



RECOMMENDED FICTION FOURTH - SIXTH GRADE

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Dorko the Magnificent by Andrea Beaty

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Doll Bones by Holly Black

Zach, Alice, and Poppy, friends from a Pennsylvania middle school who have long enjoyed acting out imaginary adventures with dolls and action figures, embark on a real-life quest to Ohio to bury a doll made from the ashes of a dead girl.

Jack the Castaway by Lisa Doan

Upon the death of his Aunt Julia, twelve-year-old Jack is whisked by his scheming and dreaming parents from Pennsylvania to a small Caribbean island, Compano, and soon finds himself alone on a deserted island.

Mountain Dog by Margarita Engle

When his mother is sent to jail in Los Angeles, eleven-year-old Tony goes to live with his forest ranger great-uncle in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, where Tony experiences unconditional love for the first time through his friendship with a rescue dog.

The Familiars by Adam J. Epstein

When a scrappy alley cat named Aldwyn passes himself off as a magical animal companion to Jack, a young wizard in training, Aldwyn and his fellow "familiars," a know-it-all blue jay and bumbling tree frog, must save the kingdom after the evil queen of Vastia kidnaps Jack and two other wizards.

Operation Bunny by Sally Gardner

When Emily Vole inherits an abandoned shop, it is up to her to battle a fairy-snatching witch and get to the bottom of Operation Bunny.

Absolutely Almost by Lisa Graff

Ten-year-old Albie has never been the smartest, tallest, best at gym, greatest artist, or most musical in his class, as his parents keep reminding him, but new nanny Calista helps him uncover his strengths and take pride in himself.

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Geeks, Girls, and Secret Identities by Mike Jung

Twelve-year-old Vincent and his fellow members of the Captain Stupendous Fan Club help out when someone new becomes Earth's most famous superhero, without knowing anything about him, just as evil Professor Mayhem and his robot arrive in Copperplate City.

The Adventures of a South Pole Pig by Chris Kurtz

Flora the pig ditches the sedentary life on the farm for an adventure in Antarctica, where she escapes the knife and lives her dream of pulling a sled with a team of dogs

The Summer Experiment by Cathie Pelletier

A boring summer vacation turns unexpectedly interesting when mysterious lights appear over Roberta's hometown in northern Maine. Roberta is convinced she and her best friend Marillee can win the Maine State Science Fair if only they can find an amazing project to showcase. Communicating with aliens would certainly do the trick.

Nick and Tesla's High-Voltage Danger Lab by Bob Pflugfelder

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Saving Kabul Corner by N.H. Senzai

Twelve-year-old Ariana, a tomboy, and her ladylike cousin Laila, recently arrived from Afghanistan, do not get along but they pull together when a rival Afghani grocery store opens, rekindling an old family feud and threatening their family's livelihood.

The Menagerie by Tui Sutherland and Kari Sutherland

Six griffin cubs escape from a menagerie of mythical creatures and it is up to Logan and Zoe to find them and figure out who is trying to sabotage the Menagerie.

Screaming at the Ump by Audrey Vernick

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