

ROBES & ROBOTS

SCI-FI & FANTASY FOR GRADES 4 & 5

WHEN YOU REACH ME (Sci-Fi)

By Rebecca Stead

J FICTION STEAD



As her mother prepares to be a contestant on the 1970s television game show, “The \$20,000 Pyramid,” a twelve-year-old New York City girl tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source that seems to defy the laws of time and space.

THE BOOKS OF BEGINNING, BOOK 1:

THE EMERALD ATLAS (FANTASY)

By John Stephens

J FICTION STEPHENS



Kate, Michael, and Emma have passed from one orphanage to another in the ten years since their parents disappeared to protect them, but now they learn that they have special powers, a prophesied quest to find a magical book, and a fearsome enemy.

THE FORBIDDEN LIBRARY, BOOK 1 (FANTASY)

By Django Wexler

J FICTION WEXLER



When her father is lost at sea shortly after meeting a very unusual visitor, Alice must leave her home to live with an “uncle” whose rural Pennsylvania estate includes a massive and mysterious library that holds much more than books.

THICKETY, BOOK 1 (FANTASY)

By J.A. White

J FICTION WHITE



When twelve-year-old Kara discovers her mother’s grimoire in the dangerous forest, she must decide if she’ll use it, even though such magic is forbidden.



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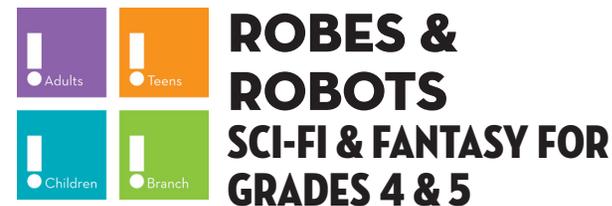
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ZITA THE SPACEGIRL (Sci-Fi)

By Ben Hatke

J GRAPHIC HATKE



When young Zita discovers a device that opens a portal to another place, and her best friend is abducted, she is compelled to set out on a strange journey from star to star in order to get back home.

GIRL WHO DRANK THE MOON (FANTASY)

By Kelly Barnhill

J FICTION BARNHILL



Every year, the elders of the Protectorate sacrifice a baby to appease an evil witch. Xan, the witch in question, actually rescues each baby and finds families for them. One time, however, Xan accidentally feeds moonlight to the baby, which fills her with magic. Xan thereupon adopts her, names her Luna, and raises her with the help of a swamp monster and a tiny dragon.

JINX, BOOK 1 (FANTASY)

By Sage Blackwood

J FICTION BLACKWOOD



A young boy named Jinx encounters magic and danger as he grows up in the deep, dark forest known as the Urwald and discovers that the world beyond--and within--the Urwald is more complex than he could imagine.

WILD ROBOT (Sci-Fi)

By Peter Brown

J FICTION BROWN



Roz the robot discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island with no memory of where she is from or why she is there, and her only hope of survival is to try to learn about her new environment from the island’s hostile inhabitants.

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UNDERLAND CHRONICLES, BOOK 1:

GREGOR THE OVERLANDER (FANTASY)

By Suzanne Collins

J FICTION COLLINS



When 11-year-old Gregor and his 2-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving men, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by an ancient prophecy.

BOOKS OF EMBER, BOOK 1:

THE CITY OF EMBER (SCI-FI)

By Jean DuPrau

J FICTION DUPRAU



In the year 241, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.

HALF-MAGIC (FANTASY)

By Edward Eager

J FICTION EAGER



Faced with a dull summer in the city, Jane, Mark, Katharine, and Martha suddenly find themselves involved in a series of extraordinary adventures after Jane discovers an ordinary-looking coin that seems to grant wishes.

LAST DAY ON MARS (SCI-FI)

By Kevin Emerson

J FICTION EMERSON



While waiting to leave Mars before it burns up just like the Earth before it, Liam and his friend Phoebe discover some facts about time and space and realize that the human race is just one of the races trying to survive in space.

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THE GIVER (Sci-Fi)

By Lois Lowry

J FICTION LOWRY



Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives.

THE UNWANTEDS, BOOK 1 (SCI-FI/FANTASY)

By Lisa McMann

J FICTION MCMANN



In a society that purges thirteen-year-olds who are creative, identical twins Aaron and Alex are separated, one to attend University while the other, supposedly Eliminated, finds himself in a wondrous place where youths hone their abilities and learn magic.

NICK & TESLA'S HIGH-DANGER VOLTAGE LAB, BOOK 1 (SCI-FI)

By Bob Pflugfelder

J FICTION PFLUGFELDER



Nick and Tesla are bright 11-year-old siblings with a knack for science, electronics, and getting into trouble. When their parents mysteriously vanish, they're sent to live with their Uncle Newt, a brilliant inventor who engineers top-secret gadgets for a classified government agency.

GEORGE'S SECRET KEY TO THE UNIVERSE (SCI-FI)

By Lucy Hawking

J FICTION HAWKING



Follows the adventures of a young boy and his neighbor friend as they travel through a computer portal into outer space, where they explore such mysteries as black holes and the origins of the universe, while trying to evade an evil scientist.

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SONG OF THE LIONESSE, BOOK 1: ALANNA, THE FIRST ADVENTURE (FANTASY)

By Tamora Pierce

J FICTION PIERCE



Eleven-year-old Alanna, who aspires to be a knight even though she is a girl, disguises herself as a boy to become a royal page, learning many hard lessons along her path to high adventure.

HARRY POTTER SERIES, BOOK 1: HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE (FANTASY)

By J.K. Rowling

J FICTION ROWLING



Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School for Wizards and Witches.

SEPTIMUS HEAP, BOOK 1: MAGYK (FANTASY)

By Angie Sage

J FICTION SAGE



After learning that she is the Princess, Jenna is whisked from her home and carried toward safety by the Extraordinary Wizard and a young guard named Boy 412 as they are pursued by agents of those who killed her mother ten years earlier.

TESLA'S ATTIC (SCI-FI)

By Neal Shusterman

J FICTION SHUSTERMAN



With a plot combining science and the supernatural, four kids are caught up in a dangerous plan concocted by the eccentric inventor, Nikola Tesla.