**Messenger Bag**  
Powell, Jillian  
Call Letters: F Po  
Pgs: 32  
Lexile: 270

When Stacey buys an old handbag at a thrift shop, it seems to magically supply her with just what she needs.

**Warning from the Waves**  
Smith, Justine  
Call Letters: F Smi  
Pgs: 33  
Lexile: 290

While boating with her friend, Tara accidently goes overboard and meets a merman who tells her an important message.

**Dragon Slayers Academy: Class Trip to the Cave of Doom (series)**  
McMullan, Kate  
Call Letters: BC  
Pgs: 107  
Lexile: 300

Wiglaf joins the other students of Dragon Slayers' Academy in searching the Dark Forest for the Cave of Doom, which supposedly contains the gold of the dead dragon Seetha.

**Graveyard Diaries: All in a Night's Work (series)**  
Specter, Baron  
Call Letters: F Sp  
Pgs: 127  
Lexile: 360

When he accidentally trips over a grave, Stan Summer lands in the middle of a century-old feud between two rival ghost families, and finds himself cast in the role of peacemaker.

**Grow Up, Dad!**  
Dhami, Narinder  
Call Letters: F Dh  
Pgs: 73  
Lexile: 380

When a mysterious email gives 11-year-old Robbie the ability to make wishes come true, he and his father get a rare opportunity to relate to one another on the same level and even face up to the school bully.

**Mp3 Mind Control**  
Zucker, Jonny  
Call Letters: F Zuc  
Pgs: 33  
Lexile: 390

Keisha begins to get scared and investigates when her new MP3 player starts reading her mind.

**First Day of School Forever**  
Stine, R.L.  
Call Letters: F Sti  
Pgs: 183  
Lexile: 400

Everything goes wrong for 11-year-old Artie on his first day at Ardmore Middle School, from the moment his alarm goes off until the next morning, when everything is repeated exactly the same way.
Girl Behind the Glass
Kelley, Jan
Call Letters: F Kel  Pgs: 183  Lexile: 440
Moving from Brooklyn to a house in the country strains the relationship between 11-year-old identical twins Hannah and Anna Zimmer, a situation made worse by the ghost of a girl who is trapped in the house because of problems with her own sister 80 years before.

Jason Strange: Faceless Friend (series)
Strange, Jason
Call Letters: F Str  Pgs: 62  Lexile: 450
As the day goes on Chase Beckett realizes that no one seems to recognizes him, but without knowing who did this to him or why, Chase turns to the one person who will listen to him, his old friend Jessica

Sideways Stories from Wayside School (series)
Sachar, Louis
Call Letters: F Sa  Pgs: 124  Lexile: 460
Humorous episodes from the classroom on the thirtieth floor of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story.

The Wish
Levine, Gail Carson
Call Letters: F Le  Pgs: 197  Lexile: 490
When granted her wish to be the most popular girl in school, Wilma, an 8th grader, forgets that she will graduate in three weeks and her popularity will vanish.

Geronimo Stilton: Lost Treasure of the Emerald Eye (series)
Stilton, Geronimo
Call Letters: BC  Pgs: 116  Lexile: 530
Newspaper editor and adventure author Geronimo Stilton—who is also a mouse—gets roped into his sister Thea's treasure hunt on a remote island after she discovers an intriguing old map.

My Rotten Life
Lubar, David
Call Letters: F Lu  Pgs: 160  Lexile: 540
Tired of continually having his feelings hurt by popular students and bullies, 5th-grader Nathan agrees to try an experimental formula (Hurt-Be-Gone) and becomes a half-dead zombie, a condition which, he soon discovers, has some real advantages.

Clover Twig and the Magical Cottage
Umansky, Kaye
Call Letters: F Um  Pgs: 297  Lexile: 550
When 11-year-old Clover Twig gets a job assisting the world's messiest witch at her magical cottage, she and her friend Wilf end up defending the cottage from the advances of the witch's evil sister, Mesmeranza.
One and Only Ivan  
Applegate, Katherine  
Call Letters: F Ap  Pgs: 305  Lexile: 570  
When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life.

Doll People (series)  
Martin, Ann M.  
Call Letters: F Ma  Pgs: 256  Lexile: 570  
A family of porcelain dolls that has lived in the same house for one hundred years is taken aback when a new family of plastic dolls arrives and doesn't follow The Doll Code of Honor.

The Lambkins  
Bunting, Eve  
Call Letters: F Bu  Pgs: 180  Lexile: 580  
Kyle finds himself shrunk to the size of a doll and living with three other children in a dollhouse from which there seems to be no escape.

Babe & Me: A Baseball Card Adventure (series)  
Gutman, Dan  
Call Letters: F Gu  Pgs: 161  Lexile: 600  
With their ability to travel through time using vintage baseball cards, Joe and his father have the opportunity to find out whether Babe Ruth really did call his shot when he hit that home run in the third game of the 1932 World Series against the Chicago Cubs.

Grimm Legacy  
Shulman, Polly  
Call Letters: F Sh  Pgs: 325  Lexile: 600  
High school student Elizabeth gets an after-school job at the New York Library, and when she gains access to its collection of magical objects, she and the others are drawn into a series of frightening adventures involving mythical creatures and stolen goods.

Tail of Emily Windsnap  
Kessler, Liz  
Call Letters: F Ke  Pgs: 208  Lexile: 600  
After finally convincing her mother that she should take swimming lessons, 12-year-old Emily discovers a terrible and wonderful secret about herself that opens up a whole new world.

Nightmare at the Book Fair  
Gutman, Dan  
Call Letters: F Gu  Pgs: 230  Lexile: 610  
On his way to lacrosse tryouts, the president of the PTA asks Trip Dinkelman to help her with the book fair, resulting in Trip sustaining a head injury which causes him temporary amnesia and makes for an interesting journey home.
Gregor the Overlander (series)
Collins, Suzanne
Call Letters: F Co  Pgs: 311  Lexile: 630
Eleven-year-old Gregor and his 2-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving humans, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy.

Ingo
Dunmore, Helen
Call Letters: F Du  Pgs: 328  Lexile: 640
When the sea called to Sappy's father, he vanished from her life. When the sea called to her brother, he started disappearing for hours on end. And now the sea is calling to Sappy, and she feels its pull more strongly than she's ever felt anything in her life.

Dragon's Tooth
Wilson, Nathan D.
Call Letters: F Wil  Pgs: 485  Lexile: 640
When their parents' seedy old motel burns down on the same night they are visited by a strange man covered in skeleton tattoos, Cyrus, Antigone, and their brother Daniel are introduced to an ancient secret society, and discover that they have an important role in keeping it alive.

Magic Half
Barrows, Annie
Call Letters: F Ba  Pgs: 211  Lexile: 640
11-year-old Miri Gill feels left out in her family, which has two sets of twins and her, until she travels back in time to 1935 and discovers Molly, her own lost twin, and brings her back to the present day.

Deep and Dark and Dangerous: A Ghost Story (MHL Award Winner 10-11)
Hahn, Mary Downing
Call Letters: F Ha  Pgs: 187  Lexile: 650
When 13-year-old Ali spends the summer with her aunt and cousin at the family's vacation home, she stumbles upon a secret that her mother and aunt have been hiding for over thirty years.

Cirque Du Freak (series)
Shan, Darren
Call Letters: F Sh  Pgs: 266  Lexile: 650
Two boys who are best friends visit an illegal freak show, where an encounter with a vampire and a deadly spider forces them to make life-changing choices.

Red Pyramid
Riordan, Rick
Call Letters: F Rio  Pgs: 528  Lexile: 650
Siblings Carter and Sadie join their father in a research project at the British Museum and soon discover that an evil Egyptian god has been unleashed on them, banishing their father into oblivion.
After celebrating their first nine same-day birthdays together, Amanda and Leo, who haven't spoken in a year, prepare to celebrate their 11th birthday separately. But peculiar things begin to happen as the day of their birthday begins to repeat itself over and over again.

After saving Olympus from the evil Titan lord, Kronos, Percy and friends have rebuilt their beloved Camp Half-Blood, where the next generation of demigods must now prepare for a chilling prophecy of their own.

After a fire destroys the farm where he was born, a young border collie acquires a series of owners and learns about life as he seeks a home and longs to fulfill his life's purpose of shepherding sheep.

Mellie Turpin learns her family's legacy when her grandfather wills her his run-down inn and bar and embarks on a magical quest when fairies demand that Mellie finds and returns a magical ring that is missing.

Travis and his sister Corey decide to boost business at their grandmother's Vermont inn by staging a few "hauntings" that soon draw tourists from across the country, but when their antics awaken a dark force, they must find a way to put to rest the ghosts they have disturbed.

Poppy, a deer mouse, urges her family to move next to a field of corn big enough to feed them all forever, but Mr. Ocax, a terrifying owl, has other ideas.

12-year-old Liam decides he is going to pose as the adult chaperone on the first spaceship to take civilians into space, but when he ends up in outer space with a group of kids and no adult supervision, he must think fast to make things right.
**Ghost of Crutchfield Hall**  
Hahn, Mary Downing  
Call Letters: F Ha  Pgs: 154  Lexile: 680  
10-year-old Florence Crutchfield leaves a London orphanage to live with her great-uncle, great-aunt, and sickly cousin James, but she soon realizes the home has another resident, who means to do her and James harm.

**Little Secret**  
Saunders, Kate  
Call Letters: F Sa  Pgs: 231  Lexile: 680  
Jane travels to a remote region of Scotland to spend the summer with her new friend Staffa, but her vacation takes a mysterious turn when Jane finds herself irresistibly drawn to a glowing box she has been warned not to touch and the magical world found inside the castle walls.

**Bigger Than a Bread Box**  
Snyder, Laurel  
Devastated when her parents separate, 12-year-old Rebecca must move with her mother from Baltimore to Gran's house in Atlanta, where Rebecca discovers an old breadbox with the power to grant any wish, so long as the wished-for thing fits in the breadbox.

**Ghost of Graylock**  
Poblacki, Dan  
Call Letters: F Po  Pgs: 264  Lexile: 690  
Staying with their aunts over the summer, Neil Cady, his sister Bree, and their new friends Wesley and Eric, set out to explore Greylock Hall, an abandoned psychiatric hospital which is supposed to be haunted by the ghost of Nurse Janet.

**Runt**  
Bauer, Marion Dane  
Call Letters: F Ba  Pgs: 138  Lexile: 690  
Runt, the smallest wolf cub in the litter, seeks to prove himself to his father King and the rest of the pack and to earn a new name.

**Leon and the Spitting Image**  
Kurzweil, Allen  
Call Letters: F Ku  Pgs: 301  Lexile: 690  
Leon, a 4th grader at The Ethical School, tries to outwit the school bully and learn to sew for fanatical teacher Miss Cronheim, with unexpected help from his final project, a doll with magical powers.

**Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane**  
DiCamillo, Kate  
Call Letters: F Di  Pgs: 198  Lexile: 700  
Edward Tulane, a cold-hearted and proud toy rabbit, loves only himself until he is separated from the little girl who adores him and travels across the country, acquiring new owners and listening to their hopes, dreams, and histories.
**Skull of Truth**  
Coville, Bruce  
Call Letters: F Co  
Pgs: 195  
Lexile: 700  
Charlie, a 6th-grader with a compulsion to tell lies, acquires a mysterious skull that forces its owner to tell only the truth, causing some awkward moments before he understands its power.

**Masterpiece**  
Broach, Elise  
Call Letters: F Br  
Pgs: 292  
Lexile: 700  
Marvin the beetle, who lives under the kitchen sink in James Pompaday's apartment, makes a miniature drawing as a birthday present for James; but when the drawing is brought to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the pair get mixed up in a theft that could lead them to a famous Durer drawing.

**Fablehaven (series)**  
Mull, Brandon  
Call Letters: F Br  
Pgs: 351  
Lexile: 700  
Kendra and Seth find themselves in the midst of a battle between good and evil when they visit their grandparents' estate and discover that it is a sanctuary for magical creatures.

**Dragonbreath (series)**  
Vernon, Ursula  
Call Letters: F Urs  
Pgs: 146  
Lexile: 700  
Danny Dragonbreath and his friend Wendell get an up-close underwater tour of the Sargasso Sea from Danny's sea-serpent cousin, encountering giant squid and mako sharks, and learn about standing up to bullies in the process.

**Witch’s Guide to Cooking with Children**  
McGowan, Keith  
Call Letters: F Mc  
Pgs: 180  
Lexile: 710  
11-year-old inventor Sol must recover his self-confidence if he and his 8-year-old sister, Connie, are to escape the clutches of Hansel and Gretel's witch, to whom they have been led by their new stepmother and the man they believe to be their father.

**Beyonders: A World Without Heroes**  
Mull, Brandon  
Call Letters: F Mul  
Pgs: 454  
Lexile: 710  
13-year-old Jason is transported to a magical world ruled by the evil sorcerer Maldor. After witnessing horrific deaths and learning the history of Lyrian, Jason discovers that his return home might be impossible without defeating Maldor. That can only be done by finding the syllables of a long-lost magic word that erases itself from the memory of those who utter it.

**Frog Princess**  
Baker, E.D.  
Call Letters: F Ba  
Pgs: 214  
Lexile: 710  
After reluctantly kissing a frog, an awkward, 14-year-old princess suddenly finds herself a frog, too, and sets off with the prince to seek the means - and the self-confidence - to become human again.
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**False Prince**  
Nielsen, Jennifer  
Call Letters: F Nie  Pgs: 342  Lexile: 710

Sage, an orphaned thief, is one of four boys chosen to participate in a deadly contest. After being plucked from the streets by a nobleman named Connor, Sage learns that Connor plans to choose one of the orphans to impersonate a long-lost prince in the hopes of averting a civil war.

**Key to Rondo**  
Rodda, Emily  
Call Letters: F Ro  Pgs: 342  Lexile: 710

Through an heirloom music box, Leo, a serious, responsible boy, and his badly-behaved cousin Mimi enter the magical world of Rondo to rescue Mimi's dog from a sorceress, who wishes to exchange him for the key that allows free travel between worlds.

**Wish Stealers**  
Trivas, Tracy  
Call Letters: F Tri  Pgs: 283  Lexile: 710

A mysterious gift of eleven pennies becomes Griffin's curse. Each penny is a wish stolen from a fountain, and Griffin must return the wishes to their original owners, or she'll receive the opposite of whatever she herself wishes.

**Emerald Atlas**  
Stephens, John  
Call Letters: F Ste  Pgs: 417  Lexile: 720

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

**Breadcrumbrs**  
Ursu, Anne  
Call Letters: F Urs  Pgs: 312  Lexile: 720

Hazel and Jack are best friends until an accident with a magical mirror and a run-in with a villainous queen find Hazel on her own, entering an enchanted wood in the hopes of saving Jack's life.

**Seer of Shadows**  
Avi  
Call Letters: F Av  Pgs: 202  Lexile: 720

Photographer Horace Carpetine is hired to do a portrait for Mrs. Frederick Von Macht; however, the photos evoke both the image and the ghost of the Von Macht's dead daughter, Eleanora, who has returned to seek vengeance on those who killed her.

**Genie Scheme**  
Jones, Kimberly  
Call Letters: F Jo  Pgs: 179  Lexile: 730

12-year-old Jenna buys a hat for a homeless woman, only to discover the woman is actually a genie who will grant Jenna's every wish, but when Jenna realizes that all the things she is wishing for are being taken from someone else, she must decide if her own happiness is worth someone else's misery.
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**The Capture**  
Lasky, Katherine  
Call Letters: F La  
Pgs: 226  
Lexile: 730  
Soren, a barn owl that is captured and taken to a special school for orphaned owls, is befriended by elf owl Gyrfie and together the two set out to discover what is really going on at St. Aegolius Academy.

**Dying to Meet You**  
Klise, Kate  
Call Letters: F Kl  
Pgs: 147  
Lexile: 730  
In this story told mostly through letters, children's book author, I. B. Grumply, gets more than he bargained for when he rents a quiet place to write for the summer.

**Hero**  
Lupica, Mike  
Call Letters: F Lup  
Pgs: 289  
Lexile: 730  
14-year-old Zach learns he has the same special abilities as his father, who was the president's globe-trotting troubleshooter until "the Bads" killed him, and now Zach must decide whether to use his powers in the same way at the risk of his own life.

**Witches**  
Dahl, Roald  
Call Letters: F Da  
Pgs: 201  
Lexile: 740  
A young boy and his Norwegian grandmother, who is an expert on witches, together foil a witches' plot to destroy the world's children by turning them into mice.

**Eye of the Storm**  
Messner, Kate  
Call Letters: F Me  
Pgs: 292  
Lexile: 740  
Jaden's summer visit with her meteorologist father, who has just returned from spending four years in Russia conducting weather experiments not permitted in the United States, fills her with apprehension and fear as she discovers that living at her father's planned community, Placid Meadows, is anything but placid.

**Coraline**  
Gaiman, Neil  
Call Letters: F Ga  
Pgs: 162  
Lexile: 740  
Looking for excitement, Coraline ventures through a mysterious door into a world that is similar, yet disturbingly different from her own, where she must challenge a gruesome entity in order to save herself, her parents, and the souls of three others.

**Wings of Fire: The Dragonet Prophecy (series)**  
Sutherland, Tui  
Call Letters: F Sut  
Pgs: 336  
Lexile: 740  
The seven dragon tribes have been at war for generations, locked in an endless battle over an ancient, lost treasure. A secret movement called the Talons of Peace is determined to bring an end to the fighting, with the help of a prophecy--a foretelling that calls for great sacrifice.
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**Lightning Thief (Book 1: Percy Jackson and the Olympians)**
Riordan, Jack
Call Letters: F Ri  Pgs: 377  Lexile: 740
Percy, expelled from six schools for being unable to control his temper, learns his father is the Greek god Poseidon and is sent to Camp Half Blood where he is befriended by a satyr and the demigod daughter of Athena, who join him in a journey to the Underworld to retrieve Zeus's lightning bolt and prevent a catastrophic war.

**Candy Shop War**
Mull, Brandon
Call Letters: F Bra  Pgs: 409  Lexile: 750
When 5th-graders Nate, Summer, Trevor, and Pigeon meet the owner of the new candy store in town and are given a magical candy that endows them with super powers, they find that along with its benefits there are also dangerous consequences.

**NERDS: National Espionage, Rescue, and Defense Society**
Buckley, Michael
Call Letters: F Bu  Pgs: 306  Lexile: 760
While running a spy network from their elementary school, five unpopular misfits combine their talents and use cutting-edge gadgetry to fight evil around the world.

**Molly Moon's Incredible Book of Hypnotism (series)**
Byng, Georgia
Call Letters: F By  Pgs: 371  Lexile: 770
Unlucky and unloved, Molly Moon, living in a dreary orphanage in a small English town, discovers a hidden talent for hypnotism and hypnotizes her way to stardom in New York City.

**13 Treasures**
Harrison, Michelle
Call Letters: F Har  Pgs: 355  Lexile: 770
Bedeviled by evil fairies that only she can see, 13-year-old Tanya is sent to stay with her cold and distant grandmother at Elvesden Manor, where she and the caretaker's son solve a disturbing mystery that leads them to the discovery that Tanya's life is in danger.

**Cold Cereal**
Rex, Adam
Call Letters: F Re  Pgs: 421  Lexile: 770
When Scott sees a guy with a rabbit's head, he figures it's just another one of the odd hallucinations he occasionally experiences. It turns out that it's the first of many bizarre events that include a snarky leprechaun, a Bigfoot butler, and a plot to take over the world with breakfast cereal.

**Aliens on Vacation**
Smith, Clete Barrett
Call Letters: F Smi  Pgs: 251  Lexile: 770
Scrub arrives at his grandmother's bed-and-breakfast only to discover she has opened the doors to aliens, and he must decide what to do when the local sheriff notices some of the kids Scrub has on a campout glow in the dark.


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**Secret of Zoom**
Jonell, Lynne  
Call Letters: F Jo  
Pgs: 291  
Lexile: 770  
10-year-old Christina lives a sheltered life until she discovers a secret tunnel, an evil plot to enslave orphans, and a mysterious source of energy known as zoom.

**Witches of Dredmoore Hollow**
McKenzie, Riford  
Call Letters: F Mc  
Pgs: 264  
Lexile: 770  
When his two strange aunts arrive at Dredmoore Hollow, 11-year-old Elijah finds his life turned upside down. His parents suddenly leave town, and he's whisked away to stay with Serena and Agnes on Moaning Marsh, where they run the world’s most mysterious beauty salon.

**Peter and the Starcatchers**
Barry, Dave  
Call Letters: F Ba  
Pgs: 451  
Lexile: 770  
Peter, an orphan boy, and his friend Molly fight off thieves and pirates in order to keep the secret safe away from the diabolical Black Stache and his evil associate Mister Grin.

**Claim to Fame**
Haddix, Margaret Peterson  
Call Letters: F Ha  
Pgs: 256  
Lexile: 770  
16-year-old Lindsay was a child star on a popular TV show, but now, she has the awful ability to hear everything anyone in the world says about her unless she stays in her "safe" house.

**Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat**
Jonell, Lynne  
Call Letters: F Jo  
Pgs: 352  
Lexile: 780  
When Emmy discovers that she and her formerly loving parents are being drugged by their evil nanny with rodent potions that can change people in frightening ways, she and some new friends must try everything possible to return things to normal.

**Into the Wild (Book 1: The Warriors)**
Hunter, Erin  
Call Letters: F Hu  
Pgs: 272  
Lexile: 790  
Rusty, a bored house kitten, is apprenticed by the ThunderClan and must struggle to fit in when the group of feral cats is threatened by the enemy ShadowClan.

**Willoughby's**
Lowry, Lois  
Call Letters: F Lo  
Pgs: 174  
Lexile: 790  
A tongue-in-cheek take on classic The four Willoughby children set out to become "deserving orphans" after their neglectful parents embark on a treacherous around-the-world adventure, leaving them in the care of an odious nanny.
**School Spirit (Book 1: Suddenly Supernatural)**
Kimmel, Elizabeth Cody
Call Letters: F Ki  Pgs: 316  Lexile: 790
Kat has been able to see dead people since turning thirteen, and although she would prefer to be normal, Kat and her best friend try to free the spirit of a girl trapped at their middle school.

**Redwall (series)**
Jacques, Brian
Call Letters: F Ja  Pgs: 351  Lexile: 800
When the peaceful life of ancient Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of the evil rat Cluny and his villainous hordes, Matthias, a young mouse, determines to find the legendary sword of Martin the Warrior which, he is convinced, will help Redwall's inhabitants destroy the enemy.

**Ghost Buddy: Zero to Hero**
Winkler, Henry
Call Letters: F Win  Pgs: 0  Lexile: 800
Billy Broccoli just wants to be a normal kid in his new school but he ends up with his own personal ghost, and the two come up with a plan to stop a bully.

**Powerless**
Cody, Matthew
Call Letters: F Co  Pgs: 279  Lexile: 800
Soon after moving to Noble's Green, Pennsylvania, 12-year-old Daniel learns that his new friends have super powers that they will lose when they turn thirteen, unless he can use his brain power to protect them.

**Graveyard Book (Newbery Winner 2009)**
Gaimen, Neil
Call Letters: F Ga  Pgs: 312  Lexile: 820
The orphan Bod, short for Nobody, is taken in by the inhabitants of a graveyard as a child of eighteen months and raised lovingly and carefully to the age of eighteen years by the community of ghosts and otherworldly creatures.

**Kenny and the Dragon**
DiTerlizzi, Tony
Call Letters: F Di  Pgs: 151  Lexile: 820
Kenny Rabbit tries to save his friend, the dragon, after he is labeled a community nuisance by the simple people of Roundbrook village, who arrange for the creature to be fought by St. George.

**Palace of Mirrors**
Haddix, Margaret Peterson
Call Letters: F Ha  Pgs: 297  Lexile: 820
14-year-old Cecilia has always known she is the true princess of Suala, but when she and her best friend, Harper, decide to speed up her ascendancy to the throne, they find danger and many imposters who challenge her claim.
**Liesl & Po**  
Oliver, Lauren  
Call Letters: F Oli  
Pgs: 307  
Lexile: 830  

After her father's death, Liesl is locked away in a tiny attic room by her stepmother, where she meets Po, a lonely ghost, and Will, an alchemist's apprentice who bungles an important delivery and enlists Liesl and Po's help in setting things right.

**Matilda**  
Dahl, Roald  
Call Letters: F Da  
Pgs: 240  
Lexile: 840  

Matilda applies her untapped mental powers to rid the school of the evil, child-hating headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, and restore her nice teacher, Miss Honey, to financial security.

**Pandora Gets Jealous (series)**  
Hennesy, Carolyn  
Call Letters: F He  
Pgs: 264  
Lexile: 840  

13-year-old Pandy is hauled before Zeus and given six months to gather all of the evils that were released when the box she brought to school as her annual project was accidentally opened.

**Quest Begins (Book 1: The Seekers)**  
Hunter, Erin  
Call Letters: F Hu  
Pgs: 293  
Lexile: 840  

Three young bears of different species - one black, one polar, and one grizzly - travel on a perilous quest to the Northern Lights, escorting a shape-shifting grizzly cub whose destiny will affect them all.

**Young Fredle**  
Voigt, Cynthia  
Call Letters: F Voi  
Pgs: 227  
Lexile: 840  

Fredle, a young mouse cast out of his home, faces dangers and predators, makes some important discoveries and friends, and learns the meaning of freedom as he struggles to return home.

**Mysterious Benedict Society**  
Stewart, Trenton Lee  
Call Letters: F St  
Pgs: 496  
Lexile: 840  

After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules.

**Fairy Tale Detectives (Book 1: The Sisters Grimm)**  
Buckley, Michael  
Call Letters: F Ba  
Pgs: 284  
Lexile: 840  

When sisters Sabrina and Daphne are sent to live with their mysterious grandmother, Reldra Grimm, they learn they are descendants of the Brothers Grimm, whose famous book of fairy tales is actually a collection of case files.
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**Dial-a-Ghost**
Ibbotson, Eva
Call Letters: F Ib   Pgs: 195   Lexile: 850
A family of nice ghosts protects a British orphan from the diabolical plans of his evil guardians.

**Bliss**
Littlewood, Kathryn
Call Letters: F Lit   Pgs: 374   Lexile: 870
12-year-old Rose Bliss wants to work magic in her family's bakery as her parents do, but when they are called away and Rose and her siblings are left in charge, a beautiful stranger tries to talk Rose into giving her the Bliss Cookery Booke and the magic goes awry.

**Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (series)**
Rowling, J.K.
Call Letters: F Ro   Pgs: 309   Lexile: 880
Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

**Unwanteds**
McMann, Lisa
Call Letters: F Mc   Pgs: 390   Lexile: 880
In a society that purges 13-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 sharpen their abilities and learn magic.

**Wolves of the Beyond: Lone Wolf (series)**
Lasky, Kathryn
Call Letters: F Las   Pgs: 219   Lexile: 890
Faolan, born with a defective paw, is left abandoned in the forest but is taken in by a kind grizzly bear who teaches the young wolf how to hunt and survive until he finally meets the wolf pack he is destined to join and lead.

**Gully's Travels**
Seidler, Tor
A well-bred Lhasa Apso named Gulliver is forced to leave his master and finds a new one named Carlos, the doorman of a Manhattan apartment building, who takes the dog to his place in Queens, where Gully meets low-life mutts and boisterous humans.

**Three Good Deeds**
Vande Velde, Vivian
Call Letters: F Va   Pgs: 147   Lexile: 890
Caught stealing some goose eggs from a witch, Howard is cursed for his heartlessness and turned into a goose himself. He can only become human again by performing three good deeds.
**Princess Academy**  
Hale, Shannon  
Call Letters: F Ha  
Pgs: 314  
Lexile: 890  
While attending a strict academy for potential princesses with the other girls from her mountain village, 14-year-old Miri discovers unexpected talents and connections to her homeland.

**Measle and the Wrathmonk (series)**  
Ogilvy, Ian  
Call Letters: F Og  
Pgs: 210  
Lexile: 900  
12-year-old orphan Measle Stubbs is shrunk down to half an inch tall and placed in a train set by his evil guardian, the Wrathmonk. But when Measle joins up with other victims, he becomes more than just a smelly little orphan. Suddenly he's a hero ... with a plan!

**Alien Feast**  
Simmons, Michael  
Call Letters: F Si  
Pgs: 231  
Lexile: 910  
In 2017, human-eating aliens have kidnapped two scientists who might cure the disease that is destroying them, and 12-year-old William Aitkin, his elderly, ailing Uncle Maynard, and the scientists' daughter, Sophie, set out to rescue them.

**Girl Who Could Fly**  
Forester, Victoria  
Call Letters: F Fo  
Pgs: 329  
Lexile: 920  
Piper McCloud, who can fly, is whisked off to a top-secret institute whose purpose is to make children normal at all costs.

**Familiars**  
Epstein, Adam Jay  
Call Letters: F Eps  
Pgs: 360  
Lexile: 920  
When three young wizards-in-training are kidnapped by an evil queen, their magic assistants - an alley cat, a know-it-all blue jay, and a tree frog who can see the future - set out on a dangerous journey to rescue the boys.

**Ruins of Gorlan (Book 1: Ranger's Apprentice Series)**  
Flanagan, John  
Call Letters: F Fl  
Pgs: 240  
Lexile: 920  
When 15-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.

**Pepins and Their Problems**  
Horvath, Polly  
Call Letters: F Ho  
Pgs: 179  
Lexile: 920  
Whether it's waking up to find toads in their shoes, becoming trapped on the roof, or searching for cheese when their cow makes only lemonade, the Pepin family always seem to get into the most bizarre scrapes. Lucky for them they have great problem-solving readers.
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Into the Woods
Gardner, Lyn
Call Letters: F Ga   Pgs: 427   Lexile: 930
Pursued by the sinister Dr. DeWilde and his ravenous wolves, three sisters flee into the woods and begin a treacherous journey to defeat their pursuer and keep him from taking control of the entire land.

Storm Makers
Smith, Jennifer E.
Call Letters: F Smi   Pgs: 374   Lexile: 940
12-year-olds Ruby and Simon have been growing apart since their parents moved them to a Wisconsin farm, but weird weather events that seem tied to Simon's emotions bring a stranger into their lives who introduces them to the Makers of Storms Society.

Dark Hills Divide (Book 1: Land of Elyon)
Carman, Patrick
Call Letters: F Ca   Pgs: 253   Lexile: 940
When she finds the key to a secret passageway leading out of the walled city of Bridewell, 12-year-old Alexa realizes her lifelong wish to explore the mysterious forests and mountains that lie beyond the wall.

Phantom Tollbooth
Norton, Juster
Call Letters: F No   Pgs: 255   Lexile: 1000
Milo travels through a magical tollbooth and begins a journey to the Kingdom of Wisdom, where he and a "watch" dog named Tock try to end the feud between numbers and words.

The Hobbit
Tolkien, J.R.
Call Letters: F To   Pgs: 255   Lexile: 1000
The adventures of the well-to-do hobbit, Bilbo Baggins, who lived happily in his comfortable home until a wandering wizard granted his wish.

Gilda Joyce: Psychic Investigator
Allison, Jennifer
Call Letters: F Al   Pgs: 321   Lexile: 1000
After wrangling an invitation to visit San Francisco relatives, Gilda discovers just how much her dreary, tight-lipped uncle and his strange, delicate daughter need her help to uncover the terrible family secret that has a tortured ghost stalking their home.

Bad Beginning (Book 1: Series of Unfortunate Events)
Snicket, Lemony
Call Letters: F Sn   Pgs: 162   Lexile: 1010
After the sudden death of their parents, the three Baudelaire children must depend on each other and their wits when it turns out that the distant relative who is appointed their guardian is determined to use any means necessary to get their fortune.
Sword of the Rightful King: A Novel of King Arthur
Yolen, Jane
Call Letters: F Yo  Pgs: 349  Lexile: 1010
Merlinnus the magician devises a way for King Arthur to prove himself the rightful king of England—pulling a sword from a stone—but trouble arises when someone else removes the sword first.

Twenty-One Balloons
DuBois, William
Call Letters: F Du  Pgs: 179  Lexile: 1070
Three weeks after leaving San Francisco in a balloon to fly across the Pacific, Professor Sherman is picked up in the Atlantic clinging to wreckage.

Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle
MacDonald, Betty
Call Letters: F Ma  Pgs: 118  Lexile: 1070
Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle loves children, both good and bad. She never scolds, but has positive cures for children with special problems such as answering back or never wanting to go to bed.