

J O'Dell

Agnes Parker...Girl in Progress

Being 11 definitely makes her a girl in progress. Agnes may even be regressing when she needs glasses. But they allow her to see the cute new boy in class, so it can't be all bad, can it? Girls identify with Agnes's trials and triumphs in sixth grade.

J DuPrau.

The City of Ember

An underground city surviving on stored supplies and a failing generator stretch the imagination as Lina and Doon lead a suspenseful and exciting search for a new world that might not exist but offers the only hope for their community.

J San Souci

Dare to Be Scared: Thirteen Stories to Chill and Thrill

Between the black end papers are 13 dark tales for readers who love to be scared. Corpses from graves, Caribbean frights, and evil spirits wait on every page to frighten kids and to punish those who deserve it most.

J Opper

Firewing

In this installment, the third in a series of books about bats, young Griffin is lured into the underworld from which he must escape quickly before he dies. Will his father be able to save Griffin and defeat their deadly foe?

J 811.54 Woodson

Locomotion

At age 7, Lonnie's life changed forever. Now he is 11 and, thanks to Ms. Marcus, he has learned to put his feelings and life story on paper. Readers are captivated by Lonnie's poems, which reveal his determination to make life better.

J Yee

Millicent Min, Girl Genius

Millicent Min is 11 and a genius. Her high school classmates hate her for doing so well on tests; her mother has volunteered her services as a tutor for the summer. Could life get any worse? The diary entry format of the book forms an intimate bond with readers.

J Van Draanen

Sammy Keyes and the Art of Deception

Sammy Keyes's latest adventure begins with an assigned art report. During her research, this seventh grade sleuth gets a kiss, visits a gallery, meets the artists, foils a heist, exposes a fraud, and discovers her own definition of art.

J McDonald

The Sisters Club

Stevie, Alex, and Joey are the sole members of the Sisters Club. Together they survive school, a crazy family life, and being sisters.

YA Fic Horowitz

Skeleton Key

Alex Rider is on another adventure in the world of spies. He must save the free world from a devastating nuclear weapon. Join Alex as he solves the mystery of Skeleton Key and fights the forces of evil.

J Kehret

Spy Cat

A series of burglaries in their quiet community upsets Alex's family, particularly his younger brother Benjie, but the bad guys are no match for the very protective family cat and Benjie's "spy" skills.

J Child

Utterly Me, Clarice Bean

Clarice and her friends get help from their favorite book character and child detective, Ruby Redfort, to solve a class mystery and enter a literature contest. Hilarious entries from Clarice's journals make her, and her observations, irresistible.

J Dowell

Where I'd Like to Be

Maddie just wants to find a permanent home and live with a family. She meets a new girl named Murphy who challenges Maddie's ideas of what a home and family are.