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4th and 5th Grade

Children's Graphic Novels

Christmas, Johnnie **Swim Team**

Bree is apprehensive about swimming class on her first day of middle school, but with some mentoring, she becomes more confident in her swimming skills and leads her team in a state championship.

Ortega, Claribel A. **Frizzy**

Although her family wants her to spend hours in the salon every week making her hair smooth and presentable, Marlene learns how to accept her natural curly hair.

Children's Intermediate Fiction

Barron, Rena **Maya and the Rising Dark**

When Maya's father goes missing, Maya must brave an epic battle with the Dark to find him.

Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker

The War That Saved My Life

Ada and her brother Jamie are sent out of London to escape World War II, where a woman named Susan takes them in and teaches them important skills from horse riding to acting as lookouts for spies.

Cottrell Boyce, Frank **Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth**

When Prez is sent to a foster home, he meets an alien (that everyone else thinks is a dog) who asks him to come up with 10 reasons why Earth is worth saving.

Fisher, Catherine

The Clockwork Crow

Set in Victorian Wales during the winter holidays, orphan Seren Rhys encounters a mechanical talking crow. She enlists its help to rescue a boy taken by fairies.

Florence, Debbi Michiko **This is**

How I Roll

Susannah hopes to become a popular sushi chef like her dad, but when he refuses to teach her, she decides to learn sushi preparation with the help of a boy named Koji.

Gemeinhart, Dan **The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise**

Coyote has been traveling the country on a bus with her dad for five years, ever since her mom and sisters died in a car accident. When she finds out a park in her hometown is about to be destroyed, she schemes a way to get her dad to drive the 3600 miles back so she can save a memory box buried there.

Kim, Jessica **Stand Up, Yumi Chung!**

Despite being shy and a target for teasing at school, Yumi dreams of being a stand-up comedian. When a comedy camp mistakes her for a different student, she seizes the opportunity to try on a new persona.



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Korman, Gordon **Restart**

Chase is a well-known bully, but after a fall off a roof, he has no recollection of who he is. As he learns more about who he has been, he realizes that he can become a better person and establish more positive relationships with the peers he used to bully.

Luqman-Dawson, Amina **Freewater**

Homer and his sister Ada escape the plantation where they were enslaved. They discover a hidden community named Freewater, but it faces destruction unless its citizens rally around to support it.

McDunn, Gillian **Honestly Elliott**

Elliott has academic difficulties and is struggling with some big changes in his life; his best friend moved away and his parents are expecting a baby.

Meggitt-Phillips, Jack **The Beast and the Bethany**

This humorously macabre story is about 511-year-old Ebenezer, who feeds the beast in his attic in exchange for long-lasting youth. But when Ebenezer tries to feed little orphan Bethany to the beast, things do not go according to plan.

Parry, Rosanne **A Whale of the Wild**

For adventurers and animal lovers, this story follows young orcas Vega and Deneb, who get separated from their pod after a devastating tsunami and must survive the journey back to their family.

Royce, Eden **Root Magic**

The summer of 1963 means big changes for twins Jez and Jay, including learning the traditional root magic of the Gullah Geechee people, which becomes crucial when an evil supernatural power threatens their island home.

Siddiqui, Maleeha **Barakah Beats**

Nimra attends public school for the first time and finds the move frustrating, but she joins a music group called Barakah Beats and attempts to hide it from her family.

Soontornvat, Christina **The Last Mapmaker**

Sai is the assistant to a famous mapmaker, although her father has a negative reputation that could impact their lives. She is tasked to chart the seas and finds out about the legendary Sunderlands, a world full of mystical creatures.

Wood, Maryrose **The Mysterious Howling**

When 15-year-old Penelope Lumley becomes governess to three children raised by wolves, they are all in for a hilarious and adventurous bit of learning. Fans of Lemony Snicket will enjoy the series *Incorrigible Children of Ashton Place*.

Yee, Lisa **Maizy Chen's Last Chance**

Maizy becomes interested in her family's restaurant, the Golden Palace, during a trip to Minnesota. Questions emerge about her family's history and a cherished family heirloom goes missing with an accompanying racist note.