



Books About **REAL LIFE**

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You're the Star of Your Own Reality Show!

Realistic Fiction deals with kids caught up in real life situations trying to handle things as best as they can, whether it's dealing with a pesky younger brother, finding a dog, or the really big stuff, like living in a car.

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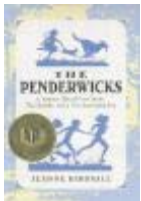
Ivy & Bean

By Annie Barrows 113p.

1st and up

Call #: JF Barrows

When seven-year-old Bean plays a mean trick on her sister, she finds unexpected support for her antics from Ivy, her new neighbor, who is less boring than Bean first suspected.



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The Penderwicks: a Summer Tale of Four Sisters

By Jeanne Birdsall 262p.

3rd and up

Call #: JF Birdsall

While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshire Mountains, four sisters, ages four through twelve, share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother.



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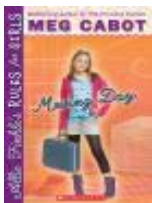
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing

By Judy Blume 120p.

3rd and up

Call #: JF Blume

Peter's two-year old brother, Fudge, is very cute but also a big troublemaker.



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Moving Day (Allie Finkle series)

By Meg Cabot 228p.

4th and up

Call #: JF Cabot

Allie Finkle has rules for everything , but her world is turned upside-down when she learns that her family is moving across town, which will mean a new house, school, best friend, and plenty of new rules.



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Ramona the Pest

By Beverly Cleary 211p.

3rd and up

Call #: JF Cleary

Ramona is off to kindergarten, and it's the greatest day of her life. So why is she sitting on the bench while the rest of the students play the game gray duck? There's always a laugh when Ramona is around.






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Frindle

By Andrew Clements 105p.

3rd and up 

Call #: JF Clements

Trying to irritate his teacher, a fifth-grade boy invents a new word for pen: "frindle." Soon, the whole country is using it.



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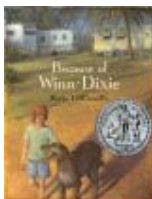
Love That Dog

By Sharon Creech 86p.

3rd and up

Call #: JF Creech

Jack hates poetry until he studies it in his 4th-grade class, he then discovers he can write poetry, plus tell everyone about his dog and meet his favorite poet.



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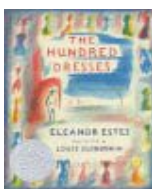
Because of Winn-Dixie

By Kate DiCamillo 182 p.

3rd and up 

Call #: JF DiCamillo

Ten-year-old India describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.



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The Hundred Dresses

By Eleanor Estes 80p.

1st and up 

Call #: JF Estes


Wanda tells her class that she has 100 dresses in her closet even though she wears the same old, blue dress every day. Everyone laughs at her until the children get a surprise when they visit her home.



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Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key

By Jack Gantos 153p.

3rd and up 

Call #: JF Gantos


Joey's a mess. He can't sit still, he can't follow rules, can't pay attention, especially when his meds aren't working. And when his meds are off, Joey is totally wired. But he's still a good kid who wants to be good.



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Pictures of Hollis Woods

By Patricia Reilly Giff 166p.

4th and up 

Call #: JF Giff

A twelve-year-old orphan, staying with an elderly artist who needs her, remembers the only other time she was happy in a foster home, with a family that truly seemed to care about her.



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The Homework Machine

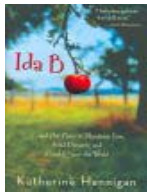
By Dan Gutman 146p.

3rd and up 

Call #: JF Gutman

Four fifth-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.





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Ida B.: --and Her Plans to Maximize Fun, Avoid Disaster and (Possibly) Save the World

By Katherine Hannigan 246p.

4th and up



Call #: JF Hannigan

Ida B spends happy hours being home-schooled and playing in her family's apple orchard, until her mother gets sick and her parents must sell part of the orchard and send her to public school.



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Flush

By Carl Hiassen 263p.

4th and up



Call #: JF Hiassen

Noah helps his dad prove that the casino boat owner is dumping sewage water into the ocean.



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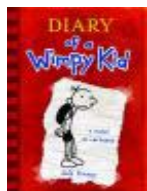
Middle School Is Worse Than Meatloaf

By Jennifer L. Holm 128p.

4th and up

Call #: JF Holm

The first year of middle school can be exciting, or scary, just ask Ginny.



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Diary of a Wimpy Kid

By Jeff Kinney 217p.

4th and up



Call #: JF Kinney

Greg, a 6th grade weakling, and his friend, Rowley, are outnumbered by the jocks and popular kids, but that doesn't keep them from teasing the high school bullies on Halloween. Course his grandmother's house gets TP...



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No More Dead Dogs

By Gordon Korman 180p.

5th and up

Call #: JF Korman

Wallace Wallace, star football hero, is sentenced to detention and must attend rehearsals of the school play where he becomes wrapped up in the production and ends up as the "star" director of the play.



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Rules

By Cynthia Lord 200 p.

4th and up



Call #: JF Lord

12-year old Catherine just wants a normal life, but that's near impossible when she has to babysit her autistic brother. But things change for her when she meets a boy in a wheelchair who can't talk, and they become best friends.



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Eleven

By Lauren Myracle

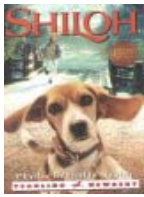
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Call #: JF Myracle

The year between turning eleven and turning twelve brings many changes for Winnie and her friends.






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Shiloh

By Phyllis Reynolds Naylor 137p.

3rd and up 

Call #: JF Naylor Award Book Area

When he finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his home, Marty tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner, a mean-spirited man known to mistreat his dogs.



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How to Steal a Dog

By Barbara O'Connor 170p.

5th and up

Call #: JF O'Connor

Georgina might be homeless, but she's not helpless so when she comes up with the idea of stealing a dog so she can get the \$500 reward money for her mom. She not only has to find a dog but also has to struggle with her conscience about what's right and wrong.



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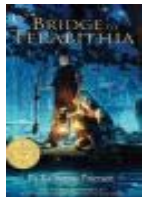
Junie B. Jones and the Stupid Smelly Bus

By Barbara Park 69p.

1st and up 

Call #: JF Park


In her own words, five-year-old Junie describes her feelings about starting kindergarten and what she does when she decides not to ride the bus home.



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Bridge to Terabithia

By Katherine Paterson 163p.

3rd and up 

Call #: JF Paterson Award Book Area


The life of a ten-year-old boy in rural Virginia expands when he becomes friends with a newcomer who has a tragic accident while trying to reach their hideaway, Terabithia, during a storm.



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Lawn Boy

By Gary Paulsen 88p.

5th and up 

Call #: JF Paulsen


Things get out of hand for a twelve-year-old boy when a neighbor convinces him to expand his summer lawn mowing business.



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Clementine

By Sarah Pennypacker 136p.

2nd and up 

Call #: JF Pennypacker

While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.



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Bystander

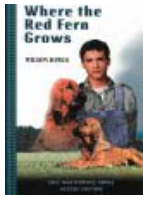
By James Preller 226p.

5th and up

Call #: JF Preller

Eric discovers there are consequences to not standing by and watching as the bully at his new school hurts people, but although school officials are aware of the problem, Eric may be the only one who knows how to handle the bully.






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Where the Red Fern Grows

By Wilson Rawls 212p.

5th and up 

Call #: JF Rawls


A young boy living in the Ozarks gets his dream when he becomes the owner of two redbone hounds and teaches them to be champion hunters.



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Emma-Jean Lazarus Fell Out of a Tree

By Lauren Tarshis 199p.

4th and up 

Call #: JF Tarshis


The quirky and utterly logical Emma-Jean discovers some interesting results when she gets involved in the messy everyday lives of her friends.



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A Crooked Kind of Perfect

By Linda Urban 213p.

3rd and up 

Call #: JF Urban

Zoe who longs to play the piano but must resign herself to learning the organ instead, and finds that her music has a positive impact on her workaholic mother, her jittery father, and her school social life.