



# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Books

The following books are located in the J (Juvenile) Fiction section,  
alphabetical by author's last name.

Almond, David

***Skellig***

Unhappy about his baby sister's illness and the chaos of moving into a dilapidated old house, Michael retreats to the garage and finds a mysterious stranger who is something like a bird and something like an angel.

Anderson, Laurie Halse

***Fever, 1793***

In 1793 Philadelphia, sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic.

Atkinson, Elizabeth

***From Alice to Zen and Everyone in Between***

Upon moving from Boston to the suburbs, eleven-year-old tomboy Alice meets Zen, a very strange neighbor who is determined to help her become popular when they both begin middle school, although he himself is a loner.

Beam, Matt

***Getting to First Base with Danalda Chase***

Seventh-grader Darcy, who is crazy about baseball, finds junior high a whole new world, and while trying out for the school's team he sees many similarities between boy-girl relationships and baseball.

Blume, Lesley M. M.

***Tennyson***

After their mother abandons them during the Great Depression, eleven-year-old Tennyson Fontaine and her little sister Hattie are sent to live with their eccentric Aunt Henrietta in a decaying plantation house outside of New Orleans.

Cassidy, Cathy

***Scarlett***

After being expelled from yet another school in London, twelve-year-old Scarlett is sent by her exasperated mother to live with her father, stepmother, and stepsister in Ireland, where, with the help of a mysterious boy, she eventually overcomes her anger and resentment and feels part of a family again.

Colfer, Eoin

***Artemis Fowl***

When a twelve-year-old evil genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll.

Connor, Leslie

***Waiting for Normal***

Twelve-year-old Addie tries to cope with her mother's erratic behavior and being separated from her beloved stepfather and half-sisters when she and her mother go to live in a small trailer by the railroad tracks on the outskirts of Schenectady, New York.

DuPrau, Jeanne

***The City of Ember***

In the year 241, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.

Emerson, Kevin

***Carlos Is Gonna Get It***

Recounts the events that occur at the end of seventh grade, when a group of friends plan to trick Carlos, an annoying "problem" student who says he is visited by aliens, while they are on a field trip in the mountains of New Hampshire.

Frederick, Heather Vogel

***The Mother-Daughter Book Club***

When the mothers of four sixth-grade girls with very different personalities pressure them into forming a book club, they find, as they read and discuss "Little Women," that they have much more in common than they could have imagined.



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Gregory, Kristiana

***Bronte's Book Club***

When twelve-year-old Bronte moves to a small California beach town, her idea to form a book club in order to make friends turns out to be a good one, after a rocky start.

Haarsma, P.J.

***The Softwire: Virus on Orbis 1***

When twelve-year-old Johnny and his sister arrive on Orbits in a space ship of orphans, he finds he has a unique ability to communicate with computers.

Hahn, Mary Downing

***Closed for the Season***

When thirteen-year-old Logan and his family move into a run-down old house in rural Virginia, he discovers that a woman was murdered there and becomes involved with his neighbor Arthur in a dangerous investigation to try to uncover the killer.

Harris, Lewis

***A Taste for Red***

When some of her classmates disappear, sixth-grader Svetlana, along with her new friends go in search of the missing students using her newfound ability as an Olfactive, one who has heightened smell, hearing, and the ability to detect vampires.

Hesse, Karen

***Stowaway***

A fictionalized journal relates the experiences of a young stowaway from 1768 to 1771 aboard the Endeavor which sailed around the world under Captain James Cook.

Hiaasen, Carl

***Hoot***

Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.

Higgins, Simon

***Moonshadow: Rise of the Ninja***

It's the dawn of an age of peace in medieval Japan. But a power-hungry warlord is plotting to plunge the national into a deadly civil war. Enter Moonshadow, the newest agent for the Grey Light Order, a secret brotherhood of ninja spy warriors. Can Moonshadow defeat the evil warlord or will his first mission be his last?

Hirahara, Naomi

***1001 Cranes***

With her parents on the verge of separating, a devastated twelve-year-old Japanese American girl spends the summer in Los Angeles with her grandparents, where she folds paper cranes into wedding displays, becomes involved with a young skateboarder, and learns how complicated relationships can be.

Hobbs, Will

***Go Big or Go Home***

Fourteen-year-old Brady and his cousin Quinn love extreme sports, but nothing could prepare them for the aftermath of Brady's close encounter with a meteorite after it crashes into his Black Hills, South Dakota, bedroom.

Holm, Jennifer L.

***Middle School Is Worse Than Meatloaf: A Year Yold Through Stuff***

The first year of middle school can be exciting, or scary, just ask Ginny.

Kehret, Peg

***Cages***

After losing an acting role and fighting with her alcoholic stepfather, Kit is arrested for shoplifting and ordered to work, as part of her sentence, at an animal shelter.

Kelly, Jacqueline

***The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate***

In central Texas in 1899, eleven-year-old Callie Vee Tate is instructed to be a lady by her mother, learns about love from the older three of her six brothers, and studies the natural world with her grandfather, the latter of which leads to an important discovery.

Ketchum, Liza

***Where the Great Hawk Flies***

Years after a violent New England raid by the Redcoats and their Revolutionary War Indian allies, two families, one that suffered during that raid and one with an Indian mother and Patriot father, become neighbors and must deal with past trauma and prejudices before they can help each other in the present. Based on the author's family history. Includes historical notes and notes on the Pequot Indians.



Konigsburg, E.L.

***The Mysterious Edge of the Heroic World***

Amedeo Kaplan seems just like any other new kid who has moved into the town of St. Malo, Florida, a navy town where new faces are the norm. But Amedeo has a secret dream: More than anything in the world, he wants to discover something -- a place, a process, even a fossil -- some treasure that no one realizes is there until he finds it. And he would also like to discover a true friend to share these things with.

Law, Ingrid

***Savvy***

Recounts the adventures of Mibs Beaumont, whose thirteenth birthday has revealed her "savvy"--a magical power unique to each member of her family--just as her father is injured in a terrible accident.

Leader, Jessica

***Nice and Mean***

When Marina and Sachi, two girls at opposite ends of the niceness scale, are forced to work together on the big semester project for their video class, but each has her own ideas about the project's objective.

López, Diana

***Confetti Girl***

After the death of her mother, Texas sixth-grader Lina's grades and mood drop as she watches her father lose himself more and more in books, while her best friend uses Lina as an excuse to secretly meet her boyfriend.

Lowe, Helen

***Thornspell***

In this elaboration of "Sleeping Beauty," Prince Sigismund, having grown up in a remote castle dreaming of going on knightly quests, has had only a passing interest in the forbidden wood lying beyond the castle gates until a brief encounter with a beautiful and mysterious lady changes his life forever.

McKay, Hillary

***Saffy's Angel***

After learning that she was adopted, thirteen-year-old Saffron's relationship with her eccentric, artistic family changes, until they help her go back to Italy where she was born to find a special memento of her past. *The first in a series featuring the Casson family.*

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds

***Faith, Hope, and Ivy June***

During a student exchange program, seventh-graders Ivy June and Catherine share their lives, homes, and communities, and find that although their lifestyles are total opposites they have a lot in common.

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds

***The Agony of Alice***

Eleven-year-old, motherless Alice decides she needs a gorgeous role model who does everything right; and when placed in homely Mrs. Plotkins's class she is greatly disappointed until she discovers it's what people are inside that counts.

\*Some of the later *Alice* series titles are located in YA Fiction.

Paulsen, Gary

***Hatchet***

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 him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.

Pullman, Philip

***Golden Compass***

Accompanied by her daemon, Lyra Belacqua sets out to prevent her best friend and other kidnapped children from becoming the subject of gruesome experiments in the Far North.

Runholt, Susan

***The Mystery of the Third Lucretia***

While traveling in London, Paris, and Amsterdam, fourteen-year-old best friends Kari and Lucas solve an international art forgery mystery.

Salisbury, Graham

***Night of the Howling Dogs***

In 1975, eleven Boy Scouts, their leaders, and some new friends camping at Halape, Hawaii, find their survival skills put to the test when a massive earthquake strikes, followed by a tsunami.

Scaletta, Kurtis

***Mudville***

For twenty-two years, since a fateful baseball game against their rival town, it has rained in Moundville, so when the rain finally stops, twelve-year-old Roy, his friends, and foster brother Sturgis dare to face the curse and form a team.



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Smith, Roland

***I. Q.: Independence Hall***

Thirteen-year-old Q and fifteen-year-old Angela expect their lives to become complicated when his mother and her father, wildly popular musicians, marry, but not that they will face spies and terrorists in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

St. Anthony, Jane

***The Summer Sherman Loved Me***

In addition to coping with her changing relationship with her mother, twelve-year-old Margaret spends her summer trying to sort out her feelings for the boy next door who claims to love her.

Stewart, Trenton

***The Mysterious Benedict Society***

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.

Taylor, Mildred D.

***Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry***

A black family living in the South during the 1930's are faced with prejudice and discrimination which their children don't understand.

Tolan, Stephanie

***Surviving the Applewhites***

Jake, a budding juvenile delinquent, is sent for home schooling to the arty and eccentric Applewhite family's Creative Academy, where he discovers talents and interests he never knew he had.

Voigt, Cynthia

***Homecoming***

Abandoned by their mother, four children begin a search for a home and an identity.

**The following books are located in the YA (Young Adult) Fiction section,  
alphabetical by author's last name, unless otherwise noted.\***

Abrahams, Peter

***Down the Rabbit Hole : an Echo Falls Mystery***

Like her idol Sherlock Holmes, eighth grader Ingrid Levin-Hill uses her intellect to solve a murder case in her home town of Echo Falls.

Allison, Jennifer

***Gilda Joyce, Psychic Investigator***

During the summer before ninth grade, intrepid Gilda Joyce invites herself to the San Francisco mansion of distant cousin Lester Splinter and his thirteen-year-old daughter, where she uses her purported psychic abilities and detective skills to solve the mystery of the mansion's boarded-up tower.

Boyne, John

***The Boy in the Striped Pajamas: A Fable***

Bored and lonely after his family moves from Berlin to a place called "Out-With" in 1942, Bruno, the son of a Nazi officer, befriends a boy in striped pajamas who lives behind a wire fence.

Bruchac, Joseph

***Code Talker: A Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War II***

After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages during World War II in their native tongue.

Collins, Suzanne

***Hunger Games***

In a future North America, where the rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual televised survival competition pitting young people from each of the twelve districts against one another, sixteen-year-old Katniss's skills are put to the test when she voluntarily takes her younger sister's place.

Crossley-Holland, Kevin

***The Seeing Stone***

In late twelfth-century England, a thirteen-year-old boy named Arthur recounts how Merlin gives him a magical seeing stone which shows him images of the legendary King Arthur, the events of whose life seem to have many parallels to his own.

Feinstein, John

***Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery***

After winning a basketball reporting contest, eighth 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.



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George, Jessica Day ***Princess of Glass***

In the midst of maneuverings to create political alliances through marriage, sixteen-year-old Poppy, one of the infamous twelve dancing princesses, becomes the target of a vengeful witch while Prince Christian tries to save her.

Gratz, Alan ***The Brooklyn Nine: A Novel in Nine Innings***

Follows the fortunes of a German immigrant family through nine generations, beginning in 1845, as they experience American life and play baseball.

Haddix, Margaret Peterson ***Palace of Mirrors***

Fourteen-year-old Cecilia has always known she is the true princess of Suala, but when she and her best friend, Harper, decide to speed up her ascendancy to the throne, they find danger and many imposters who challenge her claim.

Harland, Richard ***Worldshaker***

Sixteen-year-old Col Porpentine is being groomed as the next Commander of Worldshaker, a juggernaut where elite families live on the upper decks while the Filthies toil below, but when he meets Riff, a Filthy girl on the run, he discovers how ignorant he is of his home and its residents.

Horowitz, Anthony ***Stormbreaker (Alex Rider #1)***

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.

Howe, James ***The Misfits***

Four students who do not fit in at their small-town middle school decide to create a third party for the student council elections to represent all students who have ever been called names.

Jenks, Catherine ***Evil Genius***

Child prodigy Cadel Piggot, an antisocial computer hacker, discovers his true identity when he enrolls as a first-year student at an advanced crime academy.

Kent, Rose ***Kimchi and Calamari***

Adopted from Korea by Italian parents, fourteen-year-old Joseph Calderaro begins to make important self-discoveries about race and family after his social studies teacher assigns an essay on cultural heritage and tracing the past.

Klass, David ***Firestorm***

After learning that he has been sent from the future for a special purpose, eighteen-year-old Jack receives help from an unusual dog and a shape-shifting female fighter.

Korman, Gordon ***Schooled***

Homeschooled by his hippie grandmother, Capricorn (Cap) Anderson has never watched television, tasted a pizza, or even heard of a wedgie. But when his grandmother lands in the hospital, Cap is forced to move in with a guidance counselor and attend the local middle school. While Cap knows a lot about tie-dyeing and Zen Buddhism, no education could prepare him for the politics of public school.

Koss, Amy ***The Not-So-Great Depression: In Which the Economy Crashes, My Sister's Plans are Ruined, My Mom Goes Broke, My Dad Grows Vegetables, and I Do Not Get a Hamster***

Jackie, a ninth-grader, does not understand when her teacher talks about unemployment and recession, until her mother loses her job and Jackie cannot buy the things she wants.

MacHale, D.J. ***Pendragon: The Merchant of Death***

Bobby Pendragon is a seemingly normal fourteen-year-old boy. He has a family, a home, and even Marley, his beloved dog. But there is something very special about Bobby. He is going to save the world. And not just Earth as we know it. Bobby is slowly starting to realize that life in the cosmos isn't quite what he thought it was. And before he can object, he is swept off to an alternate dimension known as Denduron, a territory inhabited by strange beings, ruled by a magical tyrant, and plagued by dangerous revolution.



Meyer, L. A.  
**Ship's Boy**

***Bloody Jack: Being an Account of the Curious Adventures of Mary "Jacky" Faber,***

Reduced to begging and thievery in the streets of London, a thirteen-year-old orphan disguises herself as a boy and connives her way onto a British warship set for high sea adventure in search of pirates.

Miller, Kirsten

***Kiki Strike: Inside the Shadow City***

Life becomes more interesting for Ananka Fishbein when, at the age of twelve, she discovers an underground room in the park across from her New York City apartment and meets a mysterious girl called Kiki Strike who claims that she, too, wants to explore the subterranean world.

Nye, Naomi Shihab

***Habibi***

When fourteen-year-old Liyane Abboud, her younger brother, and her parents move from St. Louis to a new home between Jerusalem and the Palestinian village where her father was born, they face many changes and must deal with the tensions between Jews and Palestinians.

Oppel, Kenneth

***Airborn***

Matt, a young cabin boy aboard an airship, and Kate, a wealthy young girl traveling with her chaperone, team up to search for the existence of mysterious winged creatures reportedly living hundreds of feet above the Earth's surface.

Pratchett, Terry

***The Wee Free Men***

A young witch-to-be named Tiffany teams up with the Wee Free Men, a clan of six-inch-high blue men, to rescue her baby brother and ward off a sinister invasion from Fairyland.

Reeve, Philip

***Here Lies Arthur***

When her village is attacked and burned, Gwyna seeks protection from the bard Myrddin, who uses Gwyna in his plan to transform young Arthur into the heroic King Arthur.

Ryan, Pam Muñoz

***Esperanza Rising***

Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression.

Sherman, Delia

***Changeling***

Stolen by fairies as a baby, Neef, the mortal changeling has grown up in New York Between, a place full of fairy and Folk. When she accidentally breaks a fairy law, Neef finds herself banished, and must complete three death-defying tasks in order to return to her beloved fairy home.

Skye, Obert

***Leven Thumps and the Gateway to Foo***

When fate brings fourteen-year-old Leven and thirteen-year-old Winter together, they discover that for mankind to continue dreaming, the gateway between reality and dreams needs to be found and demolished.

Smith, Jeff

***Bone: Out from Boneville\****

***\*YA GRAPHIC BONE***

After being run out of Boneville, the three Bone cousins are separated and lost in a vast, uncharted desert. One by one, they find their way into a deep, forested valley filled with wonderful and terrifying creatures. But little do the Bones know, there are dark forces conspiring against them and their adventures are only just beginning!

Spinelli, Jerry

***Stargirl***

In this story about the perils of popularity, the courage of nonconformity, and the thrill of first love, an eccentric student named Stargirl changes Mica High School forever.

Winerip, Michael

***Adam Canfield of the Slash***

While serving as co-editors of their school newspaper, middle-schoolers Adam and Jennifer uncover fraud and corruption in their school and in the city's government.

