Alphabet Activities
999517,KT
P 2018 1677
This kit contains two, hands-on activities and a selection of picture books for you to use in your classroom to reinforce letters and letter sounds with your students.

Alphabet Mystery Box
This engaging mystery box is a fun way to help students learn the alphabet!
*This is a fun letter/sound matching game
*Box comes with 26 miniatures, one for each letter of the alphabet
*Great for boosting alphabet skills, from letter identification to letter/sound recognition

Magnetic Alphabet Maze
This sturdy hardwood maze has colourful balloons that represent each letter of the alphabet, plus 26 corresponding letter magnets. Students use the attached magnetic wand to guide each letter into place, mastering letter identification and alphabet order with every match they make.
The maze has a permanently sealed, clear-view top to keep letters contained.

Book titles
*The Alphabet Thief by Bill Richardson
*M is for Maple: A Canadian Alphabet by Mike Ulmer
*An Artist's Alphabet by Norman Messenger
*Z is for Moose by Kelly Bingham
*R is for Robot* A Noisy Alphabet by Adam F. Watkins
*Ah-hA to Zig-Zag by Maira Kalman
*AlphaOops! The Day Z Went First by Alethea Kontis
*LMNO peas by Keith Baker
*ABC Pasta: An Entertaining Alphabet

Animal Rulers: First Facts
204001,KT
P 2018 2333
Take a tour around the world and discover the animals that rule each type of environment. Find out fascinating facts about predators, behaviours, and the unique features of each of these amazing animals.

Included
Kings of the Deserts
Kings of the Jungles
Kings of the Mountains
Kings of the Oceans
Kings of the Rivers
Kings of the Skies

Awkward
999588,KT
J 2014
Take 5 Intermediate - Book Sets Series - %Graphic Novel

RL: 3.3
Pages : 210
Fountas & Pinnell: X

After shunning Jaime, the school nerd, on her first day at a new middle school, Penelope Torres tries to blend in with her new friends in the art club, until the art club goes to war with the science club, of which Jaime is a member.

Beezus and Ramona
999591,KT
183 pce
Take 5 Junior - Book Sets Series - Reading level: 4.8
Lexile: 780
Fountas & Pinnell

In Beezus and Ramona, four-year-old Ramona has an imagination that makes her a menace to everyone around her, particularly her older sister, Beezus.

Bent Not Broken
204057,KT
IS 2017
Take 5 Intermediate - Book Sets Series - Lexile: na
Reading Level: na
Page count: 218

Meet Madeline and Justin. Before Madeline's bike accident left her with a traumatic brain injury, she and her twin sister were inseparable. So were her parents. But now, Madeline's parents are divorced and Becky has become rebellious, angry, and sneaky. Even worse, she doesn't seem to want Madeline around anymore. At least Madeline knows she can always rely on the miniature therapy horses she visits every week.

Justin is a senior and the president of his school's Best Buddies club. Before his sister died, he used to take her to the barn to visit her beloved therapy horses. Now, with Madeline, he goes there to escape the gloom of his mother's grief at home and the pressures of his final year in high school.
Together, Justin and Madeline help each other to reconnect with the important people in their lives – and with the lives that they thought they'd lost.

Bifocal
999617,KT
273 pce IS 2007
Take 5 Intermediate - Book Sets Series - %A student arrested on suspicions of terrorism. A high school turns apart by racism. Two boys from two different sets of circumstances forced to choose sides. These are the issues at the heart of "Bifocal," a groundbreaking new novel for young-adults.

The story is told from two different points of view. Haroon is a serious student devoted to his family. His grandparents emigrated from Afghanistan. Jay is a football star devoted to his team. He is white.
One day their high school is put on lock down, and the police arrest a Muslim student on suspicion of terrorist affiliations. He might be guilty. Or is he singled out because of his race?
The entire student body fragments along racial lines and both Haroon and Jay find that their differences initially put them at odds. The Muslim students become targets and a smoke-bomb is set off near their lockers while Jay and his teammates believe they’ve been set-up to look like racists.
"Bifocal" is, by no stretch, an easy book. Award-winning authors Deborah Ellis and Eric Walters deliver a serious, hard-hitting book about racism that does not talk down to young people.

**Book Scavenger**
204034,DB  
JL  
2016  
by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman

Just after twelve-year-old Emily and her family move to San Francisco, she teams up with new friend James to follow clues in an odd book they find, hoping to figure out its secrets before the men who attacked Emily’s hero, publisher Garrison Griswold, solve the mystery or come after the friends.

Narraled by Jessica Almasy

This title can also be found in the Take 5 Junior Collection 204032

**Book Scavenger**
204033,KT  
JL  
Take 5 Junior - Book Sets Series - %RL: 5.5  
2016  
Lexile: 810  
Pages: 354  
Fountas & Pinnell: W

For twelve-year-old Emily, the best thing about moving to San Francisco is that it’s the home city of her literary idol: Garrison Griswold, book publisher and creator of the online sensation Book Scavenger (a game where books are hidden in cities all over the country and clues to find them are revealed through puzzles).

Upon her arrival, however, Emily learns that Griswold has been attacked and is now in a coma, and no one knows anything about the epic new game he had been poised to launch. Then Emily and her new friend James discover an odd book, which they come to believe is from Griswold himself, and might contain the only copy of his mysterious new game.

Racing against time, Emily and James rush from clue to clue, desperate to figure out the secret at the heart of Griswold’s new game—before those who attacked Griswold come after them too.

This book also come in a Playaway Version - title number 204034

**Brave**
204045,KT  
JL  
Take 5 Junior - Book Sets Series - Graphic Novel  
2018  
RL: 3.2  
Pages:238

In his daydreams, Jensen is the biggest hero that ever was, saving the world and his friends on a daily basis. But his middle school reality is VERY different—math is hard, getting along with friends is hard...Even finding a partner for the class project is a huge problem when you always get picked last. And the pressure’s on even more once the school newspaper’s dynamic duo, Jenny and Akilah, draw Jensen into the whirlwind of school news, social-experiment projects, and behind-the-scenes club drama.

Jensen has always played the middle school game one level at a time, but suddenly, someone’s cranked up the difficulty setting. Will those daring daydreams of his finally work in his favor, or will he have to find real solutions to his real-life problems? The charming world of Berrybrook Middle School gets a little bigger in this highly anticipated follow-up to Svetlana Chmakova’s award-winning Awkward, with a story about a boy who learns his own way of being brave!

**Celebrating Girls**
999611,KT  
JL  
2018  
This kit was inspired by the book Strong is the New Pretty. It contains books to inspire, challenge; to acknowledge that girls are fearless and powerful. It includes stories about girls and women who have overcome adversity and challenges in their lives.

Contents:

**Strong is the New Pretty** by Kate T. Parker. Celebrates, through photographs the strength and spirit of girls being themselves.

**The Gutsy Girl** by Caroline Paul. Teaches how to do and make interesting things and encourages one to be brave and have fun.


**A Girl Called Problem** by Katie Quirk. Thirteen-year-old Shida, whose name means -problem- in Swahili, certainly has a lot of problems in her life. Everyone in her rural Tanzanian village expects her to marry rather than pursue her dream of becoming a healer. So when the village’s elders make a controversial decision to move their people to a nearby village, Shida welcomes the change. Surely the opportunity to go to school and learn from a nurse can only mean good things. However, after a series of puzzling misfortunes plague the new village, Shida must prove to her people that moving was the right decision, and that they can have a better life in their new home.

**A Crooked Kind of Perfect** by Linda Urban. Ten-year-old Zoe Elias, who longs to play the piano must resign herself to learning the organ, instead, finds that her musicianship has a positive impact on her workaholic mother, her jittery father, and her school social life.

**Out of My Mind** by Sharon M. Draper. Eleven-year-old Melody is not like most people. She can’t walk. She can’t talk. She can’t write. All because she has cerebral palsy. But she also has a photographic memory; she can remember every detail of everything she has ever experienced. She’s the smartest kid in her whole school, but NO ONE knows it. Most people—her teachers, her doctors, her classmates—dismiss her as mentally challenged because she can’t tell them otherwise. But Melody refuses to be defined by her disability. And she’s determined to let everyone know it...somehow.

**Ada Byron Lovelace and the Thinking Machine** by Laurie Wallmark. This picture book biography brings to life the personality and accomplishments of the 19th century female mathematician who known as the ‘mother of computer science’.

**Grace Hopper, Queen of Computer Code** by Laurie Wallmark. Grace Hopper transformed the world of computer science with her passion for problem solving. She dedicated her live to solving computer problems.

**Code Word Courage**
204035,DB  
JL  
2018  
3748  
by Kirby Larson

In September 1944 eleven-year-old Billie lives with her
Donovan Reyes isn't one of them. His dad holds the
die-hard extremists still oppose alien rule on Earth, but
of an alien race with far reaches into the galaxy. Some
It's been a century of peace since Earth became a colony
by Fonda Lee: narrated by MacLeod Andrews
IS2018
204076,DB
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run away, Alice resolves to help her friend, no matter
maybe sad. Alice isn't sure which. When Megan decides
to make of her. Megan doesn't smell, she's not
terribly noisy, and she's not exactly a stranger, but is she a
friend? Megan seems fearless to Alice—but also angry or
maybe sad. Alice isn't sure which. When Megan decides
to run away, Alice resolves to help her friend, no matter
how many rules she has to break or how bad it makes her
feel.

For the Playaway version of this title search 204035
Everyday Hero
999699,KT
IS
Take 5 Intermediate - Book Sets Series - %RL: 5.0
Lexile: 550
Pages: 157
Fountas & Pinnell: X

Alice doesn't like noise, smells or strangers. She does like
rules. Lots of rules. Nobody at her new school knows she
has Asperger's, so it doesn't take long for her odd
behavior to get her into trouble.

When she meets Megan in detention, she doesn't know
what to make of her. Megan doesn't smell, she's not
terribly noisy, and she's not exactly a stranger, but is she a
friend? Megan seems fearless to Alice—but also angry or
maybe sad. Alice isn’t sure which. When Megan decides
to run away, Alice resolves to help her friend, no matter
how many rules she has to break or how bad it makes her
feel.

Explore Literacy Concepts
999610,KT
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This kit supports literacy skills with four different activities.
Encourage:
*vocabulary and phonological awareness
*writing skills
*fine motor development
*letter recognition
*writing skills
*oral language
*written language
*retelling stories
*enhancing imaginative play

Roll A Story
Help students develop story telling and oral language with
Roll A Story dice. Simply roll the dice and let the pictures
guide students’ imagination.

Edu Letter Tiles
Students can create their own crossword grid while
spelling out as many words as possible. Colour-coding
helps students learn the difference between consonants
and vowels.

Phonics Beanbags
Help students master the sound alphabet. Each beanbag
is embroidered with a colourful picture representing a letter
sound, including seven special double-sided bags representing short and long vowels and hard and soft “c” and “g” sounds. This toss-and-learn set also develops hand-eye coordination and gross motor skills.

**Storyteller's Box**
Perfect for use with individual students or small groups, this hands-on storytelling box boosts language skills and gets students talking, and thinking, about the importance of who, what, and where in telling stories.

**Explorer: The Mystery Boxes: Seven Graphic Stories**
999887,KT
JI 2012
Take 5 Junior - Book Sets Series - %RL: 4.3
Lexile: 430
Pages: 126
An anthology of short graphic works by such artists as Kazu Kibuishi, Dave Roman, and Raina Telgemeier, all on the theme of a mysterious box and the marvells, or mayhem, inside.

**Fantasy Graphic Novels : Junior Collection**
999863,LC
JI 2017
Aliens, magic, adventure, dragons, monsters, sword fights and more!

**Bone: Out From Boneville**
by Jeff Smith
A whimsical journey, cunningly told. It combines fable with American legend in a tale of greed, friendship, and struggle. The story follows three cousins who have been thrown out of their town for cheating the citizens. Shortly thereafter, they are separated. Each Bone stumbles into a mysterious valley full of odd creatures that reveal strange happenings.

**The Lightning Thief**
by Rick Riordan
Mythological monsters and the gods of Mount Olympus seem to be walking out of the pages of twelve-year-old Percy Jackson's text books and into his life. And worse, he's angered a few of them. Zeus master lightning bolt has been stolen, and Percy is the prime suspect. Now, he and his friends have just ten days to find and return Zeus stolen property and bring peace to a warring Mount Olympus. Series creator Rick Riordan joins forces with some of the biggest names in the comic book industry to tell the story of a boy who must unravel a treachery more powerful than the gods themselves.

**Mouse Guard: Fall 1152**
by David Petersen
The Mouse Guard protects its fellow creatures and patrols the passageways used between the villages of the Mouse Territories. In this tale, three members of the guard investigate the disappearance of a traveling grain merchant. During their quest for the truth, the three uncover a plot to attack Lockhaven, the home of the guard; fight hungry snakes; escape a fiery death; and find a long-lost hero.

**One Trick Pony**
by Nathan Hale
In a futuristic world where hostile aliens eat and destroy all technology, three young people are out searching for machinery to salvage. They succeed when they find a cache of robots, including a robot pony, which sets off a wild chase and confrontation with bands of roaming humans, aliens, and more.

**Lumberjanes: Beware the Kitten Holy**
by Noelle Stevenson & Grace Ellis
Five best friends spending the summer at Lumberjane scout camp...defeating yetis, three-eyed wolves, and giant falcons...what's not to love?!

Friendship to the max! Jo, April, Mal, Molly and Ripley are five best pals determined to have an awesome summer together and they're not gonna let any insane quest or an array of supernatural critters get in their way!

**Zita the Spacegirl**
by Ben Hatke
Zita pushes a big, red button on a strange device; a porthole immediately opens, and an alien's springy tentacles suck her friend Joseph through to another world. Zita follows after Joseph and soon meets—and befriends—a hodgepodge of extraterrestrials. Hatke mixes loads of humor into his sci-fi graphic novel. His illustrations, in muted shades, capture the fast-paced action and comical antics.

**Amulet: The Stonekeeper**
by Kazu 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.

Eventually, they enlist the help of a small mechanical rabbit named Mistik. Together with Mistik, they face the most terrifying monster of all, and Em finally has the chance to save someone she loves.

For the Guide to Literature Circle Kits see "Literature Circles - A Support Document" (999706) at http://media.dsbn.edu.on.ca.

**The Fashion Committee**
999835,KT
IS 2017
Take 5 Secondary - Book Sets Series - %Lexile: 780
Page Count: 305
Charlie Dean is a style-obsessed girl who eats, sleeps, and breathes fashion. John Thomas-Smith is a boy who forge metal sculptures in his garage and couldn't care less about clothes. But they share one thing in common: both are gunning for a scholarship to the private art high school that could make all their dreams come true. And whoever wins the fashion competition will win the scholarship.

Told in the alternating voices of Charlie's and John's fashion journals which they're required to keep for the contest, this hilarious and poignant tale perfectly captures what it's like to have an artistic passion so fierce that nothing—not your dad's girlfriend's drug-addicted ex-boyfriend, a soul-crushing job at Salad Stop, or being charged with a teensy bit of kidnapping—can stand in your way.

**From Ant to Eagle**
204074,KT
JI 2018
Take 5 Junior - Book Sets Series - %RL: 4.4
Page Count: 243
My name is Calvin Sinclair, I'm eleven years old and I have a confession... I killed my brother.

It's the summer before grade six and Calvin Sinclair is bored to tears. He's recently moved from a big city to a small town and there's nothing to do. It's hot, he has no friends and the only kid around is his six-year-old brother, Sammy, who can barely throw a basketball as high as the hoop. Cal occupies his time by getting his brother to do almost anything: from collecting ants to doing Calvin's chores. And Sammy is all too eager - as long as it means getting a "Level" and moving one step closer to his brother's Eagle status.

When Calvin meets Aleta Alvarado, a new girl who shares his love for Goosebumps books and adventure, Sammy is
pushed aside. Cal feels guilty but not enough to change. At least not until a diagnosis causes things at home to fall apart and he's left wondering whether Sammy will ever complete his own journey...

OLA Forest of Reading Silver Birch Award for Fiction (2018)

Henry and Ribsy 999569,KT 188 pce J 1982 1733
Take 5 Junior - Book Sets Series - Henry Huggin's father has promised to take Henry fishing on the condition that he keeps his dog Ribsy out of trouble; however, that is easier said than done.

Indigenous Read Aloud Collection Primary / Junior 204054,KT PJ 2018
This read aloud kit, recommended for students in primary and junior grades contains a selection of Indigenous books.

Animals of the Salish Sea : Coast Salish First Nations and Native Art
Explore the Salish Sea through the First Nations and Native An art of 13 Coast Salish artists and Musqueam Coast Salish author Melaney Gleeson-Lyall. This beautiful and colourful book offers teachings about the Animals of the Salish Sea! Perfect for all ages!

Grandmother Ptarmigan by Qaunaq Mikkigak and Joanne Schwartz. A sing-song parable that serves as an introduction to traditional Inuit stories. It's bedtime for baby ptarmigan, but he will not go to sleep. So his grandmother decides to tell him a bedtime story that he will never forget. With whimsical illustrations by Qin Leng, this nursery rhyme is an inspired rendition of a traditional Inuit origin tale. Retold by Cape Dorset elder Qaunaq Mikkigak and author Joanne Schwartz, is perfect for the youngest of readers.

Goodnight World: Animals of the Native Northwest
In a simple format, each of the animals, birds and sea creatures say good night by dreaming, singing each other to sleep, and taking part in various activities unique to each animal. Twenty-three Northwest Coast artists contributed to this title.

Powwow's Coming by Linda Boyden.
A celebration of the contemporary powwow in picture book format. Teacher Linda Boyden provides a rhyming verse to attract young children to the fun one can enjoy at a powwow.

Boyden skillfully takes the main points of a powwow and creates anticipation in the charming verse. She invites children to listen for the drum and then to watch as the powwow grounds are set up with the vendors' booths. The author weaves in details about the origin of the powwow, the dancing styles, the storytelling, food and vendors' booths, traditional games and the giveaways. Most importantly she offers readers an opportunity to understand the essence of the powwow to First Nations. The book's end note describes powwow etiquette and gives directions for playing two traditional games.

The Raven and the Loon by Rachel and Sean Qitsualik-Tinsley.
In the time before animals were as they are today, Raven and Loon were both white. Their feathers had no color at all. Raven spent his days swooping through the sky trying to fight off his incessant boredom, while loon spent her days in her iglu working away on her sewing. One day, too bored to even fly, Raven visited Loon and suggested a sewing game that would give their feathers some much-needed color. The results led to Raven and Loon acquiring their now-familiar coats. This retelling of a pan-Arctic traditional story features lively, colorful illustrations and the whimsical storytelling of two of the Arctic's most gifted storytellers.

Thunder Boy Jr. by Sherman Alexie.
Thunder Boy Jr. is named after his dad, but he wants a name that's all his own. Just because people call his dad Big Thunder doesn't mean he wants to be Little Thunder. He wants a name that celebrates something cool he's done, like Touch the Clouds, Not Afraid of Ten Thousand Teeth, or Full of Wonder. But just when Thunder Boy Jr. thinks all hope is lost, he and his dad pick the perfect name... a name that is sure to light up the sky.

You're Just Right by Victor Lethbridge.
Written with tenderness and great compassion, You're Just Right affirms the beauty and dignity that comes with unconditional love. Through the story of a First Nations girl growing up in a loving, supportive family; Victor Lethbridge reminds us that even though we all share in the same struggles, each one of us longs to hear these words quietly whispered in our ear, "I love you so much. You're just right. You're just right. You're just right."

The Last Kids on Earth 999704,KT Ji 2015
Take 5 Junior - Book Sets Series - %RL: 4.1 Lexile: 650 Page Count: 224
Ever since the monster apocalypse hit town, average thirteen year old Jack Sullivan has been living in his tree house, which he's armed to the teeth with catapults and a moat, not to mention video games and an endless supply of Oreos and Mountain Dew scavenged from abandoned stores.
But Jack alone is no match for the hordes of Zombies and Winged Wretches and Vine Thingies, and especially not for the eerily intelligent monster known only as Blarg. So Jack builds a team: his dorky best friend, Quint; the reformed middle school bully, Dirk; Jack's loyal pet monster, Rover; and Jack's crush, June. With their help, Jack is going to slay Blarg, achieve the ultimate Feat of Apocalyptic Success, and be average no longer!

Loot: How to Steal A Fortune 204075,DB Ji 2018
by Jude Watson : narrated by Michael Crouch

March McQuinn and his father Alfie, the internationally known cat burglar, are about to score a big diamond heist when Alfie falls off the building trying to make his getaway. He passes a cryptic message to March before he dies; March discovers he has a twin sister, Jules.

The two siblings learn there is a curse on them: they will die together before their 13th birthday. Together, they travel around the world in order to break the curse and to make their fortune.

Watson employs her finely honed skills in weaving convincing cons, humorous heists, and thrilling twists and turns. This is one wild, hold-your-breath, non-stop mystery/adventure. Short chapters, snappy writing, and sympathetic characters will keep readers engaged.

This title can also be found in the Mysteries, Capers and Secrets Literature Circles 9204022)
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Optimists Die First
Stephen's dad has moved their two-person family across the country to New York City, where he is taking over as head chef in an exclusive hotel. A hotel that has the most elite of clientele: monsters (though they prefer to be called supernormals). Surprise! And an even bigger surprise? Stephen is part supernormal himself.

When a magical family heirloom is stolen and Stephen is framed, he must work with two new friends to navigate this whole new world and clear his name. After all, consequences can be dire in the world of monsters.

Oddly Normal (Graphic Novel)
Meet Oddly Normal, a ten-year-old girl with pointed ears and green hair - a half-witch who will be the first to tell you that having a mother from a magical land called Fignation, also known as the Wicked Witch of the West and a father from Earth, doesn’t make it easy to make friends at school!

On her tenth birthday, she blows out the candles on her birthday cake and makes a disastrous wish. Now, Oddly must travel to Fignation to uncover the mystery of her parents’ disappearance. Join Oddly as she navigates a strange new school, teenage angst, monstrous bullies, and Evil itself on an unforgettable fantasy adventure through the vibrant world of Fignation in Oddly Normal.

Ramona Quimby, Age 8
Targeted at teaching creative problem solving, coding and robotics, Dash gives every student a head start on fundamental STEAM principles and 21st century skills.

Students send commands to robots to move them, light them up, and have them detect the world around them using coding and robotics applications.

A Pair of DASH Robots
Dash is an exciting, hands-on learning tool for students.

Schools buy DASH robots to use coding and robotics applications.

Sprout & Dash are designed for the classroom. They are small, lightweight, and have batteries that last for hours.

Students can use the Sprout and DASH together.

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The Outsiders
Ponyboy is fourteen, tough, confused, yet sensitive beneath his bold front. Since his parents deaths, his loyalties have been to his brothers and his gang, the rough, swinging, long-haired boys from the wrong side of the tracks. When his best friend kills a member of a rival gang, a nightmare of violence begins and swiftly envelops Ponyboy in a turbulent chain of events. Note: There is also a playaway for The Outsiders (995874).
Run
204092,KT
IS
Take 5 Intermediate - Book Sets Series - %
Reading Level: 4.5
Page Count: 207

Terrified of being targeted by bullies for being overweight, Lionel tries to go through grade 8 attracting as little notice as possible. But Lionel discovers something about himself: he’s fast. And Lionel takes up running. That leads to joining a running group, and being recruited for the school track team. But being on the track team and getting more attention brings him closer to the bullies he’s been avoiding - and makes him a target.

Short for Chameleon
204031,KT
IS

Embarrassed by your brother? Estranged from your uncle? Then you might need some help from Almost Family Surrogate Agency. Cam Redden and his dad are rent-a-relatives, available for hire to anyone looking to upgrade.

Cam’s job is all about being whoever other people want him to be. Then two new clients come along. Albertina is an old lady with a big mouth, a bigger wig and a serious mission. Raylene is a beautiful girl with a nose ring, a wonky eye and a painful secret. Now to get to the bottom of the tragic mysteries that fuel them both, Cam may finally have to be himself.

The Nameless City: The Stone Heart
204036,KT
JI
Take 5 Junior - Book Sets Series - %RL: 2.9
Lexile: 380
Pages: 245

Grade 6 and up

Kaidu and Rat have only just recovered from the assassination attempt on the General of All Blades when more chaos breaks loose in the Nameless City: deep conflicts within the Dao nation are making it impossible to find a political solution for the disputed territory of the City itself.

To complicate things further, Kaidu is fairly certain he’s stumbled on a formula for the lost weapon of the mysterious founders of the City. . . . But sharing it with the Dao military would be a complete betrayal of his friendship with Rat. Can Kai find the right solution before the Dao find themselves at war?

Stories with Humour, Heart and Talking Dogs?! : Junior Literature Circles
999705,LC
JI
Prepare to be entertained with this collection of humorous books. It includes 7 novels (5 copies of each) at varying reading levels.

Contents:

The Wild Robot by Peter Brown
When robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island. She has no idea how she got there or what her purpose is - but she knows she needs to survive. After battling a fierce storm and escaping a vicious bear attack, she realises that her only hope for survival is to adapt to her surroundings and learn from the island’s unwelcoming animal inhabitants.

As Roz slowly befriends the animals, the island starts to feel like home - until, one day, the robot’s mysterious past comes back to haunt her.

Sputnik’s Guide to Life on Earth by Frank Cottrell Boyce
Prez knows that the best way to keep track of things is to make a list. That’s important when you have a grandfather who is constantly forgetting. And it’s even more important when your grandfather can’t care for you anymore and you have to go live with a foster family out in the country.

Prez is still learning to fit in at his new home when he answers the door to meet Sputnik— a kid who is more than a little strange. First, he can hear what Prez is thinking. Second, he looks like a dog to everyone except Prez. Third, he can manipulate the laws of space and time. Sputnik, it turns out is an alien, and he’s got a mission that requires Prez’s help: the Earth has been marked for destruction, and the only way they can stop it is to come up with ten reasons why the planet should be saved.

Toy Academy; Some Assembly Required by Brian Lynch
Grumbolt is a weird little hand-made stuffed animal: his arms are two different lengths, his head is too big, and no one knows what he is. But he’s sure he has the potential to be something great— to be someone’s toy.

So when he reaches Toy Academy, he’s determined to prove that he can be just as much of a hero as the best action figure. (Too bad he’s assigned to the Plush major and has to sit through Tea Party 101 and Intro to Bed Time Stories.)

But when the Evil Toy Academy threatens to bring down his school, it’s up to Grumbolt to get where no good toy has gone before and prove he’s truly a great toy after all. Destined to be a classic, this is a laugh-out-loud story about trying to fit in — and learning you’re stand out.

Ungifted by Gordon Korman
When Donovan Curtis pulls a major prank at his middle school, he thinks he’s finally gone too far. But thanks to a mix-up by one of the administrators, instead of getting in trouble, Donovan is sent to the Academy of Scholastic Distinction, a special program for gifted and talented students.

Although it wasn’t exactly what Donovan had intended, the ASD couldn’t be a more perfectly unexpected hideout for someone like him. But as the students and teachers of ASD grow to realize that Donovan may not be good at math or science (or just about anything), he shows that his gifts may be exactly what the ASD students never knew they needed.

Cardboard Kingdom by Chad Sell - graphic novel
Welcome to a neighborhood of kids who transform ordinary boxes into colorful costumes, and their ordinary block into cardboard kingdom. This is the summer when sixteen kids encounter knights and rogues, robots and monsters—and their own inner demons—on one last quest before school starts again.

In the Cardboard Kingdom, you can be anything you want to be—imagine that!

The Creature Department by Robert Paul Weston
Elliot and Leslie are invited to visit Elliot’s uncle Archie at tech firm DENKi-3000’s Research and Development facility. The children discover that the workers are bizarre yet friendly creatures who need help building a fantastic invention to save the department. The oddball creatures, madcap antics, gross-out humor, and animated black-and-white illustrations (by a visual effects studio) create a welcoming Saturday-morning-cartoon feel.

Dog Man by Dav Pilkey graphic novel
George and Harold have created a new hero who digs into deception, claws after crooks, and rolls over robbers. When Greg the police dog and his cop companion are injured on the job, a life-saving surgery changes the course of history, and Dog Man is born. With the head of a dog and the body of a human, this heroic hound has a real nose for justice. But can he resist the call of the wild to answer the call of duty?

Summer’s End
204058,KT
IS 2017
Take 5 Intermediate - Book Sets Series - Lexile: na
Reading Level: na
Page count: 261

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Travels of Thelonious
999692,KT
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Take 5 Junior - Book Sets Series - %
Ages 8 to 12 years
Lexile Measure: 530
Page Count: 214

In a world of talking animals, there is one burning question: Did humans ever exist? Thelonious Chipmunk believes he has proof that they did: a postcard showing a building made of concrete and glass. But his sister thinks the postcard's just a dumb piece of paper, and that humans are only make-believe.

Then one day a flash flood carries Thelonious away. When he comes to, he's in a strange world that looks something like his postcard, but not quite. Then he realizes that this is the city on his postcard, only crumbling and decaying. But if this means humans did exist, where did they go? Thelonious, along with some new friends, sets off to find out.

And thus, the adventure begins!
Ungifted
204078,DB  

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Urban Tribes: Native American in the City
99423,KT  
Take 5 Secondary - Book Sets Series - Urban Tribes offers unique insight into this growing and often misperceived group of Indigenous people. Emotionally potent and visually arresting, the anthology profiles young urban Natives from across North America, exploring how they connect with Native culture and values in their contemporary lives.

Their stories are as diverse as they are. From a young Dene woman pursuing a MBA at Stanford to a Pima photographer in Phoenix to a Mohawk actress in New York, these urban Natives share their unique perspectives to bridge the divide between their past and their future, their cultural home, and their adopted cities. Unflinchingly honest and deeply moving, contributors explore a wide-range of topics. From the trials and tribulations of dating in the city to the alienating experience of leaving a remote reserve to attend high school in the city, from the mainstream success of Electric Pow wow music to the humiliation of dealing with racist school mascots, personal perspectives illuminate larger political issues.

The Wild Robot
204079,DB  
by Peter Brown : narrated by Kate Atwater  

When robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island. She has no idea how she got there or what her purpose is - but she knows she needs to survive. After battling a fierce storm and escaping a vicious bear attack, she realises that her only hope for survival is to adapt to her surroundings and learn from the island's unwelcoming animal inhabitants.

As Roz slowly befriends the animals, the island starts to feel like home - until, one day, the robot's mysterious past comes back to haunt her.

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Wonder
204062,KT  

Due to a rare genetic disorder, Auggie Pullman's head is malformed, his facial features are misshapen, and he has scars from corrective surgery. After much discussion and waffling, he and his parents decide it's time for him to go to a regular school for the fifth grade instead of being homeschooled.

All his life Auggie has seen the shocked expressions and heard the whispers his appearance generates, and he has his coping strategies. He knows that except for how he looks, he's a normal kid.

What he experiences is typical middle school - the good and the bad. Meanwhile, his beautiful sister is starting high school and having her own problems. She's finding that friendships change and, though it makes her feel guilty, she likes not being labeled as Auggie's sister.

This is a fast read and would be a great discussion starter about love, support, and judging people on their appearance

Yellow Dog
204032,KT  
Take 5 Intermediate - Book Sets Series - Grade 6 and up  
Lexile Measure: NA  
RL: NA  
Page Count: 295

Jeremy lives in a small community where winters are long and stray dogs roam the streets. When peer pressure leads Jeremy into a bad prank, he is immediately struck with guilt – and that's when his life changes forever.

Trying to make amends, Jeremy befriends Yellow Dog and in the process meets a curious old man who introduces him to the adventures of dog sledding. Soon Jeremy is forming his own old-time dog team that includes Yellow Dog and in the process, discovers more about himself – and the old man – than he ever thought possible.