

Non-Fiction

Ugly—J BIOG HOGE

Irena's Children: A True Story of Courage
— J BIOG SENDLER

What Monster Are You Most Like? -- J
001.944 ROW

*Scratch Programming Playground: Learn
To Program By Making Cool Games*—J
005.133 SWE

Coding Games in Scratch—J 005.133 WOO

D.I.Y. Make It Happen: Scavenger Hunt— J
796.1 LOH

Center Field: The History of Baseball— J
796.357

*Can I Touch Your Hair?: Poems of Race,
Mistakes, and Friendship*— NEW J 811.6
LAT

*Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls: 100
Tales of Extraordinary Women* — NEW J
920.72 FAV

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summaries listed are courtesy of
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Suggested Authors

Avi
Natalie Babbitt
Louis Brallier
Gennifer Chodolenko
Andrew Clements
Suzanne Collins
Sharon Creech
Paula Danziger
Roald Dahl
Kate DiCamillo
Cornelia Funke
Jack Gantos
Chris Grabenstein
Dan Gutman
Tim Green
Shannon Hale
James Howe
Eva Ibbotson
E.L. Konigsburg
Gordon Korman
Lois Lowry
Wendy Mass
Lauren Myracle
Kenneth Oppel
Linda Sue Park
Katherine Paterson
Gary Paulsen
Richard Peck
Rick Riordan
J.K. Rowling
Jason Reynolds
Rachel Renee Russell
Louis Sachar
Brian Selznick
Lemony Snicket
Trenton Lee Stewart
Raina Telgemeier
Clare Vanderpool
Wendelin Van Draanen
Rita Williams-Garcia

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Tuck Everlasting—J Babbitt

A family accidentally stumbles upon a pond that gives them eternal life. Seventy years later, a young girl discovers them and learns their secret.

The Babysitters Club —*J Babysitters*

Original stories retold and illustrated in graphic novel form.

The Last Kids on Earth series—*J Brallier*

A team of 13-year old protagonists take on the monsters and creatures at end of the world.

Al Capone Does My Shirts —J Chodolenko

Set in 1935, 12-year-old Moose Flanagan and his family move from Santa Monica to infamous Alcatraz Island, where his father gets a job as an electrician.

Aru Shah — NEW J Chokshi

Twelve-year-old Aru stretches the truth to fit in at her private school, but when she is dared to prove an ancient lamp is cursed, she inadvertently frees an ancient demon.

The Adventurers Guild — J Clark

Conscripted into the dangerous Adventurers Guild, best friends Zed and Brock must defend what is left of humanity against terrible monsters in this epic fantasy.

Artemis Fowl—J Colfer

Twelve-year-old Artemis Fowl is a millionaire, a genius, and, above all, a criminal mastermind. But even Artemis doesn't know what to do when he kidnaps an armed and dangerous fairy.

The Wanderer—J Creech

Thirteen-year-old Sophie and her cousin, Cody, record their transatlantic crossing aboard the Wanderer, a 45-foot sailboat, while en route to visit their grandfather in England.

The Boy From Tomorrow — NEW J DeAngelis

Josie and Alec communicate via a spirit board, realize they are living in the same house a century apart, and develop a life-changing friendship.

Harriet the Spy—J Fitzhugh

Eleven-year-old Harriet wants to be a writer, but when she writes down everything she sees, she winds up alienating her friends.

Rangers Apprentice — *J Flanagan*

When fifteen-year-old Will is rejected by battleschool, he becomes the reluctant apprentice to the mysterious Ranger Halt, and winds up protecting the kingdom from danger.

The List— J Forde

Letta, charged with collecting and saving words, uncovers a sinister plan to suppress language, robbing the people of Ark of the power of speech, and realizes she must also save the culture, itself.

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library — J Grabenstein

Twelve-year-old Kyle gets to stay overnight in the new town library designed by his hero, famous gamemaker Luigi Lemoncello. But when morning comes, he finds he must work with friends to solve puzzles in order to escape.

Sneak Thief— NEW J Harkey

Gifted thief Hush finds that she needs to change her ways to stay out of trouble, so when she is assigned to a job at Miz Tromp's Nursery, she learns that she is capable of taking away the pain of others, and teams up with her new friend Desiree to heal her town.

The Night Diary—NEW J Hirandani

Shy twelve-year-old Nisha, forced to flee her home with her Hindu family during the 1947 partition of India, tries to find her voice and make sense of the world falling apart around her by writing to her deceased Muslim mother in the pages of her diary.

The Mighty Odds—*J Ignatow*

A bus crash gives four very different middle schoolers odd super powers and they must pool their powers to find out what happened to them.

Baseball Genius — NEW J Jeter

An average kid with an above average talent for predicting baseball pitches tries to help his favorite player out of a slump.

The Door to the Lost— NEW J Johnson

After a mysterious accident that closes a portal to another world, magic is banned in Talhaven. But there are those like Rook who are stranded in Talhaven and still have the power to wield magic. Living in exile, a stranger offers Rook and her friend safety, but appearances can be deceiving and the pair soon find themselves in serious danger.

Amulet—J Kibuishi

After the tragic death of their father, Emily and Navin move with their mother to the home of her deceased great-grandfather, but the strange house proves to be dangerous. Before long, a sinister creature lures the kids' mom through a door in the basement. Em and Navin, desperate not to lose her, follow her into an underground world inhabited by demons, robots, and talking animals.

Me & Marvin Gardens—J King

Obe Devlin spends a lot of his time cleaning up the creek that runs through what little is left of his family's once extensive farmland, and worrying about what the developers are doing nearby, and the pollution it is causing--but one day he finds a strange creature by his creek that eats plastic, and soon the animal he calls Marvin Gardens becomes his personal secret.

Wishing Day —*J Myracle*

Following a town tradition, Natasha makes three wishes at the willow tree on Wishing Day, and after one comes true, she holds out hope that her second wish--that her mother, who disappeared eight years earlier, is alive--will as well.

The Apprentice Witch — J Nicol

Sent away in disgrace after failing her witch's assessment, Arianwyn learns that the remote community where she works as a magic apprentice is under the shadow of a dark hex infestation.

Hatchet—J Paulsen

Thirteen-year-old Brian Robeson is on his way to visit his father when his single-engine plane crashes. Now Brian must survive in the Canadian wilderness with nothing but the hatchet his mother gave him.

Pax— J Pennypacker

After being forced to give up his pet fox Pax, a young boy named Peter decides to leave home and get his best friend back.

The First Rule of Punk— J Perez

Twelve-year-old María Luisa O'Neill-Morales (who really prefers to be called Malú) reluctantly moves with her Mexican-American mother to Chicago and starts seventh grade with a bang--violating the dress code with her punk rock aesthetic and spurning the middle school's most popular girl in favor of starting a band with a group of like-minded weirdos.

The Westing Game—J Raskin

The mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim their inheritance.

Ghost (Track series) — J Reynolds

Ghost, a naturally talented runner and troublemaker, is recruited for an elite middle school track team. He must stay on track, literally and figuratively, to reach his full potential. Also available: [Patina](#) and [Sunny](#).

Amal Unbound — NEW J Saeed

In Pakistan, Amal holds onto her dream of being a teacher even after becoming an indentured servant to pay off her family's debt to the wealthy and corrupt Khan family.

The Invention of Hugo Cabret—J Selznick

Twelve-year-old Hugo is an orphan living within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931. When he meets a mysterious toyseller and his goddaughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized.

Babysitting Nightmares — NEW J Shepherd

Got chills? Babysitting can be a real nightmare in this spooky middle grade series!

Sammy Keyes —(NEW) J Van Draanen

Amateur sleuth Josephine "Sammy" Keyes is on the case, solving mysteries in her small California town.

Voyagers —*J Voyagers*

Eight boys and girls compete for a spot on the space voyage that will search for a source to solve Earth's energy crisis.