

REALISTIC FICTION

GRADES 3 & up

- young boy while trying to reach a secret hideaway during a storm (128p).
- J/PAU The Island by Gary Paulsen. A 15 year old boy leaves lives by himself on an island near home. (202p).
- J/PEC Strays Like Us by Richard Peck. When her drug-addict mom can't take care of her, a 12 year old girl stays with her great aunt and realizes others feel like she does as well (155p).
- J/PRY Toenails, Tonsils, and Tornadoes by Bonnie Pryor. Fourth-grade Martin suffers through a visiting aunt and being a middle child (166p).
- J/ROB Best School Year Ever by Barabara Robinson. The six horrible Herdmans cause trouble throughout the school year (117p).
- J/SCH The Secret Circle by Dona Schenker. A 6th grade girl at a new school must decide if joining an exclusive club is worth betraying a friend (154p).
- J/SPI Crash by Jerry Spinelli. A 7th grade football player learns about friendship and family from a Quaker Boy (162p).
- J/VAI Daring to be Abigail by Rachel Vail. Eleven year old Abigail learns about herself and others at camp (128p).
- J/VOI Bad Girls by Cynthia Voigt. Two fifth-grade friends get into a lot of trouble at school. Read the sequel, Bad, Badder, Baddest (277p).
- J/WAL Making Up Megaboy by Virginia Walter. Could happen anywhere. Told from different points of view so you can try to find out who was shot and why (62p).
- J/YAR The Shimmershine Queens by Camille Yarbrough. Two fifth grade African-American girls try to encourage dreams from a less than beautiful environment (142p).
- J/YUM The Friends by Kazumi Yumoto. Boys are curious about death (170p).
- J/BAW Granny the Pag by Nina Bawden. A girl fights to stay with her unusual grandmother (184p).
- J/BEC My Sister, My Science Report by Margaret Bechard. Tess becomes friends with her nerdy science partner, and they study her sister (102p).
- J/BEL Members of the Club by Sandra Belton. Two African-American girls in the 1950's start a new year with sleepovers, clubs, and new friends (161p).
- J/BLU Fudge books by Judy Blume. A wild family vacation and life with a crazy but normal young boy (approx .147p).
- J/BUC The Berry-Picking Man by Jane Buchanan. Meggie resents spending time with a strange old man who calls her mother for rides, but when Christmas finds him in the hospital, she knows what she must do (87p).
- J/CAR The Callahan Cousins: Summer Begins by Elizabeth D. Carey. Four girl cousins spend summer vacation together with their grandmother on Gull Island (260p).
- J/CLE Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary. Leigh writes to his favorite author about his problems at home and at school (133p).
- J/CLE Strider by Beverly Cleary. In a diary, Leigh writes about his parents' divorce, the track team, and his dog (179p).
- J/CLE Frindle by Andrew Clements. When he decides to turn his 5th grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, Nick invents a word which begins a chain of events beyond his control (105p).
- J/CON Crazy Lady by Jane Leslie Conly. A boy befriends the neighborhood outcasts (180p).
- J/DAN P.S. Longer Letter Later by Ann Martin & Paula Danziger. Two 12 year olds write to each other when one moves away and they see their lives change. The

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- two authors wrote to each other as the two different characters to write this book (234p).
- J/FEN Yolanda's Genius by Carol Fenner. A fifth grade girl wants to prove her brother is a musical genius (211p).
- J/FIN Flour Babies by Anne Fine. A class is required to take care of "babies" in the form of flour sacks (178p).
- J/FIN Step by Wicked Step by Anne Fine. Five kids, their parents problems, and the effects on them. (138p).
- J/FLE Seedfolks by Paul Fleischman. Slowly, people of different backgrounds and age groups help beautify a vacant lot in their neighborhood, which helps to transform their lives (69p).
- J/FOX Radiance Descending by Paula Fox. An 11 year old boy resents the attention his brother with Downs Syndrome receives (101p).
- J/FRI Mallory vs. Max by Laurie B. Friedman. Eight-year-old Mallory feels left out when her older brother, Max, gets a dog that becomes the center of attention (159p).
- J/HAL The Truth About Sparrows by Marian Hale. Sadie promises that she will always be Wilma's best friend, but Sadie learns that she must try to make a new home and friends after she moves (260p).
- J/HEN Olive's Ocean by Kevin Henkes. On a visit to her grandmother's cottage, Martha gains perspective on many things (217p).
- J/HEN Sun & Spoon by Kevin Henkes. A 10 year old tries to find something to remember his grandmother (135p).
- J/HEN The Zebra Wall by Kevin Henkes. An aunt comes to stay in Aldine's room, when her mom has a new baby (147p).
- J/HES Just Juice by Karen Hesse. Nine year old Juice decides that she must return to school and learn to read to help her family (138p).
- J/HON Twilight in Grace Falls by Natalie Honeycutt. An 11 year old girl watches her family and friends deal with a lumber mill closing (180p).
- J/HUR Class President by Joanna Hurwitz. Julio hides his own desires to be leader and helps someone else run for class president (85p).
- J/JOR Lost Goat Lane by Rosa Jordan. Two families living near one another overcome their suspicions of each other and find ways to work together (197p).
- J/LEE If it Hadn't been for Yoon Jun by Marie G. Lee. A 7th grader tries to avoid the new Korean student, but soon learns to be his friend and to appreciate her own Korean background (128p).
- J/LOR My Palace of Leaves in Sarajevo by Marybeth Lorbiecki. In 1991, ten-year-old Nadja begins writing to her cousin in Minnesota, and over the next four years, her letters reveal the horrors of war in Sarajevo (53p).
- J/MCK Dog Friday by Hilary McKay. A 10 year old boy is determined to keep the dog he finds from being impounded (133p).
- J/MOR Secret Letters from 0 to 10 by Susie Morgenstern. A 10 year old boy lives a boring life with his grandmother until a lively girl enters his class (137p).
- J/MYR Eleven by Lauren Myracle. The year between turning eleven and turning twelve bring many changes for Winnie and her friends (201p).
- J/NAY Alice books by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor. Follow young Alice through the different years of her life, with friendship, family, and boys (180p).
- J/NAY Shiloh books by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor. Three books about a boy trying to save a dog from his mean owner.
- J/NYE Habibi by Naomi Shihab Nye. A 14 year old girl moves to Jerusalem, where her father was born, with her family, where they face many changes (259p).
- J/OCO Me and Rupert Goody by Barbara O'Connor. Eleven-year-old Jennalee is jealous when a man arrives in her Smoky Mountains community and claims to be the son of Jennalee's only friend (105p).
- J/PAR Mick Harte was Here by Barbara Park. Thirteen year old Phoebe recalls her younger brother's death in a bike accident (89p).
- J/PAT Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson. Something terrible happens to a