HIDE AND SEEK
Katy Grant
Adventure
In the remote mountains of Arizona where he lives with his mother, stepfather, and two sisters, Chase discovers two kidnapped boys and gets caught up in a dangerous adventure when he comes up with a plan to rescue them.

700 Lexile

MAGIC BELOW STAIRS
Caroline Stevermer
Fantasy
Ten-year-old Frederick, who is surreptitiously watched over by a household elf, is plucked from a London orphanage to be a servant to a wealthy wizard.

720 Lexile

MASTERS OF DISASTER
Gary Paulsen
Realistic fiction
Henry Mosely, having decided his life is boring, ropes his friends Riley and Reed into a series of hair-raising adventures, including trying to break world records, visiting a haunted house, and solving a century-old murder.

1100 Lexile

MUSEUM OF THIEVES
Lian Tanner
Adventure, Fantasy
Goldie escapes the oppressive city of Jewel, where children are required to wear guardchains for their protection. She finds refuge in the extraordinary Museum of Dunt where she discovers a useful talent for thievery and mysterious secrets that threaten her city and everyone she loves.

640 Lexile

ON THE BLUE COMET
Rosemary Wells
Historical, Fantasy
When the Depression hits in Cairo, Illinois, and Oscar’s father must sell their home and vast model train set-up to look for work in California, eleven-year-old Oscar is left with his aunt. There he befriends a mysterious drifter, witnesses a stunning bank robbery, and is suddenly catapulted onto a train that takes him to an even deeper secret.

730 Lexile

OUT OF MY MIND
Sharon Draper
Realistic Fiction
Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time.

700 Lexile

THE ADVENTURES OF NANNY PIGGINS
RA Spratt
Humorous, Fantasy
When Mr. Green, a stingy widower with three children he cannot be bothered with, decides to find a nanny for his children, he winds up hiring a glamorous ex-circus pig who knows nothing about children but a lot about chocolate.

880 Lexile

AFTER ALL, YOU’RE CALLIE BOONE
Winnie Mack
Sports, Realistic
A new boy in town turns Callie Boone’s world upside-down, and suddenly diving practice and an Olympic dream become not as important to Callie.

800 Lexile

BIG NATE IN A CLASS BY HIMSELF
Lincoln Peirce
Realistic, Humorous
Supremely confident middle school student Nate Wright manages to make getting detention from every one of the teachers in the same day seem like an achievement.

500 Lexile

COSMIC
Frank Cottrell Boyce
Science fiction
Twelve-year-old Liam, who looks like he is thirty and is tired of being treated like he is older than he actually is, decides he is going to pose as the adult chaperone on the first spaceship to take civilians into space. When he ends up in outer space with a group of kids and no adult supervision, he must think fast to make things right.

670 Lexile

THE CROWFIELD CURSE
Pat Walsh
Historical, Fantasy
In 1347, orphaned William Paynel, a poor servant at Crowfield Abbey, goes into the forest to gather wood and finds a magical creature caught in a trap. He discovers he has the ability to see magical creatures and becomes embroiled in a strange mystery involving Old Magic, a bitter feud, and ancient secrets.

840 Lexile

DREAM OF NIGHT
Heather Henson
Animal Story, Realistic
Shiloh, a troubled foster child, Dream of Night, an abused former racehorse, and their caretaker Jess, a woman who knows how it feels to have loved and lost, find healing by helping one another through their pain.

470 Lexile

EMILY’S FORTUNE
Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Historical, Adventure
While traveling to her aunt’s home in Redbud by train and stagecoach, quiet young Emily and her turtle, Rufus, team up with Jackson, fellow orphan and troublemaker extraordinaire, to outsmart mean Uncle Victor, who is after Emily’s inheritance.

840 Lexile

THE FANTASTIC SECRET OF OWEN JESTER
Barbara O’Connor
Adventure, Humorous
After Owen captures an enormous bullfrog, names it Tooley Graham, then has to release it, he and two friends try to use a small submarine that fell from a passing train to search for Tooley in the Carter, Georgia, pond it came from, while avoiding nosy neighbor Viola.

770 Lexile

THE FAST AND THE FURRIEST
Andy Behrens
Humorous, Animal Story
The overweight and not athletic son of a famous former football star discovers that his equally fat and lazy dog is unexpectedly--and obsessively--interested in competing in dog agility contests.

600 Lexile

FROZEN IN TIME
Ali Sparkes
Science fiction
In England, thirteen-year-old Ben and his twelve-year-old sister Rachel find two children who have been cryogenically frozen in a bomb shelter since 1956, and must prevent them from being discovered while helping them adjust to modern life.

770 Lexile

GHOST DOG SECRETS
Peg Kehret
Ghost story, Animal Story
Sixth-grader Rusty, determined to help an injured dog that is chained outdoors in frigid weather, calls animal control then takes matters into his own hands, aided by his best friend and a ghost collie that leads Rusty to an even deeper secret.

730 Lexile

GUINEA DOG
Patrick Jennings
Animal Story, Humorous
When his mother brings home a guinea pig instead of the dog he has always wanted, fifth-grader Rufus is not happy--until it starts acting exactly like a dog.

600 Lexile
SAVING SKY
Diane Stanley                    Realistic Fiction
Sky Brightman, living happily off the grid on sixty acres in New Mexico, with no television or Internet to bring her news of the war going on in the United States, is forced to face reality when her friend Kareem is unjustly arrested. 620 Lexile

SAVING ZASHA
Randi Barrow                        Historical, Animal story
In 1945 Russia, those who own German shepherds are considered traitors, but thirteen-year-old Mikhail and his family are determined to keep the dog a dying man brought them, while his classmate Katia strives to learn his secret. 670 Lexile

THE SHADOWS
Jacqueline West                  Adventure, Fantasy
When eleven-year-old Olive and her distracted parents move into an old Victorian mansion, Olive finds herself caught in a dark plan involving mysterious paintings, a trapped and angry nine-year-old boy, and three talking cats. 670 Lexile

THE STRANGE CASE OF ORIGAMI YODA
Tom Angleberger        Humorous
Sixth-grader Tommy and his friends describe their interactions with a paper finger puppet of Yoda, worn by their weird classmate Dwight, as they try to figure out whether or not the puppet can really predict the future. Lexile 760

SUGAR AND ICE
Kate Messner                     Realistic, Sports
Claire, a farm girl, accepts a scholarship from Russian ice skating coach Andrei Grosheva to train with the elite in Lake Placid, and encounters a world of mean girls on ice, where competition is everything.

A TALE DARK & GRIMM
Adam Gidwitz                  Fantasy, Adventure
Follow Hansel and Gretel as they walk out of their own story and into eight more tales, encountering wicked creatures, along with kindly strangers and other helpful folk. Based in part on Grimm folktales.

WE THE CHILDREN
Andrew Clements            Mystery, Adventure
Ben and his friend Jill find themselves in danger when they discover the secret history of their Massachusetts school and set out to derail a developer's plan to level the building to make way for an amusement park.

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Past Winners
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2008  Rules            Cynthia Lord
2007  The Ghost's Grave          Peg Kehret
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2005  City of Ember            Jeanne Du Pau
2004  Loser          Jerry Spinelli
2003  Love That Dog         Sharon Creech
2002  Because of Winn-Dixie       Kate DiCamillo
2001  Among the Hidden          Margaret Haddix
2000  Harry Potter & the Sorcerer's Stone
1999  101 Ways To Bug Your Parents
1998  Frindle        J.K. Rowling
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