

**Secret Identity** / Wendelin Van Draanen

Fifth-grader Nolan Byrd, tired of being called names by the class bully, has a secret identity—Shredderman! *Series: Shredderman*

**The Autobiography of Meatball Finkelstein** / Ross Venokur

Thirteen-year-old Meatball, an overweight vegetarian, discovers that eating meatballs gives him the magic power of turning into anything he wants, and he uses this ability to fight his principal's diabolical plot to eliminate fun from the planet.

**Oggie Cooder** / Sarah Weeks

Quirky fourth-grader Oggie Cooder goes from being shunned to everyone's best friend when his uncanny ability to chew slices of cheese into the shapes of states wins him a slot on a popular television talent show. *Also: Oggie Cooder, Party Animal*

**Spider Storch's Teacher Torture** / Gina Willner-Pardo

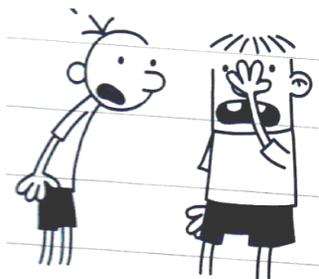
Joey Storch tries to be on his best behavior in order to keep his third grade teacher, Ms. Mirabella, from retiring. *Series: Spider Storch*

**Day of the Iguana** / Henry Winkler

Hank has never been fond of his sister's pet iguana, and their relationship worsens when she lays her eggs inside his science project. *Series: Hank Zipzer*

**The Secret Knowledge of Grown-Ups** / David Wisniewski (j 818 Wis)

A humorous revelation of the real reasons why adults tell children to do things, such as "Eat your vegetables," "Comb your hair," and "Don't blow bubbles in your milk."



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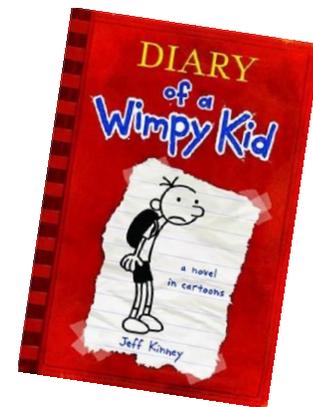
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*Suggestions from the Mt. Lebanon Public Library*

*The following titles may be found in juvenile fiction unless otherwise noted.*

**The Strange Case of Origami Yoda** / Tom Angleberger

Sixth-grader Tommy and his friends describe their interactions with a paper finger puppet of Yoda, worn by their weird classmate Dwight, as they try to figure out whether or not the puppet can really predict the future. Includes instructions for making Origami Yoda. *Series: Origami Yoda books*

**I Was a Third Grade Science Project** / Mary Jane Auch

While trying to hypnotize his dog for the third grade science fair, Brian accidentally makes his best friend Josh think he's a cat. *Series: I Was a Third Grade...*

**Cartboy and the Time Capsule** / L.A. Campbell

Sixth-grader Hal gets a year-long journal-keeping assignment in his least favorite class, history, much to the delight of his history buff father.

**Clarice Bean Spells Trouble** / Lauren Child

Clarice Bean, aspiring actress and author, unsuccessfully tries to avoid getting into trouble as she attempts to help a friend in need by following the rules of the fictional, "exceptionordinarily" spy, Ruby Redfort. *Series: Clarice Bean*

**Frindle** / Andrew Clements

When he decides to turn his fifth grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control. *And others by this author*

**Dear Mom, Get Me Out of Here!** / Ellen Conford

Trapped in a dreadful boarding school, Paul joins his classmates in attempting to uncover the shocking past of their headmaster Mr. Pickles.

**The Twits** / Roald Dahl

The misadventures of two terrible old people who enjoy playing nasty tricks and are finally outwitted by a family of monkeys.

**Horace Splattly: The Cupcaked Crusader** / Lawrence David

When his little sister's magic cookies transform him into a flying, fire-breathing superhero, ten-year-old Horace Splattly has adventures which include confronting the monster at the school playground.

**Phineas L. MacGuire... Erupts!: The First Experiment** / Frances O'Roark Dowell

Fourth-grade science whiz Phineas MacGuire is forced to team up with the new boy in class on a science fair project, but the boy's quirky personality causes Phineas to wonder if they have any chance of winning. *Series: Phineas MacGuire*

**Notso Hotso** / Anne Fine

Anthony, a neglected pet dog, develops an irritating skin condition and has most of his hair shaved off, which embarrasses him greatly until he realizes he now looks like a lion and can frighten other animals and people. *Also: The Diary of a Killer Cat*

**Ghosthunters and the Incredibly Revolting Ghost** / Cornelia Funke

A timid boy named Tom reluctantly agrees to help professional ghostbuster Hetty Hyslop dispel an IRG (Incredibly Revolting Ghost) from an old house. *Series: Ghosthunters*

**Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Not Reading** / Tommy Greenwald

Middle schooler Charlie Joe is proud of his success at avoiding reading, but eventually his schemes go too far.

**Mr. Macky is wacky!** / Dan Gutman

Mr. Macky dresses up as Abraham Lincoln to get the students at Ella Mentry School excited about their Presidents' Day oral reports. *Series: My Weird School*

**Website of the Warped Wizard** / Eric A. Kimmel

Jess and her friend Matthew find themselves drawn into a computer game in which they must defeat an evil wizard in order to save a friendly centaur, an elf, as well as King Arthur and some of his companions. *First in the series.*

**Regarding the Bathrooms: A Privy to the Past** / Kate Klise

In this novel told through letters, newspaper articles, and police reports, a middle school principal's bathroom renovation project leads to the discovery of stolen Roman antiquities. *Series: Regarding the—*

**Nose Pickers from Outer Space** / Gordon Korman (j pb K)

Fourth-grader Devin is disappointed in the nerdy exchange student who comes to live with his family, until he realizes that Stan is not from Chicago but from outer space.

**Clueless McGee** / Jeff Mack

Through a series of letters to his father, a private investigator, fifth-grader PJ "Clueless" McGee tells of his efforts to discover who stole macaroni and cheese from the school cafeteria.

**Out of Patience** / Brian Meehl

In Patience, Kansas, Jake's Dad (who owns the Plunger of Destiny) hopes to open up a Toilet Museum and the town's manure plant causes a stink.

**Lawn Boy** / Gary Paulsen

Things get out of hand for a twelve-year-old boy when a neighbor convinces him to expand his summer lawn mowing business.

**Stuart's Cape** / Sara Pennypacker (j pb P)

Bored because there is nothing to do in the house to which his family has just moved and worried about starting third grade in a new school, Stuart makes a magical cape out of his uncle's ties and has a series of adventures.

**The Magic Pretzel** / Daniel Pinkwater

Fourth-grader Norman Gnormal, who behaves a lot like a dog, finds his first real friends when the principal signs him up for the Werewolf Club at school. *Series: Werewolf Club*

**Cowboy Boy** / James Proimos

Ricky Smootz is very afraid of everything, especially Keanu Dungston, the bully who terrorizes their middle school, but with advice from his grandmother Ricky transforms himself into Cowboy Boy and stands up to Keanu and his henchmen.

**Vampire Brat** / Angie Sage

Things get even spookier at Spookie House when Uncle Drac's nephew Max comes to stay for a week and Araminta goes on a combined werewolf and vampire hunting expedition. *Series: Araminta Spookie*

**Knights of the Kitchen Table** / Jon Scieszka

When Joe, Fred, and Sam are sent back in time by a magic book, they find themselves face-to-face with giants, dragons, wizards, and the Knights of the Round Table. *Series: Time Warp Trio*

**Trash Crisis on Earth!** / Alexander Stadler

Eight-year-old Julian Rodriguez escapes from the crisis of the moment (being sent to his room for not taking out the trash) by imagining he is a space warrior. *Series: Julian Rodriguez*

**Donuthead** / Sue Stauffacher

Franklin Delano Donuthead, a fifth-grader obsessed with hygiene and safety, finds an unlikely friend and protector in Sarah Kervick. *Also: Donutheart*

**Excuses: Survive and Succeed with David Mortimore Baxter** / Karen Tayleur

Young David Mortimore Baxter, who knows how to stay out of trouble, shares excuses for avoiding chores, bullies, homework, and vegetarian dinners. *Series: David Mortimore Baxter*