The 39 Clues

Jill Hartz

Amy and Dan, members of the powerful Cahill family, try to uncover the thirty-nine clues which will reveal the secrets of their lineage.

For descriptions see individual titles:
The Maze of Bones with Print Format

Adventure Lit. Circles: Junior
999064,LC

Jill Hartz

Contents:

The Boundless (Kenneth Oppel)
Will’s father is driving the Boundless, the longest train ever, on her maiden voyage. After a series of adventures (involving a Sasquatch and a murder), Will finds himself stranded in the caboose, where, with the help of a cute tightrope walker, he dodges a nefarious villain. The third-person present-tense narrative creates suspense as the well-drawn characters travel through an alternate-universe Canadian wilderness.

Pax (Sara Pennypacker)
When his father enlists, twelve-year-old Peter is forced to release his pet fox into the wild. Omniscient third-person chapters alternate between Peter’s and Pax’s stories as boy and fox try to find each other—and as soldiers prepare for an unnamed war practically in Peter’s backyard. Occasional black-and-white illustrations portray scenes both ordinary-seeming and subtly menacing. An emotional, thought-provoking story of conflict, loyalty, and love.

Curse of the Dream Witch (Allan Stratton)
The Dream Witch haunts the forest beyond the kingdom of Bellumen, waiting to collect on a horrible debt owed by the king and queen – the heart of their only daughter, Princess Bellumen, waiting to collect on a horrible debt owed by the king and queen – the heart of their only daughter, Princess Bellumen. Until she has it, none of the kingdom’s children are safe.

Wild Ride: A Graphic Guide Adventure (Liam O’Donnell)
Devin, Nadia and Marcus are on their way to visit their environmentalist parents who are working to stop a logging company from clear-cutting a remote valley. When their plane crashes and the pilot is killed, the kids are left to survive in the wild with Wiley, a government bureaucrat, who is the only other passenger on the plane. Learning to build a shelter and make a fire in the woods, they discover that Wiley is working with the logging company and will do anything to stop the secret getting out. On the run and in mortal danger, the three must outrun Wiley, escape a raging forest fire and outwit a hungry grizzly bear to make it to safety.

The Hypnotists (Gordon Korman)
When twelve-year-old Jackson Opus discovers that he’s a hypnotist, he thinks his new ability is pretty cool. After the director of the shady Sentia Institute discovers that Jax’s mind control powers are uniquely strong, however, Jax finds himself caught in the middle of a dangerous conspiracy. The mixture of humor, fast-paced action, and suspense adds up to solid, engaging story.

Zorgamazo (Robert Paul Weston)
This novel, written entirely in Dr. Seuss-style rhyme, introduces Katrina Katrell, a feisty, adventure-loving heroine. When her guardian, Mrs. Krabone, a woman as evil as any of Roald Dahl’s villains, threatens the free-thinking Katrina with a lobotomy, the girl runs away and meets Morty, a hairy, horned, and bumbling creature called a Zorgle. Morty, an unwilling hero, has been chosen by a lottery to find out what happened to the vanished Zorgles of Zorgamazo. Katrina and Morty join forces to solve the mystery and their journey leads them to the moon, where lots of fantastical creatures are held captive by Graylions from the planet Graybalon-Four.

The Awesome, Almost 100% True Adventure of Matt & Craz (Alan Silberberg)
Best friends Matt and Craz enjoy creating cartoons together but wish their work got more attention. Things start to look up when they obtain a magical pen that brings their drawings to life, though the mysterious power soon leads to serious complications for the boys—and all of Kilgore Junior High.

Animals: Non-Fiction Lit. Circles
995523,LC

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This non-fiction literature circles kit consists of 6 different books containing a variety of animal facts.

Contents : From the Scholastic Brainwaves series
Amazing Journeys - reading level M
Animal Talk - reading level M
Unwelcome Guests - reading level M
Biggest, Highest, Fastest - reading level N
Staying Alive - reading level N
Underground Worlds - reading level N

Basic Map Skills
999341,KT

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This kit provides a basic introduction to maps.

Contents:
Map My Neighborhood by Jennifer Boothroyd
Map My Continent by Jennifer Boothroyd
Map My Home by Jennifer Boothroyd
Mettland by Hazel Hutchins
Map Keys by Rebecca Olien
Follow That Map! by Scot Ritchie
Collins Picture Atlas
Me on the Map by Joan Sweeney
The Once Upon a Time Map Book by B. G. Hennessy

Be the Change Non-Fiction Literature Circle Kit
999279,KT

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These books highlight how children can and do affect positive change throughout the world.

Includes:
The Carpet Boy’s Gift by Pegi Deitz Shea. Yearning for freedom and schooling for himself and the other children who toil in a carpet factory in Pakistan to repay loans from the factory owner to their parents, Nadeem is inspired by a former carpet boy named Iqbal to lead the way.
Malala Yousafzai: Warrior with Words by Karen Leggett Abouraya. The inspiring, true story of Malala Yousafzai, a former carpet boy named Iqbal to lead the way.
Malala’s story to life for young readers.

When I Was Eight by Chrissy Jordan-Fenton. Olemaun is an 8-year-old native girl and knows a lot of things. But she does not know how to read. Ignoring her father’s warnings, she travels far from her Arctic home to the outsider’s school to learn. The nuns at the school call her Margaret. They cut off her long hair and force her to do menial chores, but she remains undaunted. Her tenacity draws the attention of a black-cloaked nun who tries to break her spirit at every turn. But
the young girl is more determined than ever to learn how to read. Based on the true story of Margaret Pokiak-Fenton, When I Was Eight makes the bestselling Fatty Legs accessible to younger readers. Now they, too, can meet this remarkable girl who reminds us what power we hold when we can read.

**Maggie and the Chocolate War** by Michelle Mulder.
Maggie has been saving her delivery job money for weeks to buy her best friend, Jo, a chocolate bar for her birthday. It's 1947, and while the war is over and ration tickets are gone, food prices are going up. Then it is announced that the price of chocolate is going up, now Maggie can never afford to buy a chocolate bar! And neither can the other kids. Maggie and her friends leap into action and wage a strike against the price hike.

**Lacey and the African Granmothers** by Sue Farrell Holler.
Lacey Little Bird loves spending time with Kahasi, an elder on her reserve who is like a grandmother to her. From her Lacey is learning about their people, the Siksika Blackfoot tribe of Alberta, including the art of beadwork. Lacey hears about a project to help grandmothers in Africa who are raising their grandchildren because their parents have died from AIDS. Lacey wants to help and emails the grandmothers with a plan to raise money by selling beaded purses.

**Shannen and the Dream for a School** by Janet Wilson.
What makes a school? Is it four walls and a roof? A library? A gymnasium? What if your school had closed because of a chemical spill that happend 20 years before, and the kids in your town had nothing but a few portable classrooms to learn in? That is what happened in Attawapiskat First Nation, a small community in Northern Ontario. Shannen Koostachin was one of the students in those portables. Every day, she dealt with the freezing cold air that crept in through the poorly insulated walls and the long walks between portables. She and her classmates asked themselves: Is this right? Does anybody care? Shannen, her friends, and her community decided to do something about it.

**Severn and the Day She Silenced the World** by Janet Wilson.
We raised all the money ourselves to come six thousand miles to tell you adults you must change your ways. So began Severn Suzuki's speech to the international delegates at the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio De Janeiro. Only twelve years old, she was the only child given the chance to speak at the conference, and the media and the world took notice.

**Yeny and the Children for Peace** by Michelle Mulder.
Yeny's family has escaped from the violence in their mountain village in Colombia to live with cousins in the city. Yeny knows all too well that Colombia is one of the most dangerous countries in the world, so she and her friends decide to promote peace by organizing carnivals, parades and parties for kids in the city. Before long, the peace movement has attracted kids from right across the country.

**Our Heroes: How Kids are Making a Difference** by Janet Wilson. Ten biographies of children from around the world who opened up their hearts and minds to the injustices of the world and took action, changing their world for the better.

**Our Earth: How Kids are Saving the Planet** by Janet Wilson. Portraits and exciting profiles of ten young environmental activists from around the world.

**Our Rights: How Kids are Changing the World** by Janet Wilson. A girl who spoke out against her government for the rights of aboriginal children, a boy who walked across his country to raise awareness of homelessness, and a former child soldier who wants to make music not war. Here are true stories of kids just like you who are standing up for their rights.

**Benny and the African Granmothers**

**Benny and Omar with Print Format**

**The Breadwinner**

**The Bully Boys**

**The Call to Battle: The War of 1812 (I am Canada Series)**

**Celebrate Diversity - Junior**

**Each Kindness** by Jacqueline Woodson and illustrated by
E.B. Lewis. When Ms. Albert teaches a lesson on kindness, Chloe realizes that she and her friends have been wrong in making fun of new student Maya’s shabby clothes and refusing to play with her.

**Stargirl** by Jerry Spinelli.
At first the students at Arizona’s Mica High School are captivated by Stargirl Caraway’s unusual, carefree behaviour; however, she is soon shunned for everything that makes her unique in this story that pits individuality against conformity.

**Rain Reign** by Ann M. Martin
11-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes missing during a storm, Rose refuses to stop looking for her.

**Rain Reign** by Lynda Mullally Hunt
Every time she lands in a new school, she is able to hide her inability to read by creating clever yet disruptive distractions. She is afraid to ask for help; after all, how can you cure dumb? However, her newest teacher Mr. Daniels sees the bright, creative kid underneath the trouble maker. With his help, Ally learns not to be so hard on herself and that dyslexia is nothing to be ashamed of. As her confidence grows, Ally feels free to be herself and the world starts opening up with possibilities. She discovers that there’s a lot more to her—and to everyone—an label, and that great minds don’t always think alike.

**Inside Out & Back Again** by Thanhha Lai. *novel in verse, autobiographical fiction*
This is the moving story of one girl’s year of change, dreams, grief, and healing as she journeys from one country to another, one life to the next.

**Out of My Mind** by Sharon M. Draper.
Melody is not like most people. She cannot walk or talk, but she has a photographic memory; she can remember every detail of everything she has ever experienced. She is smarter than most of the adults who try to diagnose her and smarter than her classmates in her integrated classroom—the very same classmates who dismiss her as mentally challenged, because she cannot tell them otherwise. But Melody refuses to be defined by cerebral palsy. And she’s determined to let everyone know it...somehow.

**El Deafo** by Cece Bell. *graphic novel, autobiography*
Going to school and making new friends can be tough. But going to school and making new friends while wearing a bulky hearing aid strapped to your chest? That requires superpowers! In this funny, poignant graphic novel memoir, author/illustrator Cece Bell chronicles her hearing loss at a young age and her subsequent experiences with the Phonic Ear.

The Phonic Ear gives Cece the ability to hear—sometimes things she shouldn’t—but also isolates her from her classmates. She really just wants to fit in and find a true friend, someone who appreciates her as she is. After some trouble, she is finally able to harness the power of the Phonic Ear and become “El Deafo, Listener for All.” And more importantly, declare a place for herself in the world and find the friend she’s longed for.

**Wonder** by R.J. Palacio.
Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails enduring the taunts and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student.

For the Guide to Literature Circle Kits see **Literature**

**Circles - A Support Document** (997066) at http://media.dsbn.edu.on.ca.

**Celebrations in My World**
999342,KT

**Celebrations in My World** provides books on various celebrations throughout the world.

Contents:

**The Child’s World Series:**
Christmas Traditions Around the World
Easter Traditions Around the World
National Day Traditions Around the World
New Year Traditions Around the World

**Celebrations in My World Series:**
Canada’s 150th Birthday
Easter
Cinco de Mayo
Diwali
Christmas
Chinese New Year
Bar and Bat Mitzvahs
Sukkot
Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur
Purim
Passover
Kwanzaa
Holi
Eid al-Adha
Hanukkah
Ramadan
Powwow’s Coming by Linda Boyd
Wish, Wishing Traditions Around the World by Roseanne Thong
Trees of Cranes
Throw Your Tooth from Around the World
A New Year’s Reunion
The Keeping Quilt
Lin Yi’s Lantern, a Moon Festival Tale

**Charlie Wilcox**
999438,KT

**Take 5 Junior - Book Sets Series - Reading Level: N/A**
Lexile Measure: N/A
Page Count: 226

In 1915 in Newfoundland, fourteen-year-old Charlie, anxious to disprove his parents’ belief that his club foot makes him unfit for fishing and seal hunting, stays away on a sealing vessel only to find himself on a troop ship headed for the war in Europe.

**Children in Poverty Literature Circles Kit**
999296,LC

This collection of picture books and novels can be used to explore the issues, struggles and resilience of children living in poverty.

Contents:

**Fly Away Home** by Eve Bunting. A homeless boy who lives in an airport with his father, moving from terminal to terminal and trying not to be noticed, is given hope when he sees a trapped bird find its freedom.

**Lily and the Paper Man** by Rebecca Upjohn. This sensitive, gentle tale with its bright, visceral illustrations is about homelessness and one child’s reaction to the reality of it.

**A Thirst for Home** by Christine Leronimo. Alemitu lives with her mother in a poor village in Ethiopia, where she must walk miles for water and hunger roars in her belly. Even though life is difficult, she dreams of someday
knowing more about the world. When her mother has no choice but to leave her at an orphanage to give her a chance at a better life, an American family adopts Aleitu. She becomes Eva in her new home in America, and although her life there is better in so many ways, she'll never forget her homeland and the mother who gave up so much for her.

**Paper Things** by Jennifer Jacobson. Choosing to leave with her big brother when he decides he can no longer stay with their guardian, Ari endures a life of homelessness that challenges her schoolwork, friendships, and the promise made to her mother that she and her brother would stay together.

**Crenshaw** by Katherine Applegate. A story about a homeless boy and his imaginary friend that proves in unexpected ways that friends matter, whether real or imaginary.

**Waiting for Normal** by Lois Peterson. Addie is waiting for normal. But Addie's mom has an all-or-nothing approach to life: a food fiesta or an empty pantry, jubilation or gloom, her way or no way. All or nothing never adds up to normal. But some mistakes cannot be easily forgiven or erased. Her grandmother is not what Mel expects, and though the local library offers sanctuary, a real home seems beyond her grasp. Mel's determination to rise above what fate has dealt is about to change that.

**How to Steal a Dog** by Barbara O'Connor. Desperate to hold her struggling family together, Georgina persuades her younger brother to help her in an elaborate scheme to get money by stealing a dog and then claiming the reward that the owners are bound to offer.

**The Undergrounders** by David Skuy. Can playing hockey help a street kid get his life back? After his mom dies, and the landlord kicks him out, 12-year-old Jonathan faces the loneliness and danger of life on the streets - until he meets Lewis. Lewis takes him under his wing and leads him to his new home among a group of kids living in an abandoned underground shopping mall who call themselves the "Undergrounders." Now renamed "Mouse," Jonathan runs errands, delivers packages and panhandles for food money. An escape from this life underground comes to him in the form of hockey gear. Stolen hockey gear, but hockey gear nonetheless. He suits up and heads to the community rink, where he befriends regular kids who welcome him into their game and onto their team. He agrees, knowing he can never tell them about being homeless. Playing hockey makes him feel like a kid again, but keeping his double life a secret proves to be more difficult and dangerous than he ever could have imagined.

**The Paper House** by Lois Peterson. Life is hard for ten-year-old Safiyah in the Kibera slum outside Nairobi. Too poor to go to school, she makes a meager living for herself and her grandmother Cucu by selling things she finds at the garbage dump. After using scavenged paper to fix up the inside of the hut, Safiyah starts a mural on the outside. As word of the paper house spreads, Safiyah begins to take pride in her creation. When Cucu collapses after a fire, Safiyah stays at the hospital to help care for her grandmother. While Safiyah is away, her friend Pendo works on the mural, which upsets Safiyah. But when Pendo attracts media attention to the paper house, Safiyah and her grandmother are given a chance of a better life.
Reading becomes a journey of discovery as students explore flight while boosting their nonfiction comprehension.

This set features 4 types of texts students will frequently encounter in their everyday lives including an Internet page, a brochure, a newspaper and magazine articles. The texts are written at varying difficulties to support differentiated instruction.

Targets these areas:

- Referring to details and examples when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from it.
- Determining main idea and supporting details
- Explaining how graphics contribute to an understanding of nonfiction text

The Fall
999286,KT
JL 2015

Take 5 Junior - Book Sets Series - Recommended for Grades 6 to 9 Mental Health Issues.
Subject: suicide, bullying

RL: 4.2
Lexile: 550
Page Count: 224

This novel presents an innovative new perspective on the tragedy of teen suicide. The summer before school starts, Sam's friend and classmate Morgan Mallen kills herself. Morgan had been bullied. Maybe she kissed the wrong boy, or said the wrong thing. What about that selfie that made the rounds? Morgan was this, and Morgan was that.

But, who really knows what happened? As Sam explores the events leading up to the tragedy in journal format, he must face a difficult and life-changing question: Why did he keep his friendship with Morgan a secret? And could he have done something Anything to prevent her final actions?

Families and Their Faiths
999163,KT
P 2016

Families and Their Faiths contains books that explore the various faiths from around the world.

Contents:

Families and Their Faiths series including:
Christianity in Mexico
Judaism in Israel
Buddhism in Thailand
Islam in Turkey
Sikhism in India
Hinduism in Bali

I Belong Series including:
I belong to the Muslim Faith
I belong to the Christian Faith
I belong to the Jewish Faith
I belong to the Buddhist Faith
I belong to the Sikh Faith
I belong to the Hindu Faith

Many Way: how families practice their beliefs and religions

Faith
Celebrating Different Beliefs
Everyone Prays, celebrating faith around the world

Fantasy Graphic Novels: Junior Collection
999903,LC
JL 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 leaving the pages of twelve-year-old Percy Jackson's text books and into his life. And worse, he's angered a few of them. Zeuss 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 Zeuss 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 comic 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 Miskit. Together with Miskit, they face the most terrifying monster of all, and Em finally has the chance to save someone she loves.
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**Ghosts, A Graphic Novel**

999284,KT  
J  
Take 5 Junior - Book Sets Series - Recommended for Grade 4 and up Mental Health Issues  
RL: 2.6  
Lexile: 300  
Page Count: 256  

Catrina and her family are moving to the coast of Northern California because her little sister, Maya, is sick. Cat isn’t happy about leaving her friends for Bahia de la Luna, but Maya has cystic fibrosis and will benefit from the cool, salty air that blows in from the sea.

As the girls explore their new home, a neighbour lets them in on a secret: There are ghosts in Bahia de la Luna. Maya is determined to meet one, but Cat wants nothing to do with them. As the time of year when ghosts reunite with their loved ones approaches, Cat must figure out how to put aside her fears for her sister’s sake and her own.

**The Heaven Shop**

999300,KT  
J  
Take 5 Intermediate - Book Sets Series - RL: 4.6  
Page Count: 192  

Grade 6 and up

Binti’s father is dying from AIDS, a disease that nobody in their town in Malawi dares name aloud. As Binti and her brother and sister slowly begin to understand what this means, they begin to realise too that not only is this what killed their mother, but that they could all be infected. But Binti’s a fighter. She fought to become the child star in Malawi’s most popular radio show and she’s going to fight to overcome the fear and prejudice all around her. When the family are split up and sent to live with various scared and cruel relatives, Binti knows that it is up to her to reunite them. But her fight to do so means coming to a new understanding not only of herself but of human nature and realising that people are not always as they seem.

**Hoot**

999433,KT  
J  
Take 5 Junior - Book Sets Series - Reading Level: 5.2  
Level Measure: 760  
Page Count: 304  

A hilarious Floridian adventure involves new kids, bullies, alligators, eco-warriors, pancakes, pint-sized owls, and more. A New York Times bestseller! Everybody loves Mother Paula’s pancakes. Everybody, that is, except the colony of cute but endangered owls that live on the building site of the new restaurant. Can the awkward new kid and his feral friend prank the pancake people out of town? Or is the owls’ fate cemented in pancake batter?

**Inkheart with Print Format**

999232, DB  
930 min  
J  
2003  
2824  

This is the story of young Meggie, who lives a quiet life alone with her father Mo, a bookbinder, until one cruel night when Mo reads aloud from Inkheart and an evil ruler named Capricorn escapes the boundaries of fiction and lands in their livingroom. Somehow Meggie and Mo must learn to harness the magic that conjured this nightmare and they must change the course of the story that has changed their lives forever. A tale about books, imagination, and life.

**Island: Shipwreck with Print Format**

999338, DB  
J  
2006  
2824  

Six children try to survive on a desert island in the Pacific Ocean after a storm destroys their boat. Luke, J.J., Will, Lyssa, Charla, and Ian didn’t want to be on the boat in the first place but now there is no easy way out. It’s all about survival. Read by Holter Graham.

**Island: Survival with Print Format**

999174, DB  
180 min  
J  
2007  
2824  

Four children, having survived a shipwreck and a week with no food, arrive on a deserted island in the Pacific Ocean. Missing two of their friends, they find themselves in danger of being found by some very dangerous people.

Read by Holter Graham.  
Contents: 1 playaway, 1 set of earphones.  
Note: There is also a Teacher Resource copy of the book Island: Survival available through Medianet #997515.

**The Lightning Thief**

999176, DB  
625 min  
J  
2008  
2824  

Percy, expelled from six schools for being unable to control his temper, learns the truth from his mother that 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. Read by Jesse Bernstein.  
Contents: 1 playaway, 1 set of earphones.

Note: This novel is also part of the Ancient Civilizations Fiction and Non-Fiction Literature Circles Kit (997486) and the Dystopia Literature Circles Kit (996670).

**Losing It**

999283, KT  
J  
2012  

Losing It by Erin Fry tells the story of Bennett Robinson whom loves baseball, especially watching Dodgers games with his dad while munching on burgers and fries the perfect game food. Baseball even helped Bennett and his dad cope with his mom’s death from cancer. But there’s no way Bennett could ever play baseball. Bennett is fat, the kind of fat that gives you belly button sweat stains and makes it tough to get off a sagging couch. But on one perfect, baseball-watching day, everything changes. Bennett’s dad is taken away on a stretcher, and Bennett doesn’t know if he will live or die.

Now Bennett has to move in with know-it-all Aunt Laura, who is making it her personal mission to get Bennett healthy and take over his life. It’s time for Bennett to step up to the plate. Because maybe there are some things he can do like talk to a girl, run a mile, and maybe even save his own life.
You Are Not Small Anna Kang
Two fuzzy creatures can’t agree on who is small and who is big, until a couple of surprise guests show up, settling it once and for all!

If the Shoe Fits: Nonstandard Units of Measurement
Jennifer Dussling
Albert has found a wonderful, beautiful thing in the People’s backyard. An old shoe! And it’s the perfect clubhouse for him to play in, if only he can fit it inside the playroom.

Big Bear Little Chair Lizi Boyd
A compendium of unexpected opposites that is also a charming and emotionally warm story about Big Bear, Little Bear, and the stories that bring them together.

Balancing Act Ellen Stoll Walsh
Two mice make a teeter-totter. They’re balancing just fine, but then along comes a frog. Can they make room for one more friend on their teeter-totter? What about two? What about more? But then a big bird comes along and wants to play too. Better watch out!

Actual Size Steve Jenkins
Just how big is a crocodile? What about a tiger, or the world’s largest spider? Can you imagine a tongue that is two feet long or an eye that is bigger than your head? Sometimes facts and figures don’t tell the whole story. In this visually stunning book, seeing is believing as Steve Jenkins illustrates animals both large and small at ACTUAL SIZE.

Equal Shmequal Virginia Kroll
What does it mean to be equal? Mouse and her friends want to play tug-of-war but they can’t figure out how to make teams that are equal. Nothing works until Mouse starts thinking mathematically. Wonderful illustrations capture Mouse and her animal friends from whiskers to tails.

Which is Round? Which is Bigger? Minelo Mamada
On the first two-page spread of this deceptively simple picture book, the text asks, Which one is round? There are two straightforward drawings showing the choices: an apple or an armadillo. For the child who understands what round means, that’s an easy one: the apple is round. Until you turn to the next spread. There you’ll see that the same question is asked. Which one is round? What do you think? But, this time, the apple has been eaten down to its core, and the armadillo is asleep, curled into a ball. Surprise! Though the objects being featured are the same, the answer to the question has now changed.

Big Bug Henry Cole
In this ideal introduction to the concept of scale, students will love the lush illustrations of the animals, objects, and scenery of a farm, and they’ll delight in seeing how something “big” can suddenly seem “little” with the turn of a page!

How Big? Wacky Ways to Compare Size Jessica Gunderson
How BIG is that egg? How BIG is that paw? Is that the biggest dog you ever saw?

Math Collection: Measurement
999161,KT
P
2016
Use this kit to help reinforce the mathematical concept of measurement.

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Just how big is a crocodile? What about a tiger, or the world’s largest spider? Can you imagine a tongue that is two feet long or an eye that is bigger than your head? Sometimes facts and figures don’t tell the whole story. In this visually stunning book, seeing is believing as Steve Jenkins illustrates animals both large and small at ACTUAL SIZE.

Equal Shmequal Virginia Kroll
What does it mean to be equal? Mouse and her friends want to play tug-of-war but they can’t figure out how to make teams that are equal. Nothing works until Mouse starts thinking mathematically. Wonderful illustrations capture Mouse and her animal friends from whiskers to tails.

Which is Round? Which is Bigger? Minelo Mamada
On the first two-page spread of this deceptively simple picture book, the text asks, Which one is round? There are two straightforward drawings showing the choices: an apple or an armadillo. For the child who understands what round means, that’s an easy one: the apple is round. Until you turn to the next spread. There you’ll see that the same question is asked. Which one is round? What do you think? But, this time, the apple has been eaten down to its core, and the armadillo is asleep, curled into a ball. Surprise! Though the objects being featured are the same, the answer to the question has now changed.

Big Bug Henry Cole
In this ideal introduction to the concept of scale, students will love the lush illustrations of the animals, objects, and scenery of a farm, and they’ll delight in seeing how something “big” can suddenly seem “little” with the turn of a page!

How Big? Wacky Ways to Compare Size Jessica Gunderson
How BIG is that egg? How BIG is that paw? Is that the biggest dog you ever saw?
heart? Where is the blue cube? Students will test their spot it skills with “So Many Shapes”.

**Hockey Patterns**  Mark Weakland
Even when the rink is empty, patterns abound in the thrilling world of hockey.

**Growing Patterns:**  Fibonacci Numbers in Nature  Sarah C. Campbell
This book introduces the Fibonacci sequence, which begins 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13. The presentation uses color photos of flowers with different numbers of petals to illustrate the beginning of the sequence, follows up with photographs highlighting the different spirals seen on pinecones, sunflowers, and pineapples, and includes a picture showing the chambers in a cut-away nautilus shell.

**I See a Pattern Here**  Bruce Goldstone
Patterns can be so beautiful that people come from all over the world to see them, or so familiar you hardly notice them. They appear everywhere: beehives, dinner plates, even the bottoms of your shoes! With photographs that show diverse examples from nature and artwork around the world, Bruce Goldstone reveals the secrets behind patterns, and gives you some fun ideas for making your own.

**Pattern Fish**  Trudy Harris
A gently humorous book in which groups of fish are described by their bobbing, gliding, swishing movements until...shark! But this is also a wonderfully on target math concept book. Kids are encouraged to recognize patterns, and gives them all a new angle on life and they can make their own.

**Have You Seen My Monster?**  Steven Light
Young readers will be happily engaged in searching for the monster, and finding and identifying the shapes, all the backgrounds, the text, and the borders. A note to readers in the back of the book identifies even more patterns to look for!

**Not a Box**  Antoinette Portis
“Not a Box” tells the story of a rabbit who is asked what...shark! But this is also a wonderfully on target math concept book. Kids are encouraged to recognize patterns, and gives them all a new angle on life and they can make their own.

**Ship Shapes**  Stella Blackstone
See how many everyday shapes you can spot while sailing the open sea in search of jewels and treasure. Children will ride the waves to a faraway island in this lively, shape-filled ocean adventure.

**Circles of Round**  Signe Sturup
Despite the odd bump in the road, all the circles in the town called Round have happy lives. Until an obtuse stranger comes to visit, with an even stranger machine. Called the Corner Transformer, the stranger boasts that it will give them all a new angle on life and they can make better shapes too. All the circles eagerly try it out, but changing from circles to squares and triangles isn’t quite what they expected! "The Circles of Round" is an imaginative tale full three dimensional geometric shapes.

**The Maze of Bones with Print Format**  999224, DB
325 min  JI 2008  2824
*The 39 Clues Series* - What would happen if you discovered that your family was one of the most powerful in human history? What if you were told that the source of the family’s power was hidden around the world, in the form of 39 clues? What if you were given a choice, take a million dollars or get the first clue? Amy and Dan will try to uncover the thirty-nine clues to reveal the secrets of their lineage and find out what really happened to their parents.

Read by David Pittu.

**The Mighty Miss Malone**  999173, DB
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Deza Malone, the smartest girl in her class in Gary, Indiana, accompanies her mother and older brother on a trip to find her father, an African American man who left to find work after the Great Depression hit. They end up in a Hoosierville outside of Flint, Michigan, and her brother attempts to be a performer while Deza and her mother search for a home.

**Mystery Collection for Junior Students: Literature Circles**  999340, LC
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This collection contains a variety of choices for your students. Included are books with different reading levels, one graphic novel and more that will keep them looking for clues to solve the mysteries until the very end!

**Tank & Fizz: The Case of the Slime Stampede**  (Liam O’Donnell)
When Gravelmuck Elementary’s cleaning slimes escape and destroy the schoolyard with their acidic ooze, all claws and tails point to Mr. Snag, the school’s caretaker, as the culprit. Determined to clear Mr. Snag’s name, Tank and Fizz dive into the case, only to discover that the goo under Rockfall Mountain runs deep. Can Tank and Fizz find the real monsters behind the slime stampede in time to clear Mr. Snag’s name?

**The Case of the Missing Moonstone**  (Jordan Stratford)
History meets mystery in this story in which the author imagines the lives of Ada Byron and Mary Shelley as two girls who meet in 1826 London, agree to form a secret detective agency, and embark upon a series of adventures together. Ada (who will later become known as Lady Lovelace, often considered the world’s first computer programmer) is a reclusive genius, lacking in social skills. Mary, who will one day become the author of the classic novel Frankenstein, is observant and a bit romantic. While the author admits to taking a few liberties with historical facts, there are plenty of historical and scientific tidbits that may inspire readers to investigate the real-life figures as well as their discoveries and creations evolve.

**Sherlock Sam and the Missing Heirloom in Katong**  (A.J. Low)
Introducing Sherlock Sam, a fresh, cross-cultural twist on the classic Sherlock Holmes stories, tailored for younger readers. Set in iconic Singapore locations, the series follows the mystery-solving exploits of smart, observant, food-loving 10-year-old Samuel Tan Cher Lock (a.k.a. Sherlock Sam), Watson, his reluctant robot sidekick, and the rest of the Supper Club (a “Scoby Doogang,” of sorts) as they prove that mysteries are best solved through teamwork.

**The Night of the Living Dogs**  (Trina Robbins) graphic novel
Yes, Chicagoland is an odd place. But the word is out that Megan, Raf, and Raf’s talking dog Bradley are the team to go to when weirder things than usual start happening. Their Chicagoland Detective Agency takes danger in hand and destroy the schoolyard with their acidic ooze, all claws and tails point to Mr. Snag, the school’s caretaker, as the culprit. Determined to clear Mr. Snag’s name, Tank and Fizz dive into the case, only to discover that the goo under Rockfall Mountain runs deep. Can Tank and Fizz find the real monsters behind the slime stampede in time to clear Mr. Snag’s name?

**The Best Mistake Mystery**  (Sylvia McNicoll)
A heartwarming mystery that illustrates that mistakes are not always a bad thing. A small Canadian town experiences upheaval when the local school seems to be terrorized by a mysterious person. New dog walker extraordinare Stephen has been anxious about surviving middle school since his best friend moved away. After he
finds out why his school was closed for the day, his dog-walking misadventures lead him to Renée, the class know-it-all, who soon enlists Stephen’s help in solving the mystery before her brother, a notorious teen prankster, gets blamed for the latest troubling series of events. The pair set out on a quest to clear Renée’s brother’s name.

**Masterminds** (Gordon Korman)

Eli has never left Serenity… why would he ever want to? Then one day, he bikes to the edge of the city limits and something so crazy and unexpected happens, it changes everything. Eli convinces his friends to help him investigate further, and soon it becomes clear that nothing is as it seems in Serenity. The clues mount to reveal a shocking discovery, connecting their ideal crime-free community to some of the greatest criminal masterminds ever known. The kids realize they can trust no one—least of all their own parents.

**No Name**

999334,KT

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**Take 5 Junior - Book Sets Series** - When his mother leaves, sixteen-year-old Bobby, a Choctaw, begins living in a hole in his backyard to avoid his abusive father, and is surprised to find friends and neighbors willing to help him. Inspired by the traditional Choctaw story.

**Nobody’s Dog**

999215,KT

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**Take 5 Junior - Book Sets Series** - %Page Count: 149

Exploring the heartbreaking loneliness of grief with sensitive assurance, Nobody's Dog is a powerful and uplifting tale about family, love and survival, and finding friendship in the most unexpected places.

**Number the Stars**

999442,KT

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**Take 5 Junior - Book Sets Series** - Reading Level: 4.5

Level Measure: 670

Page Count: 137

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.

**OC Daniel**

999403,KT

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**Take 5 Intermediate - Book Sets Series** - %RL: 3.9

Lexile: 560

Page Count: 292

Daniel, a budding writer and resident pariah, is tortured by a neurosis that racks his body and mind with pain if he doesn’t fulfill obsessive rituals before bed, eating, or anything else in life. He lives in fear of these compulsions, until his path is crossed by someone whose cornucopia of irregularities rival his own. Sara is situationally mute and understands his problems because hers are more than she can bear. Believing her father was killed by her stepfather, Sara embarks with Daniel on a desperate search to reveal her father’s fate.

**Old Yeller**

999440,KT

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**Take 5 Junior - Book Sets Series** - Reading Level: 5

Lexile Measure: 910

Page Count: 181

Set in the rough wilderness of early frontier Texas, "Old Yeller" is a timeless coming-of-age tale. Travis is left to care for the farm when his father leaves on a cattle drive. He copes with many hardships with the help of his big, yellow dog, Old Yeller.

**Rain Shadow**

999216,KT

J

**Take 5 Junior - Book Sets Series** - %Lexile Measure: 700

RL: 3

Page Count: 150

Bethany knows that she is special. She doesn’t learn things as easily as her classmates do and that sometimes makes them mean to her. They call her names - including the really “bad” name. Even her mom and her sister Mira say unkind things at times. But Bethany has friends like her neighbor Mrs. Goldsborough as well as happy times with Dad when he gets home from work. And now, Mira has promised to protect her from the bullies when the new school year begins. Then tragedy strikes, tearing Bethany’s world apart in ways she could never have imagined, and she starts to wonder if there will ever be a place that feels like home again.

**Rocket Blues**

999214,KT

J

**Take 5 Junior - Book Sets Series** - %Lexile Measure: 620

RL: 2

Page Count: 236

When Rocket gets cut from his AAA bantam hockey team, he needs to re-evaluate his priorities.

Bryan Rockwood (aka "Rocket") is faced with the unthinkable: being cut from the Huskies - the AAA hockey team he has played on for three years. With no other teams interested in him, Bryan reluctantly joins a AA team, the Blues, at his best friend Maddy’s insistence. Things only get worse when Rocket sees that the Blues don’t take hockey seriously. Facing the Huskies in the round robin will give Rocket the chance to prove his skills, but in order to keep his hockey dreams (and his friends) Rocket will have to realize that while hockey is his passion, it is not his entire life.

**Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry**

999441,KT

J

**Take 5 Junior - Book Sets Series** - Reading Level: 5.7

Lexile Measure: 920

Page Count: 276

In the midst of the Depression, a black family struggles to keep their land and cope with racial prejudices in their Mississippi neighborhood.

**Scat**

999443,KT

J

**Take 5 Junior - Book Sets Series** - Reading Level: 5.5

Level Measure: 810 Psge Count: 310

Nick and his friend Marta decide to investigate when a mysterious fire starts near a Florida wildlife preserve and an unpopular teacher goes missing.

**Sihouetted by the Blue**

999299,KT

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**Take 5 Junior - Book Sets Series** - Recommended for Grade 5 to 8 Mental Health Issues

RL: 4.6

Lexile: 720

Page Count: 208

Seventh-grader Serena Shaw is trying to keep up at
school while rehearsing for the lead role in the spring musical and dealing with a father so "blue" he is nearly catatonic. With the aid of a not-so-secret admirer, as well as a growing sense of self-confidence, she faces the challenges of caring for herself and her ball-of-charm younger brother all while attempting to lead the life of a normal pre-teen.

**Speechless**
999209.KT
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Take 5 Junior - Book Sets Series - %Lexile Measure: 680
RL: 3
Page Count: 168

Jelly is as surprised as anyone when he decides that he's going to win the annual sixth grade speech contest. Just like that, Joe Alton Miles, better known as Jelly (because his initials are J.A.M. and his best friend's are P.B.), is faced with overcoming not only his terror of being in the spotlight, but also the wrath of smart, popular Victoria, who believes that the prize (like all prizes) is rightfully hers. At first, Jelly only cares about winning the awesome prize (a new tablet), but as Victoria escalates her campaign against him, Jelly begins to realize that it's not only the prize that's at stake, but also his reputation, his self-respect and the friendship he values most. Jelly must dig deep inside himself to find out if he's strong enough to stand up to Victoria and show everyone what he's really capable of.

**Stories of Struggles and Survival Literature Circle**
999384.LC
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2017
This kit includes stories of children dealing with conflict both within their homeland and towards them as individuals giving global insight into the political, cultural and humanitarian conditions.

Wanting Mor by Rukhsana Khan. Jameela, a young girl living in war-torn Afghanistan, struggles to find her place in the world after her mother dies and she moves to Kabul with her drunken father where she clashes with her stepmother and ends up in an orphanage.

Words in the Dust by Trent Reedy. Zulaikha, a thirteen-year-old girl in Afghanistan, faces a series of frightening exhilarating changes in her life as she defies her father and secretly meets with an old woman who teaches her to read, her older sister gets married, and American troops offer her surgery to fix her disfiguring cleft lip.

Walking Home by Eric Walters. Thirteen-year-old Muchoki, his younger sister, Jata, and mother can hardly believe what has become of their lives. Only weeks ago they lived with their family in a quiet Kenyan village, but sudden political violence has destroyed their home and forced them to flee for their lives. Now they live in a tent in an overcrowded refugee camp. Driven by further tragedy they are forced to undertake what seems like an impossible quest: to walk over a hundred miles across Kenya in search of their last remaining family. Even the longest of journeys must begin with just one step - and a bit of hope.

Boys without Names by Kashmira Sheth. Eleven-year-old Gopal and his family leave their rural Indian village for life with his uncle in Mumbai, but when they arrive his father goes missing and Gopal ends up locked in a sweatshop from which there is no escape.

Libertad by Alma Fullerton. Libertad, along with his little brother and mother, fights for survival in the Guatemala City Dump, scavenging for anything sellable amid the garbage. Their Papi left for America five years earlier, shortly after soldiers drove them from their village. Now their mother takes hits of cobbler’s glue and dreams of the day Papi will return, while Libertad plays a trashed marimba for a few coins and goes hungry to save enough money to send seven-year-old Julio to school. When the boys’ mother is killed in a horrifying accident, Libertad decides to make the long journey north with Julio to find their father.

Child Soldier, When Boys and Girls are Used in War by Jessica Dee Humphreys & Michel Chikwanine. Michel Chikwanine was only five-years-old when he was abducted from outside his school by rebel soldiers in The Democratic Republic of Congo. ‘Child Soldier’ tells the story of his happy life before the abduction, his time with the rebel militia, his escape from their clutches and finally the worsening situation and growing unrest for Michel and his family and his eventual emigration to Canada with his mother.

Our Stories, Our Song: African Children Talk About AIDS by Deborah Ellis. In Sub-Saharan Africa, there are more than 11.5 million orphans. The AIDS pandemic has claimed their parents, their aunts, and their uncles. What is life like for these children? Who do they care for, and who cares for them?

Sami and the Time of the Troubles by Florence Parry Heide & Judith Heide Gilliland. On the days when his city isn’t a combat zone, a ten-year-old Lebanese boy living in Beirut goes to school, helps his mother with chores, and plays with his friends.

**Sure Signs of Crazy**
999298.KT
JL
2013
Take 5 Intermediate - Book Sets Series - Recommended for Grade 5 to 8 Mental Health Issues
RL: 4.6
Lexile: 750
Page Count: 288

"Love" can be a trouble word for some people. "Crazy" is also a trouble word."I should know." You've never met anyone exactly like twelve-year-old Sarah Nelson. While most of her friends obsess over Harry Potter, she spends her time writing letters to Atticus Finch. She collects trouble words in her diary. Her best friend is a plant. And she's never known her mother, who left when Sarah was two. Since then, Sarah and her dad have moved from one small Texas town to another, and not one has felt like home. Everything changes when Sarah launches an investigation into her family's Big Secret. She makes unexpected new friends and has her first real crush, and instead of a "typical boring Sarah Nelson summer," this one might just turn out to be extraordinary.

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Whispers of War: The War of 1812 Diary of Susanna Merritt
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Take 5 Junior - Book Sets Series - Reading Level: 5.5
Lexile Measure: N/A
Page Count: 224

In the summer of 1812, as rumours of a looming war become a reality, Susanna, her mother and sister are surviving as best they can while the men are fighting. As news of various battles reaches them, Susanna becomes even more concerned for the safety and well-being of her beloved brother and father. She is also torn between the loyalties of her best friend and her mother – both Americans living in Upper Canada – and her father's and brother's allegiance to General Brock and the King. But the night of the Battle of Queenston Heights, Susanna's main concern is for survival.