



Pullman, Philip
THE GOLDEN COMPASS
With the help of her shape-changing daemon and a mysterious compass, Lyra Belacqua sets out to solve the mystery of hundreds of disappearing children and to rescue her uncle from armored bears. Y and J PULLMAN

Riordan, Rick
THE LIGHTNING THIEF*

When Percy Jackson accidentally vaporizes his math teacher, he is sent to Camp Half-Blood, where he learns he's the son of Poseidon! Y and J RIORDAN



Schmidt, Gary
LIZZIE BRIGHT AND THE BUCKMINSTER BOY

In 1912 Maine, Turner Buckminster is new to town and just doesn't fit in—until he befriends spunky Lizzie Bright, who lives on nearby Malaga Island. When the town elders want to tear down Lizzie's island community to make way for a tourist industry, Turner is the only one to stand up to them. Y and J SCHMIDT



Smith, Roland
PEAK
When Peak gets busted for climbing a NYC skyscraper, he faces jail. To save him, his long-lost dad gains custody—with strings attached. His dad's plan is to make Peak the youngest ever to summit Mt. Everest—and to gain attention for his company. Will Peak make it to the "Top of the World"? Y SMITH

Stone, Jeff
TIGER*
Cangzhen Temple is betrayed by one of its own, and Fu, along with his four brothers—each a master of a different fighting style—must avenge the death of their grandmaster and retrieve the temple's secret scrolls. Book one of the "Five Ancestors" series. J STONE

Trueman, Terry
STUCK IN NEUTRAL
Fourteen-year-old Shawn McDaniel, who suffers from severe cerebral palsy and cannot function, believes his father is planning to kill him. Y TRUEMAN

Update, Eleanor
MONTMORENCY: THIEF, LIAR, GENTLEMAN? *
In Victorian England, a criminal mastermind finds the nasty city sewers are the perfect means to commit robberies without leaving a trace. His thefts are then used to finance a new refined life as a gentleman. Y UPDALE

Westerfeld, Scott
SO YESTERDAY
What makes something cool? In this futuristic thriller, companies pay big bucks to "cool hunters" like Hunter Braque to spot the next hot trends. But now that Hunter's boss has been kidnapped, he and his new friend Jen must use those powers of observation if they want to survive! Y WESTERFELD

Whelan, Gloria
LISTENING FOR LIONS
Orphaned and alone, 13-year-old Rachel is tricked into assuming a dead neighbor's identity. She travels to England, pretending to be a long-lost granddaughter. But will she be able to pull off the deception? And, more importantly, will she be able to live with herself? J WHELAN

Landy, Derek
SKULDUGGERY PLEASANT
Skulduggery Pleasant is an Ace Detective, Snappy Dresser, Crackerjack Sorcerer and Walking, Talking, Fire-throwing Skeleton—as well as ally, protector, and mentor to Stephanie Edgeley. These two alone must defeat an all-consuming ancient evil. The end of the world? Over his dead body. Y LANDY

* THERE ARE SEQUELS OR OTHER BOOKS IN THIS SERIES.



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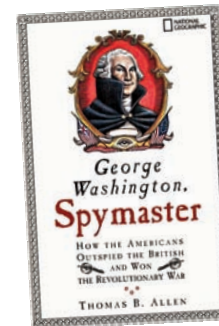


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Abbot, Tony
FIREGIRL
Tom has his own problems, why should he befriend some freak girl? But in just three short weeks, his life is changed when Jessica, a girl disfigured by burns, starts attending his school. J ABBOT



Allen, Thomas B.
GEORGE WASHINGTON, SPYMASTER :HOW AMERICA OUTSPIED THE BRITISH AND WON THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR
Codes and ciphers, invisible ink and secret messages, spies and counterspies! Washington's role as spymaster adds a fascinating perspective on the life of this founding father, who was far more than just the "Dollar Bill Guy." J 973.3. ALLEN



Clement-Davies, David
FIRE BRINGER
A young deer, born on the night of his father's murder, is destined to fulfill an ancient prophecy in this epic animal fantasy. Y and J CLEMENT-DAVIES

Delaney, Joseph **REVENGE OF THE WITCH***

When Tom, seventh son of a seventh son, is apprenticed to the local Spook, he doesn't realize just how soon he'll have to face a terrifying enemy.

J and Y DELANEY

Dowd, Siobhan

THE LONDON EYE MYSTERY

When a stranger offers Ted a free ticket to ride the London Eye, he lets his visiting cousin Salim go ahead, rather than wait in the long line. When the ride is over, however, Salim doesn't come out....

J M DOWD



Duprau, Jeanne **THE CITY OF EMBER**

The underground city of Ember was founded centuries ago as humanity's last hope to survive a holocaust. Now, Ember is desperately short of food, clothes, and electricity to keep the town illuminated. Then Lina, a young foot messenger, discovers a damaged document that hints at a way out.

J SF DUPRAU

Farmer, Nancy **THE HOUSE OF THE SCORPION**

In a future society where humans clone themselves to provide organs for their own medical care, young Matt has to come to terms with his identity when he learns that he is the clone of El Patrón, ruler of the drug empire between Mexico and the U.S.

Y FARMER



Flanagan, John

THE RUINS OF GORLAN*

Will's dream is to go to Battle School, but he is rejected because he is too small. He becomes the reluctant apprentice to the mysterious Ranger Halt, and quickly learns that becoming a ranger is more difficult, dangerous, and worthwhile than he ever imagined.

J FLANAGAN

Howe, James **THE MISFITS**

Four students who do not fit in at their small-town middle school decide to create a third party for the student council elections to represent all students who have ever been called names.

Y HOWE

Frost, Helen **THE BRAID**

Two sisters each carry a length of the other's hair braided with her own—a braid that binds them together even though they are miles apart. A lovely historical story told in alternating narrative poems.

Y FROST



Funke, Cornelia

INKHEART*

In this engrossing tribute to the power of books and the imagination, 12-year-old Meggie finds that she shares her father's ability to bring book characters into her world simply by reading aloud.

J and Y FUNKE

Hautman, Pete **INVISIBLE**

Best friends for years, Andy is popular, athletic, and attractive, while Doug spends all his time working on model trains in the basement. But when it comes to dark secrets buried deep, Andy is the only one Doug can talk to.

Y HAUTMAN

Hearn, Julie **THE MINISTER'S DAUGHTER**

Even in 1645 England, "mean girls" were powerful. In this story, the beautiful daughter of the town minister gets pregnant by a boy who runs away to be a soldier, and blames her condition on witchcraft as revenge against the local healer who refuses to end the pregnancy.

Y HEARN

Hiassen, Carl **FLUSH**

Noah's dad is so mad that the Coral Queen casino boat is dumping raw sewage into the waters of the Florida Keys that he sinks it. When the boat is refloated and his dad goes to jail, Noah will do anything to flush the crook out into the open!

Y HIASSEN

Horowitz, Anthony **STORMBREAKER***

14-year-old Alex Rider doesn't know which is more surprising—that his uncle was murdered, or that his uncle was a spy! And now the government wants him to pick up where his uncle left off....

Y and J HOROWITZ



Larson, Kirby
HATTIE BIG SKY

When orphaned Hattie inherits a claim in rural Montana, she has ten months to cultivate and fence 40 acres, or she will lose the land. She faces droughts, blizzards, prejudiced neighbors, and the Spanish Flu. Will she succeed in making a home of her own?

Y LARSON



Leavitt, Martine **HECK SUPERHERO**

When his mother abandons him on the street, Heck searches for the perfect Good Deed, which could turn him from a flat stick person into a full-fledged Superhero.

Y LEAVITT

Lisle, Janet Taylor **BLACK DUCK**

Ruben and Jed find a dead body on the shore, and they are certain it has something to do with smuggling liquor. A 1920s Prohibition adventure story!

Y LISLE

Lubar, David **SLEEPING FRESHMEN NEVER LIE**

To cope with the expected (friends dumping him!) and the unexpected (mom's pregnant!) changes of his first year in high school, Scott writes a journal of advice to "Smelly," his unborn new brother.

Y LUBAR

Miller, Kirsten

KIKI STRIKE: INSIDE THE SHADOW CITY

Ananka Fishbein's life is changed forever when she meets superspy Kiki Strike and joins her band of delinquent girl geniuses who protect the forgotten tunnels beneath Manhattan that are known as the Shadow City.

J and Y MILLER

Oppel, Kenneth **AIRBORN***

When sky pirates attack his beloved airship, Matt is shipwrecked on an uncharted island! Feeling claustrophobic on land, Matt soon discovers there is much more to life than just floating in the air....

Y OPPEL