spy School for Girls (Mrs. Smith's Spy School, Bk. 1)

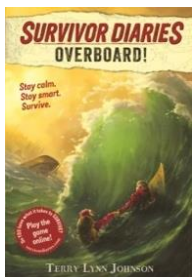
by Beth McMullen, c2018 (IL: 4-9; RL: 4.3)

“Twelve-year-old Abigail is shocked to discover her elite boarding school is really a cover for a huge spy ring and must undergo Spy Training 101 in order to save her mother, who happens to be the spy ring's top agent.” – *Pub.*



A New Beginning (*Ranger's Apprentice, Bk. 1*)
by John Flanagan, c2014 (IL: 5-8, 5-9; RL: 5.9)

"Will Treaty is a shell of his former self, and his first apprentice may be the only one who can save him." -*Pub.*



Overboard! (*Survivor Diaries*)
by Terry Lynn Johnson, c2017 (IL: 3-7, 3-5; 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." – *Pub.*



Randoms (*Randoms, Bk. 1*)
by David Liss, c2016 (IL: 5-8, 5-11; RL: 6.0)

"A twelve-year-old boy is chosen to join a four-person applicant team to work towards membership in the Confederation of United Planets, and stumbles across conspiracies resembling science fiction he's been a fan of his entire life." – *Pub.*



Red Fox Road
by Frances Greenslade, c2020 (IL: 5-9; RL: 4.7)

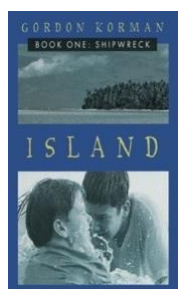
"Francie and her parents are on a spring road trip: driving from British Columbia, Canada, to hike in the Grand Canyon. When a shortcut leads them down an old logging road, disaster strikes. Their truck hits a rock and wipes out the oil pan. They are stuck in the middle of nowhere...will her survival skills--building fires, gathering dandelion leaves and fir needles for tea-be enough when hours stretch into days?" – *Pub.*



Seventh Grade Vs. The Galaxy

by Joshua Levy, c2019, 2021 (IL: 4-7, RL: 4.7)

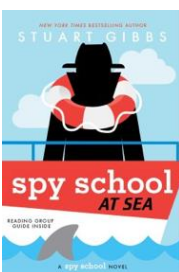
“PSS 118 is just your typical school--except that it's a rickety old spaceship orbiting Ganymede, a moon of Jupiter. Jack's dad used to be the science teacher, until he got fired for tinkering with the ship. Now Jack just wants to get through the last day of school without anything else going wrong. But when the school is mysteriously attacked, Jack discovers that his dad has built humanity's first light-speed engine--and given Jack control of it. To save the ship, Jack catapults it hundreds of light-years away . . . and right into the clutches of the first aliens humans have ever seen. School hasn't just gotten out: it's gone clear across the galaxy. And now it's up to Jack and his friends to get everyone home.” – *Pub.*



Shipwreck (Island, Bk. 1)

by Gordon Korman c2001 (IL: 4-7; RL: 5.9)

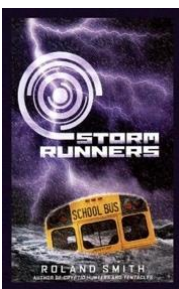
“Six children try to survive on a desert island in the Pacific Ocean after a storm destroys their boat.” – *Pub.*



Spy School at Sea (Spy School, Bk. 9)

by Stuart Gibbs c2022 (IL: 3-7, 5-8; RL: 6.9)

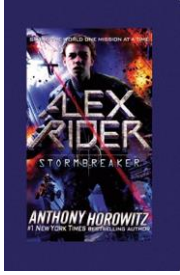
“While on a mission aboard the *The Emperor of the Seas*, Ben Ripley faces off against his arch enemy, Murray Hill, on the high seas and quickly finds himself in hot water as things take a dangerous turn.” – *Pub.*



Storm Runners (Storm Runners, Bk. 1)

by Roland Smith c2011 (IL: 4-7, 5-8; RL: 4.5)

“Twelve-year-old Chase Masters travels the country with his father, a "storm runner," but he is tested in ways he never could have imagined when he and a new friend are caught in a hurricane near St. Petersburg, Florida.” – *Pub.*



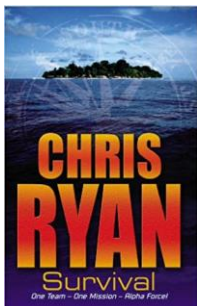
Stormbreaker (*Alex Rider Adventures, Bk. 1*)
by Anthony Horowitz c2000 (IL: 5-8, 6-9; RL: 5.5)

"After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider is coerced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI6." – *Pub.*



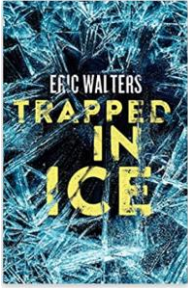
Stowaway (*Icarus Chronicles, Bk. 1*)
by John David Anderson c2021 (IL: 4-7; RL: 6.8)

"When scientists discover a rare and mysterious mineral buried in the Earth's crust, they have no idea that it just happens to be the most valuable substance in the entire universe. It's not long before aliens show up . . . offering a promise of protection, some fabulous new technology, and entry into their intergalactic coalition--all in exchange for this precious resource. A material so precious that other alien forces are willing to start a war over it. A war that soon makes its way to Earth. . . . His mother was killed in one such attack, and soon after, his father, a Coalition scientist, decides it would be best for them to leave Earth behind. It's on this expedition that their ship is attacked, Leo's father is kidnapped, and Leo and his brother are stranded in the middle of space. The only chance they have is for Leo to stow away on a strange ship of mercenary space pirates bound for who knows where and beg the captain to help him find his father. But the road is dangerous, and pirates, of course, only look out for themselves. Leo must decide who to trust as he tries to stay alive and save his family, even as he comes to understand that there aren't many people--human or alien--that he can count on in this brave new universe."- *Pub*



Survival
by Chris Ryan, c2003 (IL: 5-8, 6-9; RL: ?)

"Five kids: Alex, Li, Paulo, Hex and Amber bond on board a sailing ship. When they are marooned on a desert island, they must face the ultimate test -- survival! The team is born." – *Amazon.ca*



Trapped in Ice

by Eric Walters, c?, 2017 (IL: 5-8, RL: ?)

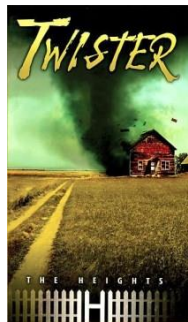
“The Canadian Arctic Expedition of 1913 is not meant for children, so it doesn't look like bookish Helen or her squirmy little brother, Michael, will be having any fun. To fight off the boredom, Helen plans to keep her nose in her favourite books. But on their way to the Arctic, the ocean freezes over early, catching the captain and crew by surprise. The boat becomes trapped in ice and everyone is forced to abandon ship before it sinks. It's a long and treacherous road to solid land and many dangers lie ahead. Helen could not have predicted that instead of reading about adventures, she would soon be living an extraordinary one of her own.” – *Amazon.ca*



Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky (*Tristan Strong, Bk. 1*)

by Kwame Mbalia c2019 (IL: 3-7, 4-8; RL: 4.8)

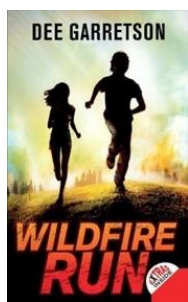
“Seventh-grader Tristan Strong tumbles into the MidPass and, with allies John Henry and Brer Rabbit, must entice the god Anansi to come out of hiding and seal the hole Tristan accidentally ripped in the sky.” – *Pub.*



Twister (*The Heights*)

by Mary Kate Doman, c2012 (IL: 4-8, RL: 2.0)

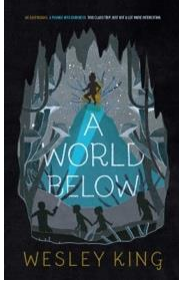
“After Rafael Silva is offered the opportunity to design a watering system for Plains, Kansas, he and his son, Antonio—who likes tornadoes—move into a rented farmhouse, but Antonio's interest in tornadoes changes when he experiences the real thing.” – *Pub.*



Wildfire Run

by Dee Garretson, c2011 (IL: 3-7, 4-7; RL 4.8)

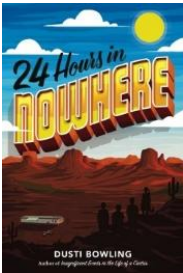
“A relaxing retreat to Camp David turns deadly after a faraway earthquake sets off a chain of disastrous events that trap the president's twelve-year-old son, Luke, and his two friends within the compound.” – *Follett*



A World Below

by Wesley King, c2019 (IL: 3-7, 5-8; RL: 6.0)

“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.” - *Pub*



24 Hours in Nowhere

by Dusti Bowling, c2018, 2020 (IL: 4-7, 5-7; RL: 4.2)

“Welcome to Nowhere, Arizona, the least livable town in the United States. For Gus, a bright 13-year-old with dreams of getting out and going to college, life there is made even worse by Bo Taylor, Nowhere's biggest, baddest bully. When Bo tries to force Gus to eat a dangerously spiny cactus, Rossi Scott, one of the best racers in Nowhere, comes to his rescue--but in return she has to give Bo her prized dirt bike. Determined to buy it back, Gus agrees to go searching for gold in Dead Frenchman Mine, joined by his old friends Jessie Navarro and Matthew Dufort, and Rossi herself. As they hunt for treasure, narrowly surviving everything from cave-ins to mountain lions, they bond over shared stories of how hard life in Nowhere is--and they realize this adventure just may be their way out.” – *Pub*.

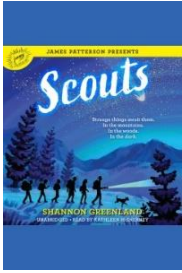
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Finn and the Intergalactic Lunchbox (*Finniverse, Bk. 1*)

by Michael Buckley, c2021 (IL: 4-7, RL: 4.6)

“Finn Foley has a lunchbox, and when he opens it, weird things come out . . . like a seven-foot-tall robot and a strange, blinking device that glues itself to his chest. The lunchbox also opens wormholes--shortcuts through space--that take Finn to the farthest corners of the galaxy. Sounds awesome, right? Not so much. Rocketing through the cosmos attracts the attention of the Plague, a race of gigantic bugs. The thing on Finn's chest belongs to them--it's the most dangerous weapon in the universe--and they want it back. To fight the Plague, Finn will need the lunchbox, as well as an unlikely squad of assistants: Lincoln, the bully; Julep, the coolest girl in school; Kate, Finn's unicorn-obsessed little sister; and Highbeam, a robot spy from another galaxy. If they can learn to work together...” - *Pub*.



Scouts

by Shannon Greenland, c2019 (IL: 4-7, RL: 6.3)

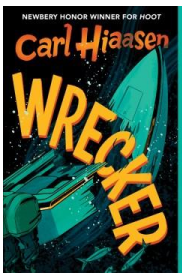
“Annie, Beans, Rocky, and Fynn are the Scouts--best friends who do *everything* together. It's 1985, and the summer before seventh grade is just beginning. The Scouts decide to secretly climb Old Man Basinger's silo to watch a meteor shower, and when one meteor seems to crash nearby, the Scouts know they have to set out on their next adventure and find it. But their fun overnight jaunt through the woods soon takes a turn for the worst when they discover a series of disturbing clues about the meteor--and suddenly find themselves on the run from the wild, violent Mason clan. Bonds are tested when new kids join their adventure and the group's true feelings are revealed. Will the Scouts survive this journey together--or will their unbreakable friendships prove vulnerable after all?” – *Pub.*



Percy Jackson and the Chalice of the Gods (*Percy Jackson and the Olympians, Bk. 6*)

by Rick Riordan

“After saving the world multiple times, Percy Jackson is hoping to have a normal senior year. Unfortunately, the gods aren't quite done with him. Percy will have to fulfill three quests in order to get the necessary three letters of recommendation from Mount Olympus for college. The first quest is to help Zeus's cup-bearer retrieve his goblet before it falls into the wrong hands. Can Percy, Grover, and Annabeth find it in time? Readers new to Percy Jackson (this book can be enjoyed as a standalone) and fans who have been awaiting this reunion for more than a decade will delight equally in this latest hilarious take on Greek mythology.” – *Pub.*



Wrecker

by Carl Hiaasen, c2023 (IL: Gr. 6-9, RL: 5.3)

“Valdez Jones VIII calls himself Wrecker because his great-great-great-great-great-grandfather salvaged shipwrecks for a living. So is it destiny, irony, or just bad luck when Wrecker comes across a speedboat that has run hard aground on a sand flat? The men in the boat don't want Wrecker to call for help--in fact, they'll pay him to forget he ever saw them. Wrecker would be happy to forget, but he keeps seeing these men all over Key West--at the marina, in the cemetery, even right outside his own door. And now they want more than his silence--they want a lookout. He'll have to dive deep into their shady dealings to figure out a way to escape *this* tangled net. . . .” – *Pub.*

