Fall 2013 Annotated Bibliography

Book descriptions from <http://www.titlewave.com>

Abdul-Jabbar, Kareem. *Sasquatch in the Paint*

Coach Mandrake wants to transform Theo from invisible science geek into star basketball player, even though Theo has little experience with the game. Just when Theo thinks he can't handle any more pressure, he's accused of stealing. Can he find the real thief, or will his attempt at sleuthing be yet another air ball?

Allen, Crystal. The Laura Line

 When Laura Dyson's seventh grade history teacher schedules a class trip to the slave shack on her grandmother's farm, Laura is forced to come to terms with her family's past and what it means for her future.

Anderson, John David. *Sidekicked*

Thirteen-year-old superhero sidekick-in-training Drew "The Sensationalist" Bean must overcome his not-so-superpowers and become the hero everyone needs when a supervillain, The Dealer, returns to Justicia.

Anderson, Tanya. Tillie Pierce: Teen Eyewitness to the Battle of Gettysburg

In July 1863, Tillie Pierce, a normal teenager, becomes an unlikely heroine of the Civil War .Tillie and other women and girls like her found themselves trapped during the Battle of Gettysburg in southern Pennsylvania. Without training, but with enormous courage and compassion, Tillie and other Gettysburg citizens helped save the lives of countless wounded Union and Confederate soldiers.

Angus, Sam. *Soldier Dog*

After his dad disappears, thirteen-year-old Stanley joins the army during World War I and is assigned to the War Dog School, where he is partnered with a messenger dog named Bones and the two of them are sent to France.

Armstrong, K.L. Loki’s Wolves

Matt is a direct descendent of the god Thor, and his classmates are descendents of the trickster god Loki. When Ragnarok--the apocalypse--threatens, the human descendents of the gods must fight monsters to stop the end of the world.

Bacigalupi, Paolo. Zombie Baseball Beatdown

While practicing for their next baseball game, thirteen-year-old friends Rabi, Miguel, and Joe discover that the nefarious activities of the Delbe, Iowa, meatpacking plant have caused cows to turn into zombies.

Baguchinsky, Jill. Spookygirl

Violet doesn't remember much about her late mother, but she is certain of one thing: she too can see ghosts and communicate with the dead. But when Violet discovers paranormal activity in the girls' locker room, she finds herself ill-equipped for handling the school's ghostly echoes. With sharp wit and determination, Violet sets out to uncover the truth behind her school's haunting, to finish the investigation that led to her mother's sudden death, and to learn why the only ghost she has ever wanted to see is the one that has eluded her forever.

Balliet, Blue. Hold Fast

 On a cold winter day in Chicago, Early's father disappeared, and now she, her mother and her brother have been forced to flee their apartment and join the ranks of the homeless--and it is up to Early to hold her family together and solve the mystery surrounding her father.

Barnholdt, Lauren. Girl *Meets Ghost*

Seventh-grader Kendall can see dead people, and speak with them, which means they want her to be a psychic sleuth and figure out what unresolved issues are keeping them from moving on.

Baron, Jeff. I Represent Sean Rosen

Sean Rosen knows what he wants: a ten-million-dollar deal with a big Hollywood studio. The only problem is, he's a kid. And he's busy with school. And he lives far from Los Angeles or New York City. But Sean does have a laptop and a phone, and he's smart. He's about to have the ride of a lifetime as he discovers the ins and outs—and dos and don'ts—of becoming one of the youngest movie moguls the world's ever known.

Barson, K.A. 45 Pounds (More or Less)

When Ann decides that she is going to lose 45 pounds in time for her aunt's wedding, she discovers that what she looks like is not all that matters.

Benway, Robin. Also Known As

Being a 16-year-old safecracker and active-duty daughter of international spies has its moments, good *and* bad. When Maggie and her parents are sent to New York for her first solo assignment, all of that changes. She'll need to attend a private school, avoid the temptation to hack the school's security system, and befriend one aggravatingly cute Jesse Oliver to gain the essential information she needs to crack the case . . . all while trying not to blow her cover.

Berend, Janet Eoff. Vertical

When ninth-grader and skateboarder Josh Lowman witnesses the local bully, who happens to be the best skateboarder in town, committing a crime, he is torn about what he should do, but his friendships with a fellow skateboarder, a girl in his class, and a cool tutor help him develop the courage he needs to deal with the situation.

Berk, Josh. Strike Three, You’re Dead

Lenny Norbeck is a die-hard baseball lover. Unfortunately, he's no player himself (according to him, he's "the worst there ever was.") But he'd make a heck of an announcer. Being a real announcer is his dream, and he gets his chance to prove himself when he enters an "Armchair Announcer" contest and wins. The prize: he gets to be the broadcaster, live, for one inning at a real Phillies game.

Black, Holly. Doll Bones

Zach, Alice, and Poppy, friends from a Pennsylvania middle school who have long enjoyed acting out imaginary adventures with dolls and action figures, embark on a real-life quest to Ohio to bury a doll made from the ashes of a dead girl.

Bowen, Carl. Elite Infantry

A taut collection of adventures about a super elite strike force. This sharp group of five stories centers on an elite American fighting unit, the Shadow Squadron. With members drawn from such rarefied groups as the Navy SEALs and Army Rangers, they are tasked with contending with the most outlandish terrorist acts, doing so with a minimum of casualties all around.

Bowen, Fred. Perfect Game

Isaac is a perfectionist, especially when it comes to baseball, and is unable to cope when things go wrong until his coach asks him to help out with a Unified Sports basketball team on which intellectually-disabled and other children play together

Brown, Jeffrey. (Star Wars ) Jedi Academy

Roan Novachez has always dreamed of going to Pilot Academy Middle School and becoming the greatest pilot in the galaxy, but the school rejected him. So, when a green guy named Yoda invites him to attend the Jedi Academy, he goes for it, but he soon discovers that going to school with aliens and robots and trying to learn how to use the Force is not as easy as it sounds.

Carvell, Tim. Planet Tad.

 Twelve-year-old Tad has a plan to make seventh grade his most awesome year, but he must overcome a devious little sister, an embarrassing summer job, a science fair project gone awry, and other obstacles.

Cervantes, Angela. Gaby, Lost and Found

Gaby Ramirez Howard volunteers at the animal shelter by writing adoption advertisements and would like to adopt a cat named Feather but with her mother deported to Honduras Gaby has no home herself.

Cheng, Andrea. The Year of the Book

In Chinese, *peng you* means friend. But in any language, all Anna knows for certain is that friendship is complicated. When Anna needs company, she turns to her books. Whether traveling through A Wrinkle in Time, or peering over My Side of the Mountain, books provide what real life cannot—constant companionship and insight into her changing world. Books, however, can't tell Anna how to find a true friend. She'll have to discover that on her own. In the tradition of classics like Maud Hart Lovelace's Betsy-Tacy books and Eleanor Estes' One Hundred Dresses, this novel subtly explores what it takes to make friends and what it means to be one.

Christopher, Matt. Play Ball!

Eleven-year-old cousins catcher Liam McGrath and pitcher Carter Jones grew up playing baseball together. Now, their team is on the verge of winning the greatest championship of all: the Little League Baseball World Series. To reach the title match, however, they must first beat their number one rivals from Southern California. Little do they know that the game will prove to be just the first challenge they'll face on their road to the championships.

Dalton, Michelle. Fifteenth Summer

Fifteen-year-old Chelsea and her family are spending the summer at a cottage on the shore of Lake Michigan where Chelsea meets and falls for Josh--the cute and shy employee at the new bookstore in town.

Darling, Angela. Lindsay’s Surprise Crush

Lindsay Potter and Nick Lopez have been best friends since birth. Nick's been away all summer, and Lindsay can't wait to see him again. But on the first day of school, she barely recognizes him. Not only did he grow about a foot taller, but over the summer Nick morphed into the cutest boy in school...and quite possibly the world. Nick instantly becomes the most popular boy in seventh grade, and practically every girl is crushing on him. Including Lindsay. What's a BFF to do?

Daswani, Kavita. Lovetorn

Having just moved from India to Los Angeles for two years, sixteen-year-old Shalini struggles to fit in at school and to keep house for her clinically-depressed mother, but the real challenge comes when she begins falling in love with an American boy despite being engaged since the age of three. Includes glossary.

DeVillers, Julia. Emma Emmets, Playground Matchmaker

Fourth-grader Emma Emmets brings love and friendship to her classmates by being a matchmaker, but is challenged when her efforts to help popular Isla go terribly wrong.

Dionne, Erin. Moxie and the Art of Rule Breaking

Instead of spending a carefree summer exploring downtown Boston with best friend Ollie, thirteen-year-old Moxie must solve a famous art heist in order to protect those she loves from her ailing grandfather's gangster past. A clever, treasure-hunt mystery based on a real-life art heist.

Eulberg, Elizabeth. The Revenge of the Girl with the Great Personality

Tired of being the girl with the great personality who is constantly overshadowed by pretty girls, especially her pageant-princess little sister, sixteen-year-old Lexi Anderson decides to take on the pageant world herself and show the pretty girls and the boys who adore them, including her crush Logan, that she can play that game too.

Falkner, Brian. The Assault

In the year 2030, six teens who have been modified to look like the aliens who are battling for control of Earth, go behind enemy lines and discover a shocking, secret alien project.

Farber, E.S. Seagulls Don’t Eat Pickles

When a smug bully named Bryce bets Fish that he can't find Captain Kidd's allegedly buried treasure, Fish and his pals set out to prove him wrong. Their quest involves brushes with the shady town librarian, who appears to have the same mission, and with a wealthy widow who owns the island where Fish believes Kidd's treasure map is hidden. First in a new series.

Federle, Tim. Better Nate Than Never

Nate Foster has big dreams. His whole life, he's wanted to star in a Broadway show. (Heck, he'd settle for *seeing* a Broadway show.) But how is Nate supposed to make his dreams come true when he's stuck in Jankburg, Pennsylvania, where no one (except his best pal Libby) appreciates a good show tune? With Libby's help, Nate plans a daring overnight escape to New York. There's an open casting call for *E.T.: The Musical*, and Nate knows this could be the difference between small-town blues and big-time stardom.

Freedman, Paula J. My Basmati Bat Mitzvah

During the fall leading up to her bat mitzvah, Tara (Hindi for “star") Feinstein has a lot more than her Torah portion on her mind. Between Hebrew school and study sessions with the rabbi, there doesn't seem to be enough time to hang out with her best friend Ben-O—who might also be her boyfriend—and her other best friend, Rebecca, who's getting a little too cozy with the snotty Sheila Rosenberg. Not to mention working on her robotics project with the class clown Ryan Berger, or figuring out what to do with a priceless heirloom sari that she accidentally ruined. Amid all this drama, Tara considers how to balance her Indian and Jewish identities and what it means to have a bat mitzvah while questioning her faith.

Fry, Erin. Losing It

Tired of being obese and reeling from his father's recent stroke, thirteen-year-old Bennett joins the cross country team to find out if there is more to life than French fries.

Gibbs, Stuart. Spy Camp

Ben Ripley is a middle-schooler whose school is not exactly average—he’s spent the last year training to be a top-level spy and dodging all sorts of associated danger. So now that summer’s finally here, Ben’s ready to have some fun and relax. Except that’s not going to happen, because a spy-in-training’s work is never done, and the threats from SPYDER, an enemy spy organization, are as unavoidable as the summer heat

Grabenstein, Chris. Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library

Twelve-year-old Kyle gets to stay overnight in the new town library, designed by his hero (the famous gamemaker Luigi Lemoncello), with other students but finds that come morning he must work with friends to solve puzzles in order to escape.

Graydon, Sheri. Made You Look (2013 ed.)

Includes bibliographical references (pages 145-149) and index. Text and illustrations look at how advertising works and what the reader should know

Greenwald, Tommy. Charlie Joe Jackson’s Guide to Summer Vacation

Charlie Joe Jackson waits all year for summer vacation so he can leave learning in the dust. But this summer, instead of spending time lounging with his friends, he's headed to Camp Rituhbukkee (read-a-bookie), where kids practice letter writing instead of texting, and free time is spent reading instead of swimming. Charlie Joe makes it his mission to turn the nerds against their academic pursuits and to show them how to really have fun. But, halfway through camp, he finds himself reading his first book ever-and actually enjoying it.

Greenwald, Tommy. Jack Strong Takes a Stand

Jack Strong just wants to be a regular kid. But his parents have overscheduled his week with every extracurricular activity under the sun: tennis, baseball, cello, karate, tutoring, and Chinese language lessons—all on top of regular homework. His parents want him to be "well-rounded" and prepared for those crucial college applications. Jack's just about had enough.

Hiatt, Fred. Nine Weeks

This heart-pounding adventure takes place as two teens, an American teenage boy and his friend, a Chinese girl from his Washington, DC-area high school, must find her father who has been kidnapped--and they only have nine days. Although the characters in the novel are fictionalized, they are based on a real Chinese family who were part of the Chinese Democracy Movement and inspired this story.

Hobbs, Will. Never Say Die

Fifteen-year-old half-Inuit Nick and his white brother, Ryan, meet and share an adventure on the Firth River in the Canadian Arctic, facing white water, wild animals, and fierce weather as Ryan documents the effects of climate change on caribou for National Geographic magazine.

Holm, Jennifer L. and Matthew. Squish Game On!

Squish the amoeba neglects his homework, parents, friends, and even his Super Amoeba comic books when he discovers the video game Mitosis.

Hopinkson, Deborah. The Great Trouble

A scrawny 12-year-old orphan named Eel changes history when he helps famous epidemiologist Dr. John Snow identify the source of a cholera outbreak in the streets of 1854 London.

Joffo, Josepf and Bailly, Vincent. A Bag of Marbles

In 1941, ten-year-old Joseph Joffo and his older brother, Maurice, must hide their Jewish heritage and undertake a long and dangerous journey from Nazi-occupied Paris to reach their other brothers in the free zone.

Jung, Mike. Geeks, Girls, and Secret Identities

Twelve-year-old Vincent and his fellow members of the Captain Stupendous Fan Club help out when someone new becomes Earth's most famous superhero, without knowing anything about him, just as evil Professor Mayhem and his robot arrive in Copperplate City.

Klavan, Andrew. If We Survive

When revolutionaries seize control of a country in Central America where sixteen-year-old Will is serving at a mission, he and the other volunteers find themselves in a desperate race to escape the violence and return home.

Kloepfer, John. The Empire State of Slime

Six months after Zack Clarke, his sister, Zoe, and pals Rice, Ozzie, and Madison saved the country from brain-gobbling ghouls, life is finally heading back to normal. But while the kids are busy exploring the Big Apple's sites on a class trip to New York City, things go from sublime to slime when millions of people suddenly rezombify

Krokos, Dan. The Planet Thieves

On a routine voyage aboard an Academy spaceship, thirteen-year-old Mason Stark and his fellow cadets are attacked by the Tremist, an alien race who have been at war with humanity for the last sixty years.

### Krosoczka, Jarrett J. Playtpus Police Squad: The Frog Who Croaked

### When a call comes in about a crime down at the docks involving a missing schoolteacher and a duffle bag full of illegal fish, Zengo and O'Malley are going to have to learn to set their differences aside if they want to get to the bottom of this. Especially when the clues all point to Frank Pandini Jr., Kallamazoo's first son and its most powerful, well-respected businessman.

Larson, Kirby. Duke

In 1944, Hobie Hanson's father is flying B-24s in Europe, so Hobie decides to donate his beloved German shepherd, Duke, to Dogs for Defense in the hope that it will help end the war sooner--but when he learns that Duke is being trained for combat he is shocked, frightened, and determined to get his dog back.

Lasky, Kathryn. The Extra

One ordinary afternoon, fifteen-year-old Lilo and her family are suddenly picked up by Hitler's police and imprisoned as part of the "Gypsy plague." Just when it seems certain that they will be headed to a labor camp, Lilo is chosen by filmmaker Leni Riefenstahl to work as a film extra.

La Valley, Josanne. The Vine Basket

Things aren’t looking good for fourteen-year-old Mehrigul. She yearns to be in school, but she’s needed on the family farm. The longer she s out of school, the more likely it is that she ll be sent off to a Chinese factory . . . perhaps never to return. Her only hope is an American woman who buys one of her decorative vine baskets for a staggering sum and says she will return in three weeks for more.

Littlewood, Kathryn. Bliss

Twelve-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, the magic goes awry and a beautiful stranger tries to talk Rose into giving her the Bliss Cookery Booke.

Lopez, Diana. Ask My Mood Ring How I Feel

When thirteen-year-old Erica "Chia" Montenegro finds out her mother has breast cancer, she makes a promise to God to raise money for breast cancer awareness and discovers that when family and friends work together, miracles can happen.

MacHale, D.J. Sylo

They came from the sky, parachuting out of military helicopters to invade Tucker Pierce's idyllic hometown on Pemberwick Island, Maine. They call themselves SYLO and they are a secret branch of the U.S. Navy. SYLO's commander, Captain Granger, informs residents that the island has been hit by a lethal virus and must be quarantined. Now Pemberwick is cut off from the outside world.

Mack, W.C. Mathlete vs. Athlete

When their two worlds collide in seventh grade, fraternal twins and opposites Owen and Russell find themselves in direct competition at school, on the court, and at home.

Massey, David. Torn

Only eighteen when she is sent to Afghanistan, British army medic Elinor Nielson is continually at odds with her hardnosed bunkmate, Heidi Larson, but connects with a mysterious Afghan girl and local children, as well as an American lieutenant.

Mayo, Simon. Itch

When fourteen-year-old Itchingham "Itch" Lofte discovers a new radioactive element, he must use all of his wits and scientific knowledge to stop a top-secret government agency, his greedy teacher, and an evil corporation from getting hold of it.

McCaffrey, Megan. Jessica Darling’s It List

The day before seventh grade begins, twelve-year-old Jessica Darling gets a list from her sister, whose popularity and beauty made her a junior-high standout, but when she tries to follow it, all goes awry, including losing her best friend.

[McClafferty](http://www.amazon.com/Carla-Killough-McClafferty/e/B001IO9VMA/ref%3Dntt_athr_dp_pel_1), Carla Killough. Fourth Down and Inches

Football is the most popular and profitable sport in America. Millions of teenagers flock to the bleachers on Friday nights to cheer on their high school teams. But are the thrills worth the risks? Young players frequently suffer from head injuries that can result in severe, permanent brain damage. Includes bibliographical references (pages 88-93) and index. Contains an in-depth examination of the head and brain injuries that are on the rise among football players.

McKay, Sharon E. Thunder Over Kandahar

Teenagers Tamanna and Yasmine, having seen their dream to become educated ruined when their school building was burned down by the Taliban, find themselves fleeing from the terrorist organization and facing mortal dangers in their travels through mountain passes.

Meyer, Carolyn. Victoria Rebels

Through diary entries, reveals the life of Britain's strong-willed and short-tempered Queen Victoria from the age of eight through her twenty-fourth birthday, up to her third wedding anniversary with her beloved Albert in 1843.

Meyerhoff, Jenny. The Barftastic Life of Louie Burger

With a school Talent Bonanza coming up, there is only one thing that can keep fifth-grader Louie Burger from taking a big step toward his dream of becoming a world-famous comedian--extreme stage fright.

Miles, Eileen. The Puppy Place: Guide to Puppies

A guide to caring for puppies and dogs, including tips on feeding, grooming, housebreaking, and teaching tricks.

Morgan, Alex. Saving the Team

After moving to California, seventh-grader Devin is afraid she will not make the soccer team but finds, instead, that the team is so bad that she is compelled to take the lead and turn it into something the players and coach can all be proud of.

Morpurgo, Michael. Shadow

Teenager Aman and his mother lose their loyal spaniel Shadow while escaping Afghanistan to flee to England, and they must depend on a friend and his grandfather to enable Shadow's return

Myers, Walter Dean. Invasion

Josiah Wedgewood and Marcus Perry are on their way to an uncertain future. Their whole lives are ahead of them, yet at the same time, death's whisper is everywhere. One white, one black, these young men have nothing in common and everything in common as they approach an experience that will change them forever.

McLean, Hope. Catch Us If You Can

Jasmine, Erin, Willow, and Lili are first year middle school students in Washington, D.C., chosen for the academic quiz team because of their expertise in art, math, science, and history--and when a precious, historical ruby is stolen from the school during a tournament, the "Jewels" set out to use their talents to solve the mystery.

Mitchell, Don. Driven: A Photobiography of Henry Ford

A photographic history of inventor of the automobile, Henry Ford, providing quotations from his writings, speeches, and interviews to illustrate how he revolutionized American life.

Mosen, Michael J. Strange Foods

You might think anchovies and fruitcake are pretty weird foods. But wait until you hear about durian, a huge, spiky fruit that smells like gym socks. Or salmiakki, the licorice with a salty, fishy taste. And don't forget kopi luwak, the coffee made from...poop! Discover all kinds of unusual foods from around the world!

Night, P.J. It’s All Downhill from Here

Maggie's parents want to buy a historic mansion located on a mountain to fulfill their dreams of owning and operating a hotel, but after a weekend stay, Maggie is not excited about moving into a haunted, run-down house.

Ottiviani, Jim. Primates.

In graphic novel format, explores the lives and work of scientists Jane Goodall, Dian Fossey, and Birute Galdikas, who lived with and studied chimpanzees, gorillas, and orangutans, respectively, in their natural habitats, creating between them a body of work that greatly improved our understanding of primates, including humans.

Papercutz. The Garfield Show: Unfair Weather

Graphic novel adaptations of five stories from "The Garfield Show," including the title story in which Garfield and friends investigate the cause of the strange weather after a heat wave changes first to a snowstorm and then to rain consisting of cheese sandwiches.

Patterson, James and Grabenstein, Chris. Treasure Hunters

Following clues left by their missing father, twelve-year-old twins Bickford and Rebecca Kidd sail from the Caribbean to New York City with their siblings to finish the dangerous quest of their world-famous treasure-hunting parents.

Paulsen, Gary and Jim. Road Trip

A father and son embark on a road trip to a distant animal shelter to save a homeless border collie puppy.

Pilkey, Dav. Captain Underpants and the Revolting Revenge of the Radioactive Boxers

After his time-traveling deeds cause the destruction of the world by preventing Harold and George from creating Captain Underpants, Tippy Tinkletrousers tries to use his time machine to correct the situation, but it proves to be difficult to fix.

Poblocki, Dan. The Haunting of Gabriel Ashe

Since eighth-grader Gabriel Ashe moved into his grandmother's house he has been spending a lot of time playing in the woods with his new friend Seth, but the games Seth invents involve a child-eating monster called the Hunter, and Gabriel is not sure how much is imagination and how much real.

Ponti, James. Dead City

Seventh-grader Molly has always been an outsider, even at New York City's elite Metropolitan Institute of Science and Technology, but that changes when she is recruited to join the Omegas, a secret group that polices and protects zombies.

Potter, Ellen. Otis Dooda Strange But True

Everyday, nine-year-old Otis Dooda confronts a series of zany changes when his father's new job prompts the family's move to a New York City apartment, where Otis is cursed by a guy in a potted plant in their apartment building lobby and has to team up with a new friend and a gassy miniature horse to break the curse.

Pringle, Lawrence. Ice! The Amazing History of the Ice Business

Traces the history of the ice industry from its origins in the early 1800s, describing the ideas and inventions that enabled individuals to store ice in their homes and businesses, and sharing photographs, postcards, and other primary source materials.

Sandor, Steve. Replay

Growing up above his parents' Chinese family restaurant in a small town, Warren Chen has always dreamed of being a football star. At ninety pounds and five feet tall, he's not exactly built like a linebacker, but even short kids from tiny towns have big dreams.

Schreiber, Joe. Lenny Cyrus, School Virus

Told from three viewpoints, thirteen-year-old scientific genius Lenny Cyrus shrinks himself and, helped by his best friend Harlan, enters the body of Zooey, the girl he has loved since third grade, hoping to physically change her mind about him on the very day her play opens.

Scott, Jerry and Borgman, Jim. Chillax

Teenager Jeremy Duncan and his best friend Hector get permission to attend the Gingivitis concert unchaperoned by parents, and the aspiring rock stars prepare for the concert with a mission in mind--to have an awesome time and to obtain a memento of the concert for their friend Tim, who has cancer--but things do not go quite as planned.

Sheen, Barbara. Foods of Ghana.

This book briefly describes some of the foods and recipes that are used in the African nation of Ghana.

Sheinkin, Steve. Lincoln’s Grave Robbers

An account of how counterfeiter Benjamin Boyd's gang stole the body of Abraham Lincoln and demanded Boyd's release from jail and two hundred thousand dollars as ransom and the efforts of the Secret Service to recover the remains.

Silberberg, Alan. The Awesome Almost 100% True Adventures of Matt and Craz

A weird web site provides Kilgore Junior High students and best friends Matt and Craz the opportunity to make their cartoons become real, which has some unexpected and dire consequences.

Smith, Jennifer E. This is What Happy Looks Like

Perfect strangers Graham Larkin and Ellie O'Neill meet online when Graham accidentally sends Ellie an e-mail about his pet pig, Wilbur. The two 17-year-olds strike up an e-mail relationship from opposite sides of the country and don't even know each other's first names. What's more, Ellie doesn't know Graham is a famous actor, and Graham doesn't know about the big secret in Ellie's family tree. When the relationship goes from online to in-person, they find out whether their relationship can be the real thing.

Sonnenblick, Jordan. Are You Experienced?

Fifteen-year-old guitar player Rich cannot get his dad to tell him about his late uncle, so he decides to take his father's most prized possession, a guitar signed by Jimi Hendrix, which transports him back to 1969 Woodstock where he encounters his fifteen-year-old-dad and his uncle who is alive.

Spradlin, Michael. Killer Species – Menace From the Deep

Emmet Doyle is dragged along to Florida City in the Florida Everglades by his father, a wildlife biologist when a strange creature is found dead in the park, and soon it is made clear that someone has created a new breed of apex predator, and they are about to set them loose.

Stone, Tanya Lee. Courage Had No Color

Tells the story of America's first black paratroopers during World War II.

Stoudemire, A’Mare. Schooled

Eleven-year-old Amar'e Stoudemire is asked to become the coach of his school's basketball team even though he is too young to play on the team.

Strasser, Todd. Fallout

Scott's dad is the only one in the neighborhood who builds a bomb shelter during the Cuban Missile Crisis, and when the time comes, more neighbors enter the shelter than Scott's dad is prepared for.

### Tarshis, Lauren. [I Survived #8: I Survived the Japanese Tsunami, 2011](http://www.amazon.com/Survived-Japanese-Tsunami-2011/dp/0545459370/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1378462769&sr=1-1&keywords=tarshis)

In 2011, while visiting his father's hometown in Japan shortly after his death, Ben finds himself and his family being swept away by a terrible tsunami that leaves him stranded and alone in a strange country, far from home.

### Taylor, Chloe. Ready to Wear

After her middle school announces they are getting rid of uniforms, fashion-loving Zoey Webber and her friends learn to make their own clothes, and Zoey starts a fashion design blog.

Tharp, Tim. Mojo

A boy who feels powerless in his own life sets out to investigate the mystery of a missing high school girl in his town, who attends an elite private high school very unlike his own.

Tuminelly, Nancy. Cool Wheat-Free Recipes

Provides step-by-step instructions for creating wheat-free recipes, including blueberry pancakes, avocado tacos, lasagna, and pineapple muffins.

Ursu, Anne. The Real Boy

Oscar is content to be his magician master's "hand": doing the menial work of preparing herbs; staying in the cellar with his cat friends. Then Master Caleb disappears and bane-of-Oscar's-life apprentice Wolf is mysteriously killed, leaving Oscar to mind the shop.

Vance, Alexander. The Heartbreak Messenger

Quentin thinks delivering break-up messages will be a great way to earn extra money, but starts to question his service when he realizes how complicated emotions can be.

Watts, Irene. Touched by Fire.

Miriam flees to America with her family in 1910, and gets a job as a cuff setter at the Triangle Waist Company, but just as she is finishing work on March 25, 1911, a fire begins in the factory and she struggles to escape.

Weyn, Suzanne. Full Impact

Norval, a star on his high school football team, is asked by his coach to watch his best friend, Arnie, for signs of a concussion but Norval feels like he is betraying Arnie, but wants to do what is best for him.

Zia, Farhana. The Garden of My Imaan

The arrival of new student Marwa, a fellow sixth-grader who is a strict Muslim, helps Aliya come to terms with her own lukewarm practice of the faith and her embarrassment over others' reactions to their beliefs.