

Briscoe Summer Reading 2017

Entering Grade 6



Some Kind of Courage

Gemeinhart, Dan

In 1890 Washington the only family Joseph Johnson has left is his half-wild Indian pony, Sarah, so when she is sold by a man who has no right to do so, Joseph sets out to get her back--and he plans to let nothing stop him in his quest.

234 p., 54K words, AR 4.8, 760L



Tall Story

Gourlay, Candy

Sixteen-year-old Bernardo, who is eight feet tall and suffers from a condition called Gigantism, leaves the Philippines to live with his mother's family in London, much to the delight of his thirteen-year-old half sister Andi, a passionate basketball player.

245 p., 47K words, AR 4.3, 670L

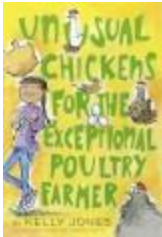


Fish in a Tree

Hunt, Lynda Mullaly

Ally has been smart enough to fool a lot of smart people. Every time she lands in a new school, she is able to hide her inability to read by creating clever yet disruptive distractions. She is afraid to ask for help. However, her newest teacher Mr. Daniels sees the bright, creative kid underneath the trouble maker.

276 p., 48K words, AR 3.7, 550L



Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer

Jones, Kelly

Through a series of letters, Sophie Brown, age twelve, tells of her family's move to her Great Uncle Jim's farm, where she begins taking care of some unusual chickens with help from neighbors and friends.

216 p., 34K words, AR 5.2, 880L



The Unwanteds

McMann, Lisa

In a society that purges thirteen-year-olds who are creative, identical twins Aaron and Alex are separated, one to attend University while the other, supposedly Eliminated, finds himself in a wondrous place where youths hone their abilities and learn magic. First in series.

390p., 68K words, AR 5.7, 880L



Pax

Pennypacker, Sara

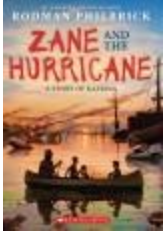
After being forced to give up his pet fox Pax, a young boy named Peter decides to leave home and get his best friend back, with an impending war approaching.

276 p., 50K words, AR 5.3, 760L

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Zane and the Hurricane: A Story of Katrina

Philbrick, Rodman

A twelve-year-old boy and his dog become trapped in New Orleans during the horrors of Hurricane Katrina.

181 p., 39K words, AR 5.3, 860L

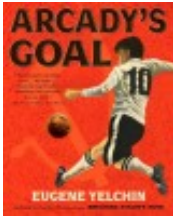


The Girl in the Well Is Me

Rivers, Karen

Eleven-year-old Kammie reflects on her life as she fights claustrophobia while waiting to be rescued from a well she fell into while trying to impress some mean girls.

218 p., 40K words, AR 4.7, no Lexile

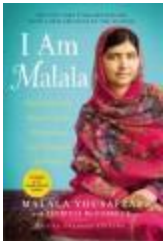


Arcady's Goal

Yelchin, Eugene

When twelve-year-old Arcady is sent to a children's home after his parents are declared enemies of the state in Soviet Russia, soccer becomes a way to secure extra food, respect, and protection, but it may also be his way out if he can believe in himself.

234 p., 23K words, AR 4.0, 630L



I am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World

Yousafzai, Malala

Tells the life of the youngest-ever Nobel Peace Prize winner, Malala Yousafzai, who became an international symbol of hope and inspiration when she challenged the traditions of her Pakistani community and was attacked for her beliefs and words.

240 p., 41K words, AR 5.9, 830L

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