

Welcome to Ultimate Read Alikes: Readers Advisory for Youth Services Providers

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What Makes an Ultimate Reader's Advisor

- Read!
- Listen
- Enthusiasm
- Knowledge
- Persistence
- Don't Panic!



Great Sources

- Novelist
- <http://atn-reading-lists.wikispaces.com/Read+Alikes>
- <http://www.cmlibrary.org/bookhive/books/>
- <http://librarybooklists.org/fiction/children/jifyoulike.htm>
- Google!

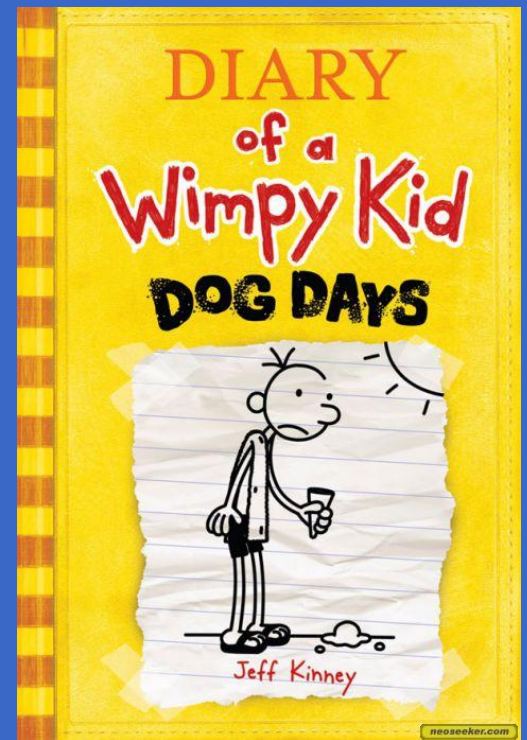
The Conversation

- Dialogue
- Acknowledge
- Age/Grade
- More Info
- **Sell! Sell! Sell!**



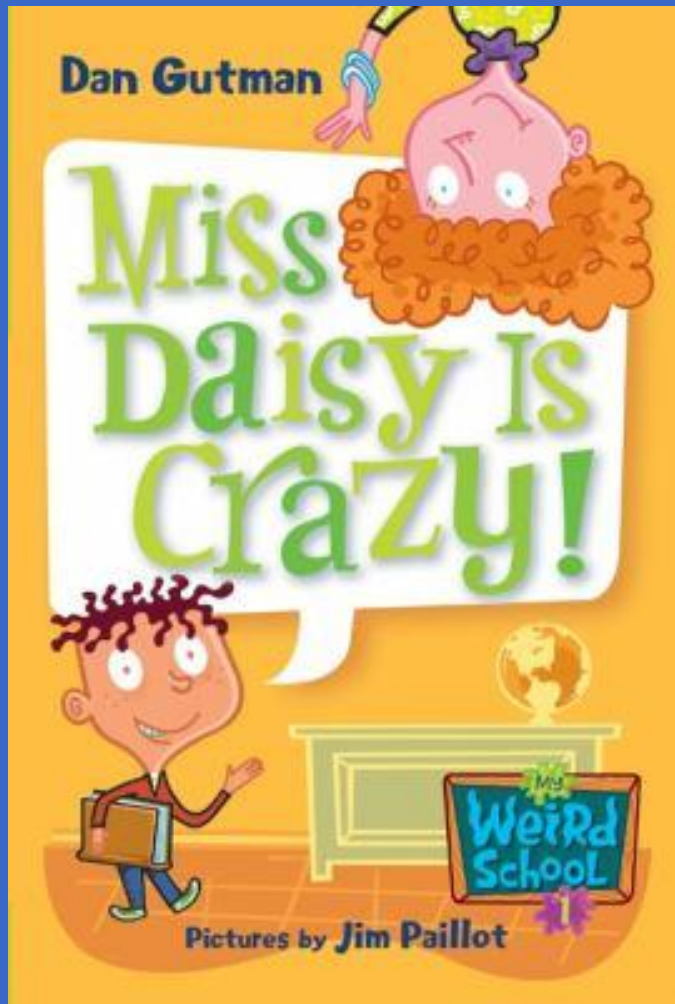
Wimpy Kid Appeal

- Hybrid graphic novel/chapter book format
- Authentic voice and look
- Fast moving
- Funny
- School Theme



My Weird School

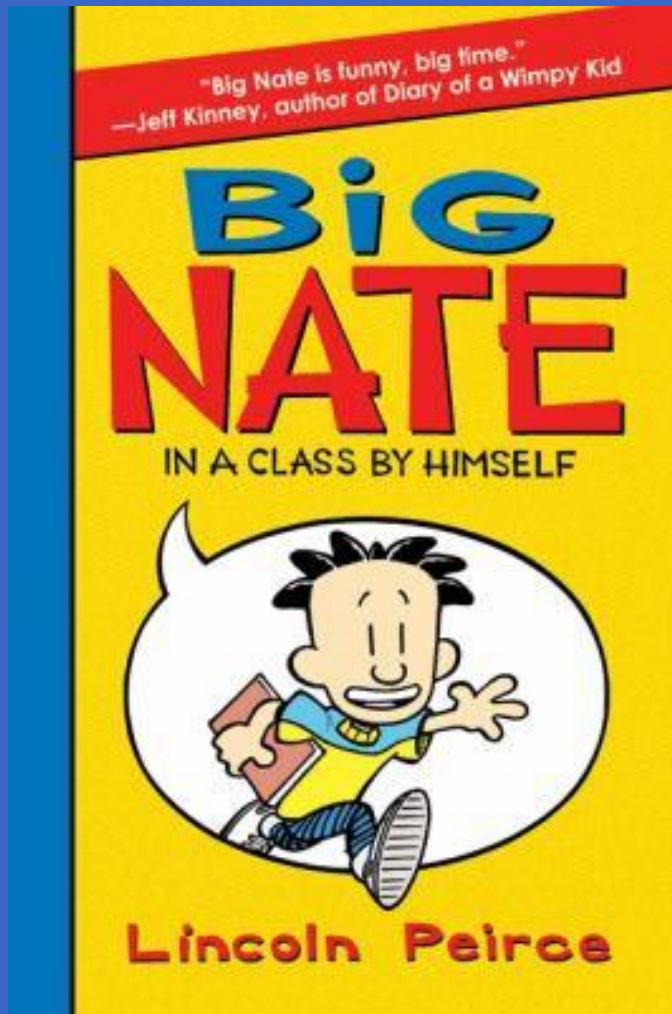
by Dan Gutman



- Ages 6+
- Series
- School Stories
- Appeals to both boys and girls
- Authentic Voice
- Funny

Big Nate

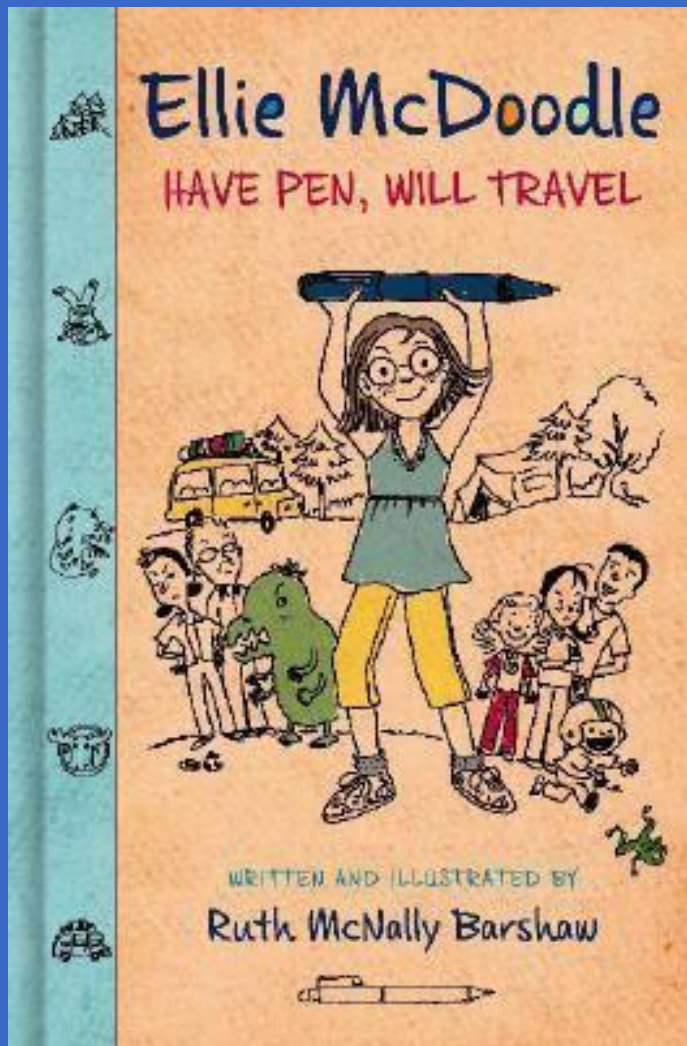
by Lincoln Peirce



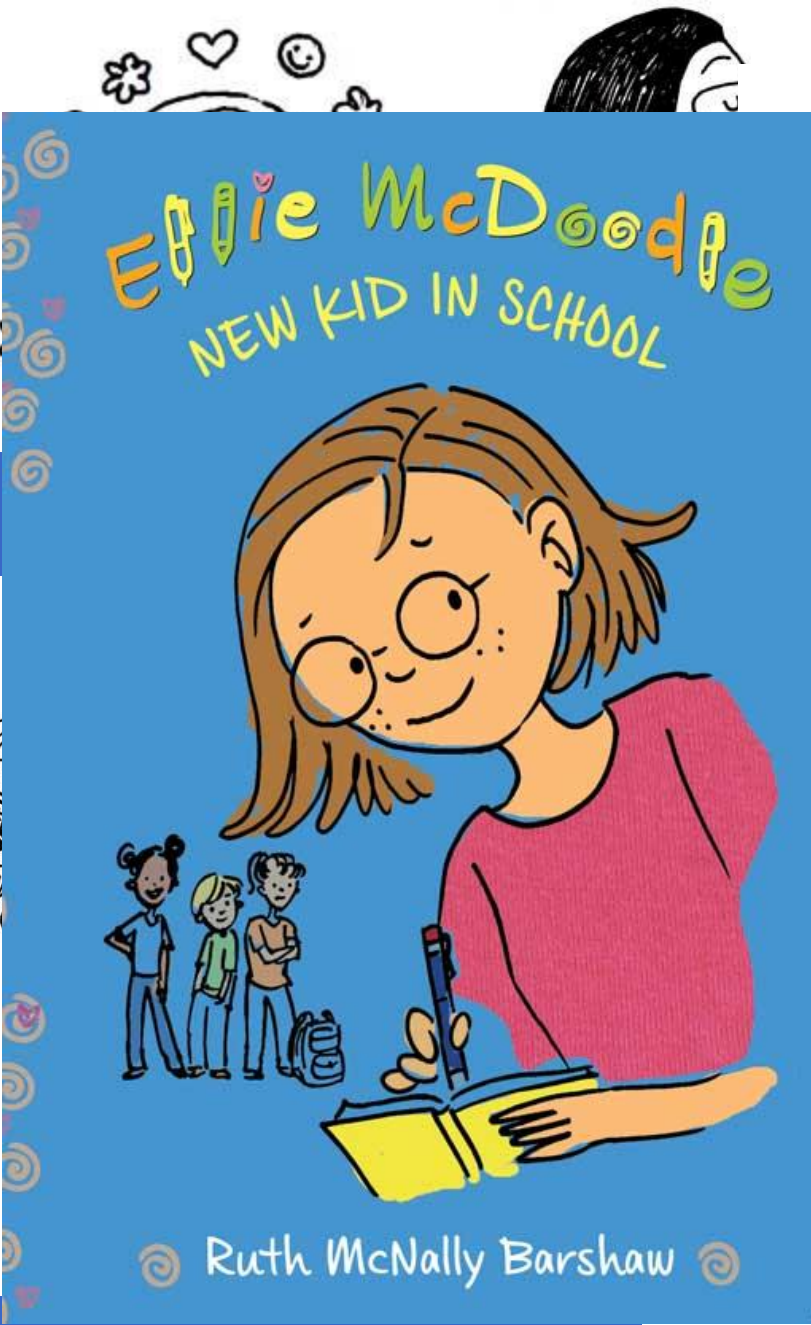
- Ages 7+
- Series
- Greg Heffley like protagonist
- Hybrid format
- Funny!

Ellie McDoodle

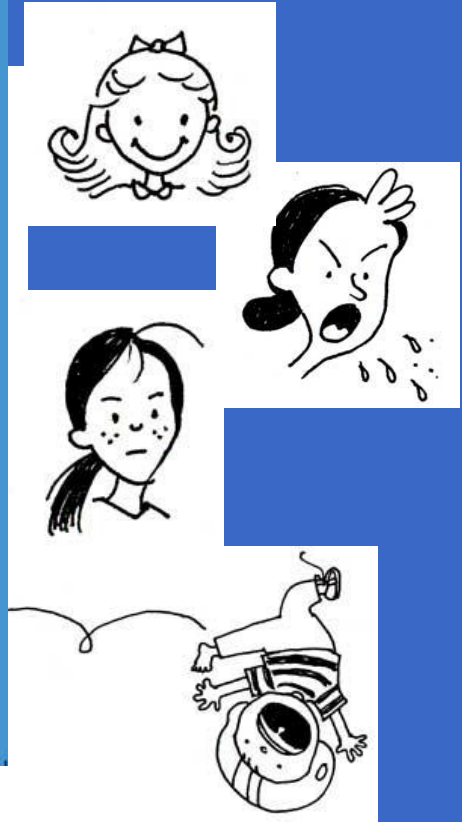
by Ruth McNally Barshaw



- Ages 8+
- Series
- Girl Appeal
- Hybrid

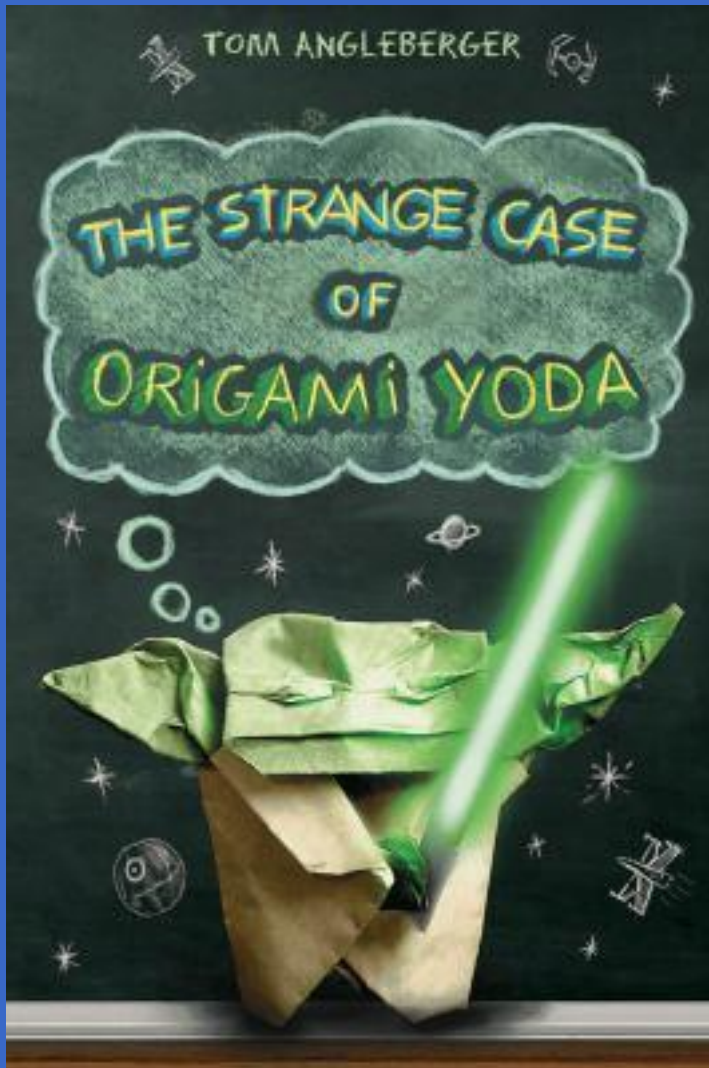


You love camping.
So this will be great!
See you in a week!
Take care of your
little brother! Bye!



The Strange Case of Origami Yoda

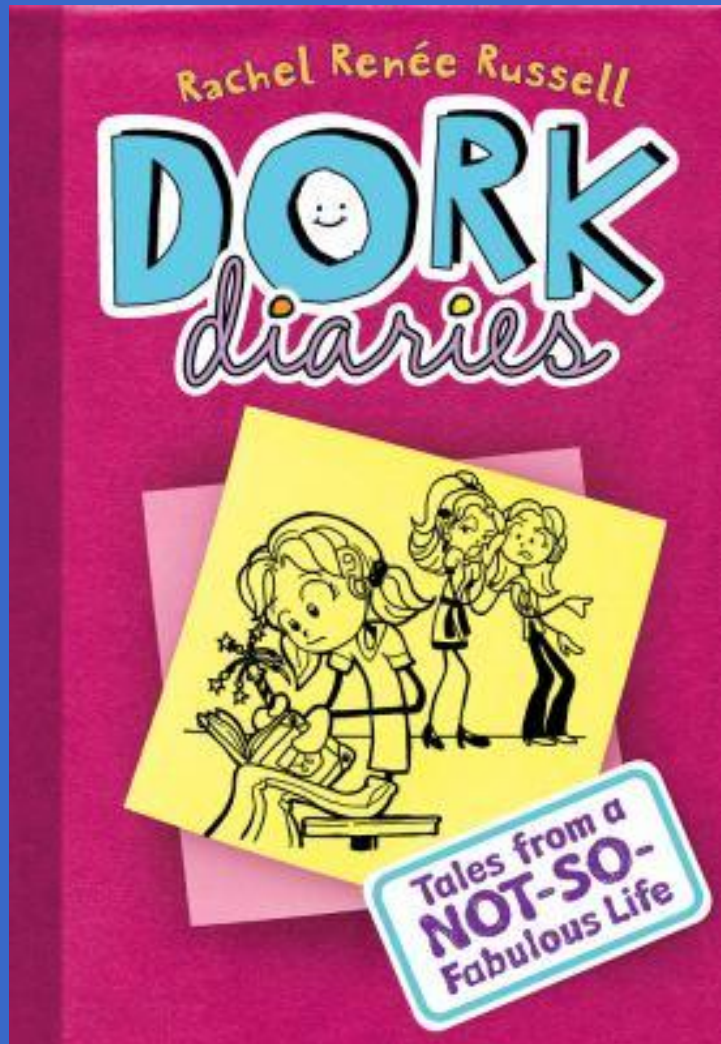
by Tom Angleberger



- Ages 8+
- Hybrid Format
- School Social Dynamics
- Mystery

Tales From a Not-So-Fabulous Life

by Rachel Renee Russell

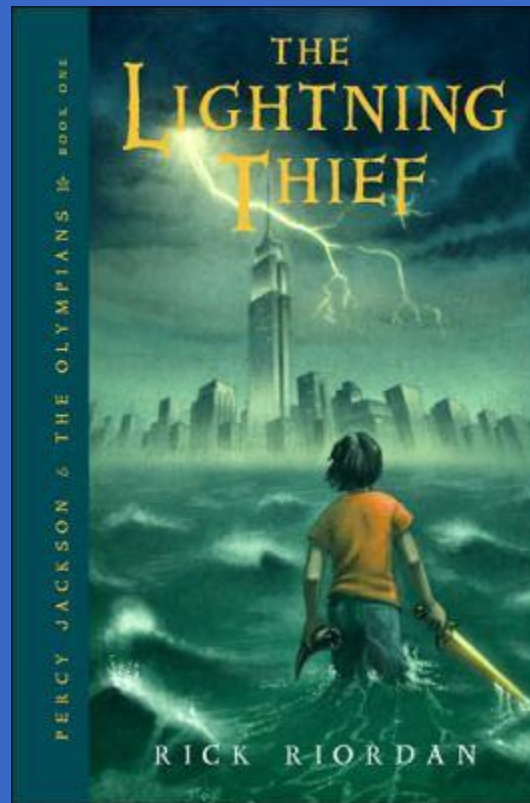


- Ages 8+
- Dork Diaries Series
- Girl Appeal
- Greg Heffley like protagonist
- Hybrid

If You Liked...

The Lightning Thief

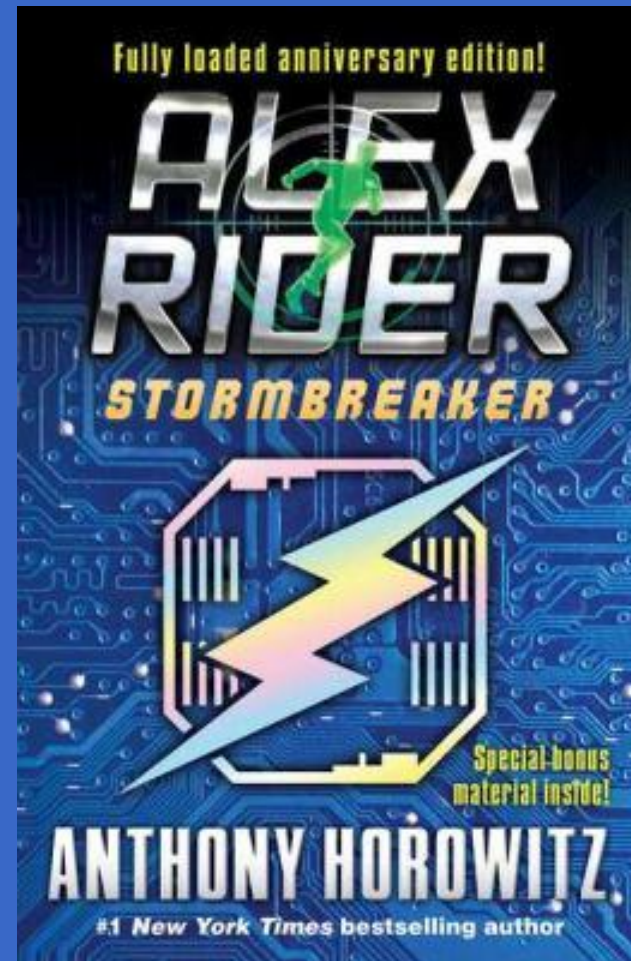
by Rick Riordan



Stormbreaker

by Anthony Horowitz

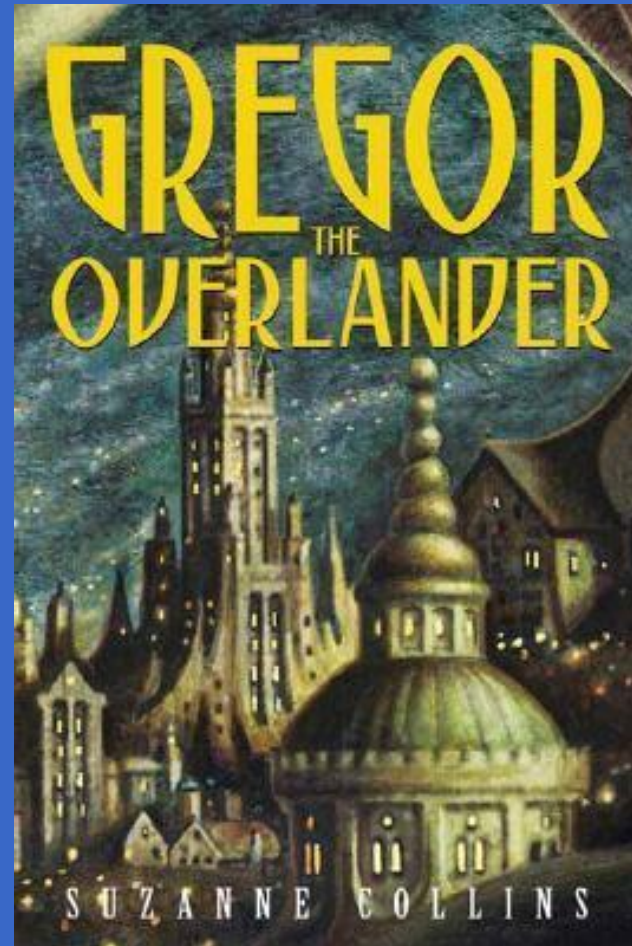
- Ages 9+
- Series
- Movie
- Gadget Appeal



Gregor the Overlander

by Suzanne Collins

- Ages 8+
- Series
- Fantasy
- Battles



The Merchant of Death

by D.J. MacHale

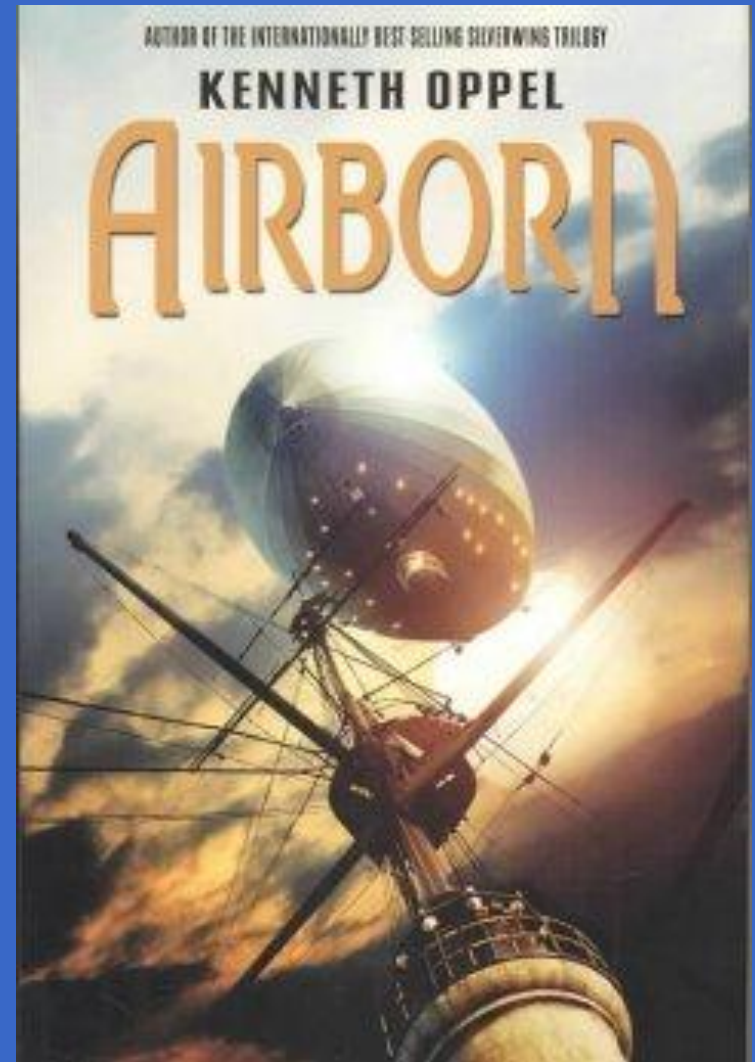
- Ages 8+
- Series
- Fantasy
- Fast Paced



Airborn

by Kenneth Oppel

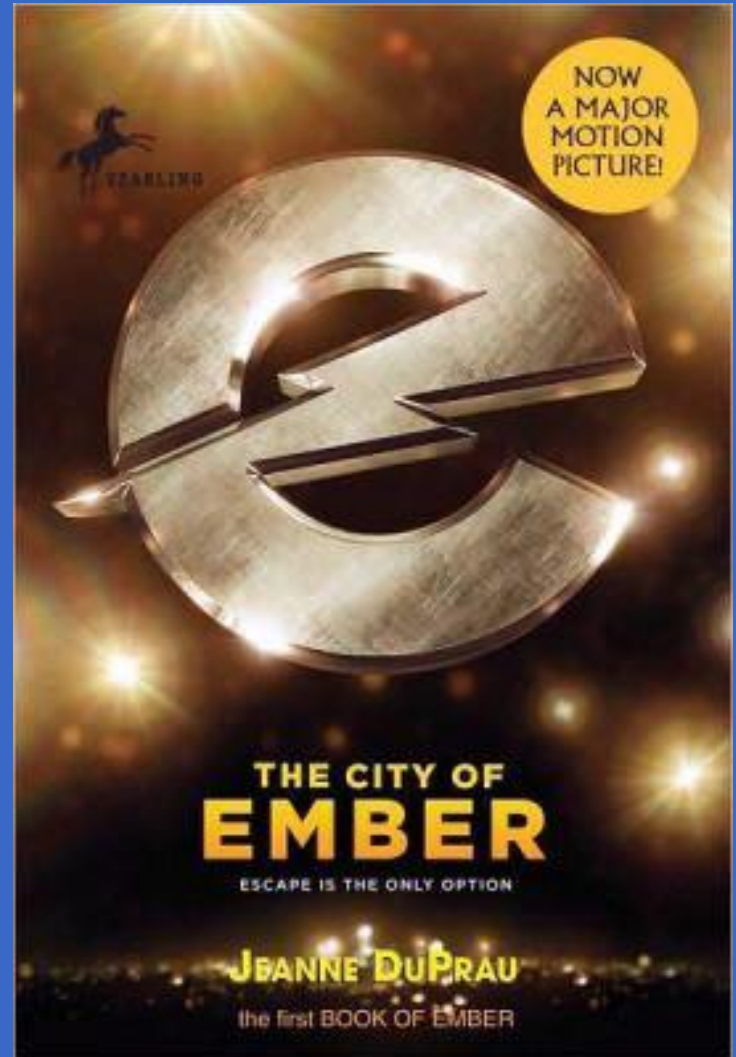
- Ages 9+
- Series
- Alternate History/Steampunk



The City of Ember

by Jeanne Duprau

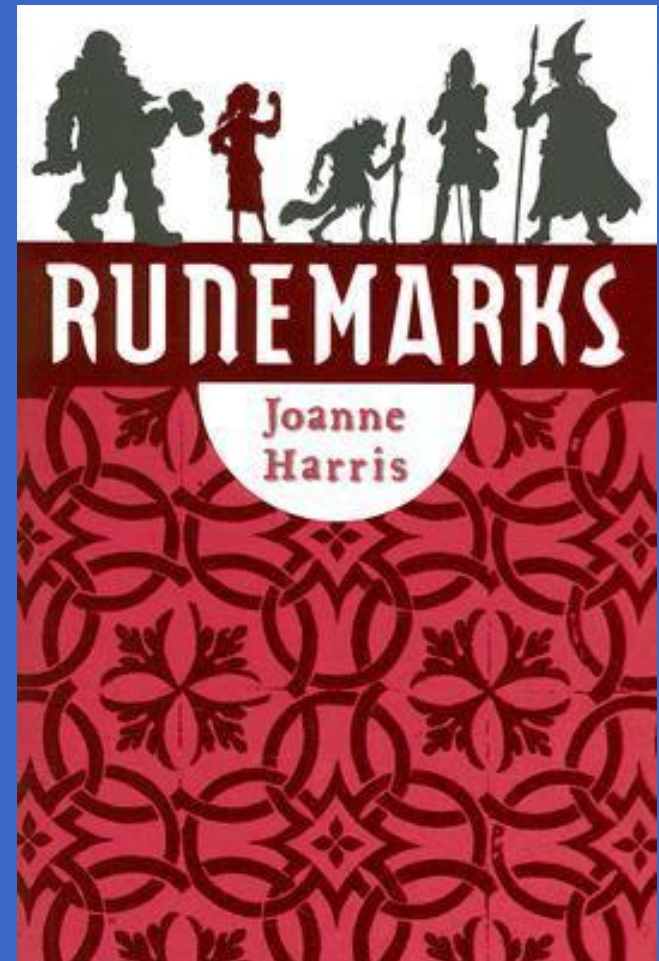
- Ages 9+
- Series
- Movie
- Girl and Boy Appeal



Runemarks

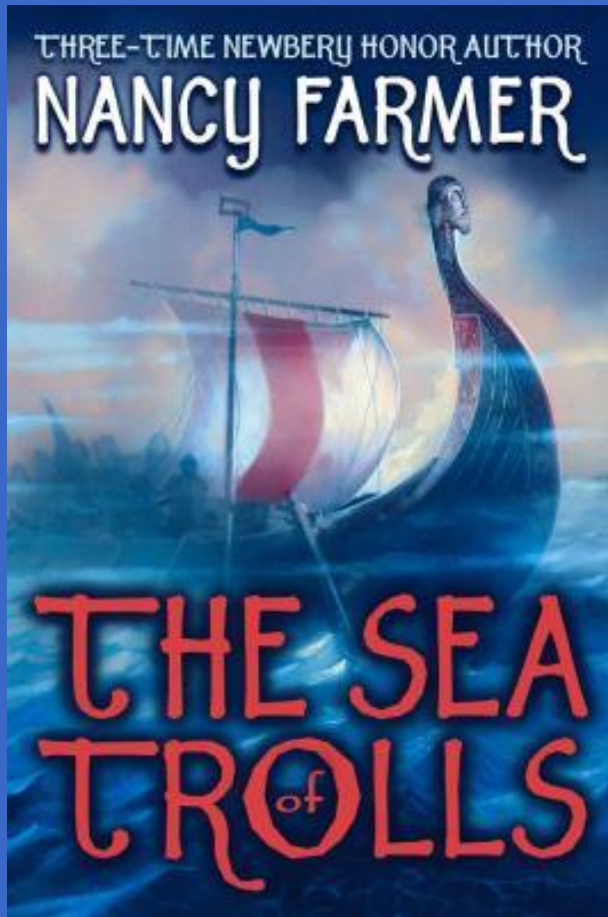
by Joanne Harris

- Ages 9+
- Norse Mythology
- Girl and Boy Appeal
- Epic Length (526 pages)



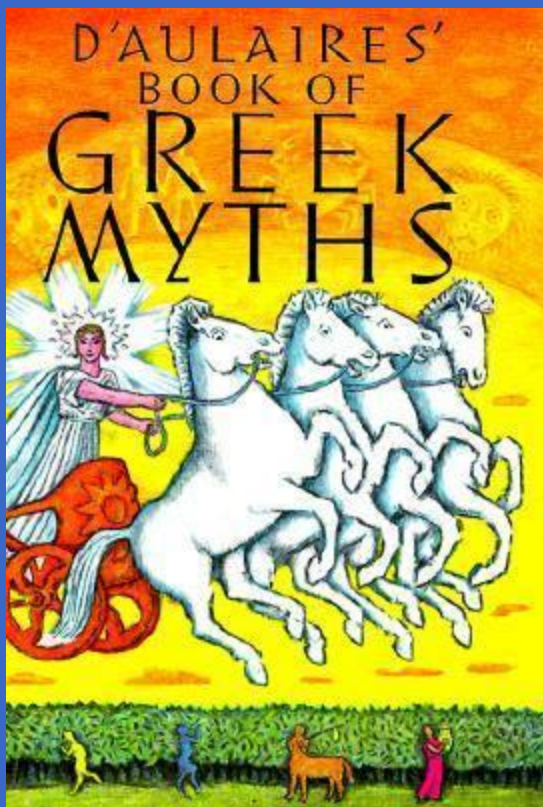
Sea of Trolls

by Nancy Farmer



- Ages 10+
- Norse Mythology
- Major Boy Appeal with battles and bodily humor

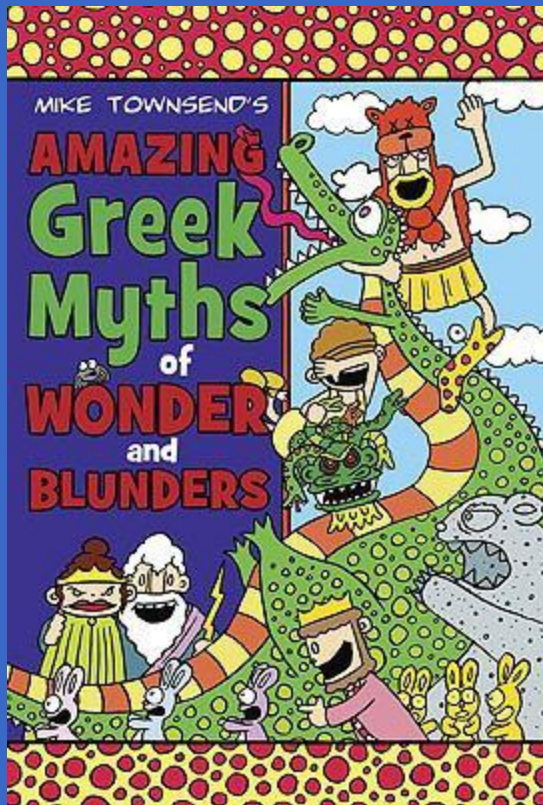
Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths



- Ages 8+
- Heavily Illustrated
- Broken into short stories about each of the major and minor gods

Michael Townsend's Amazing Greek Myths of Wonder and Blunders

by Michael Townsend



- Graphic Novel Format
- Funny
- Action Packed

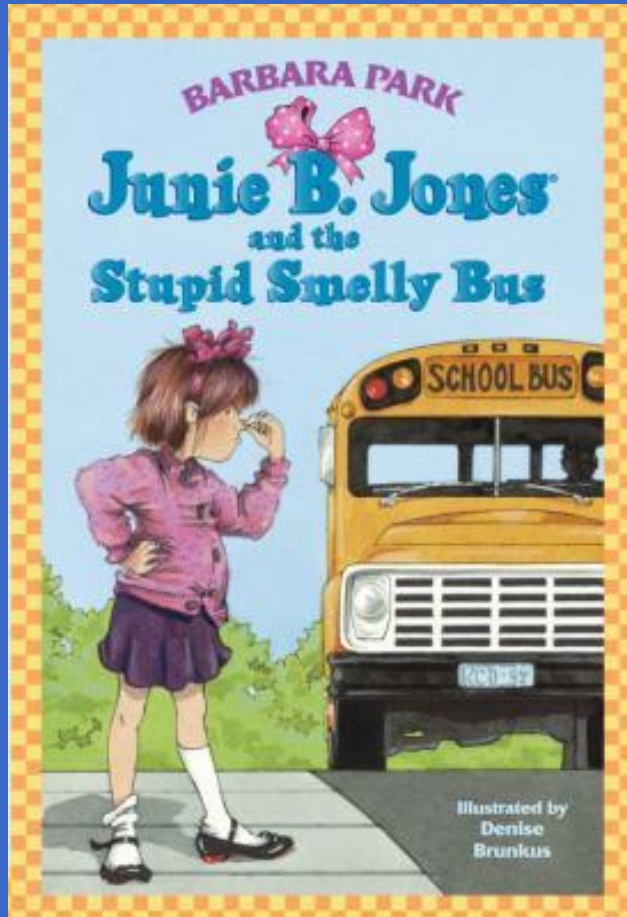


If You Liked....



Junie B. Jones

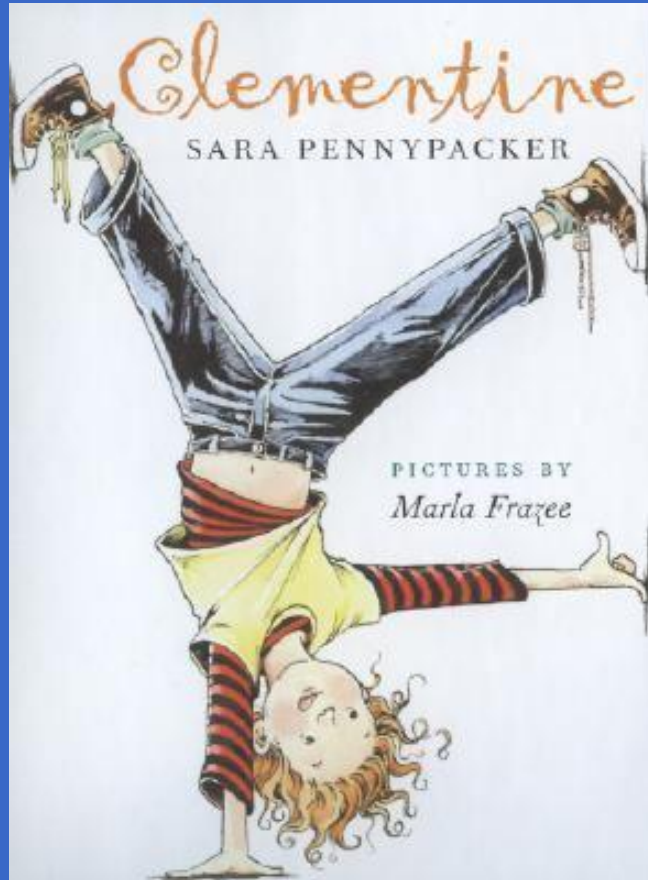
by Barbara Park



- Ages 5+
- Series
- Authentic Voice
- Realistic Fiction
- Great Read Aloud for Younger Readers
- Illustrated
- Laugh Out Loud Funny

Clementine

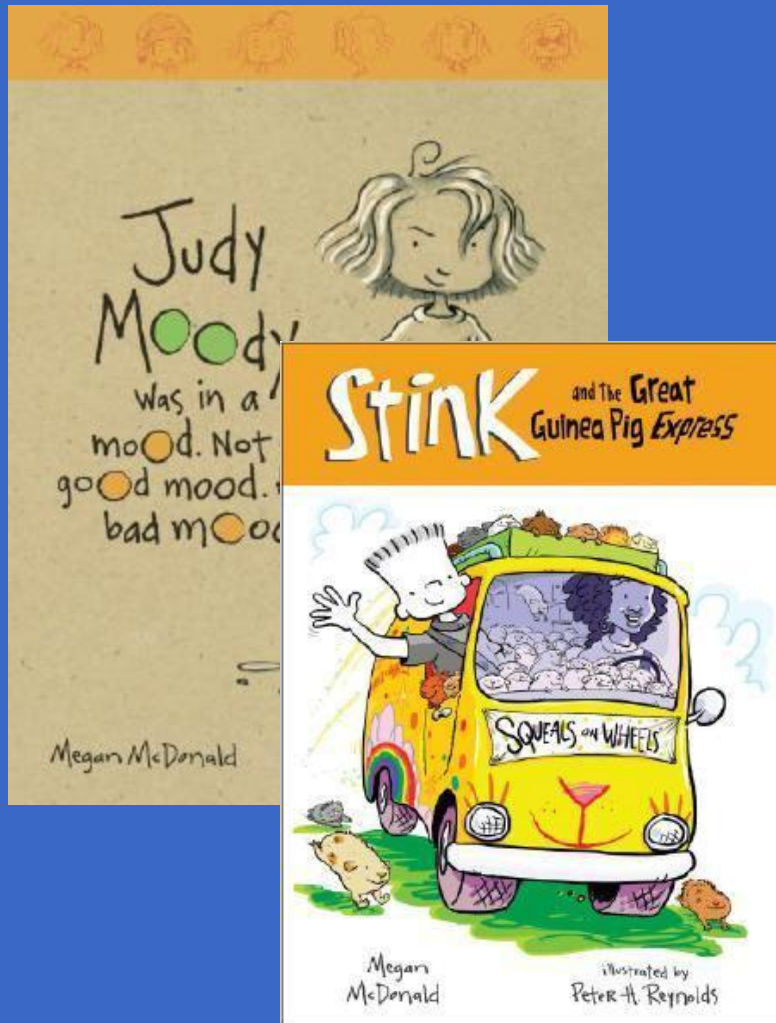
by Sara Pennypacker



- Ages 6+
- Series
- Authentic Voice
- Realistic Fiction
- Great Read Aloud for Younger Readers
- Illustrated

Judy Moody and Stink

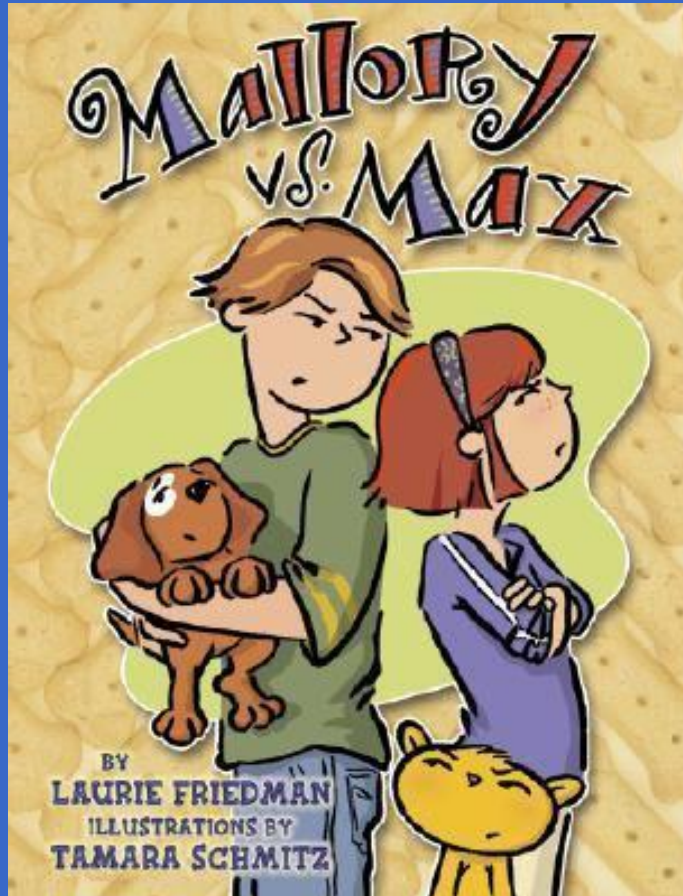
by Megan McDonald



- Ages 6+
- Series
- Girl and Boy Appeal
- Simple Adventures

Mallory and Max

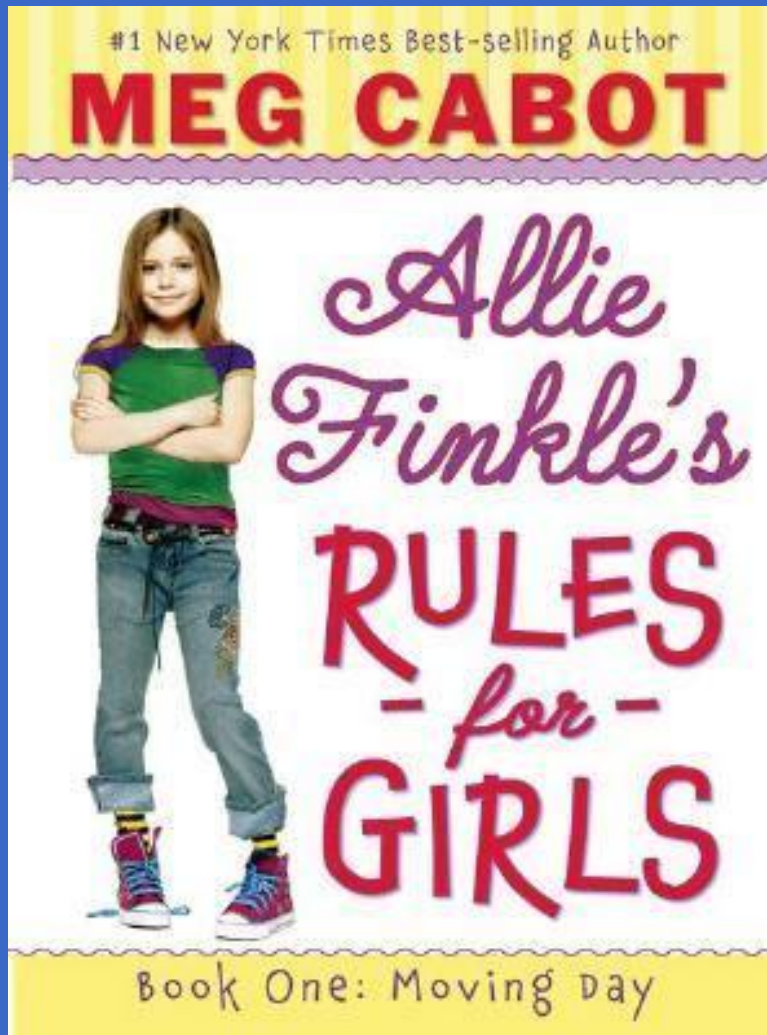
by Laurie Friedman



- Ages 7+
- Series
- Friendships, Fighting and First Crushes

Allie Finkle's Rules for Girls

by Meg Cabot



- Ages 8+
- Series
- For Girls Entering the Tween Years

Every Soul a Star

by Wendy Mass

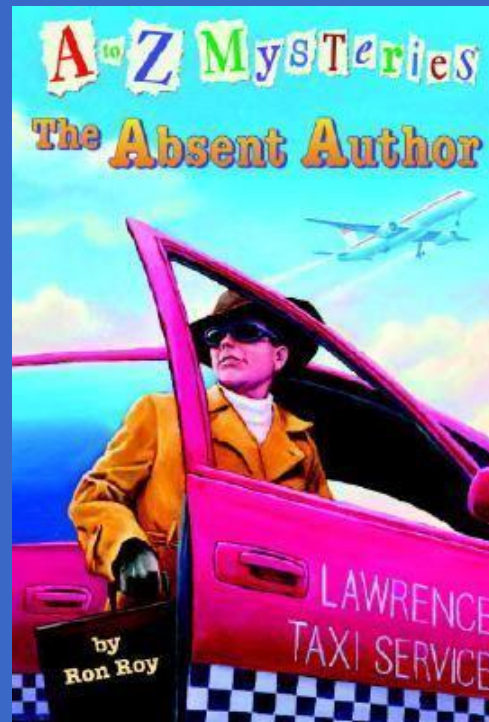


- Ages 8+
- Astronomy
- Coming of Age
- Try her other titles:
Eleven, Finally

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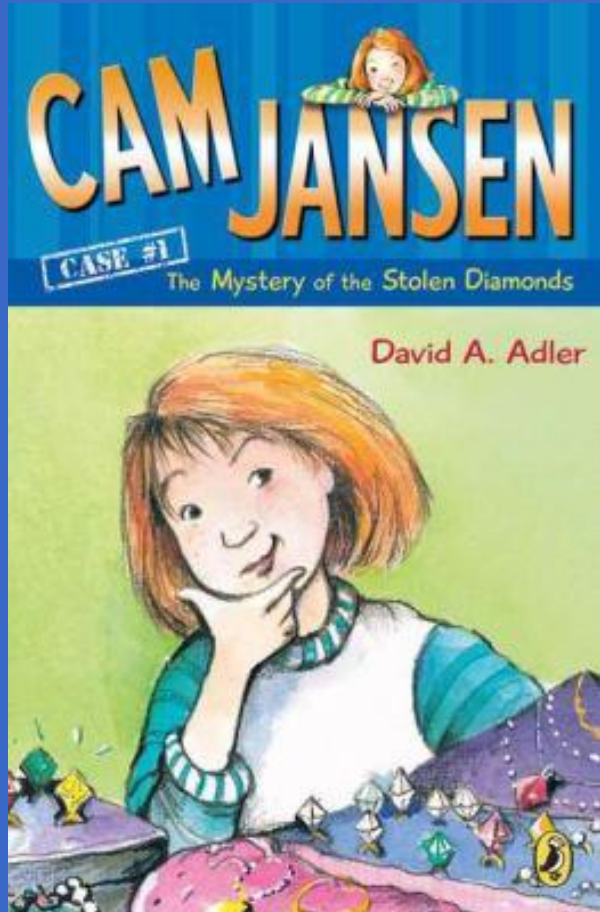
A To Z Mysteries

by Rob Roy



Cam Jansen

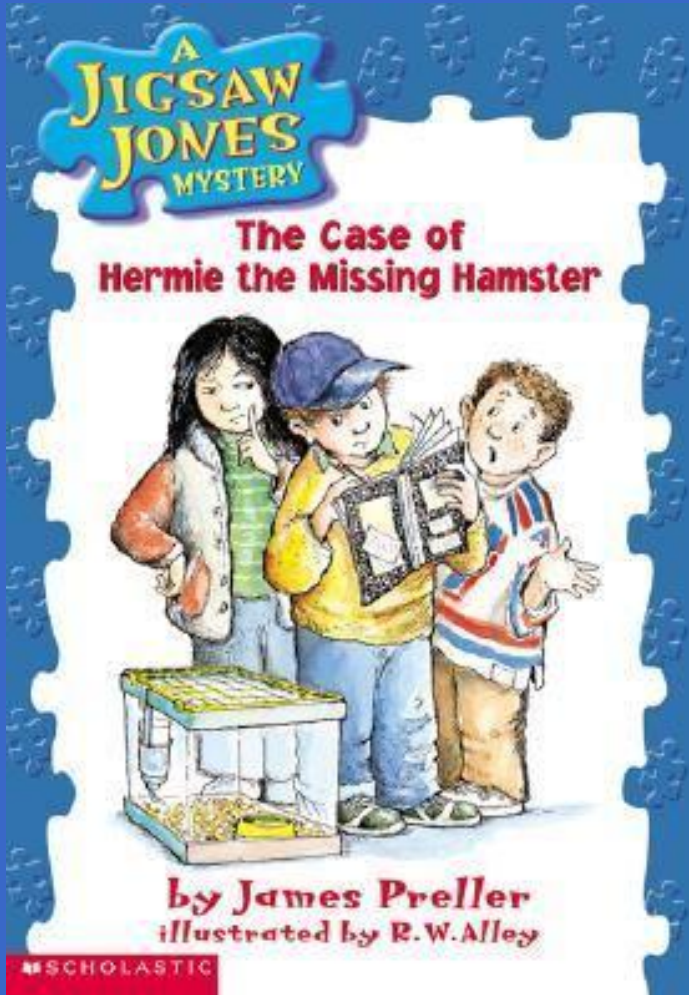
by David Adler



- Ages 6+
- Series
- Also try Young Cam Jansen Early Reader Series

Jigsaw Jones

by James Preller

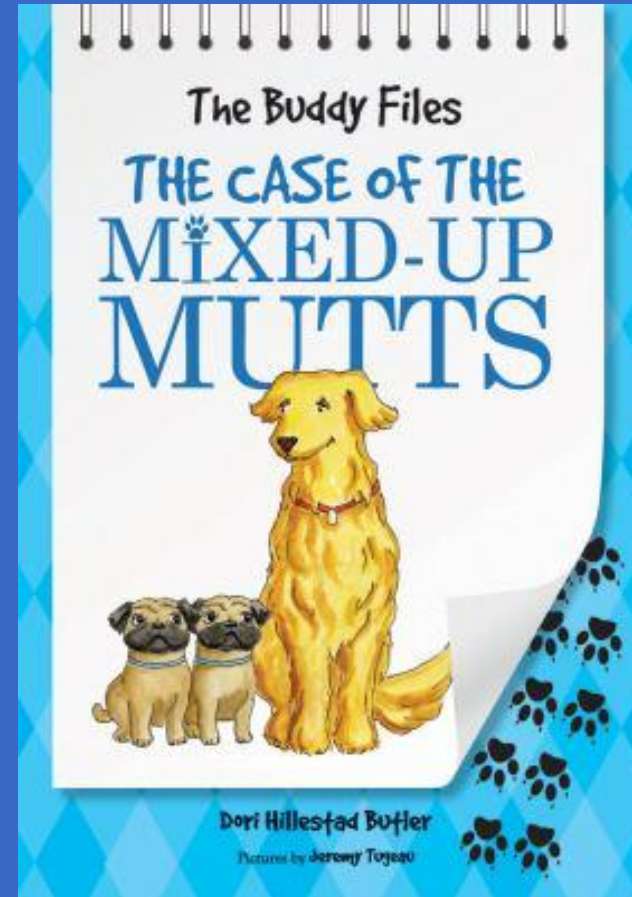


- Ages 6+
- Series
- Realistic Dialogue

The Buddy Files

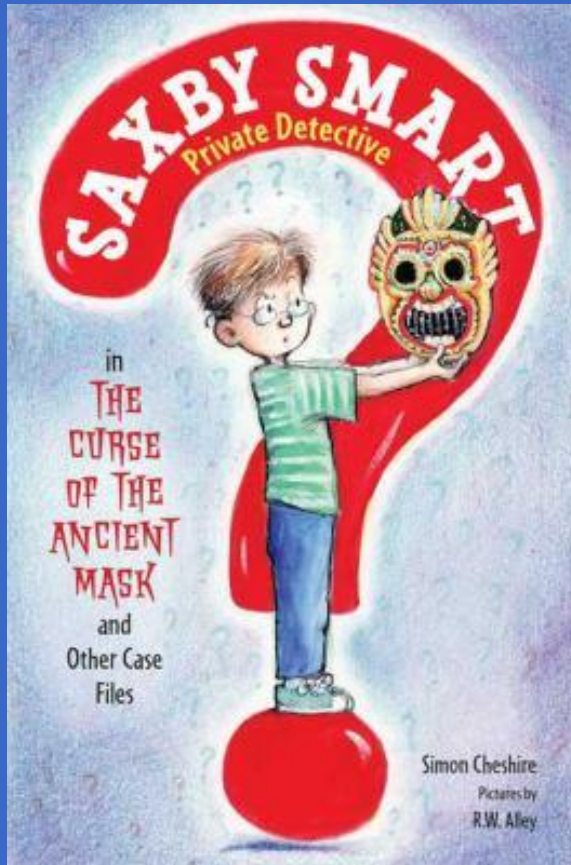
by Dori Hillestad Butler

- Ages 6+
- Series
- Nice for Young Animal Fans



Saxby Smart: Private Detective

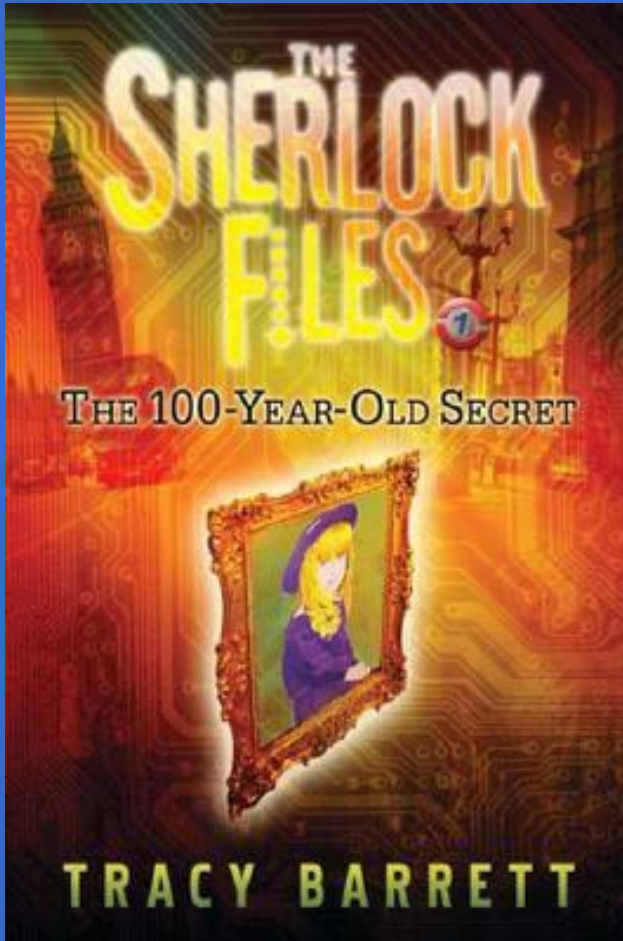
by Simon Cheshire



- Ages 8+
- Series
- Reminiscent of Encyclopedia Brown

The Sherlock Files

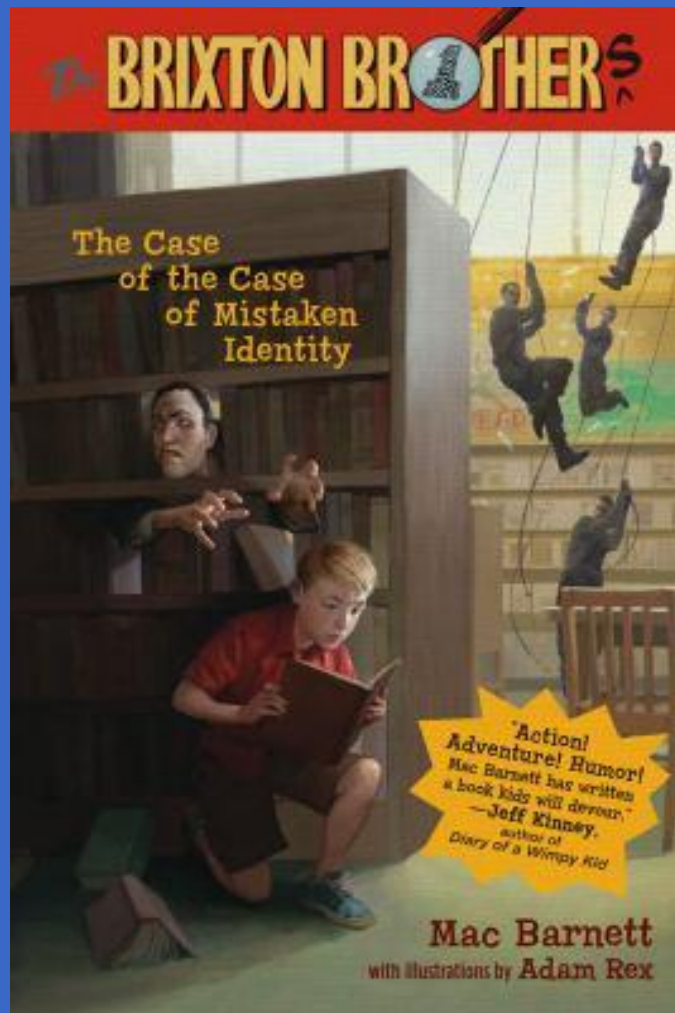
by Tracy Barrett



- Ages 8+
- Series
- Great Introduction to Sherlock Holmes

The Brixton Brothers

by Mac Barnett



- Ages 8+
- Series
- Funny
- Great for Boys

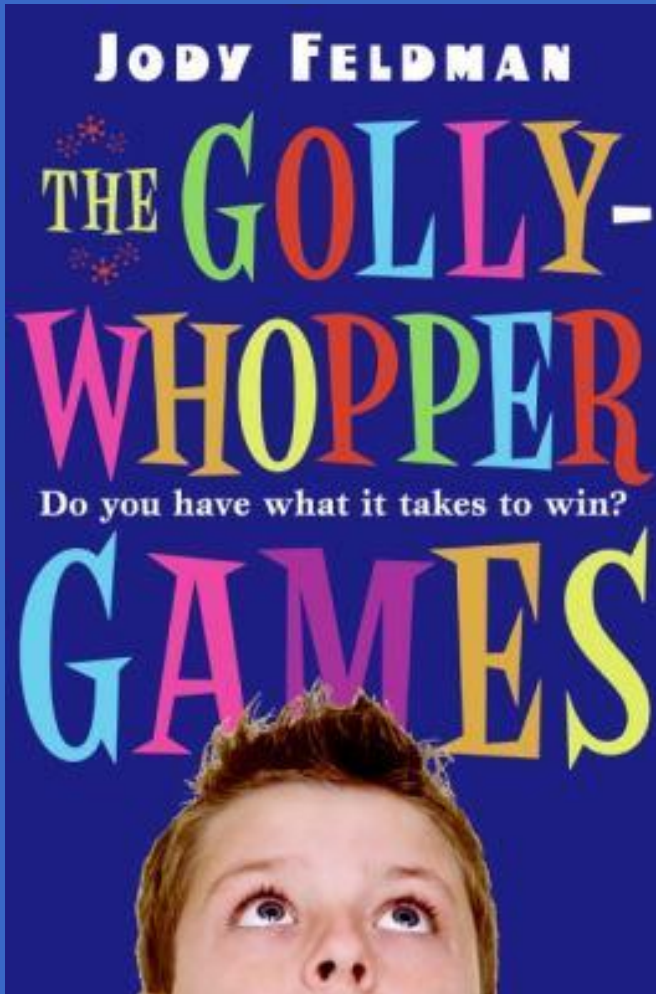
39 Clues



- Ages 8+
- Series
- Fast Paced Adventure
- Boy and Girl Appeal
- Various Popular Authors
- Interactive Experience

The Gollywhopper Games

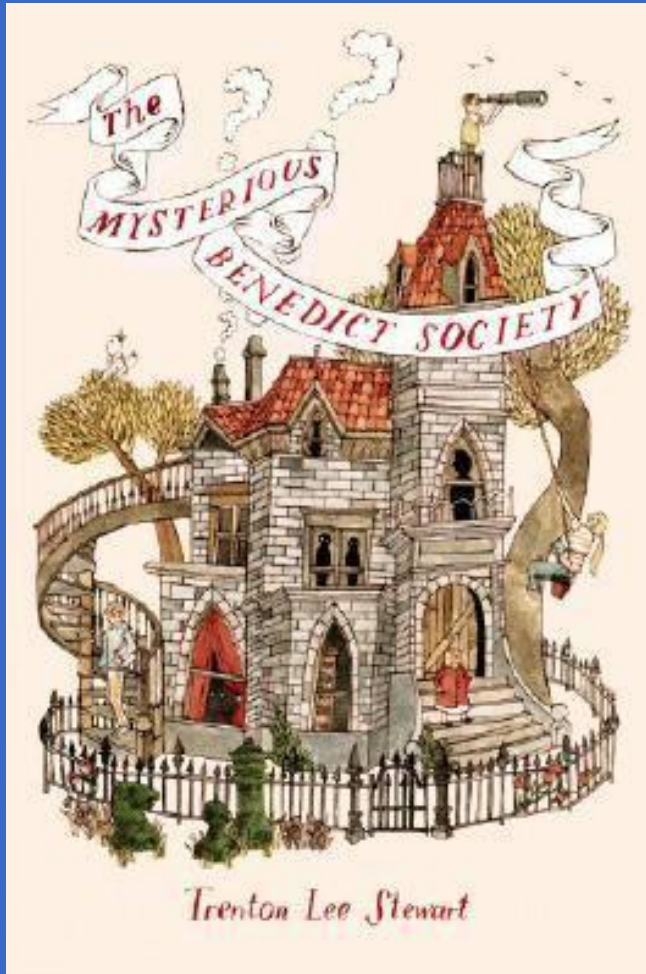
by Jody Feldman



- Ages 8+
- Puzzles

The Mysterious Benedict Society

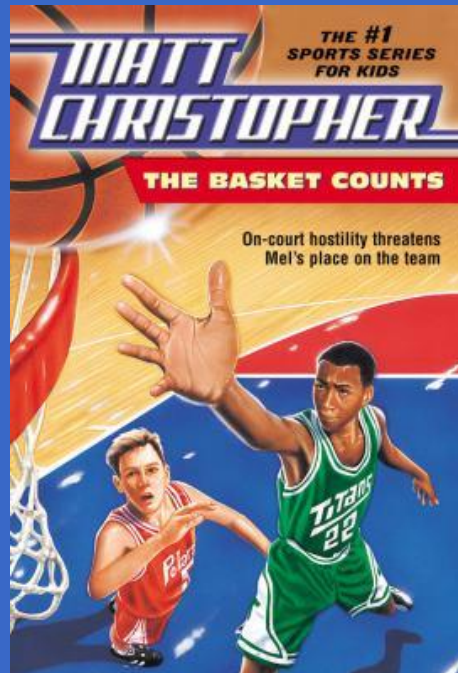
by Trenton Lee Stewart



- Ages 8+
- Series
- Puzzles
- Funny
- Gifted and Talented Children

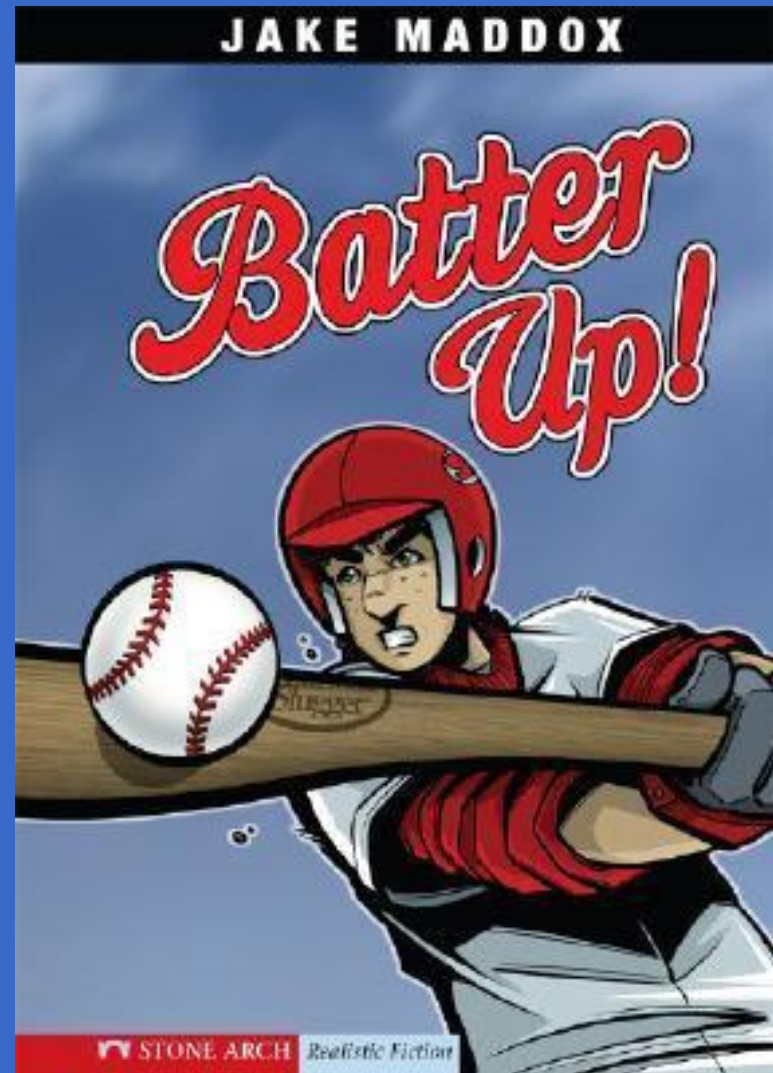
If You Liked...

Matt Christopher Books



Jake Maddox

- Ages 7+
- Series
- Covers Huge Variety of Sports



Kickers and Winning Season

by Rich Wallace

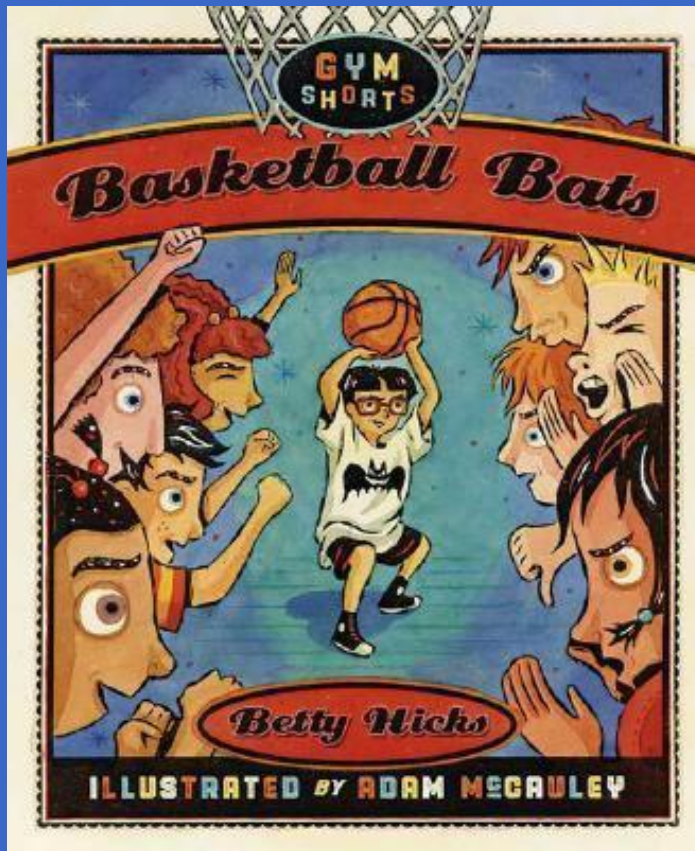


- Ages 7+
- Series
- Soccer
- Co-Ed

- Ages 8+
- Series
- Football

Gym Shorts

by Betty Hicks

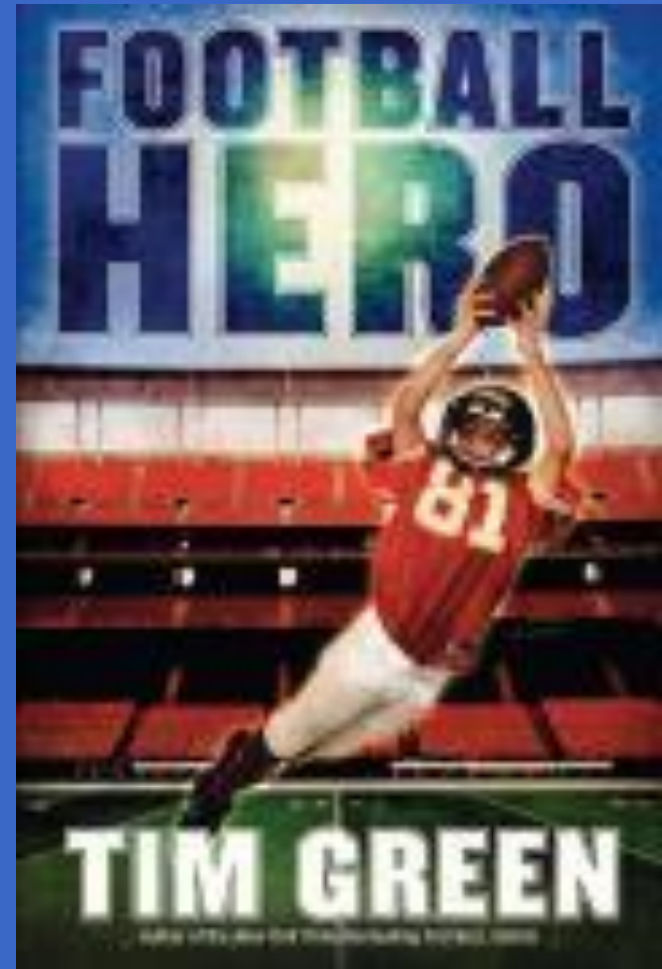


- Ages 7+
- Series
- Covers Array of Sports

Football Hero

by Tim Green

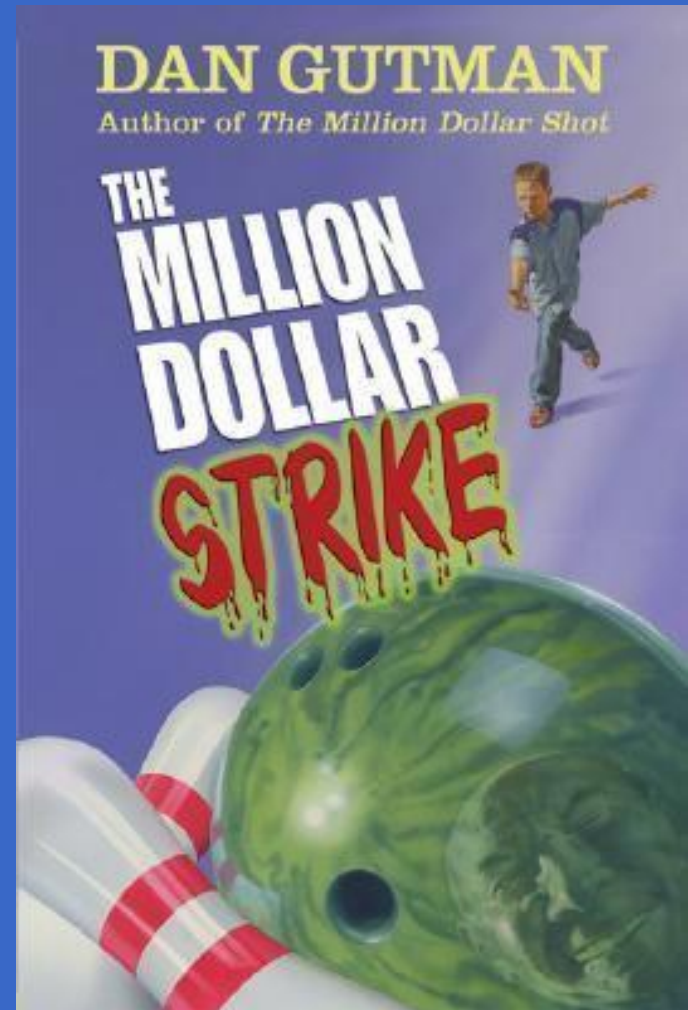
- Ages 8+
- Series
- Check out all of Tim Green's Sports Books



The Million Dollar Strike

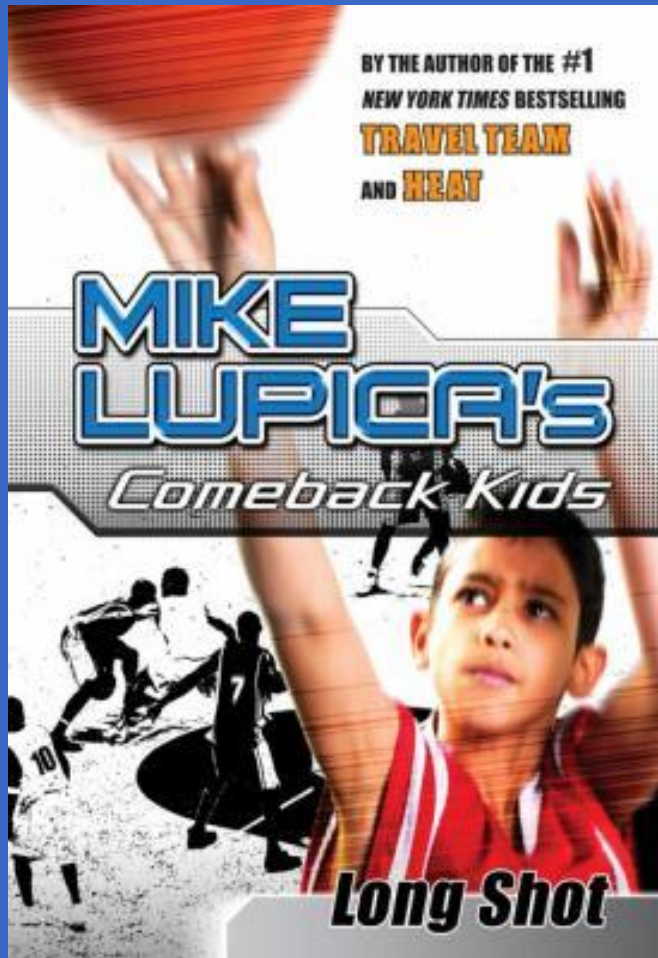
by Dan Gutman

- Ages 8+
- Series
- Covers Variety of Sports
- Mystery/Detective Stories
- Also try Gutman's Historical Sports Time-Traveling Adventures



Comeback Kids

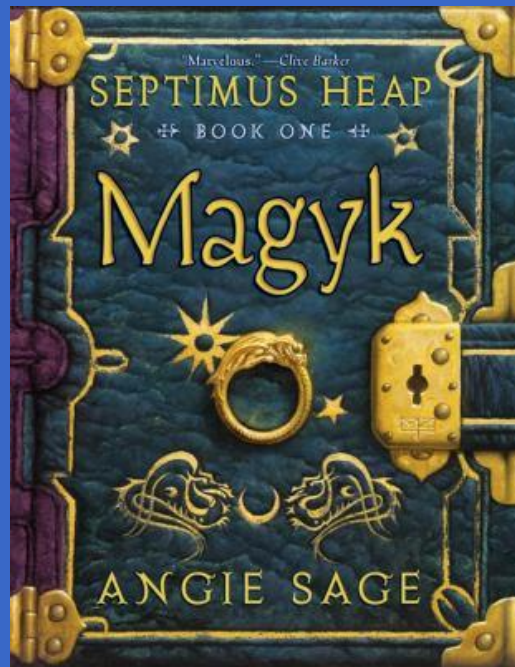
by Mike Lupica



- Ages 8+
- Series
- Variety of Sports
- Also try Batboy and The Million Dollar Throw

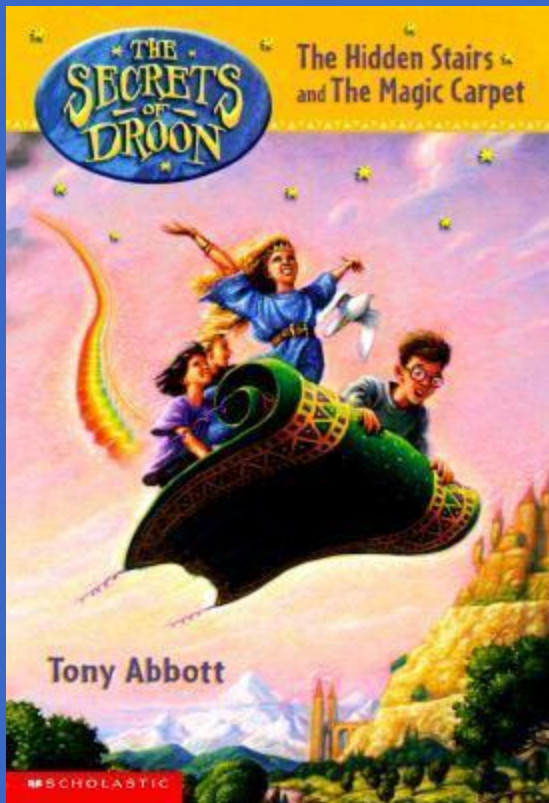
If You Liked...

the **Septimus Heap**
Series by Angie Sage



The Secrets of Droon

by Tony Abbott

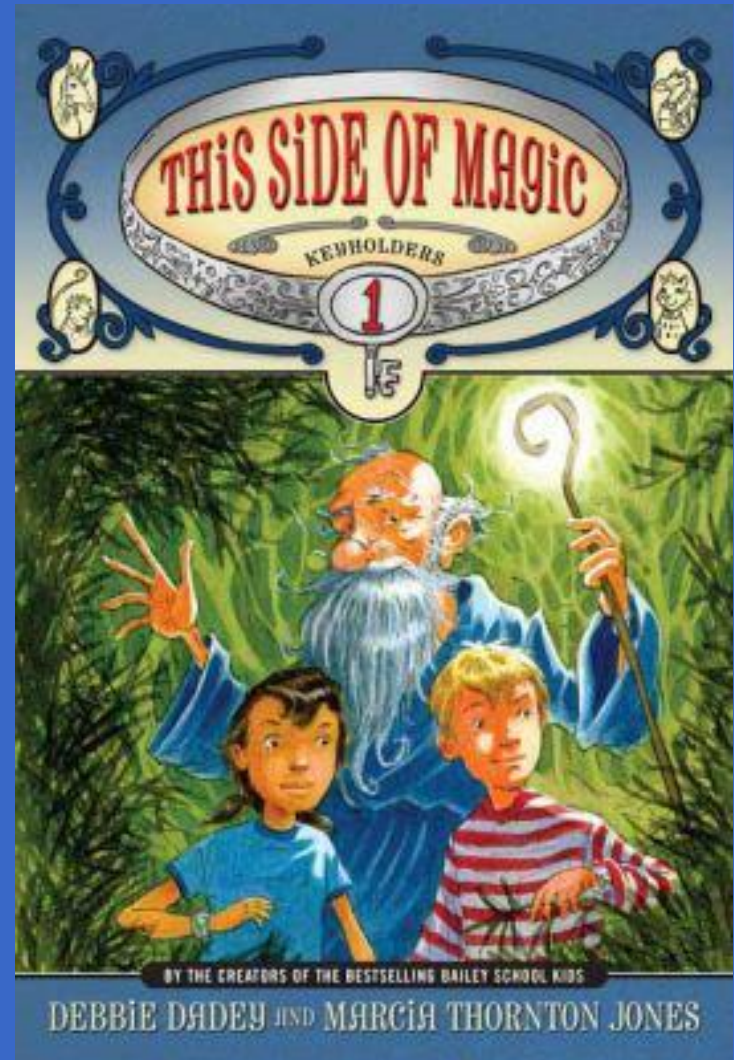


- Ages 7+
- Series
- Introduction to High Fantasy

Keyholders

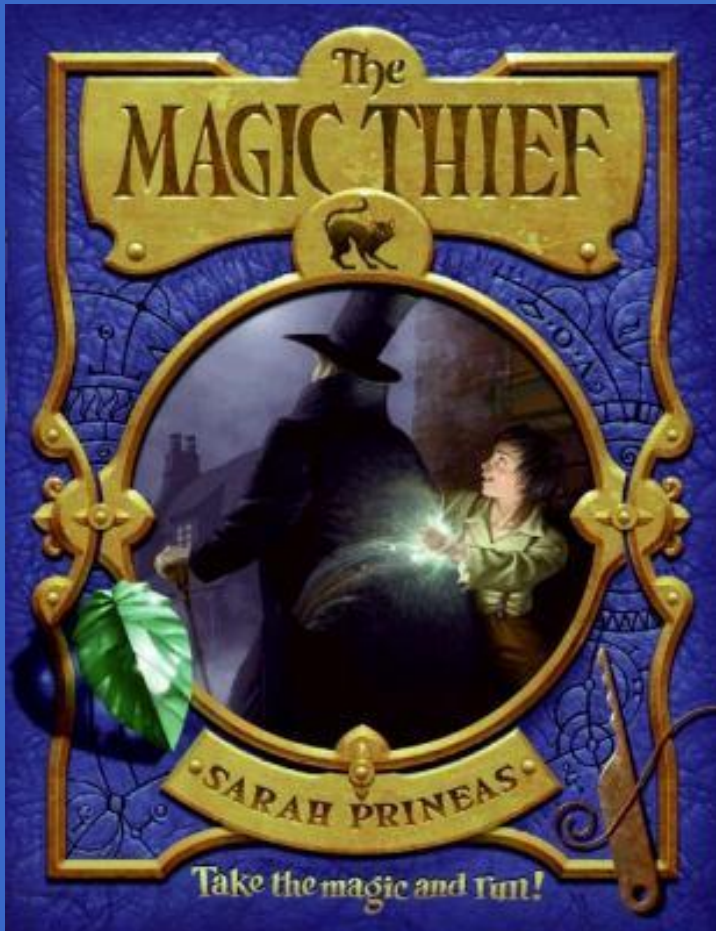
by Debbie Dadey

- Ages 7+
- Series
- Boy and Girl Appeal
- Animal Lovers Appeal



The Magic Thief

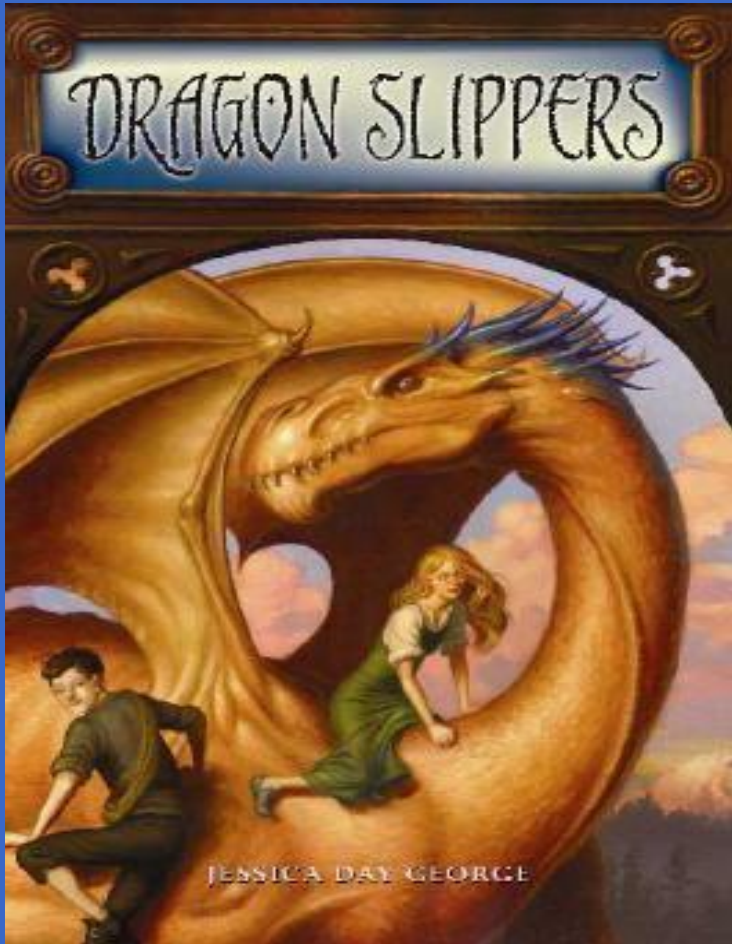
by Sarah Prineas



- Ages 8+
- Series
- Good for Harry Potter Fans

Dragon Slippers

by Jessica Day George

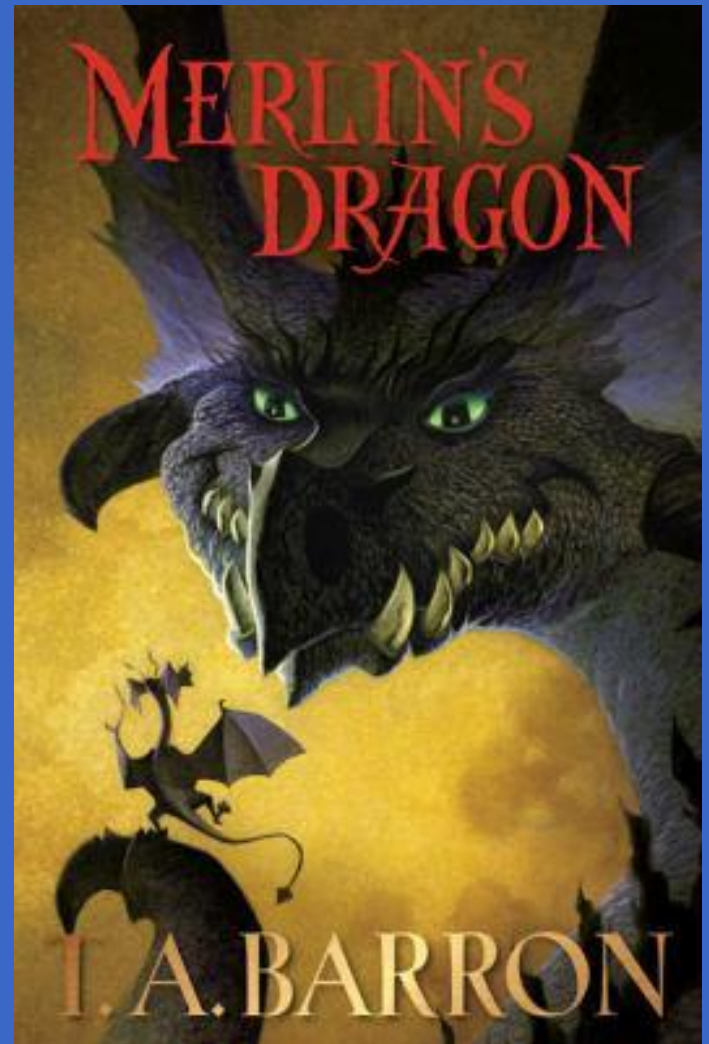


- Ages 8+
- Series
- Funny
- Girl Appeal
- Best Dragons Around

Merlin's Dragon

by T.A. Barron

- Ages 9+
- Series
- Merlin and his World
- Animal Focused



Fablehaven

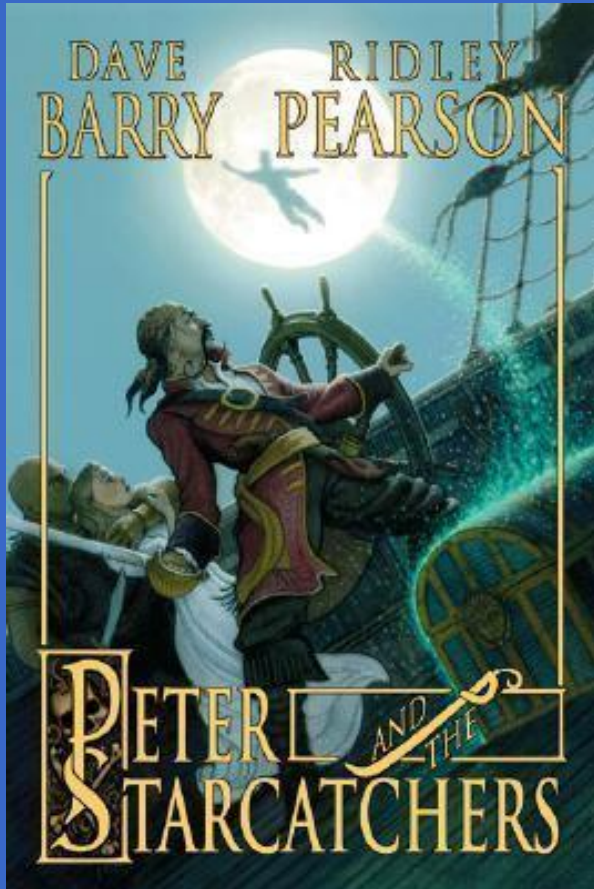
by Brandon Mull

- Ages 8+
- Series
- Magical Creatures
- Great for Kids who Love Animals



Peter and the Starcatchers

by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson



- Ages 9+
- Series
- A Brand New Interpretation of Peter Pan
- Funny

Your Steps to Becoming an Ultimate Reader's Advisor

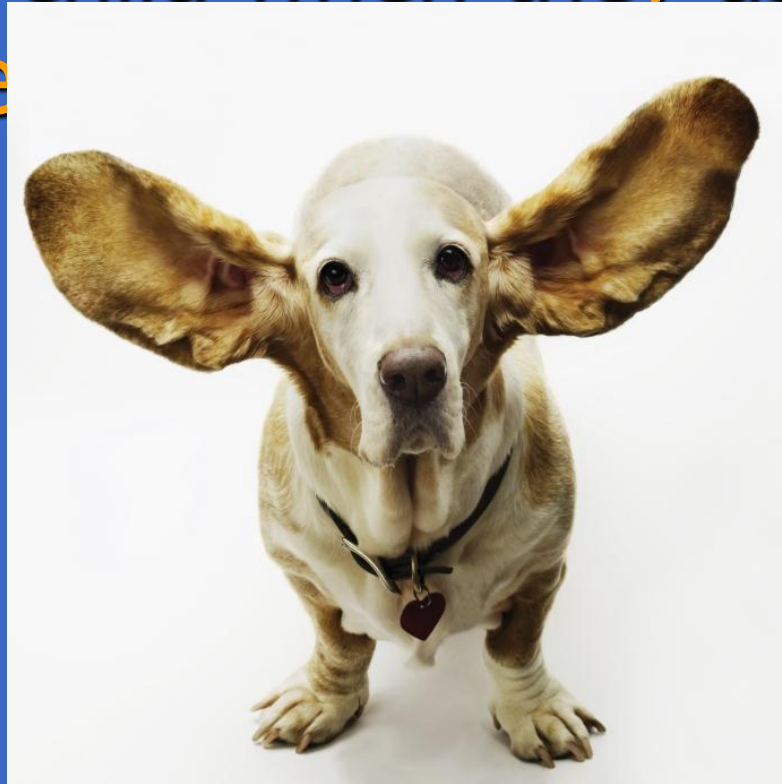
Read, Read, Read



Identify at least 2-3 books in each major genre or "read-alike" category that you would feel comfortable personally recommending to a patron. Try to make



If possible, take your time talking to
a child when they ask for a
suggestion to listen not



HAVE FUN!

Thank you!

Please feel free to contact me at
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