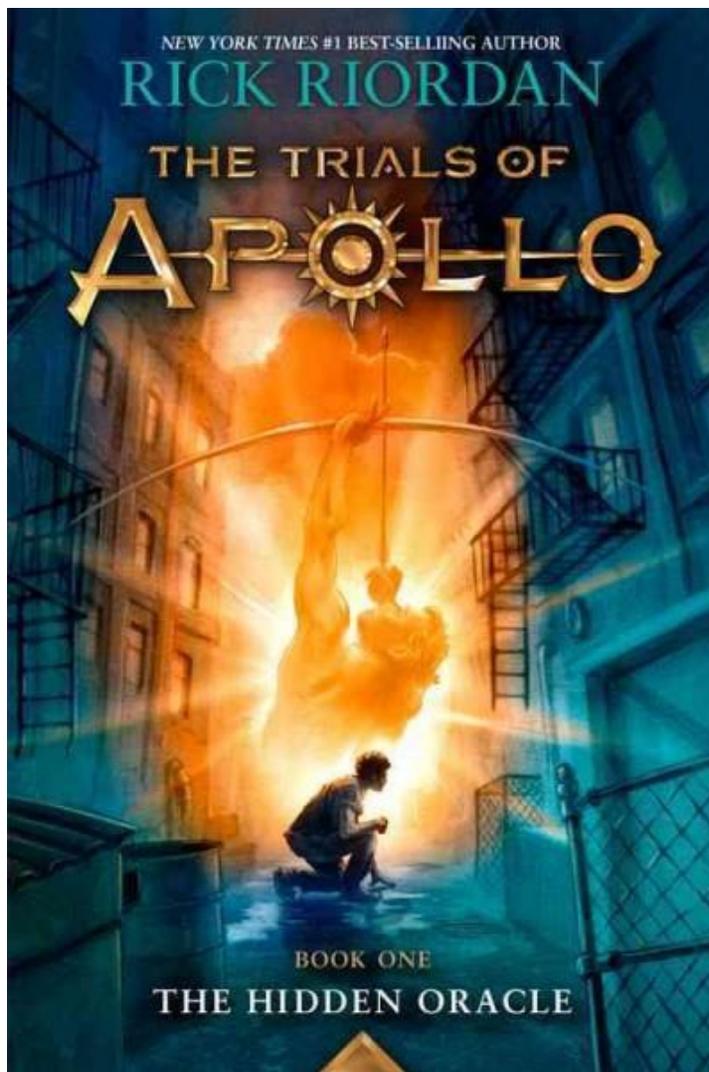


Recommended Fiction for Elementary and Middle School Readers



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Maybe a Fox

By Kathi Appelt and Alison McGhee

J APPELT *NEW*

An otherworldly fox is born to help eleven-year-old Jules, who is grieving over the death of her sister.

Peter and the Starcatchers

By Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson

MS BARRY

Peter, an orphan boy, and his friend Molly fight off thieves and pirates in order to keep the secret safe away from the diabolical Black Stache and his evil associate Mister Grin.

Took: a ghost story

By Mary Downing Hahn

J HAHN

A witch called Old Auntie is lurking near Dan's family's new home. He doesn't believe in her at first, but is forced to accept that she is real and take action when his little sister, Erica, is 'took' to become Auntie's slave for the next fifty years.

Genuine Sweet

By Faith Harkey

J HARKEY

Genuine Sweet, twelve, of tiny, impoverished Sass, Georgia, inherited the ability to grant any wish except her own but with help from new friends, her life and town are improving until unexpected trouble arrives and Genuine learns the difference between wishing for a better life and building one.

Sunny Side Up

By Jennifer L. Holm & Matthew Holm

J GRAPHIC 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.

Firelight

Amulet: book seven

By Kazu Kibuishi

J GRAPHIC KIBUISHI *NEW*

Emily, Trellis, and Vigo visit Algos Island, where they can access and enter lost memories. They're hoping to uncover the events of Trellis's mysterious childhood -- knowledge they can use against the Elf King. What they discover is a dark secret that changes everything. Meanwhile, the Voice of Emily's Amulet is getting stronger, and threatens to overtake her completely.

Slacker

By Gordon Korman

J KORMAN *NEW*

When eighth-grader Cameron Boxer creates the Positive Action Group at school he intends it as a diversion to fool his parents, teachers, and sister into letting him continue to concentrate on his video-gaming--but before he knows it other kids are taking it seriously, and soon he finds himself president of the P.A.G., and involved in community service, so the boy who never cared about anything is now the center of everything, whether he likes it or not.

The Only Game

By Mike Lupica

MS LUPICA

Sixth grade is supposed to be the year that Jack Callahan would lead his team to a record-shattering season and the Little League World Series, but after the death of his brother he loses interest in baseball and only Cassie, star of the girls' softball team, seems to understand.

School for Sidekicks

By Kelly McCullough

MS MCCULLOUGH

Superhero geek Evan survives a supervillian's death ray, and is sent to the Academy for Metahuman Operatives. Unfortunately, instead of fighting bad guys, Evan finds himself blacklisted, and on the wrong side of the school's director. Can he convince his semi-retired has-been mentor to become a real hero once again?

The Nest

By Kenneth Oppel

J OPPEL

When wasps come to Steve in a dream offering to fix his sick baby brother, he thinks all he has to do is say yes. But yes may not mean what Steve thinks it mean.

Public School Superhero

By James Patterson and Chris Tebbetts

J PATTERSON

In Kenny Wright's active imagination he's a world famous superhero, but in the real world he's a sixth grade "Grandma's Boy" whose struggles to fit in at his Washington D.C. inner city school will put his grades and family loyalty to the test.

Hatchet

By Gary Paulsen

MS PAULSEN

After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given to him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.

The Hidden Oracle

By Rick Riordan

MS RIORDAN *NEW*

After angering his father Zeus, the god Apollo is cast down from Olympus. He must learn to survive in the modern world until he can somehow find a way to regain Zeus's favor.

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone : illustrated edition

By J.K. Rowling

MS ROWLING *NEW*

Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry.

The Marvels

By Brian Selznick

J SELZNICK

The journey begins on a ship at sea in 1766, with a boy named Billy Marvel. After surviving a shipwreck, he finds work in a London theatre. There, his family flourishes for generations as brilliant actors until 1900, when young Leontes Marvel is banished from the stage. Nearly a century later, Joseph Jervis runs away from school and seeks refuge with a reclusive uncle in London. Albert Nightingale's strange, beautiful house, with its mysterious portraits and ghostly presences, captivates Joseph and leads him on a search for clues about the house, his family, and the past.

My Brother is a Superhero

By David Solomons

J SOLOMONS

Eleven-year-old Luke, a hardcore fan of comics and superheroes, is jealous when his undeserving older brother Zack is zapped by an alien and turned into a superhero, until a plot to destroy the Earth incapacitates Zack, and Luke, accompanied by Lara, the nosy girl next door, must come to the rescue.

Goodbye Stranger

By Rebecca Stead

MS STEAD

As Bridge makes her way through seventh grade on Manhattan's Upper West Side with her best friends, curvacious Em, crusader Tab, and a curious new friend--or more than friend--Sherm, she finds the answer she has been seeking since she barely survived an accident at age eight: "What is my purpose?"

The Story of Diva and Flea

By Mo Willems and Tony DiTerlizzi.

J WILLEMS

In the bustling city of Paris, a small yet brave dog, Diva, and an adventurous cat named Flea become two unlikely friends.