

Mystery Books - Grade 5

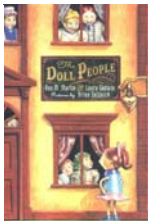


Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective (series)

Sobol, Donald

Call Letters: F So Pgs: 88 Lexile: 560

Fifth grader Leroy Brown solves ten mysteries and, by putting the solutions at the back of the book, challenges the reader to do the same.



Doll People

Martin, Ann M.

Call Letters: F Ma Pgs: 256 Lexile: 570

A family of porcelain dolls that has lived in the same house for one hundred years is taken aback when a new family of plastic dolls arrives and doesn't follow The Doll Code of Honor.

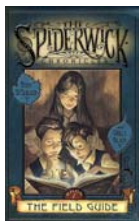


Herculeah Jones: Dark Stairs (series)

Byars, Betsy

Call Letters: F By Pgs: 130 Lexile: 570

The intrepid Herculeah Jones helps her mother, a private investigator, solve a puzzling and frightening case.



Field Guide (Book 1: Spiderwick Chronicles)

DiTerlizzi, Tony

Call Letters: F Di Pgs: 107 Lexile: 600

When the Grace children go to stay at their Great Aunt Lucinda's worn Victorian house, they discover a field guide to fairies and other creatures and begin to have some unusual experiences.



Eleven

Giff, Patricia Reilly

Call Letters: F Gi Pgs: 164 Lexile: 600

When Sam, who can barely read, discovers an old newspaper clipping just before his eleventh birthday, it brings forth memories from his past, and, with the help of a new friend at school and the castle they are building for a school project, his questions are eventually answered.

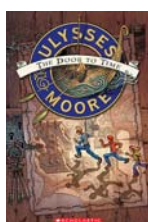


Maze of Bones

Riordan, Rick

Call Letters: F Th Pgs: 220 Lexile: 610

Amy and Dan, members of the powerful Cahill family, try to uncover the 39 clues which will reveal what really happened to their parents.



Door to Time

Baccalario, Pierdomenico

Call Letters: F Ba Pgs: 222 Lexile: 610

After moving from London to an old mansion on the English coast, eleven-year-old twins Jason and Julia discover that their new home has twisting tunnels, strange artifacts from around the world, and a mysterious, locked door.

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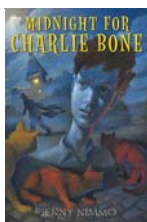


Shakespeare's Secret

Broach, Elise

Call Letters: F Br Pgs: 243 Lexile: 620

Misfit sixth-grader, Hero, becomes interested in exploring a valuable diamond supposedly hidden in her new house, an intriguing neighbor, and the unexpected attention of the most popular boy in school.

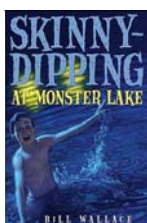


Midnight for Charlie Bone (series)

Nimmo, Jenny

Call Letters: F Ni Pgs: 401 Lexile: 630

Charlie Bone's life with his widowed mother and two grandmothers undergoes a dramatic change when he discovers that he can hear people in photographs talking.



Skinny-Dipping at Monster Lake

Wallace, Bill

Call Letters: F Wa Pgs: 212 Lexile: 630

When twelve-year-old Kent helps his father in a daring underwater rescue, he wins the respect he has always craved.



Old Willis Place

Hahn, Mary Downing

Call Letters: F Ha Pgs: 199 Lexile: 630

Tired of the rules that have bound them ever since "the bad thing happened," twelve-year-old Diana ignores her brother's warnings and befriends the daughter of the new caretaker, setting in motion events that lead to the release of the spirit of an evil, crazy woman who once ruled the old Willis place.



Canned

Shearer, Alex

Call Letters: F Sh Pgs: 237 Lexile: 630

Fergal Banfield, an eccentric lad who collects cans, is surprised to find some unexpected--and even alarming--things in a few of his treasures, and when he meets Charlotte, another collector, they begin an investigation that leads them into dangerous territory.



Mysterious Matter of I.M. Fine

Stanley, Diane

Call Letters: F St Pgs: 201 Lexile: 650

Noticing that a popular series of horror novels is having a bizarre effect on the behavior of its readers, Franny and Beamer set out to find the mysterious author.



Deep and Dark and Dangerous: A Ghost Story

Hahn, Mary Downing

Call Letters: F Ha Pgs: 187 Lexile: 650

When thirteen-year-old Ali spends the summer with her aunt and cousin at the family's vacation home, she stumbles upon a secret that her mother and aunt have been hiding for over thirty years.

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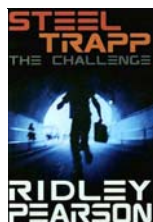


Cirque Du Freak (series)

Shan, Darren

Call Letters: F Sh Pgs: 266 Lexile: 650

Two boys who are best friends visit an illegal freak show, where an encounter with a vampire and a deadly spider forces them to make life-changing choices.

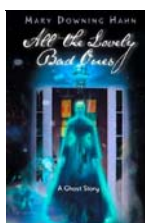


Steel Trapp: The Challenge

Pearson, Ridley

Call Letters: F Pe Pgs: 324 Lexile: 660

On a two-day train trip to enter his invention in the National Science Competition in Washington, D.C., fourteen-year-old Steven "Steel" Trapp, possessor of a remarkable photographic memory, becomes embroiled in an international plot of kidnapping and bribery that may have links to terrorists.



All the Lovely Bad Ones

Hahn, Margaret Downing

Call Letters: F Ha Pgs: 182 Lexile: 670

Travis and his sister Corey decide to boost business at their grandmother's Vermont inn by staging a few "hauntings" that soon draw tourists from across the country, but when their antics awaken a dark force, they must find a way to put to rest the ghosts they have disturbed.



Dollhouse Murders

Wright, Betty Ren

Call Letters: F Wr Pgs: 149 Lexile: 670

A dollhouse filled with a ghostly light in the middle of the night, and dolls that have moved from where she last left them, lead Amy and her mentally handicapped sister to unravel the mystery surrounding grisly murders that took place years ago.

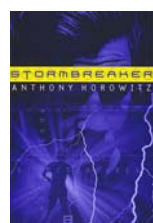


Don't Tell Anyone

Kehret, Peg

Call Letters: F Ke Pgs: 137 Lexile: 670

Twelve-year-old Megan does not realize that feeding a group of feral cats living in a field near her house will involve her as a witness to a traffic accident and in the dangerous plan of an unstable criminal.

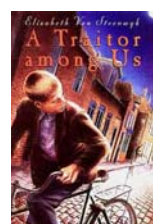


Stormbreaker

Horowitz, Anthony

Call Letters: F Ho Pgs: 192 Lexile: 670

After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider is coerced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI6.



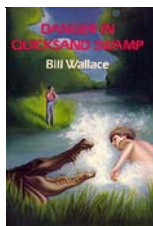
Traitor Among Us

Van Steenwyk, Elizabeth

Call Letters: F Va Pgs: 133 Lexile: 680

In occupied Holland in 1944, 13-year-old Pieter becomes increasingly involved in the work of the Dutch Resistance even though he knows the risk of being discovered by the Nazi informer who lives in his village.

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Danger in Quicksand Swamp

Wallace, Bill

Call Letters: F Wa Pgs: 181 Lexile: 680

Ben and Jake battle alligators, quicksand, and a murderer when they search for buried treasure on an island in a swamp.

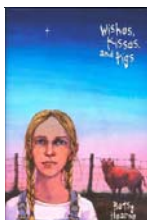


Things Not Seen

Clements, Andrew

Call Letters: F Cl Pgs: 251 Lexile: 690

When fifteen-year-old Bobby wakes up and finds himself invisible, he and his parents and his new blind friend Alicia try to find out what caused his condition and how to reverse it.



Wishes, Kisses & Pigs

Hearne, Betsy

Call Letters: F He Pgs: 133 Lexile: 690

After eleven-year-old Louise makes a wish on the first evening star and her brother turns into a pig, she uses wishes, kisses, and spells to try to put things right again.



Wolf Stalker (National Geographic Mysteries)

Skurzynski, Gloria

Call Letters: F Sk Pgs: 147 Lexile: 700

Twelve-year-old Jack, his younger sister, and the family's teenage foster child Troy go to Yellowstone National Park, where Jack's mother, a wildlife veterinarian, is investigating the report that wolves reintroduced to the park have killed a dog there.

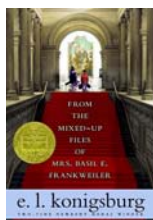


Ghost Sitter

Griffen, Peni

Call Letters: F Gr Pgs: 131 Lexile: 700

When she realizes that her new house is haunted by the ghost of a ten-year-old girl who used to live there, Charlotte tries to help her find peace.



From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler

Konigsburg, E.L.

Call Letters: F Ko Pgs: 162 Lexile: 700

Two suburban children run away from their Connecticut home and go to New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, where their ingenuity enables them to live in luxury.



Skull of Truth

Coville, Bruce

Call Letters: F Co Pgs: 195 Lexile: 700

Charlie, a sixth-grader with a compulsion to tell lies, acquires a mysterious skull that forces its owner to tell only the truth, causing some awkward moments before he understands its power.

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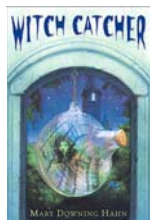


Masterpiece

Broach, Elise

Call Letters: F Br Pgs: 292 Lexile: 700

Marvin the beetle, who lives under the kitchen sink in James Pompaday's apartment, makes a miniature drawing as a birthday present for James; but when the drawing is brought to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the pair get mixed up in a theft that could lead them to a famous Durer drawing.



Witch Catcher

Hahn, Mary Downing

Call Letters: F Ha Pgs: 236 Lexile: 710

Having just moved into the West Virginia home they inherited from a distant relative, twelve-year-old Jen is surprised that her father is already dating a local antiques dealer, but more surprised by what the spooky woman really wants.



Ghost of Fossil Glen

DeFelice, Cynthia

Call Letters: F De Pgs: 167 Lexile: 710

Allie knows it's not her imagination when she hears a voice and sees in her mind's eye the face of a girl who seems to be seeking Allie's help.



Seer of Shadows

Avi

Call Letters: F Av Pgs: 202 Lexile: 720

Photographer Horace Carpetine is hired to do a portrait for Mrs. Frederick Von Macht; however, the photos evoke both the image and the ghost of the Von Macht's dead daughter, Eleanora, who has returned to seek vengeance on those who killed her.

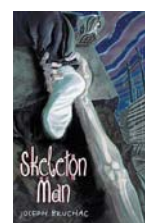


Garbage Monster from Outer Space (Hank the Cowdog)

Erickson, J.R.

Call Letters: F Er Pgs: 126 Lexile: 720

Hank the Cowdog is determined to find out who's behind the series of garbage barrel raids for which he is being held responsible.

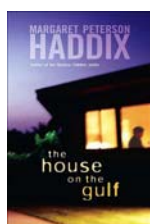


Skeleton Man

Bruchac, Joseph

Call Letters: F Br Pgs: 114 Lexile: 730

After her parents disappear and she is turned over to the care of a strange "great-uncle," Molly must rely on her dreams about an old Mohawk story for her safety and maybe even for her life.



House on the Gulf

Haddix, Margaret Peterson

Call Letters: F Ha Pgs: 201 Lexile: 730

A sixteen-year-old boy arranges a housesitting job for the summer, but he starts acting strangely after his family moves in, and his sister begins to suspect they are not supposed to be there.

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Door in the Lake

Butts, Nancy

Call Letters: F Bu Pgs: 159 Lexile: 730

After vanishing without a trace one night during a camping trip, twelve-year-old Joey reappears two years later, showing no signs of having aged and carrying memories of a strange light in the sky.



Wrinkle in Time

L'Engle, Madeleine

Call Letters: F Le Pgs: 203 Lexile: 740

Three extraterrestrial beings take Meg and her friends to another world.



Coraline

Gaiman, Neil

Call Letters: F Ga Pgs: 162 Lexile: 740

Looking for excitement, Coraline ventures through a mysterious door into a world that is similar, yet disturbingly different from her own, where she must challenge a gruesome entity in order to save herself, her parents, and the souls of three others.

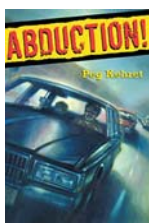


Wait Til Helen Comes

Hahn, Mary Downing

Call Letters: F Ha Pgs: 184 Lexile: 750

Molly and Michael dislike their spooky new stepsister Heather but realize that they must try to save her when she seems ready to follow a ghost child to her doom.

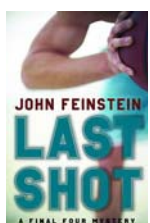


Abduction!

Kehret, Peg

Call Letters: F Ke Pgs: 215 Lexile: 760

Thirteen-year-old Bonnie has a feeling of foreboding on the very day that her six-year-old brother Matt and their dog Pookie are abducted, and she becomes involved in a major search effort as well as a frightening adventure.



Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery

Feinstein, John

Call Letters: F Fe Pgs: 256 Lexile: 760

After winning a basketball reporting contest, 8th graders Stevie and Susan Carol are sent to cover the Final Four tournament, where they discover that a talented player is being blackmailed into throwing the final game.



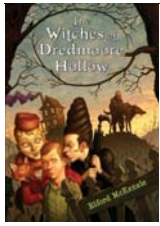
Vanishing Act: Mystery at the U.S. Open

Feinstein, John

Call Letters: F Fe Pgs: 279 Lexile: 760

Eighth-grade sports reporters Susan Carol and Stevie reunite at the U.S. Open tennis championships where they investigate the mysterious disappearance of a top Russian player.

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Witches of Dredmoore Hollow

McKenzie, Riford

Call Letters: F Mc Pgs: 264 Lexile: 770

When his two strange aunts arrive at Dredmoore Hollow, 11-year-old Elijah finds his life turned upside down. His parents suddenly leave town, and he's whisked away to stay with Serena and Agnes on Moaning Marsh, where they run the world's most mysterious beauty salon.



Brainboy and Deathmaster

Seidler, Tor

Call Letters: F Se Pgs: 311 Lexile: 770

When Darryl, a twelve-year-old orphan, is adopted by a technology genius, he finds himself the star of his very own life-threatening video game.



Cover-Up: Mystery at the Super Bowl

Feinstein, John

Call Letters: F Fe Pgs: 298 Lexile: 780

Two teenagers learn that every player on a professional football team - which is supposed to play in the Super Bowl--has failed their drug test and the owner has covered up the results, and now they must find a way to prove it.

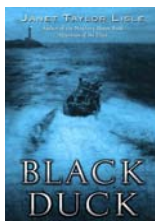


Ghost's Grave

Kehret, Peg

Call Letters: F Ko Pgs: 210 Lexile: 790

Apprehensive about spending the summer in Washington State with his Aunt Ethel when his parents get an overseas job, 12-year-old Josh soon finds adventure when he meets the ghost of a coal miner.



Black Duck

Lisle, Janet Taylor

Call Letters: F Li Pgs: 240 Lexile: 790

In 1929, in Newport, RI, Ruben and his friend Jeddy, 14, found a body on the beach. By the time they convinced the authorities to check it out, the dead man had disappeared, and soon both the New York and Boston mobs were after Ruben.

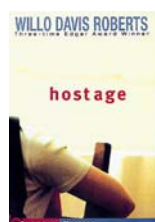


School Spirit (Book 1: Suddenly Supernatural)

Kimmel, Elizabeth Cody

Call Letters: F Ki Pgs: 316 Lexile: 790

Kat has been able to see dead people since turning thirteen, and although she would prefer to be normal, Kat and her best friend try to free the spirit of a girl trapped at their middle school.



Hostage

Roberts, Willo Davis

Call Letters: F Ro Pgs: 140 Lexile: 800

When eleven-year-old Kaci interrupts burglars in the process of robbing her house, she and her nosy elderly neighbor Mrs. Banducci are kidnapped and held hostage by the desperate and ruthless criminals.

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Doll in the Garden

Hahn, Mary Downing

Call Letters: F Ha Pgs: 128 Lexile: 800

After Ashley and Kristi find an antique doll buried in old Miss Cooper's garden, they discover that they can enter a ghostly turn-of-the-century world by going through a hole in the hedge.



Scat

Hiaasen, Carl

Call Letters: F Hi Pgs: 371 Lexile: 810

Nick and Marta are both suspicious when their biology teacher, the feared Mrs. Bunny Starch, disappears, and try to uncover the truth despite the police and headmaster's insistence that nothing is wrong.



The Name of This Book is a Secret

Bosch, Pseudonymous

Call Letters: F Bo Pgs: 360 Lexile: 810

Cassandra and Max find a missing magician's notebook and start to investigate the fire which burnt down his house and his mysterious "symphony of smells."



The Big House

Coman, Carolyn

Call Letters: F Co Pgs: 220 Lexile: 820

When Ivy and Ray's parents are sent to jail, and left in the custody of their parent's accusers, they decide to look for evidence that will "spring" their parents.



Mysterious Case of the Allbright Academy

Stanley, Diane

Call Letters: F St Pgs: 258 Lexile: 830

Eighth-grader Franny and her friends investigate why most of the students at their exclusive boarding school are brilliant, beautiful, and perfectly behaved.

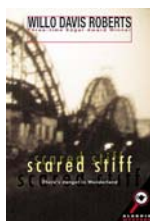


Trapped

Peg, Kehret

Call Letters: F Ke Pgs: 177 Lexile: 830

When his owner finds an illegal animal trap in the woods, Pete the cat faces grave danger as he tries to help his human friends find the culprit who set the trap.



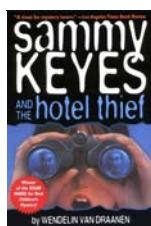
Scared Stiff

Roberts, Willo Davis

Call Letters: F Ro Pgs: 188 Lexile: 840

When their mother disappears, two brothers go to stay with a great uncle in a mobile home park next to an abandoned amusement park and begin a search which puts them in danger.

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Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief (series)

VanDraanan, Wendelin

Call Letters: F Va Pgs: 168 Lexile: 840

Thirteen-year-old Sammy's penchant for speaking her mind gets her in trouble when she involves herself in the investigation of a robbery at the "seedy" hotel across the street from the seniors' building where she is living with her grandmother.



Mysterious Benedict Society

Stewart, Trenton Lee

Call Letters: F St Pgs: 496 Lexile: 840

After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules.

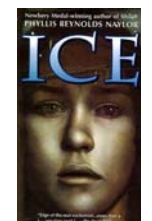


Trial by Jury

Klise, Kate

Call Letters: F Kl Pgs: 238 Lexile: 850

In this illustrated novel told through journal entries, news clippings, and letters, twelve-year-old Lily finds herself on the jury of a murder trial while conducting her own undercover investigation of the case.

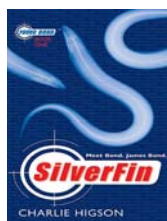


Ice

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds

Call Letters: F Na Pgs: 194 Lexile: 850

When thirteen-year-old Chrissa is sent to her paternal grandmother's farm, she learns more about her absent father and some of the reasons for her distant relationship with her mother.



Silverfin (Book 1: Young Bond)

Higson, Charlie

Call Letters: F Hi Pgs: 352 Lexile: 850

Young James Bond attends school at the prestigious Eton boarding school, and teams up with Red to investigate the mystery of the disappearance of a boy, Alfie Kelly, Red's cousin, allegedly linked to a madman with a plot for global domination.



Kidnappers

Roberts, Willo Davis

Call Letters: F Ro Pgs: 137 Lexile: 860

No one believes eleven-year-old Joey, who has a reputation for telling tall tales, when he claims to have witnessed the kidnapping of the class bully outside their expensive New York City private school.



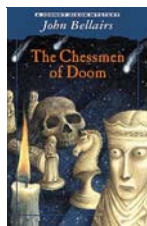
Clay

Rodowsky, Colby

Call Letters: F Ro Pgs: 165 Lexile: 900

After their parents divorce, eleven-year-old Elsie and her younger brother Tommy, who is mentally "different," must deal with a terrible secret that causes them and their mother to move from place to place and stay in hiding.

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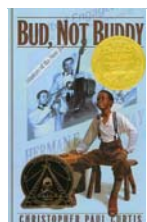


Chessmen of Doom

Bellairs, John

Call Letters: F Be Pgs: 155 Lexile: 910

Johnny Dixon, Fergie and Professor Childermass comply with a strange will left by the Professor's brother, which required them to spend the summer at a desolate estate where they encounter a madman bent on destroying the world.



Bud, Not Buddy

Curtis, Christopher Paul

Call Letters: F Cu Pgs: 245 Lexile: 950

Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.

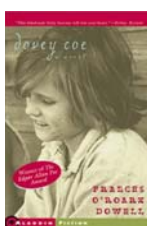


Secret Garden

Burnett, Frances

Call Letters: F Bu Pgs: 256 Lexile: 970

Ten-year-old Mary comes to live in a lonely house on the Yorkshire moors and discovers an invalid cousin and the mysteries of a locked garden.



Dovey Coe

Dowell, Frances O'Roark

Call Letters: F Do Pgs: 181 Lexile: 980

Accused of murder in her North Carolina mountain town in 1928, Dovey Coe, a strong-willed twelve-year-old girl, comes to a new understanding of others, including her deaf brother, as she attempts to clear her name.



Gilda Joyce: Psychic Investigator

Allison, Jennifer

Call Letters: F Al Pgs: 321 Lexile: 1000

After wrangling an invitation to visit San Francisco relatives, Gilda discovers just how much her dreary, tight-lipped uncle and his strange, delicate daughter need her help to uncover the terrible family secret that has a tortured ghost stalking their home.

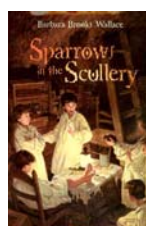


Bad Beginning (Book 1: Series of Unfortunate Events)

Snicket, Lemony

Call Letters: F Sn Pgs: 162 Lexile: 1010

After the sudden death of their parents, the three Baudelaire children must depend on each other and their wits when it turns out that the distant relative who is appointed their guardian is determined to use any means necessary to get their fortune.



Sparrows in the Scullery

Wallace, Barbara

Call Letters: F Wa Pgs: 152 Lexile: 1020

Wealthy, orphaned Colley is kidnapped, placed in the awful Broggin Home for Boys, and put to work in a dangerous glass factory. Someone wants Colley dead, but that person has not counted on five scrappy boys, fellow inmates, who are determined that Colley will live.