



# BOYS AND BOOKS

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The books on this list include children's books that will appeal to a wide range of ages and interests. Even boys who complain they can never find anything good to read should be able to find books they enjoy.

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## Books for Younger Boys



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### THE STRANGE CASE OF ORIGAMI YODA

By Tom Angleberger

**Call #:** JF Angleberger

Tommy and his friends describe their interactions with a paper finger puppet of Yoda, worn by their weird classmate Dwight, as they try to figure out whether or not the puppet can really predict the future.



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### NEVER GLUE YOUR FRIENDS TO CHAIRS

By Katherine Applegate

**Call #:** JF Applegate

When the 1<sup>st</sup> graders' bee antennae would not stay on their heads and the drummers would not stay in their seats for the open house play, Roscoe decides to help by using the "don't-you-dare" glue.



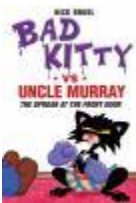
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### FERNO THE FIRE DRAGON

By Adam Blade

**Call #:** JF Blade

One boy's journey to help his village becomes a quest to save the kingdom. Strange things are happening in Tom's village. First, the horses were attacked. Then, the river dried up. Now, the last of three crops has mysteriously burned.



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### BAD KITTY VS. UNCLE MURRAY

By Nick Bruel

**Call #:** JF Bruel

Kitty's owners are taking a week off and leaving Kitty and Puppy at home with Uncle Murray. It isn't long before Uncle Murray is driven to near madness by shenanigans of epic proportions.





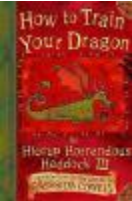
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## **YOUR BACKYARD IS WILD**

By Jeff Corwin

**Call #: JF Corwin**

As the son of a biologist and an ecologist, 9-year-old Benjamin looks forward to seeing man-made wonders while visiting his cousin in New York City, but also hopes to observe and record some of the wildlife there.



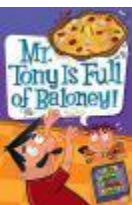
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## **HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON**

By Cressida Cowell

**Call #: JF Cowell**

Chronicles the adventures and misadventures of Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third as he tries to pass the important initiation test of his Viking clan, the Tribe of the Hairy Hooligans, by catching and training a dragon.



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## **MR. TONY IS FULL OF BALONEY**

By Dan Gutman

**Call #: JF Gutman**

The After School Kids' Care director wants to get into The Guinness Book of World Records and A. J. and the gang jump in to help him.



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## **SECRET AGENT JACK STALWART: ESCAPE OF THE DEADLY DINOSAUR**

By Elizabeth Singer Hunt

**Call #: JF Hunt**

Meet Jack Stalwart. Code name: COURAGE. Jack is an ordinary kid who becomes a secret agent by night, thwarting evil all over the world as he searches for his missing brother, Max.



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## **SWINDLE**

By Gordon Korman

**Call #: JF Korman**

After unscrupulous collector S. Wendell Palamino cons him out of a valuable baseball card, Griffin puts together a band of misfits to break into Palomino's heavily guarded store and steal the card back.



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## **RAYMOND AND GRAHAM: RULE THE SCHOOL**

By Mike Knudson

**Call #: JF Knudson**

Best friends Raymond and Graham have looked forward to being the "oldest, coolest, toughest" boys at East Millcreek Elementary School, but from the start of fourth grade everything goes wrong.





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## **SUPER BURP!**

By Nancy E. Krulik

**Call #: JF Krulik**

When George starts at a new school, he vows to become a model student instead of the class clown he has always been, but just as his plan is going really well, he is overtaken by a magic burp that turns him back into a mischief-maker.



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## **FLIGHT OF THE PHOENIX**

By R. L. La Fevers

**Call #: JF La Fevers**

In 1928, when timid 10-year-old Nate learns that his parents have been lost at sea, he joins his father's cousin on a flight to Arabia where they must oversee the death and rebirth of the phoenix, thus beginning his training as a "beastologist."



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## **ARCHVILLAIN**

By Barry Lyga

**Call #: JF Lyga**

Kyle Camden develops greater mental agility and superpowers during a plasma storm that also brings Mighty Mike, an alien, to the town of Bouring, but while each does what he thinks is best, Kyle is labeled a villain and Mike a hero.



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## **MUDSHARK**

By Gary Paulsen

**Call #: JF Paulsen**

Principal Wagner confidently deals with a faculty washroom crisis, a psychic parrot, and a terrorizing gerbil, but when 65 erasers go missing, he enlists the help of the school's best problem solver and locator of lost items, Lyle Williams, aka Mudshark.



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## **A LONG WAY FROM CHICAGO**

By Richard Peck

**Call #: JF Peck**

A boy recounts his annual summer trips to rural Illinois with his sister during the Great Depression to visit their larger-than-life grandmother.



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## **THE MOUNT RUSHMORE CALAMITY**

By Sara Pennypacker

**Call #: JF Pennypacker**

Hoping to escape the attention brought on by the accident that flattened Stanley, the Lambchop family drives to South Dakota, where they become involved in a wild west adventure at Mount Rushmore.



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## **THE MAZE OF BONES (39 CLUES)**

By Rick Riordan

**Call #: JF Riordan (Series Area)**

Mystery centers around the Cahills—the most powerful family the world has ever known. The source of its power is a mystery that can only be unraveled by assembling 39 clues that have been hidden around the world throughout history.





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## JURASSIC GRAMPA

By Kirk Scroggs

**Call #: JF Scroggs**

When the pet food supply of Gingham County becomes contaminated, Merle becomes a saber-toothed kitty, Lupe transforms into a hungry T. Rex, and Grampa goes caveman after eating a dino dookie doggy biscuit.



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## FRANKIE PICKLE AND THE CLOSET OF DOOM

By Eric Wight

**Call #: JF Wight**

Fourth-grader Frankie Piccolini has a vivid imagination when it comes to cleaning his disastrously messy room, but eventually even he decides that it is just too dirty.



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## BOBBY VS. GIRLS (ACCIDENTALLY)

By Lisa Yee

**Call #: JF Yee**

When Bobby inadvertently gets into a fight with his best friend Holly, their disagreement develops into a boys-versus-girls war involving their whole 4<sup>th</sup> grade class.

## Books for Older Boys



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## INVISIBLE LINES

By Mary Amato

**Call #: JF Amato**

Coming from a poor, single-parent family, 7<sup>th</sup> grader Trevor must rely on his intelligence, artistic ability, quick wit, and soccer prowess to win friends at his new school, but popular and rich Xander seems determined to cause him trouble.



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## THE CASE OF THE CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY

By Mac Barnett

**Call #: JF Barnett**

When 12-year-old Steve Brixton, a fan of Bailey Brothers detective novels, is mistaken for a real detective, he must elude librarians, police, and the mysterious Mr. E as he seeks a missing quilt containing coded information.



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## THE SEVEN WONDERS OF SASSAFRAS SPRINGS

By Betty Birney

**Call #: JF Birney**

Eben McAllister searches his small town to see if he can find anything comparable to the real Seven Wonders of the World.





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## THE HERO REVEALED

By William Boniface

**Call #: JF Boniface**

Ordinary Boy, the only resident of Superopolis without a superpower, uncovers and foils a sinister plot to destroy the town.



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## YOUNG SAMURAI: THE WAY OF THE WARRIOR

By Author

**Call #:**

Orphaned by a ninja pirate attack off the coast of Japan in 1611, Jack Fletcher is determined to prove himself, despite the bullying of fellow students, when the legendary sword master who rescued him begins training him as a samurai warrior.



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## GREGOR THE OVERLANDER

By Suzanne Collins

**Call #: JF Collins**

When 11-year-old Gregor and his 2-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving men, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy.



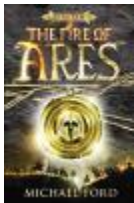
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## THE RUINS OF GORLAN

By John Flanagan

**Call #: JF Flanagan**

When 15-year-old Will is rejected by battleschool, he becomes the reluctant apprentice to the mysterious Ranger Halt, and winds up protecting the kingdom from danger.



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## THE FIRE OF ARES

By Michael Ford

**Call #: JF Ford**

When slaves rebel in ancient Sparta, Lysander, guarded by an amulet, the Fire of Ares, is caught between the Spartan ruling class, with whom he has been training as a warrior, and those among whom he was recently laboring as a slave.



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## TUNNELS

By Roderick Gordon

**Call #: JF Gordon**

When Will Burrows and his friend Chester embark on a quest to find Will's archaeologist father, who has inexplicably disappeared, they are led to a labyrinthine world underneath London, full of sinister inhabitants with evil intentions.



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## FOOTBALL GENIUS

By Tim Green

**Call #: JF Green**

Troy, a 6<sup>th</sup> grader with an unusual gift for predicting football plays before they occur, attempts to use his ability to help his favorite team, the Atlanta Falcons, but he must first prove himself to the coach and players.





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## THE GLITCH IN SLEEP

By John Hulme

**Call #:** JF Hulme

When Becker Drane is recruited by The Seems, a parallel universe that runs everything in The World, he must fix a disastrous glitch in the Department of Sleep that threatens the ability of everyone to ever fall asleep again.



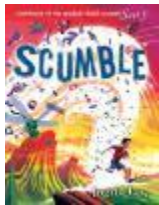
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## EREC REX: THE DRAGON'S EYE

By Kaza Kingsley

**Call #:** JF Kingsley

Twelve-year-old Erec Rex stumbles upon a world where magic has not been forgotten, and must survive the ultimate test in order to save the magical kingdom he was born to rule.



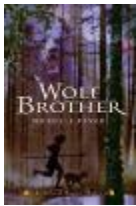
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## SCUMBLE

By Ingrid Law

**Call #:** JF Law

Mibs's cousin Ledge is disappointed to discover that his "savvy"--the magical power unique to each member of their family--is to make things fall apart, which endangers his uncle Autry's ranch and reveals the family secret to future reporter Sarah.



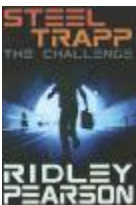
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## WOLF BROTHER

By Michelle Paver

**Call #:** JF Paver

6,000 years in the past, Tarak and his guide, a wolf cub, set out on a dangerous journey to fulfill an oath the boy made to his dying father—to travel to the Mountain of the World Spirit seeking a way to destroy a demon bear threatening the clans.



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## STEEL TRAPP: THE CHALLENGE

By Ridley Pearson

**Call #:** JF Pearson

On a two-day train trip to enter his invention in the National Science Competition in Washington, D.C., Steven "Steel" Trapp, possessor of a remarkable photographic memory, becomes embroiled in an international plot of kidnapping and bribery.



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## BIG NATE STRIKES AGAIN

By Lincoln Peirce

**Call #:** JF Peirce

Sixth-grader and self-proclaimed genius Nate faces his all-time enemy, Gina, when they are paired to work on a research paper together and she gets a position on his intramural team.



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## SASQUATCH

By Roland Smith

**Call #:** JF Smith

Thirteen-year-old Dylan follows his father into the woods on the slopes of Mount St. Helens in an attempt to protect the resident Sasquatch from ruthless hunters.





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## **DEMONS OF THE OCEAN**

By Justin Somper

**Call #: JF Somper**

When twins Connor and Grace's ship is wrecked in a storm and Connor is rescued by pirates, he believes that Grace has been taken aboard the mythical Vampire's ship, and he is determined to find her.



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## **H.I.V.E. : HIGHER INSTITUTE OF VILLIANOUS EDUCATION**

By Mark Walden

**Call #: JF Walden**

Swept away to a hidden academy for training budding evil geniuses, Otto, a brilliant orphan, Wing, a sensitive warrior, Laura, a shy computer specialist, and Shelby, an infamous jewel thief, plot to beat the odds and escape the prison known as H.I.V.E.



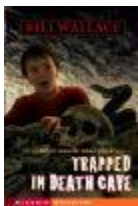
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## **WOLF PACK**

By Edo Van Belkom

**Call #: JF Van Belkom**

Fifteen years after being rescueded from a fire and taken in by a forest ranger, four teenage siblings must face kidnapping and possible exposure of their ability to change into wolves.



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## **TRAPPED IN DEATH CAVE**

By Bill Wallace

**Call #: JF Wallace**

A posthumous letter referring to buried treasure convinces Gary that his grandfather did not die a natural death and, with his friend Brian, he sets out to find both the treasure and his grandfather's killer.



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## **LEEPIKE RIDGE**

By N.D. Wilson

**Call #: JF Wilson**

While his mother continues to search for him, Tom, presumed dead after drifting away down a river, finds himself trapped in a series of underground caves with another survivor and a dog, and pursued by murderous treasure-hunters.