

Adventure Stories

For 3rd – 5th grade

Swift by Robert J. Blake

E BLA



Beautiful pictures illustrate this exciting story of a wounded and dangerous grizzly bear that follows Johnnie and his dog Swift as they travel through the icy cold Alaskan wilderness to find help for Johnnie's injured Pa.

I, Matthew Henson by Carole Boston Weatherford

J 910.911 WEA

Matthew Henson was not meant to lead an ordinary life. He had many dreams. No amount of fear, cold, hunger or injustice could keep him from tasting adventure and exploring the world.

The Secret Zoo by Bryan Chick

JP CHI

Noah and Megan live next to a zoo and have a club called Adventure Scouts. When Megan mysteriously disappears, Noah and fellow scouts Ella and Richie set out to rescue Megan. They eventually find themselves in a world called the City of Species where animals have special talents and can understand what the kids are saying.

Life and Crimes of Bernetta Wallflower

by Lisa Graff

J GRA

Bernetta loses her private school scholarship after she is implicated in a cheating and blackmail scam by her "best friend." Bernie spends the summer conning people to get the \$9,000 in tuition money she needs and to get revenge.

Swindle by Gordon Korman

J KOR

After finding a rare Babe Ruth baseball card, Griffin is tricked out of the card by a mean card collector. Griffin puts together a team of friends who work together to get "his" card back.

Toys Go Out by Emily Jenkins

J JEN

Have you ever wondered what your toys do when you aren't looking? Plastic, StingRay and Lumphy survive washing machines, birthdays, show-and-tell and the beach, and live to tell about it in this funny, silly adventure.

The Daring Adventures of Penhaligon Brush

by S. Jones Rogan

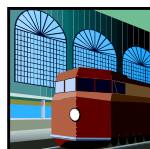
J ROG

Penhaligon Brush sets out on an adventure to foil the evil wildcat Sir Derek and his ferret army's dark plans before they sink the princess's ship. Will Penhaligon and his allies be able to rescue her in time?

Pappy's Handkerchief by Devin Scillian

J SCI

Young Moses and his family embark on the adventure of a lifetime when they leave Baltimore and a life of poverty to stake a claim for free farmland in Oklahoma in 1889. But danger and hardship follow them. It's up to Moses to bring their story to a happy ending. Beautiful pictures accompany the text.



Invention of Hugo Cabret

by Brian Selznick

J SEL

Hugo encounters fantastic adventure as he tries to finish his father's work and stay alive in the walls of a Paris train station.

Kaya's Escape: A Survival Story

by Janet Shaw

J SHA, JP SHA

Kaya and Speaking Rain are captured and taken to an enemy's camp. Determined to escape, Kaya struggles to make it home through the bitter winter weather without supplies. Will she make it?

Hugo Pepper by Paul Stewart & Chris Riddell

J STE

A boy, orphaned and raised in the Frozen North by reindeer herders, boards his birth parents' sled and sets a special compass to "Home," where he uncovers a plot that threatens his mermaid godmothers & other friends.

Wingwalker by Rosemary Wells

J WEL

Reuben is afraid of flying. When his father takes an unusual and adventurous job during the great depression, Reuben must face his fears.

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Action & Adventure

For 6th – 8th grade

The Ransom of Mercy Carter

by Caroline B. Cooney

J COO

In a 1704 English settlement in Massachusetts, Mercy, her family and her neighbors are captured by Mohawk Indians and their French allies. They are forced to march through bitter cold to Canada, where some adapt to new lives and some still hope to be ransomed.

Overboard by Elizabeth Fama

J FAM

Emily is tired of Indonesia. When her uncle invites her to visit him in Sumatra, she hops the first ferry out without telling her parents. When the ferry starts to sink, Emily must overcome the waves and water to see her family again.

Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson

J IBB, AUDIO TAPE JF IBB

Maia is being sent from England to live with her cousins in Brazil. She is excited about exploring the wilds of the Amazon, but nervous about meeting her relatives. What will they be like? Will she have any friends? Can she survive in the jungle?

Journal of Brian Doyle by Jim Murphy

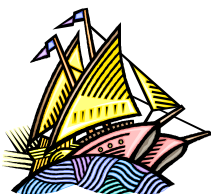
J MUR

In this 1874 survival adventure set in the brutal cold of the far north, young Brian Doyle runs away from home and joins a crew on a whaling ship. This is based on true stories left in journals by young whalers during the time in history when the United States was one of the world's greatest killer of whales.

Lost at Sea by Jonathan Neale

J NEA

In this intense adventure at sea, a brother and sister use every bit of strength and sailing skill to save themselves, the rest of their family, and their sailboat during a ferocious storm.



East by Edith Pattou

J PAT

Rose thought she was born of the East until she finds out she is actually a North-born baby, and therefore, prone to be wild. One day a white bear insists that Rose travel with him to his castle to save her sick sister. She soon discovers a terrible secret about the bear, beginning a journey of self-discovery and purpose.

The Kingdom Keepers: Disney after Dark

by Ridley Pearson

J PEA

Five teens are hired by Disney World to be hologram projection guides. The new technology has unexpected effects, resulting in the teens being transported to Disney World while sleeping. Soon they discover they need to work together to save Disney World from Maleficent and others.

The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

J RIO, AUDIO TAPE JF RIO

Percy has really bad luck in school. Just last week, his algebra teacher turned into a monster! That's when Percy finds out that he is actually the son of a Greek god. He and his new friends are thrust into an amazing cross-country adventure to clear his name and find out the meaning of loyalty.

Dead in the Water by Robin Stevenson

JP STE

Olivia and Simon, sailing students, get curious about a nearby cabin cruiser. They discover the people aboard the cabin cruiser are abalone poachers who won't let a couple of kids get in their way.

The Mysterious Benedict Society

by Trenton Lee Stewart

J STE

Are you a gifted child looking for special opportunities? After being trained by Mr. Benedict, four gifted children form the Mysterious Benedict Society use their individual talents & abilities to stop a criminal mastermind from taking over the world.

Hurricane by Terry Trueman

J TRU

Hurricane Mitch, the worst storm in the Caribbean in 200 years, hits Jose's village. His father, brother and sister are missing and his house is only one of two surviving buildings. Everything is buried in mud and dead bodies are everywhere. Food and water are scarce. Jose must help not only his family, but the whole village.



STORM: The Infinity Code by E.L. Young

J YOU

STORM is an organization formed by three brainiac kids. They want to change the world for the better in this gadget-packed, high-adrenaline adventure.

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