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Anna, Holly. ***Daisy Dreamer and the Totally True Imaginary Friend.***

Daisy Dreamer learns that everything she's ever imagined or drawn is all real!

Avi. ***The Good Dog.***

McKinley, a malamute, is torn between the domestic world of his human family and the wild world of Lupin, a wolf that is trying to recruit dogs to replenish the dwindling wolf pack.

Berstein, Ariel. ***100 Friends.***

Warren's sister Ellie challenges him to make 100 new friends at their new school. He's counting on his 700-year old Dragon friend to help him. But the first day of school is awful, and Dragon has disappeared!

Blume, Judy. ***Superfudge.***

Life with a younger brother is never easy. Eleven-year-old Peter describes the highs and lows of life with his four-year-old brother Fudge.

Clements, Andrew. ***We the Children.***

When the school janitor gives him a tarnished coin with some old engravings and then dies, Ben is drawn into an effort to keep the school from being destroyed.

Colfer, Eoin. ***The Legend of Spud Murphy.***

When their mother starts dropping them off at the library several afternoons a week, nine-year-old William and his brother dread boredom and the overbearing librarian, but they are surprised at how things turn out.

DiCamillo, Kate. ***Leroy Ninker Saddles Up.***

Leroy Ninker has a hat, a lasso, and boots. What he doesn't have is a horse--until he meets Maybelline, and then it's love at first sight.

Flora and Ulysses.

Rescuing a squirrel after an accident with a vacuum, Flora Belle Buckman is amazed when the squirrel, Ulysses, shows astonishing powers after being revived.

Spinelli, Jerry. ***Third Grade Angels.***

George 'Suds' Morton competes with his third-grade classmates to earn the first 'halo' of the year for good behavior, but being good turns out to be more stressful than he anticipated.

Stolz, Mary. ***Casebook of a Private (Cat's) Eye.***

Feline detective Eileen O'Kelly tries to crack a murder case as she solves other mysteries.

Stout, Shawn K. ***Penelope Crumb.***

Fourth-grader Penelope Crumb's large nose leads to a family discovery.

Thomson, Melissa. ***Keena Ford and the Second Grade Mix-up.***

Keena chronicles her many mishaps as she begins second grade.

Warner, Sally. ***Ellray Jakes is Not a Chicken.***

Eight-year-old Ellray's father has promised a family trip to Disneyland if Ellray can stay out of trouble for a week, but not defending himself against Jared, the class bully, proves to be a real challenge.

Watts, Jeri. ***Kizzy Ann Stamps.***

Taking things in stride is not easy for Kizzy Ann, but with her dog Shag at her side, she sets out to live succeed at her newly integrated school in 1963.

Weeks, Sarah. ***Pie.***

Polly Portman's devoted niece Alice, and Alice's friend Charlie, investigate who is going to extremes to find Aunt Polly's secret pie crust recipe.

West, Kara. ***Mia Mayhem is a Superhero!***

Mia Macarooney is delighted to learn she is from a family of superheroes, but her acceptance into the Program for In Training Superheroes requires she take a test to find out what her secret power is, and the results are inconclusive.

Meyerhoff, Jenny. ***Green Thumbs Up.***

Third-grader Anna had trouble making friends after her family moved to Chicago, but a group project at school leads to new opportunities, including friendship, a club and a garden she can work in, just like in her last home.

Miedoso, Andres. ***The Haunted House Next Door.***

When supernatural things start happening in the house timid Andres and his parents just moved into, next-door-neighbor Desmond Cole comes to the rescue.

(Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol, book 1)

O’Ryan, Ray. ***Hello, Nebulon!***

Moving from Earth to the futuristic planet Nebulon in 2120, eight-year-old Zack is nervous about starting school and meeting people.

Pennypacker, Sara. ***Clementine.***

While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their building.

Rockwell, Thomas. ***How to Eat Fried Worms.***

Because of a bet, Billy is in the uncomfortable position of having to eat fifteen worms in fifteen days.

Rylant, Cynthia. ***Wedding Flowers.***

Ten-year-old cousins Lily, Rosie and Tess return to their aunt’s house on Cobble Street to help her plan the perfect wedding.

Schoenberg, Jane. ***The One and Only Stuey Lewis.***

Stuey Lewis makes his way through second grade facing reading problems, pulling off a great Halloween caper, joining a soccer team, and more with the help of family, friends, and a special teacher.

Siegal, Ida. ***Big News: Emma is on the Air.***

Traces young Emma Perez’s journey into journalism, mystery solving and fame when she investigates a worm found in a friend’s cheeseburger.

Doder, Joshua. ***A Dog Called Grk.***

A British schoolboy Tim Malt and his dog, Grk, set out on a new adventure while in New York City, where they seek to discover who stole the Golden Dachshund from the National Museum. (Sequel: *Grk and the Pelotti Gang*)

Fagan, Cary. ***Danny, Who Fell in a Hole.***

When Danny finds himself stranded at the bottom of a giant construction hole, he makes use of items in his backpack to get through the next few days.

Graff, Lisa. ***Sophie Simon Solves Them All.***

Sophie Simon, a third-grade genius, wants a graphing calculator so she can continue to study calculus while she rides the bus to school, but her parents are more concerned that she does not have any friends.

Gutman, Dan. ***The Million Dollar Strike.***

Best friends Ouchie and Squishy, who love bowling and horror movies respectively, meet the eccentric owner of a local bowling alley and try to help him save Bowl-A-Rama from the wrecking ball and a destructive psychotic lunatic.

Hanlon, Abby. ***Dory Fantasmagory.***

Dory, the youngest in her family, has a very active imagination and she spends the summer playing with her imaginary friend, pretending to be a dog, battling monsters and generally driving her family nuts

Hill, Kirkpatrick. ***The Year of Miss Agnes.***

Ten-year-old Fred (short for Frederika) narrates the story of her school and village life in Alaska in 1948 when Miss Agnes arrived as the new teacher.

Hobbs, Valerie. ***Sheep.***

After a fire destroys the farm where he was born, a young border collie acquires a series of owners and learns about life as he seeks a home and longs to fulfill his life's purpose of shepherding sheep.

Kent, Jaden. ***The Cave of Aaaaah! Doom!***

A young dragon named Ella convinces her twin brother Owen to join her on a bold quest to find a wizard that will help cure Owen of his flaming cold. (*Ella and Owen*, book 1)

King-Smith, Dick. ***Lady Lollipop.***

A quick witted swineherd and a pig named Lollipop are royally rewarded after they reform a spoiled princess.

Krulik, Nancy. ***Be Careful What You Sniff For.***

Sparky the sheepdog puppy digs up a magic bone that transports him to London, where he makes new friends, sees the sites, and gets into a bit of trouble. (*Magic Bone*, book 1)

Lacey, Josh. ***The Dragonsitter.***

Eddie is tasked with watching Uncle Morton's unusual pet for a week while he goes on vacation. Turns out, looking after a dragon isn't easy at all. Soon the fridge is empty, the curtains are on fire, and the mailman is running away ... Not to mention the smell.

Lagercrantz, Rose and Eva Eriksson. ***My Happy Life.***

Although Dani is excited about all the joys school will bring, such as new friends, it also brings many unexpected things that Dani isn't sure she is ready to face.

LaReau, Kara. ***The Infamous Ratsos.***

Rat brothers Louie and Ralphie Ratso try to prove they can be as rough and tough as their father in the Big City, but every time they try to show how tough they are, they end up accidentally doing good deeds instead.

Lin, Grace. ***Year of the Dog.***

Frustrated at her seeming lack of talent for anything, a young Taiwanese American girl sets out to apply the lessons of the Chinese Year of the Dog (those of making best friends and finding oneself) to her own life.

Look, Lenore. ***Ruby Lu, Brave and True.***

"Almost eight-year-old" Ruby Lu spends time with her baby brother, goes to Chinese school, performs magic tricks, learns to drive, and has adventures with both old and new friends.

Lowry, Lois. ***Gooney Bird Greene.***

An unusual new student who loves to be the center of attention entertains her teacher and fellow second graders by telling absolutely true stories about herself, including how she got her name.

Lubar, David. ***Hyde and Shriek: A Monsterrific Tale.***

Science teacher Ms. Clevis, one of the most popular teachers at Washington Irving Elementary School, splits into mean substitute Ms. Hyde and sweet sixth-grader Jackie after accidentally putting some chemicals into her breakfast smoothie.

My Rotten Life.

Fifth-grader Nathan agrees to try an experimental formula, Hurt-Be-Gone, and becomes a half-dead zombie, a condition which, he soon discovers, has some real advantages.

MacLachlan, Patricia. ***Sarah, Plain and Tall.***

When their father invites a mail-order bride to come and live with them in their prairie home, Caleb and Anna are captivated by their new mother and hope she will stay.

Maker, Martha. ***The Un-Friendship Bracelet.***

Best friends Emily and Maddie have one big thing in common: they love to craft and create! But when a new girl comes to their school, their friendship is put to the test. Will the friends find their craftily ever after? (*Craftily Ever After*, book 1)

McGhee, Alison. ***Julia Gillian and the Art of Knowing.***

Nine-year-old Julia Gillian learns a lot about facing fear as she and her St. Bernard, Bigfoot, take long walks through their Minneapolis neighborhood one hot summer and she seeks the courage to finish a book that could have an unhappy ending.

Messner, Kate. ***Rescue on the Oregon Trail.***

Ranger, a golden retriever, could have been a great search-and-rescue-dog except for the squirrels--but one day he unearths a mysterious box and finds himself transported back to the year 1850 where his faithful service is really needed by a family traveling west along the Oregon Trail.