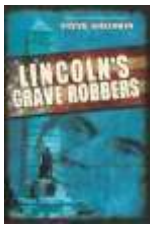


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Lincoln's Grave Robbers

Sheinkin, Steve

Call Letters: F Sh Pgs: 224 Lexile: 0

A fictionalized account of how counterfeiter Benjamin Boyd's gang stole the body of Abraham Lincoln and demanded Boyd's release from jail and the efforts of the Secret Service to recover the remains.



Our Strange New Land: Elizabeth's Diary (My America series)

Hermes, Patricia

Call Letters: F He Pgs: 109 Lexile: 350

9-year-old Elizabeth keeps a journal of her experiences in the New World as she encounters Indians, suffers hunger and the death of friends, and helps her father build their first home.



Ninth Ward

Rhodes, Jewell Parker

Call Letters: F Rh Pgs: 217 Lexile: 470

In New Orleans' Ninth Ward, 12-year-old Laneshia and her adopted grandmother have no choice but to stay and weather the storm as Hurricane Katrina bears down upon them.



Boy at War: A Novel of Pearl Harbor

Mazer, Harry

Call Letters: F Ma Pgs: 104 Lexile: 530

While fishing with his friends off Honolulu on December 7, 1941, teenaged Adam is caught in the midst of the Japanese attack and through the chaos of the subsequent days tries to find his father, a naval officer who was serving on the U.S.S. Arizona when the bombs fell.



Orphan Journey Home

Ketchum, Liza

Call Letters: F Ke Pgs: 162 Lexile: 570

In 1828, while traveling from Illinois to Kentucky, 12-year-old Jesse and her two brothers and sister lose their parents to the milk sickness and must try to finish the dangerous journey by themselves.



Fever 1793

Anderson, Lauren Halse

Call Letters: F An Pgs: 251 Lexile: 580

16-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of the yellow fever epidemic in Philadelphia in 1793.



Fighting Ground

Avi

Call Letters: F Av Pgs: 157 Lexile: 580

13-year-old Jonathan goes off to fight in the Revolutionary War and discovers the real war is being fought within himself.

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I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic, 1912

Tarshis, Lauren

Call Letters: F Tar Pgs: 96 Lexile: 590

10-year-old George Calder's life changes forever as he, his little sister, Phoebe, and their Aunt Daisy set out across the ocean on the "Titanic" in 1912.



I Survived Hurricane Katrina 2005

Tarchis, Lauren

Call Letters: F Tar Pgs: 95 Lexile: 590

Barry's family is unable to evacuate when Hurricane Katrina hits New Orleans due to his little sister's illness, and when Barry is swept away by the floodwaters, he wonders if he will live to see his family again.

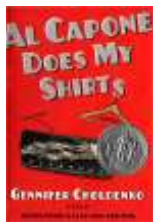


Coastwatcher

Weston, Elise

Call Letters: F We Pgs: 132 Lexile: 600

While 11-year-old Hugh, his family, and his cousin Tom are spending the summer of 1943 on the South Carolina shore to escape the polio epidemic, Hugh uncovers clues that point to a German plot to sabotage a nearby naval base.



Al Capone Does My Shirts

Choldenko, Gennifer

Call Letters: F Ch Pgs: 228 Lexile: 600

A 12-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.



Shark Attacks of 1916 (I Survived series)

Tarshis, Lauren

Call Letters: F Tar Pgs: 87 Lexile: 610

10-year-old Chet Roscow, who had been thrilled by the news of a great white shark attacking people along the Atlantic coast, goes swimming with his friends in Springfield, New Jersey one day, and wonders if he sees a shark in the water.



Storyteller

Giff, Patricia Reilly

Call Letters: F Gif Pgs: 166 Lexile: 610

Forced to spend months at an aunt's house, Elizabeth feels a connection to her ancestor Zee, whose picture hangs on the wall, and who reveals her story of hardships during the Revolutionary War as Elizabeth comes to terms with her own troubles.



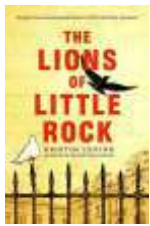
Jackie & Me

Gutman, Dan

Call Letters: F Gut Pgs: 145 Lexile: 610

With his ability to travel through time by using baseball cards, Joe goes back to 1947 to meet Jackie Robinson, turning into a black boy in the process.

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Lions of Little Rock

Levine, Kristin

Call Letters: F Lev Pgs: 298 Lexile: 630

12-year-old Marlee develops a strong friendship with Liz, the new girl in school, but when Liz suddenly stops attending school and Marlee hears a rumor that her friend is actually an African American girl passing herself off as white, the two young girls must decide whether their friendship is worth taking on integration and the dangers it could bring to their families.

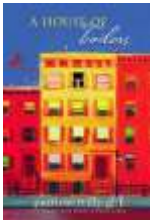


Five Smooth Stones: Hope's Diary (My America series)

Gregory, Kristina

Call Letters: F Gr Pgs: 109 Lexile: 640

In her diary, a young girl writes about her life and the events surrounding the beginning of the American Revolution in Philadelphia in 1776.



House of Tailors

Giff, Patricia Reilly

Call Letters: F Gi Pgs: 148 Lexile: 640

When 13-year-old Dina emigrates from Germany to America in 1871, her only wish is to return home as soon as she can, but as the months pass and she survives a multitude of hardships living with her uncle and his young wife and baby, she finds herself thinking of Brooklyn as her home.



Behind the Bedroom Wall

Williams, Laura

Call Letters: F Wi Pgs: 169 Lexile: 660

10-year-old Korinna must decide whether to report her parents to her Hitler youth group when she discovers that they are hiding Jews in a secret space behind Korinna's bedroom wall.



Bird in a Box

Pinkney, Andrea Davis

Call Letters: F Pin Pgs: 281 Lexile: 670

In 1936, three children meet at the Mercy Home for Negro Orphans in New York State, and while not all three are orphans, they are all dealing with grief and loss which together, along with the help of the boxing matches of Joe Louis, they manage to overcome.



Number the Stars

Lowry, Lois

Call Letters: F Lo Pgs: 137 Lexile: 670

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, 10-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.



Saving Zasha

Barrow, Randi

Call Letters: F Bar Pgs: 229 Lexile: 670

In 1945 Russia, those who own German shepherds are considered traitors, but 13-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.

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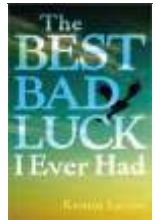


Friendship For Today

McKissack, Patricia

Call Letters: F Mc Pgs: 172 Lexile: 670

12-year-old Rosemary Patterson learns that she will be attending an all-white school in the fall; but when her best friend is diagnosed with polio, she must face the first day of school alone.



Best Bad Luck I Ever Had

Levine, Kristin

Call Letters: F Lev Pgs: 272 Lexile: 680

The last thing Dit expects when brainy Emma comes to town is to become friends, but she sure makes Dit think, especially about the differences between black and white in the 1910s. Soon Dit is thinking about the town barber, who is black and being put on trial for a terrible crime. Together Dit and Emma come up with a daring plan to save his life.



Island on Bird Street

Orlev, Uri

Call Letters: F Or Pgs: 162 Lexile: 690

During World War II a Jewish boy is left on his own for months in a ruined house in the Warsaw Ghetto, where he must learn all the tricks of survival under constantly life-threatening conditions.



Macaroni Boy

Ayres, Katherine

Call Letters: F Ay Pgs: 182 Lexile: 700

In Pittsburgh in 1933, 6th-grader Mike Costa notices a connection between several strange occurrences, but the only way he can find out the truth about what's happening is to be nice to the class bully. Includes historical facts.

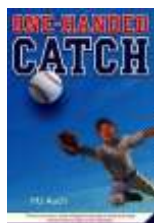


Yellow Star

Roy, Jennifer

Call Letters: F Ro Pgs: 227 Lexile: 710

From 1939, when Sylvia is four and a half years old, to 1945 when she has just turned ten, a Jewish girl and her family struggle to survive in Poland's Lodz ghetto during the Nazi occupation.

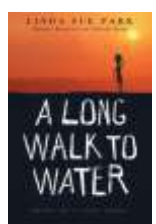


One Handed Catch

Auch, Mary Jane

Call Letters: F Auc Pgs: 248 Lexile: 710

After losing his hand in an accident in his father's butcher shop in 1946, 6th-grader Norman uses hard work and humor to learn to live with his disability and to succeed at baseball, art, and other activities.



Long Walk to Water

Park, Linda Sue

Call Letters: F Par Pgs: 121 Lexile: 720

When the Sudanese civil war reaches his village in 1985, 11-year-old Salva becomes separated from his family and must walk with other tribe members through southern Sudan, Ethiopia, and Kenya in search of safe haven.

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Trouble Don't Last

Pearsall, Shelley

Call Letters: F Pe Pgs: 237 Lexile: 720

Samuel, an 11-year-old Kentucky slave, and Harrison, the elderly slave who helped raise him, attempt to escape to Canada via the Underground Railroad.



Lily's Crossing

Giff, Patricia Reilly

Call Letters: F Gi Pgs: 180 Lexile: 720

During a summer spent at Rockaway Beach in 1944, Lily's friendship with a young Hungarian refugee causes her to see the war and her own world differently.



Cracker!: The Best Dog in Vietnam

Kadohata, Cynthia

Call Letters: F Ka Pgs: 312 Lexile: 730

When Cracker is paired with Rick, she isn't so sure about this new owner. He's going to have to prove himself to her before she's going to prove herself to him. They need to be friends before they can be a team, and they have to be a team if they want to get home alive.



Rodzina

Cushman, Karen

Call Letters: F Cu Pgs: 215 Lexile: 740

A 12-year-old Polish American girl is boarded onto an orphan train in Chicago with fears about traveling to the West and a life of unpaid slavery.



One Crazy Summer (Newbery Honor Book 2011)

Williams-Garcia, Rita

Call Letters: F Wil Pgs: 218 Lexile: 750

In the summer of 1968, after traveling from Brooklyn, NY to Oakland, CA to spend a month with the mother they barely know, 11-year-old Delphine and her two younger sisters arrive to a cold welcome as they discover that their mother wants them to attend a nearby Black Panther summer camp.



Elephant Run

Smith, Roland

Call Letters: F Sm Pgs: 318 Lexile: 750

Nick's father and others are taken prisoner when his plantation in Burma is invaded by the Japanese in 1941, leaving Nick and his friend Mya to risk their lives in order to free them from the POW camp



Esperanza Rising

Ryan, Pam Munoz

Call Letters: F Ry Pgs: 262 Lexile: 750

Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression.

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Boy Who Dared

Bartoletti, Susan Campbell

Call Letters: F Ba Pgs: 202 Lexile: 760

In October, 1942, 17-year-old Helmuth Hubener, imprisoned for distributing anti-Nazi leaflets, recalls his past life and how he came to dedicate himself to bring the truth about Hitler and the war to the German people.



Day of the Pelican

Paterson, Katherine

Call Letters: F Pat Pgs: 145 Lexile: 770

In 1998 when the Kosovo hostilities escalate, 13-year-old Meli's life as an ethnic Albanian, changes forever after her brother escapes his Serbian captors and the entire family flees from one refugee camp to another until they are able to immigrate to America.



Klipfish Code

Casanova, Mary

Call Letters: F Ca Pgs: 227 Lexile: 770

Sent with her younger brother to Godoy Island to live with her aunt and grandfather after Germans bomb Norway in 1940, 10-year-old Merit longs to join her parents in the Resistance, and when her aunt, a teacher, is taken away two years later, she resents even more the Nazis' presence and her grandfather's refusal to oppose them.

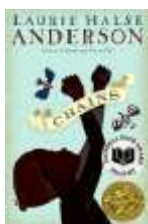


Good Liar

Maguire, Gregory

Call Letters: F Ma Pgs: 129 Lexile: 780

Now an old man living in the United States, Marcel recalls his childhood in German-occupied France, especially the summer that he and his older brother Rene befriended a young German soldier.



Chains

Anderson, Laura Halse

Call Letters: F An Pgs: 316 Lexile: 780

After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War.



Rising Star of Rusty Nail

Blume, Lesley

Call Letters: F Bl Pgs: 270 Lexile: 790

In the small town of Rusty Nail, Minnesota, in the early 1950s, musically talented ten-year-old Franny wants to take advanced piano lessons from newcomer Olga Malenkov, a famous Russian musician suspected of being a communist spy by gossipy members of the community.



Porch Lies: Tales of Slicksters, Tricksters & Other Wily Characters

McKissack, Patricia

Call Letters: F Mc Pgs: 146 Lexile: 790

Presents a collection of nine original tales drawn from African American oral tradition that blends history and legend with sly humor, creepy horror, villainous characters, and wild farce.

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Inside Out and Back Again (Newbery Honor 2012)

Lai, Thanhha

Call Letters: F Lai Pgs: 262 Lexile: 800

Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.



Someone Named Eva

Wolf, Joan

Call Letters: F Wo Pgs: 200 Lexile: 820

In 1942, from her home in Lidice, Czechoslovakia, 11-year-old Milada is taken with other blond, blue-eyed children to a school in Poland to be trained as "proper Germans" for adoption by German families, but all the while she remembers her true name and history.



Family Apart

Nixon, Joan Lowery

Call Letters: F Ni Pgs: 162 Lexile: 820

In 1860, when their widowed mother can no longer support them, six siblings are sent on the orphan train by the Children's Aid Society of New York City to live with farm families in Missouri.



Wonderstruck

Selznick, Brian

Call Letters: F Sel Pgs: 697 Lexile: 830

Set 50 years apart, two stories--Ben's told in words and Rose's in pictures--weave back and forth until they intertwine, surprise and leave the reader wonderstruck.



Sharpshooter (series)

Lynch, Chris

Call Letters: F Lyn Pgs: 187 Lexile: 850

Ivan fearlessly enlists in the United States Army in hopes of becoming a war hero like his father, but after being trained as a sniper and getting sent into the jungle of Vietnam, Ivan begins to question the war.



Okay for Now

Schmidt, Gary

Call Letters: F Sch Pgs: 360 Lexile: 850

14-year-old Doug Swieteck faces many challenges, including an abusive father, a brother traumatized by Vietnam, and suspicious teachers and police officers, but when he meets a girl, he develops a close relationship with her and finds a safe place at the local library.



Romeo and Juliet Code

Stone, Phoebe

Call Letters: F Sto Pgs: 300 Lexile: 850

During World War II, 11-year-old Felicity is sent from London to Bottlebay, Maine, to live with her grandmother, aunt, uncle, and a reclusive boy who helps her decode mysterious letters that contain the truth about her missing parents.

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Woods Runner

Paulsen, Gary

Call Letters: F Pa Pgs: 164 Lexile: 870

From his 1776 Pennsylvania homestead, 13-year-old Samuel, who is a highly-skilled woodsman, sets out toward New York City to rescue his parents from the band of British soldiers and Native Americans who kidnapped them after slaughtering most of their community.

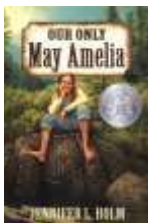


Torn Thread

Isaacs, Anne

Call Letters: F Is Pgs: 188 Lexile: 880

In an attempt to save his daughter's life, Eva's father sends her from Poland to a labor camp in Czechoslovakia where she and her sister survive the war.



Our Only May Amelia

Holm, Anne

Call Letters: F Ho Pgs: 253 Lexile: 900

As the only girl in a Finnish American family of seven brothers, May Amelia Jackson resents being expected to act like a lady while growing up in Washington state in 1899.

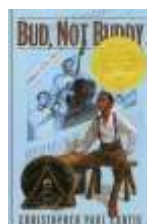


Dead End in Norvelt (Newbery Winner 2012)

Gantos, Jack

Call Letters: F Ga Pgs: 341 Lexile: 920

12-year-old Jack spends the summer of 1962 grounded for various offenses until he is assigned to help an elderly neighbor with a most unusual chore involving the newly dead, molten wax, Girl Scout cookies, underage driving, lessons from history, typewriting, and countless bloody noses.



Bud, Not Buddy

Curtis, Christopher Paul

Call Letters: F Cu Pgs: 245 Lexile: 950

10-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.



Georges and the Jewels

Smiley, Jane

Call Letters: F Sm Pgs: 232 Lexile: 970

7th-grader Abby Lovitt grows up on her family's California horse ranch in the 1960s, learning to train the horses her father sells and trying to reconcile her strict religious upbringing with her own ideas about life.



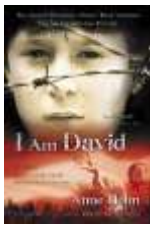
Wonder of Charlie Anne

Fusco, Kimberly Newton

Call Letters: F Ne Pgs: 266 Lexile: 970

In a 1930s Massachusetts town torn by the Depression and racial tension, Charlie Anne and Phoebe, the black girl who moves to the farm next door, form a friendship that begins to transform their community.

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I am David

Holm, Anne

Call Letters: F Ho Pgs: 239 Lexile: 980

After escaping from an Eastern European concentration camp where he has spent most of his life, a 12-year-old boy struggles to cope with an entirely strange world as he flees northward to freedom in Denmark.

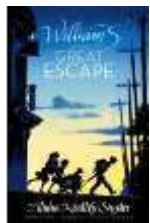


Dovey Coe

Dowell, Frances O'Roark

Call Letters: F Do Pgs: 181 Lexile: 980

Accused of murder in her North Carolina mountain town in 1928, Dovey Coe, a strong-willed 12-year-old girl, comes to a new understanding of others, including her deaf brother, as she attempts to clear her name.

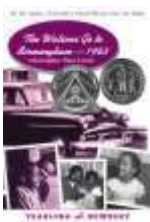


William S. and the Great Escape

Snyder, Zilpha Keatly

Call Letters: F Sny Pgs: 214 Lexile: 980

In 1938, 12-year-old William has already decided to leave home when his younger sister informs him that she and their brother and sister are going as well, but complications arise as they try to make their way to their Aunt Fiona's house.



Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963

Curtis, Christopher Paul

Call Letters: F Cu Pgs: 210 Lexile: 1000

The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African-American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963.



Little Cricket

Brown, Jackie

Call Letters: F Br Pgs: 252 Lexile: 1010

After the upheaval of the Vietnam War reaches them, 12-year-old Kia and her Hmong family flee from the mountains of Laos to a refugee camp in Thailand and eventually to St. Paul, Minnesota.