All Four Stars
999618,KT
J 2014

Gladys Gatsby has been cooking gourmet dishes since the age of seven, only her fast-food-loving parents have no idea. Now she’s eleven, and after a creme brûlée incident, Gladys is cut off from the kitchen and her allowance. She’s devastated but soon finds just the right opportunity to pay her parents back when she’s mistakenly contacted to write a restaurant review for one of the largest newspapers in the world. But in order to meet her deadline and keep her dream job, Gladys must cook her way into the heart of her sixth-grade archenemy and sneak into New York City—all while keeping her identity a secret Easy as pie, right?

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
I 2014

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Beautiful: A Girl’s Trip Through the Looking Glass
999560,KT
IS 2014

Teenager Lily gets a lot of messages about what it means to be a successful and desirable woman in today’s world. Seems like the bottom line is, you’ve got to have gorgeous looks, a winning personality... and a cute boyfriend to prove it!

Through quirky humor and expressive artwork, the graphic novel ‘Beautiful’ takes you on poignant journey through the inner and outer voices we all struggle with. And Lily’s ultimate discovery about the true nature of life itself.

Beezus and Ramona
999591,KT
183 pce J
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

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  0908
Take 5 Intermediate - Book Sets Series - %A student arrested on suspicions of terrorism. A high school torn 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
J1  2016  3748
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.

Narrated by Jessica Almasy
This title can also be found in the Take 5 Junior Collection 204032

Book Scavenger
204033,KT
J1  2016  354

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

Born with Erika and Gianni
999571,KT
IS  2016
Take 5 Intermediate - Book Sets Series - Meet Erika and Gianni: One is a fifteen-year-old girl who loves to dance and sing and make people laugh. She tells people that she was born with an extra gene, but her sister has to buy hers at the mall.

Being in three dance numbers in the school production of Grease is a big job, but with the help of her Best Buddy, Gianni, Erika knows her can be a star.

The other is a Grade 11 boy with a secret. Like his best buddy, Erika, who is born with Down Syndrome, Gianni loves to sing and dance. He also knows that he’s different from the other boys in his school, but is he that different from that cool, attractive actor in the school play? Or is he just imagining that the sparks between them are mutual? And will the rough gang of guys at school also pick up on who he really is?

Told in the alternating voices of Erika and Gianni, Born With is the story of two teens who help each other to find their own versions of success and acceptance.

The Boundless
999550,KT
JL  2014
Take 5 Intermediate - Book Sets Series - %Page count: 332
Reading Level: 5
Lexile 730

Fountas & Pinnell: Y
All aboard for an exciting tale of steam-powered automatons, a bloodthirsty sasquatch, colorful circuses, and magical paintings.

Aspiring artist Will Everett knows he’s not cut out to follow in the footsteps of his railroad manager father, but his pampered life leaves little opportunity for adventure. Then he boards The Boundless, the world’s largest and most luxurious train.

After acquiring the key to the railway owner’s funeral car, Will is running for his life, pursued by deadly enemies who will do anything to possess the car’s valuable contents. He is rescued by Mr. Dorian, ringmaster of the famed Zircus Dante, and an escape artist called The Miraculous Maren. These two performers, however, have their own secret agenda for helping Will.

As The Boundless thunders toward its destination, Will must decide who to trust, if anyone. Along the way, Will is on the adventure of a lifetime.

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
999703,KT
JL 2018
This title can also be found in the Take 5 Junior Collection 999703

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

In September 1944 eleven-year-old Billie lives with her great aunt, Doff, eagerly waiting for her older brother Leo to return from boot camp, and desperate to find the father that left when she was little; but Leo brings a friend with him, a Navajo named Denny, and the injured dog they have rescued and named Bear—and when the two young men go off to war Bear becomes the thread that ties them all together, and helps Billie to find a true friend.

Narrated by Erin Steward & Forrest Goodluck

For the Playaway version of this title search 204035

Everyday Hero
999699,KT
IS 2016
3748
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.
It's been a century of peace since Earth became a colony of an alien race with far reaches into the galaxy. Some die-hard extremists still oppose alien rule on Earth, but Donovan Reyes isn't one of them. His dad holds the prestigious position of Prime Liaison in the collaborationist government, and Donovan's high social standing along with his exocel (a remarkable alien technology fused to his body) guarantee him a bright future in the security forces. But the Prime Liaison doesn't negotiate with terrorists, not even for his own son. Left in the hands of terrorists who have more uses for him dead than alive, the fate of Earth rests on Donovan's survival. Because if Sapience kills him, it could spark another intergalactic war. And Earth didn't win the last one...

Explore Literacy Concepts
999610,KT
P 2018 0582
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
999587,KT
JL 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
995903,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 stumbled 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’s 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’s 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 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.

For the Guide to Literature Circle Kits see "Literature Circles - A Support Document" (997066) at http://media.dsbn.edu.on.ca.

The Fashion Committee
999635,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 forges 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–like to have an artistic passion so fierce that nothing–not that matters. It’s the best mistake Jack has ever made.

From Ant to Eagle
204074,KT
JL
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...

OLAForest of Reading Silver Birch Award for Fiction (2018)

Graphic Novels : Action and Adventure
Collection
999541,LC
JL
This literature circles kit consists of 7 graphic novels for students in grades 4-7.

Bad Island by Doug TenNapel
When a family takes a boating trip, the last thing they expect is to be shipwrecked on an island—especially an island with weird, otherworldly plants and animals. Now, what started out as a bad vacation turns into a terrible one as Lyle, Karen, and their two kids, Janie and Reese, must find a way off the island while they dodge its strange and dangerous inhabitants. Is the island alive? Is it from another world?

Secret Coders: Paths & Portals by Gene Luen Yang and Mike Holmes
There’s something lurking beneath the surface of Stately Academy—literally. In a secret underground classroom Hopper, Eni, and Josh discover that the campus was once home to the Bee School, an institute where teachers, students, and robots worked together to unravel the mysteries of coding. Hopper and her friends are eager to follow in this tradition and become top-rate coders. But why are Principal Dean and the rugby team suddenly so interested in their extracurricular activities?

Gremon’s Wrath by Beneville Hess
Young Regn travels the universe to wake and heal planets. On her first mission, she lands on the planet Gremon where she discovers an angry world tearing itself apart, an irresponsible big brother, and a greedy baron who stokes the chaos for his own benefit. Regn’s photonic powers won’t be enough when she comes face-to-face with the planet’s consciousness. To win over Gremon, she’ll need something more—courage, compassion, and a little bit of help from the last person she should trust.

Diver Down by Donald Lemke
One story, told from two viewpoints, on split pages. In a story told from two different viewpoints, two American divers searching for a sunken submarine and its mysterious cargo find themselves face-to-face with another dive team determined to get the cargo for themselves and keep the submarine’s location secret at any cost.

Mighty Jack by Ben Hatke
Jack might be the only kid in the world who’s dreading summer. But he’s got a good reason: summer is when his single mom takes a second job and leaves him at home to watch his autistic kid sister, Maddy. It’s a lot of responsibility, and it’s boring, too, because Maddy doesn’t talk. Ever. But then, one day at the flea market, Maddy does talk—to tell Jack to trade their mom’s car for a box of mysterious seeds. It’s the best mistake Jack has ever made.

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 story is well paced with smooth transitions. It is dark, witty, mysterious, and exciting.

The Nameless City by Faith Erin Hicks
Every nation that invades the City gives it a new name. But before long, new invaders arrive and the City changes hands once again. The natives don’t let themselves get caught up in the unending wars. To them, their home is the Nameless City, and those who try to name it are forever outsiders.


Intermediate Graphic Novels: Fantasy, Adventure and more
999549,LC
This literature circles kit consists of 7 graphic novels for intermediate students.

Contents:
Sunny Side Up by Jennifer L. Holm
Following the lives of kids whose older brother's delinquent behavior has thrown their family into chaos, Sunny Side Up is at once a compelling "problem" story and a love letter to the comic books that help the protagonist make sense of her world.

Coraline by Neil Gaiman
When Coraline steps through a door in her family's new house, she finds another house, strangely similar to her own (only better). At first, things seem marvelous. The food is better than at home, and the toy box is filled with fluttering wind-up angels and dinosaur skulls that crawl and rattle their teeth.

But there's another mother there and another father, and they want her to stay and be their little girl. They want to change her and never let her go. Coraline will have to fight with all her wit and all the tools she can find if she is to save herself and return to her ordinary life.

Rapunzel's Revenge by Shannon Hale
Rapunzel, having grown up in a lovely castle with the woman she thought was her mother, is placed in a very tall hollow tree as punishment after her curiosity prompts a woman she thought was her mother, is placed in a very tall hollow tree as punishment after her curiosity prompts her to climb the castle wall and look at the ruin of the world beyond her home, but she is able to escape and, with the help of Jack, embarks on a plan to free the land from the grip of the witch.

Yvain, the Knight of the Lion by M.T. Anderson
In a stunning visual interpretation of a 12th century epic poem by Chrétien de Troyes, readers are – at first glance – transported into a classic Arthurian romance complete with errant knights, plundering giants, and fire-breathing dragons. A closer look, however, reveals a world rich with unspoken emotion. Striking, art by Andrea Offermann sheds light upon the inner lives of medieval women and the consequences Yvain's oblivious actions.

The Heartless Troll by Oyvind Torseter
The Heartless Troll is about a troll who's hidden his heart and the seventh son of a king who goes in search of his six brothers. The young man's journey brings him to a mountain, a captive princess, and a terrifying troll.

The illustrations are by turns fanciful and lovely as well as dark and terrifying, but a continuous thread of good humor and playfulness runs through the whole story.

The Dumbest Idea Ever by Jimmy Gownley
What if the dumbest idea ever changed your life forever?

At thirteen, Jimmy was popular, at the top of his class, and the leading scorer on his basketball team. But all that changed when chicken pox forced him to miss the championship game. Then things went from bad to worse when he got pneumonia and missed even more school. Before Jimmy knew it, his grades were sinking and nothing seemed to be going right.

How would Jimmy turn things around, get back on top at school, and maybe even get a date with the cutest girl in school?

NewsPrints by Ru Xu
Blue is an orphan who disguises herself as a newsboy. There's a war going on, and girls are expected to help the struggling economy by selling cookies.

But Blue loves living and working at the Bugle, the only paper in town that tells the truth. And what's printed in the newspapers now matters more than ever. But Blue struggles with her secret, and worries that if her friends and adopted family at the Bugle find out that she's a girl, she'll lose everything and everyone she cares about. And when she meets and befriends Crow, a boy who is also not what he seems, together they seek the freedom to be their true selves... and to save each other.

Henry and Ribsy by Jimmy Gownley
188 pce J 1982 1733
Take 5 Junior - Book Sets Series - Adept at manipulating his father's divorce guilt, Jared always visits his father via his father's private jet. On this trip, however, the plane crashes in a wilderness, and even his fancy cell phone will not work. Disoriented from the crash, Jared initially follows the lead of a Cree Indian boy named Kyle who helps him stabilize the injured pilot. Intent on getting a signal for his phone, Jared disregards Kyle's warnings and heads up the nearby hill. Following the teachings of his kokum (grandmother), Kyle refuses to leave Jared on his own, despite her dire warnings about the hill. When the phone still does not work, Jared and Kyle head back, only to find that everything they left behind has vanished. They are now in the spirit world, and they have woken the wíhkito, a flesh-eating beast that hunts humans. Only their ingenuity--and a little bit of timeliness from the Cree trickster spirit Wesakechak--can help them stay alive long enough to re-establish balance between the two worlds.

Shattered Glass by Ru Xu
IS 2015
Take 5 Secondary - Book Sets Series - Secondary Students
Lexile: 590
Pages: 235
Fountas & Pinnell: Z+
As an orphan, Antoinette Royce knows nothing about her birth parents. When, at sixteen, a fire destroys the Benevolent Home for Necessitous Girls in Hope, Ontario, Toni quickly finds herself moving to Toronto.

This is the second fire that she survives, and every night she has recurring nightmares of being pushed by her mother through a window. She sports the scars that prove this event did happen. Armed only with her mother's name, a hospital release form, and pamphlets from restaurants, she must make a new life for herself while trying to discover who she really is.

Finding a room in Lady Grady's house, Antoinette quickly secures employment in a club where she meets brooding Ethan and attractive Cassidy. The big city is filled with secrets, however, and not everyone Toni meets has her best interests at heart.

One of the smartest orphans at the home, her education ill prepared her for real life. Can Toni tame the demons that have been haunting her dreams?

Drop by Neil Gaiman
999563,KT
IS 2016
Take 5 Secondary - Book Sets Series - Secondary Students
RL: 1.0
Lexile: 50
Pages: 47
Rob goes bungee jumping for his birthday.

This text offers a unique way to delve into science, technology, engineering, and math for emergent readers.
everything is going right for wrestling teammates and best friends Chad and Marcus. It's the first day of senior year and they plan to make it spectacular.

But coach wants to trim the team this year and forces the friends to have a wrestling match for their position. As they face off, each gives it his all to win the spot, sharing the upper hand, back and forth. But Chad is determined to keep his weight class and with a final surge of energy, slams Marcus to the mat to win the match.

As Marcus gets up to congratulate him, he suddenly falls back to the mat, dead. Chad is devastated and blames himself for Marcus’s demise. As his dreams for a spectacular senior year fade, Chad struggles with school, his girlfriend, his other teammates, and eventually, the law, as he copes with the death of his best friend.

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 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: I love you so much. You're just right. You're just right. You're just right."

The Last Kids on Earth by Max Brallier. 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!
Lucky Jonah
999700,KT
IS 2017
Take 5 Intermediate - Book Sets Series - Lexile Measure: NA
RL: NA
Page Count: 223
Bullied by his brother and living in the shadow of his cute, athletic best friend, Jonah is crippled by self-loathing and insecurity.

Then a mysterious stranger hands him a disposable camera with the power to transport him into someone else’s body—and someone else’s life. But with a limited number of shots and trouble mounting click by click, will this unhappy boy find a new life? Or will his deepest, darkest secret follow him wherever he goes?

Richard Scrimger’s Lucky Me is a hilarious take on a Freaky Friday-esque switcheroo with an identity crisis.

Lunchbox and the Aliens
204037,KT
JL 2009
Take 5 Junior - Book Sets Series - %RL: 4.9
Lexile: 710
Pages: 183
Fountas & Pinnell: S
Lunchbox is your average basset hound: round, floppy, and not too bright . . . until he’s abducted by aliens. Then he suddenly becomes a lean, mean, garbage-machine-making, uh, machine.

Frazz and Grunfoz, the hapless aliens who abducted Lunchbox, have set him the task of converting Earth’s trash into froonga, a food adored by aliens and dogs alike. Will Lunchbox and his boy, Nate, solve the world’s garbage crisis and form the first interplanetary alliance? Or will the fate of the whole solar system come to rest on whether Lunchbox can ever learn to catch a Frisbee?

The Message: The Dream
999566,KT
IS 2016
Take 5 Secondary - Book Sets Series - Secondary Students
Lexile Measure: 70
RL: 1.4
Page count: 59
Tim had been missing for weeks. Dack was worried. They had been friends a long time, but things changed. Dack got a part-time job. Tim became addicted to gaming. And speed.

Then Dack had the dream.

The Metro Dogs of Moscow
204056,KT
JL 2015
Take 5 Junior - Book Sets Series - %Lexile Measure: NA
RL: NA
Page Count: 196
JR (short for Jack Russell) is an embassy dog. His human, George, is a diplomat who has to travel for work. A lot. Now George is working at the Canadian Embassy in Moscow. And while he fancies himself an adventurous globetrotter, he doesn’t see why JR needs any more excitement than hanging out at the park with the other embassy dogs.

JR, however, has had quite enough of leashes and perfectly manicured parks—not to mention the boring embassy dogs. He decides to explore Moscow himself, and soon meets some wily Russian strays. JR is convinced that this is the life he’s been looking for. Amazing city smells! Mouthwatering stuffed potatoes! And best of all, the freedom to travel on the Moscow metro!

Meanwhile, George has found himself a new girlfriend: the ravishingly beautiful Katerina, who JR suspects is too good to be true. And if that weren’t trouble enough, JR’s new friends are starting to mysteriously disappear.

When an embassy dog goes missing as well, JR knows he must use everything he’s learned about his new home to solve the mystery of Moscow’s missing dogs.

999567,KT
JL 2015
Take 5 Intermediate - Book Sets Series - Reading Level: 4.5
Lexile Measure: 620
Page Count: 330
Christopher, his parents, and a few other families live on Perses, a planetoid in Earth’s solar system that has been set up as a mining operation, shipping much-needed ore back to Earth. One night, just as a communications blackout begins, raiders attack Perses, bombing and shooting into the gathered crowds. Christopher and a few other kids survive, hiding in the mining tunnels.

It will be two months before the blackout is over, however, and Christopher isn’t sure they can hold out that long. As the oldest, it’s up to him to find a way to keep everyone alive and figure out a way to contact Earth once the blackout ends. A survivor with a more militant agenda, the discovery of Perses’ dark secret, and a spy within the ranks threaten not only his plan, but everyone’s survival.

The Mouse and the Motorcycle
999590,KT
158 pceJ
Take 5 Junior - Book Sets Series - Reading level: 5.6
Lexile: 860
The adventures of a boy and a little mouse who wants to ride his toy motorcycle.

When the ever-curious Ralph spots Keith’s red toy motorcycle, he vows to ride it. So when Keith leaves the bike unattended in his room one day, Ralph makes his move. But with all this freedom (and speed!) come a lot of obstacles. Whether dodging a rowdy terrier or keeping his nosy cousins away from his new wheels, Ralph has a lot going on! And with a pal like Keith always looking out for him, there’s nothing this little mouse can’t handle.

A Mutiny In Time
998029,DB
JL 2012
History is broken, and three kids must travel back in time to set it right!

When best friends Dak Smyth and Sera Froste stumble upon the secret of time travel—a hand-held device known as the Infinity Ring—they’re swept up in a centuries-long secret war for the fate of mankind. Recruited by the Hystorians, a secret society that dates back to Aristotle, the kids learn that history has gone disastrously off course.

Now it’s up to Dak, Sera, and teenage Hystorian-in-training Riq to travel back in time to fix the Great Breaks…and to save Dak’s missing parents while they’re at it. First stop: Spain, 1492, where a sailor named Christopher Columbus is about to be thrown overboard in a deadly mutiny!
Mysteries, Capers and Secrets: A Junior Collection
204022,LC J 2018
Contents:

Loot: How to Steal a Fortune by Jude Watson
On a foggy night in Amsterdam, a man falls from a rooftop to the wet pavement below. It's Archibald McQuinn, the notorious cat burglar, and he's dying. As sirens wail in the distance, Archie manages to get out two last words to his young son, March: "Find jewels."

Who Killed Darius Drake? by Rodman Philbrick
Arthur "Bash Man" was the school thug, paid with candy to bully and threaten other students. When genius orphan Darius Drake employs Arthur to help him discover the origin of a suspicious threat, written in blood, they uncover a mystery that involves Darius's estranged grandfather, who was imprisoned for forging evidence in a search for a long-lost diamond necklace worth millions. The boys make the dangerous decision to search for the jewels themselves – and in the process, they discover that the car crash that killed Darius's parents was not an accident at all. Who will be next?

The Bone Thief by Alyson Noel
Compared to other more ordinary towns, Quiver Hollows is a very strange, very curious place. It is also home to longtime friends Grimsly, Ollie, Ming, and Penelope. In a town where everyone is spectacularly abnormal, Grimsly feels bad about being terribly, unforgivably normal, as the town's pet funeral director. So when a series of strange and disturbing mundane occurrences begins plaguing Quiver Hollows, well, Grimsly fears his growing celebrity just might be to blame since everyone knows that the things you focus on the most have an uncanny way of shaping your world.

Henry and the Guardians of the Lost by Jenny Nimmo
Less than 10 minutes after the arrival of the mysterious letter, Henry is on the run with his Auntie Pearl, possibly never to return home. Henry has a secret. He is twelve, but he hasn't aged a day since the moment he was thrust a hundred years into the future. Now his secret has put him in danger. His only hope is the protection of the Guardians of the Lost.

King & Kayla and the Case of the Missing Dog Treats by Dori Hillestad Butler
Kayla made peanut butter treats for Jillian's new puppy Thor. But now the treats are missing. What does Kayla know? --There are three treats missing. King wasn't in the kitchen. King's breath doesn't smell like peanut butter. What does King know? --There's an intruder in the house. How will they solve the mystery?

Lark and the Diamond Caper by Natasha Deen
Rookie detectives Lark and Connor Ba are back on the case! When a pair of diamond earrings goes missing from the neighborhood general store, Lark and Connor just happen to be in the right place at the right time. Carefully mining the adults for clues, the twin sleuths work together to solve the mystery.

Supernormal Sleuthing Service: The Lost Legacy by Gwenda Bond & Christopher Rowe
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.

The Nest
999559,KT J 2016
Take 5 Junior - Book Sets Series - %Lexile Measure: 640: 4
Fountas & Pinnell: W page count: 244

Steven's parents just had a baby, Theo, but there's something wrong with him, and a pall of worry and sadness falls over his family. Meanwhile, a papery wasp's nest appears under the eaves of the house, just outside Theo's room, and Steven starts to dream of an angelic wasp who promises to fix whatever's wrong with the baby.

At first, Steven is comforted by the wasp's soft assurances. But the wasp's plans grow more and more sinister, until they turn shockingly ugly: "before you know it, you'll forget all about that crappy little broken baby."

In Steven's restrained present-tense, first-person narrative, the wasp's dreadful plan slowly creeps into view, while Steven becomes increasingly determined to protect Theo, even though it would be easier for everyone if he weren't sick or broken.

The brilliance of Oppel's storytelling lies in his ability to seamlessly integrate the wasp's cruel beliefs about worthiness into Steven's own fears about himself. Steven, who has a therapist to deal with his anxiety, believes he, too, is broken, and it isn't until he understands the grotesque lengths to which the wasps plan to go that he accepts Theo--and himself--for all his imperfections.

Klassen's eerie, atmospheric illustrations, all shadowy corners and half-concealed shapes, contribute to the spooky mood. With subtle, spine-chilling horror at its heart, this tale of triumph over monsters--both outside and in--is outstanding.

Odd and the Frost Giants
999542,KT J 2016
Take 5 Junior - Book Sets Series - %Lexile Measure: 820: 4.5

"School Library Journal"

Using several figures from Norse mythology, Gaiman has written a thoughtful and quietly humorous fantasy that younger Percy Jackson fans will enjoy.

Twelve-year-old Odd hasn't had a good couple of years: his father died rescuing a pony that fell overboard during a Viking raid, his leg was crippled during a tree-felling accident, and his mother married a man he dislikes. So, in the midst of what should be spring, he sets out for a cabin in the wilderness, figuring that anything will be better than home.

Soon after arriving, a fox leads him to an enormous bear whose paw is caught in a tree; a large eagle circles overhead. Odd shows kindness and bravery when helping the bear, learning afterward that these three animals are gods who have been transformed by the Frost Giant. Odd is determined to help them, and his ultimate encounter with the Frost Giant is especially interesting, tweaking the tradition of small boys getting the better of giants.

Oddly Normal (Graphic Novel)
999586,KT J 2015
Take 5 Junior - Book Sets Series - %RL: 4.3
Lexile: 430

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.

Optimists Die First
999636,KT
IS 2017
Take 5 Secondary - Book Sets Series - %Lexile Measure: 580
RL: 4.1
Page Count: 224

Petula's funny, and a crafting genius, but no social star at high school, and it doesn't help that she's isolated herself after her adored toddler sister died. Petula feels responsible for this death, though her parents say it was a tragic accident. No one's fault. Now, Petula sees danger everywhere: every activity and every bite of food could kill you.

Then a new boy, Jacob, joins Petula's group in the school's lame art therapy program; he has a prosthetic arm and darkness behind his sunny surface. Petula and Jacob become friends, then, something more. But a secret behind why he's in the group could derail them.

The Outsiders
204043,KT
IS 2018
Reading Level: 5.1
Page Count: 243

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).

Ramona Quimby, Age 8
999592,KT
189 pce J 1981 2256
Take 5 Junior - Book Sets Series - %Lexile: 730
Reading Level: 5.1
Page Count: 243

Chase's memory just went out the window.

Chase doesn't remember falling off the roof. He doesn't remember hitting his head. He doesn't, in fact, remember anything. He wakes up in a hospital room and suddenly has to learn his whole life all over again . . . starting with his own name.

He knows he's Chase. But who is Chase? When he gets back to school, he sees that different kids have very different reactions to his return.

Some kids treat him like a hero. Some kids are clearly afraid of him.

One girl in particular is so angry with him that she pours her frozen yogurt on his head the first chance she gets.

Pretty soon, it's not only a question of who Chase is — it's a question of who he was . . . and who he's going to be.

Rodent
999575,KT
IS 2016
Take 5 Secondary - Book Sets Series - Picking up the kids, making dinner, cleaning the house-Isabelle seems more like a busy mother and less like a sixteen-year-old. Her mother, an alcoholic, is barely able to take care of her three kids. Isabelle becomes set in a routine, moving from school to school and doing her best to blend in without getting noticed. That all changes at her new school after she finds herself in the middle of a fight with one of the popular girls. All of a sudden, Isabelle needs to learn how to juggle surviving in a school as an eleventh grader with a target on her back and surviving at home as the most responsible person under the roof.

Page by Paige
999585,KT
IS 2011
Take 5 Intermediate - Book Sets Series - %Lexile: 720
Reading Level: 5.3
Page count: 450

One ordinary afternoon, every single machine in sixteen-year-old Adam's high school computer lab stops working. At first the problem seems to be an electrical outage, but it quickly becomes apparent that it is far more serious. Outside, cars won't start, phones are down, and a blackout is widespread. Adam is surprised to find that his ancient, cyber-free car is one of the only vehicles to function. And
he senses a rising storm tide of anger and fear as he drives home past hundreds of stranded motorists.

Soon Adam will discover that the problem has paralyzed not just his town but the whole region if not the whole country and beyond. Soon—as resources dwindle, crises mount, and chaos descends—he will see that his suburban neighborhood must band together for protection. Soon violence will erupt and Adam will understand that having a police captain for a mother and a retired government agent living next door are not just the facts of his life but the keys to his survival.

The Search for WondLa
998025,DB
JI 2018
When a marauder destroys the underground sanctuary that Eva Nine was raised in by the robot Muthr, the twelve-year-old girl is forced to flee above ground.

Eva Nine is searching for anyone else like her: She knows that other humans exist because of an item she treasures—a scrap of cardboard on which is depicted a young girl, an adult, and a robot, with the strange word, "WondLa."

Shorts for Chameleon
294031,KT
IS 2017
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 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.

Smiles to Go
998021,DB
IS 2009
Ninth grader Will Tuppence is in control.

He plans everything obsessively, from the perfect stargazing night with his crush, Mi-Su, to the regular Saturday-night games of Monopoly with his friends. He’s even planned his entire adulthood: career as an astronaut; mint condition, black 1985 Jaguar XJS/12; two kids. . . .

But everything changes the day Will learns one startling fact: protons—those tiny atomic particles, the building blocks to the building blocks of life—can die. The one thing that was so certain in this world to Will has an expiration date.

And Will’s carefully planned-out life?

Not so certain, either.

The Nameless City: The Stone Heart
204036,KT
JI 2017
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
J 2018
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 what 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 go 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 DENG-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
It’s the summer before high school and Jacob and his friends are determined to make it a memorable one. This may be the last couple of months they have together; once school starts, they’ll be going their separate ways. Ichiro’s family is moving to Japan. And while Jacob and the twins, Hayden and Hannah, are staying behind in Valeton, they’ll be going to different high schools.

When they discover an old abandoned home on a remote island of their Muskoka community, things suddenly take an unexpected turn. The kids find themselves inexplicably drawn to the house that had once been a sanatorium for children with tuberculosis and learn that it has some haunting secrets to hide.

Take 5 Secondary - Book Sets
IS 2015
Each kit in this collection contains a set of 5 books.

Borrow one set or choose multiple sets to build a customized literature circles kit.

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Each kit in this collection contains a set of 5 books.

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Seven Graphic Stories
From Ant to Eagle
Henry and Ribsy
The Last Kids on Earth
Let’s Get Cracking!
Lunchbox and the Aliens
The Metro Dogs of Moscow
The Mouse and the Motorcycle
The Nest
Odd and the Frost Giants
Oddly Normal (Graphic Novel)
Ramona Quimby, Age 8
Restart
The Nameless City: The Stone Heart
Travels of Thelonious
Wonder

Take 5 Intermediate - Book Sets
I 2015
Each kit in this collection contains a set of 5 books.

Grade 7 and up.

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For descriptions see individual titles:
Awkward
Beautiful: A Girl’s Trip Through the Looking Glass
Bent Not Broken
Bilocal
Born with Erika and Gianni
The Boundless
Everyday Hero
Lucky Jonah
The Outsiders
Page by Paige
The Rule of Three
Short for Chameleon
Summer’s End
Where I Belong
Yellow Dog

Take 5 Secondary - Book Sets
IS 2015
Each kit in this collection contains a set of 5 books.

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The Titan’s Curse
998056,DB
JIS 2009
The disappearance of the goddess Artemis while out hunting a rare, ancient monster, prompts a group of her followers to join Percy and his friends in an attempt to find and rescue her before the winter solstice, when her influence is needed to sway the Olympian Council regarding the war with the Titans.
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!

Urban Tribes: Native American in the City
999423,KT
IS 2015
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.

A Very Good Year
999556,KT
IS 2011
Take 5 Secondary - Book Sets Series - Secondary Students
Lexile Measure: 330
RL 2.9
Page count: 48

Clay is starting quarterback for the Carter High football team. He works hard to get what he wants.

Clay wants to date Kim, but she turned him down last year. When Clay helps Hank with his passes, he finds out that Kim studies with Hank’s sister. It could be the start of a very good year.

Where I Belong
999561,KT
IS 2014
Take 5 Intermediate - Book Sets Series - %
This moving novel of self-discovery and awareness takes place during the Oka crisis in the summer of 1990. Adopted as an infant, Carrie has always felt out of place somehow. Recurring dreams haunt her, warning that someone close to her will be badly hurt. When she finds out that her birth father is Mohawk, living in Kahnawake, Quebec, she makes the journey and finally achieves a sense of home and belonging.