

5th and 6th Grade Books

Small Spaces | Katherine Arden - After eleven-year-old Ollie's school bus mysteriously breaks down on a field trip, she must take a trip through scary woods, and must use all of her wits to survive. She must stick to small spaces. **Level Q** (*scary, fantasy*)

Sweep : the story of a girl and her monster | Jonathan Auxier - In nineteenth-century England, after her father's disappearance Nan Sparrow, ten, works as a "climbing boy," aiding chimney sweeps, but when her most treasured possessions end up in a fireplace, she unwittingly creates a golem. **Level R** (*historical fiction, fantasy*)

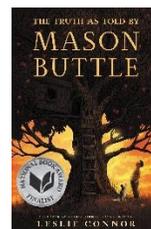
The Jumbies series | Tracey Baptiste - #1 The Jumbies, #2 Rise of the Jumbies Eleven-year-old Corinne must call on her courage and an ancient magic to stop an evil spirit and save her island home. **Level R** (*scary, fantasy*)



Unicorn Quest series | Kamilla Benko - #1 The Unicorn Quest, #2 Secret in the Stone In an antique-filled mansion, sisters Claire and Sophie find a ladder to the magical land of Arden, where wraiths roam freely, unicorns have disappeared, and the guilds of magic no longer trust each other. **Level T** (*fantasy, adventure*)

#2 **Aru Shah and the Song of Death** Pandava series | Roshani Chokshi - Accused of stealing the god of love's bow and arrow, Aru has ten days to find the real thief or risk being kicked out of the Otherworld. **Level Q** (*adventure, Hindu mythology*)

The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle | Leslie Connor - As he grieves his best friend Benny's death, Mason and his friend Calvin, who are targeted by the neighborhood bullies, create an underground haven for themselves, but when Calvin goes missing Mason finds himself in trouble. **Level P** (*realistic fiction, mystery*)

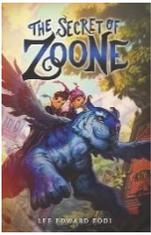


Kiranmala and the Kingdom Beyond series | Sayantani DasGupta - #1 The Serpent's Secret, #2 Game of Stars, #3 The Chaos Curse comes out in March 2020! Kiranmala considered herself an ordinary sixth-grader in Parsippany, New Jersey, but then her parents disappear and a drooling rakkhosh demon shows up in her kitchen, and soon she is swept into another dimension, full of magic, winged horses, talking birds, and somehow Kiranmala needs to sort it all out, find her parents, and basically save the world. **Level T / Level V** (*fantasy, adventure*)

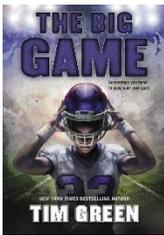
Blended | Sharon M. Draper - Piano-prodigy Isabella, eleven, whose black father and white mother struggle to share custody, never feels whole, especially as racial tensions affect her school, her parents both become engaged, and she and her stepbrother are stopped by police. **Level P** (*realistic fiction, family*)

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The Secret of Zoone | Lee Edward Födi - When a bright blue winged tiger appears on his aunt's sofa, Ozzie can tell he's in for an adventure. He's thrilled to follow Tug--a skyger--through a secret door in the basement and into Zoone, the bustling Grand Central Station of the universe, where a thousand doors act as portals to strange and wonderful worlds. When the portal back to Earth explodes behind him, Ozzie gets more adventure than he bargained for. Ozzie has to find a way to repair his door... and possibly save the multiverse in the process. **Level P** (*fantasy, adventure*)



Focused | Alyson Gerber - Twelve-year-old Clea wants to do her homework, follow instructions, pay attention in school, and play chess on the school team, but somehow she cannot focus on whatever is in front of her, and the other kids at school are starting to notice; when her worried parents take her to be tested she finds out that she has ADHD (only without the hyperactivity)--and with help from the psychiatrist who seems to really understand her she is determined to learn how to focus. **Level R** (*realistic fiction*)



The Big Game | Tim Green - Danny Owens is dedicating his seventh-grade football season to his recently-deceased father, an NFL legend, but the pressure to succeed is magnified by his inability to read. **Level S** (*realistic fiction, sports*)

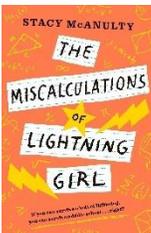
Dragon Pearl | Yoon Ha Lee - Min, a thirteen-year-old girl with fox-magic, stows away on a battle cruiser and impersonates a cadet to solve the mystery of what happened to her older brother in the Thousand World Space Forces. **Level V** (*science fiction, fantasy*)

HomeTeam Novels series | Mike Lupica - #1 The Only Game - Sixth grade is supposed to be the year that Jack Callahan would lead his team to the Little League World Series, but after the death of his brother he loses interest in baseball and only Cassie, star of the girls' softball team, seems to understand. #2 The Extra Yard, #3 Point Guard, #4 Team Players - A girl with Asperger's joins Cassie's softball team but not everyone on the team welcomes her, creating a rift between Cassie and her teammates. **Level T** (*sports, realistic fiction*)

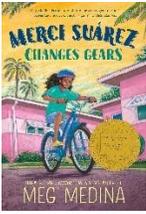
Tight | Torrey Maldonado - After his quick-tempered father gets in a fight and is sent back to jail, sixth-grader Bryan, known for being quiet and thoughtful, snaps and follows new friend Mike into trouble. **Level O** (*realistic fiction*)



The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl | Stacy McAnulty - A lightning strike made Lucy, twelve, a math genius but, after years of homeschooling, her grandmother enrolls her in middle school and she learns that life is more than numbers. **Level W** (*realistic fiction, friendship*)



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Merci Suárez Changes Gears | Meg Medina - Merci Suárez begins the sixth grade and knows things will change, but she did not count on her grandfather acting strangely, not fitting in at her private school, and dealing with Edna Santos' jealousy. **Level R** (*realistic fiction, family*)

Breakout | Kate Messner - From multiple perspectives, tells of a time capsule project and the middle schoolers who contribute, including future journalist Nora Tucker and newcomer Elidee Jones, whose brother is in the local prison. **Level T** (*realistic fiction, mystery*)

#1 **Spirit Hunters** series | Ellen Oh #2 **The Island of Monsters** - The Raine family's new house may be haunted and may be causing Michael Raine to act out in strange ways, but his sister Harper has a strong feeling of déjà vu and she thinks recovering her repressed memories will somehow help her brother. **Level R** (*ghost, mystery*)

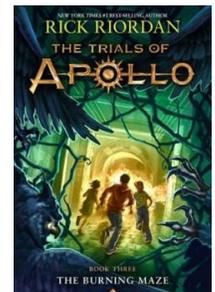
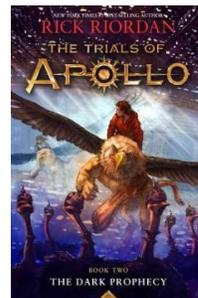
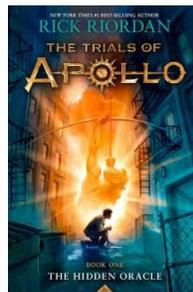
#1 **Dactyl Hill Squad** series | Daniel José Older #2 **Freedom Fire** - It is the summer of 1863, and as the Civil War rages between dinosaur-mounted armies down south, and a tense New York City seems on the brink of exploding into riots, Magdalys Roca and the other children at the Colored Orphan Asylum are trying to survive; but when she receives a letter telling her that her brother Montez was wounded, Magdalys knows that somehow she must reach him--and just possibly her ability to communicate telepathically with dinosaurs may come in handy. **Level T** (*historical fiction, fantasy*)



Katt vs. Dogg | James Patterson and Chris Grabenstein - A Dogg family and a Katt family are spending their vacations at Western Frontier Park fighting with each other when a youngster from each family becomes lost in the dangerous forest. **Level Q** (*animals, adventure*)

Ghost Boys | Jewell Parker Rhodes - After seventh-grader Jerome is shot by a white police officer, he observes the aftermath of his death and meets the ghosts of other fallen black boys including historical figure Emmett Till. **Level V** (*realistic fiction, historical fiction*)

Trials of Apollo series | Rick Riordan - #1 **The Hidden Oracle**, #2 **The Dark Prophecy**, #3 **The Burning Maze**, #4 **The Tyrant's Tomb** comes out in September 2019! The Trials of Apollo is a five-book quest, fantasy, and mythological adventure that collectively form a sequel to the Heroes of Olympus series. It is set in the same world as other Riordan tales, and references characters and happenings from earlier series. This series follows Apollo, who has been turned into a human as punishment from Zeus, and his journey at Camp Half-Blood. **Level T** (*fantasy, mythology*)



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We're Not From Here | Geoff Rodkey - Imagine being forced to move to a new planet where YOU are the alien! The first time I heard about Planet Choom, we'd been on Mars for almost a year. But life on the Mars station was grim, and since Earth was no longer an option (we may have blown it up), it was time to find a new home. That's how we ended up on Choom with the Zhuri. They're very smart. They also look like giant mosquitos. The Zhuri don't like us. And if humankind is going to survive, it's up to my family to change their minds. No pressure. **Level P** (*science fiction, humor*)

Amal Unbound | Aisha Saeed - In Pakistan, Amal holds onto her dream of being a teacher even after becoming an indentured servant to pay off her family's debt to the wealthy and corrupt Khan family. **Level P** (*realistic fiction*)

City of Ghosts | Victoria Schwab - Ever since her near-fatal drowning, Cassidy has been able to pull back the "Veil" that separates the living from the dead and see ghosts, not that she wants to, and she was really looking forward to a ghost-free summer at the beach; however her parents are going to start filming a TV series about the world's most haunted places, starting with Edinburgh with its graveyards, castles, and restless phantoms--and Cass and her personal ghost companion, Jacob, are about to find out that a city of old ghosts can be a very dangerous place indeed. **Level R** (*ghosts, fantasy*)



Harbor Me | Jacqueline Woodson - When six students are chosen to participate in a weekly talk with no adults allowed, they discover that when they're together, it's safe to share the hopes and fears they have to hide from the rest of the world. **Level P** (*friendship, realistic fiction*)



Front Desk | Kelly Yang - Recent immigrants from China and desperate for work and money, ten-year-old Mia Tang's parents take a job managing a rundown motel in Southern California, even though the owner, Mr. Yao is a nasty skinflint who exploits them; while her mother (who was an engineer in China) does the cleaning, Mia works the front desk and tries to cope with demanding customers and other recent immigrants--not to mention being only one of two Chinese in her fifth grade class, the other being Mr. Yao's son, Jason. **Level R** (*realistic fiction, family*)