

BEST OF 2015-2016 GRADES 4 & 5

MESMERIZED: HOW BEN FRANKLIN SOLVED A MYSTERY THAT BAFFLED ALL OF FRANCE

By Mara Rockliff

J FICTION PICTURE ROCKLIFF

Discover how Benjamin Franklin's scientific method challenged Dr. Mesmer's mysterious powers.



SUNNY SIDE UP

By Jennifer L. Holm, Matthew Holm

J GRAPHIC HOLM

Follows kids whose older brothers' delinquent behavior has thrown their families into chaos.



ROLLER GIRL

By Victoria Jameison

J GRAPHIC JAMEISON

A graphic novel about a girl who discovers roller derby right as she and her best friend are growing apart.



LOST IN NYC: A SUBWAY ADVENTURE

By Art Spiegelman

J GRAPHIC SPIEGELMAN

After getting separated from his class during an outing to the Empire State Building, Pablo, the new kid in school, learns to navigate the New York City subway as well as his own feelings towards making new friends and living in a big city.

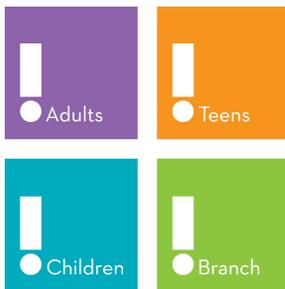


ADA BYRON LOVELACE AND THE THINKING MACHINE

By Laura Wallmark

JB LOVELACE

The story of Ada Byron Lovelace, from her early creative fascination with math and science to the ground-breaking algorithm she wrote for Charles Babbage's analytical engine.



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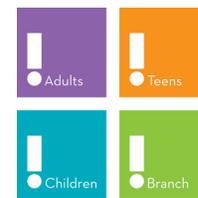
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THE 50 STATES: EXPLORE THE USA WITH 50 FACT-FILLED MAPS!

By Gabrielle Balkan

J 973B

Be inspired by the inventiveness, beauty and diversity of the United States in this colorful collection of fact-filled maps. Explore thousands of locations and be awed by the achievements of hundreds of people who helped make America what it is today.



SOAR

By Joan Bauer

J FICTION BAUER

Moving to Hillcrest, Ohio, when his adoptive father accepts a temporary job, twelve-year-old Jeremiah, a heart transplant recipient, has sixty days to find a baseball team to coach.



CIRCUS MIRANDUS

By Cassie Beasley

J FICTION BEASLEY

When he realizes that his grandfather's stories of an enchanted circus are true, Micah Tuttle sets out to find the mysterious Circus Mirandus--and to use its magic to save his grandfather's life.



BOOK SCAVENGER

By Jennifer Chambliss Bertman

J FICTION BERTMAN

Just after 12-year-old Emily moves to San Francisco, she teams up with a new friend to follow clues in an odd book they find, hoping to figure out its secrets before the men who attacked Emily's hero, solve the mystery or come after the friends.



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THE WAR THAT SAVED MY LIFE

By Kimberly Bradley
J FICTION BRADLEY



A disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother.

THE INN BETWEEN

By Marina Cohen
J FICTION COHEN



During a long trip, best friends Quinn and Kara explore the strange goings-on at a remote Nevada inn when Kara's family stops for the night.

SUMMERLOST

By Allie Condie
J FICTION CONDIE



Following the sudden deaths of her dad and autistic younger brother, Cedar spends the summer working at a Shakespearean festival with a new friend, and coming to terms with her grief.

ALL RISE FOR THE HONORABLE PERRY T. COOK

By Leslie Connor
J FICTION CONNOR



Perry was born and raised by his mom at the Blue River Co-ed Correctional Facility. His mom is a resident on Cell Block C, and the Warden has made it possible for them to be together, until a new district attorney finds out and Perry is moved into a foster home.

MR. LEMONCELLO'S LIBRARY OLYMPICS

By Chris Grabenstein
J FICTION GRABENSTEIN



Mr. Lemoncello has invited teams from all over to compete in the first ever LIBRARY OLYMPICS... but someone is trying to censor what the kids are reading.

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FISH IN A TREE

By Lynda Mullaly Hunt
J FICTION HUNT



Ally's greatest fear is that everyone will find out she is as dumb as they think she is because she still doesn't know how to read.

THE THING ABOUT JELLYFISH

By Ali Benjamin
J FICTION BENJAMIN



Twelve-year-old Suzy Swanson wades through her intense grief over the loss of her best friend by investigating the rare jellyfish she is convinced was responsible for her friend's death.

THE CURIOUS WORLD OF CALPURNIA TATE

By Jacqueline Kelly
J FICTION KELLY



A spirited, inquisitive girl shares both her love for science and animals and her thoughts about family relationships and the effects of traumatic historical events.

PIPPA MORGAN'S DIARY

By Anne Kelsey
J FICTION KELSEY



When Pippa tells a small lie to impress her best friend, she is entered into the school talent show even though she cannot sing at all.

A HANDFUL OF STARS

By Cynthia Lord
J FICTION LORD



Lily meets Salma, a Hispanic girl whose migrant family are in Maine for the blueberry-picking season, and the two forge a friendship.

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ALL THE ANSWERS

By Kate Messner
J FICTION MESSNER



Ava finds an old pencil in a junk drawer and discovers during a math test, that it will answer factual questions. Ava grows in self-confidence until the pencil reveals a truth about her family that Ava would rather not know.

THE SEVENTH MOST IMPORTANT THING

By Shelley Pearsall
J FICTION PEARSALL



In 1963, Arthur is sentenced to community service helping the neighborhood Junk Man after he throws a brick at the old man's head in a moment of rage, but the junk he collects might be more important than he suspects.

PAX

By Sara Pennypacker
J FICTION PENNYPACKER



Pax and Peter have been inseparable ever since Peter rescued him as a kit. But one day, the unimaginable happens: Peter's dad enlists in the military and makes him return the fox to the wild.

FINDING FORTUNE

By Delia Ray
J FICTION RAY



Ren, a runaway, finds an unusual boarding house in a nearby ghost town where she meets some interesting people and learns of a forgotten treasure.

HONEY

By Sarah Weeks
J FICTION WEEKS



When she suspects that her father has a girlfriend, Melody is determined to figure out who it is and why it is a secret.