

Hatchet (Gary Paulsen) (12 copies)

After a plane crash, 13-year-old Brian spends 54 days in the wilderness, learning to survive with only a hatchet, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce. (1020L)

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Greg confronts his own fears and assumes a leadership role when his father is bitten by a rattlesnake during a white-water rafting trip. (650L)

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When Naomi's absent mother resurfaces to claim her, Naomi runs away to Mexico with her great-grandmother and younger brother in search of her father. (830L)

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When Stanley is convicted of a crime he didn't commit, he's sent to Camp Green Lake, a dried up lake bed, where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself. (660L)

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Henry breaks out in brown bumps as a result of eating too much chocolate. He then gets caught up in a hijacking and learns a valuable lesson about self-indulgence. (680L)

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As Palmer turns 10, he must either accept the violent tradition of becoming a wringer at his town's annual Pigeon Day or find the courage to oppose it. (690L)

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Orphaned after the 1918 flu epidemic in British East Africa, 13-year-old Rachel is tricked into assuming a deceased neighbor's identity in order to travel to England. (900L)

The Friends (Kazumi Yumoto) (16 copies)

Curious about death, three sixth-grade boys decide to spy on an old man waiting for him to die, but they end up becoming his friends. (710L)

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While spending their vacation with their father in a cottage on an estate, the Penderwick girls befriend Jeffrey, much to the dismay of his snobbish, wealthy mother. (800L)

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Sixth-grader Hero and eighth-grader Danny are intrigued when eccentric, elderly Mrs. Roth tells them of an enormous old diamond that may be hidden in Hero's new house. (620L)

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On the way to visit their grandfather, 13-year-old Sophie and her cousin Cody record their transatlantic crossing aboard a 45-foot sailboat on its way to England. (830L)

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Nowhere to Call Home (Cynthia De Felice) (13 copies)
When her father kills himself after losing his money in the stock market crash, 12-year-old Frances, now a penniless orphan, decides to hop aboard a freight train and live the life of a hobo. (870L)

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Meet Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin. (670L)

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Twelve-year-old Adam is challenged by the deposed ruler of Babababad to become the first youngster to travel around the world in 40 days without an adult. (690L)

Seedfolks (Paul Fleischman) (16 copies)
One by one, people of varying ages and backgrounds transform a trash-filled inner-city lot into a productive and beautiful garden, and in doing so, transform themselves. (710L)

Journey to the River Sea (Eva Ibbotson) (8 copies)
Sent with her governess to live with dreadful relatives in exotic Brazil in 1910, Maia endures many hardships before fulfilling her dream to explore the Amazon River. (860L)

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Four students develop a special bond and attract the attention of their teacher who chooses them to represent their sixth-grade class in the Academic Bowl. (870L)

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Meg and Charles Wallace and their friend Calvin travel through time and space searching for their father who disappeared while working for the government. (740L)

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While working on a school project, Korean-American Julia and her friend, Patrick, learn a lot about silkworms – but also about tolerance, prejudice, friendship and patience. (690L)

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