

*Sweep*, by Jonathan Auxier

Nan is an orphan, and a London chimney sweep. After becoming trapped in a chimney during a fire, Nan wakes up somehow safe and unhurt in an attic, with no idea how she got there. The only other thing with her is a golem, a mysterious creature created out of soot and ash. How did he get there, and why is he staying with her? Together, the outcast and the monster must figure out a way of life, possibly saving each other in the process. *Grade 5+*

*Two Dogs in a Trench Coat Go to School*, by Julie Falatko

"School is great," said Waldo. "You said it was boring, but it's not. There's meat. And books."

Sassy and Waldo's boy needs to be rescued from a place called "school." Thanks to a trench coat and Waldo's surprisingly good human language skills, they're able to pass themselves off as a new student. Now they must resist the ever-present smell of meat and socks to find out what's making their boy so unhappy. But what will happen when they're suddenly faced with a horrible villain- a squirrel!?!?!? *Grade 4*

*The Unteachables*, by Gordon Korman

The Unteachables are just that- a group of students so rotten, so wild, so... odd, that they've been written off by everyone. Nobody has a worse attitude about school... Except maybe their teacher. Mr. Kermit is *ONE YEAR* away from early retirement, *ONE YEAR* left of dealing with the horrors of teaching middle school. He can do this. Unless the superintendent figures out a way to push him to resign instead...

An obvious recipe for disaster, unless maybe, just maybe, these unwanted kids and even less wanted teacher are actually a perfect match. *Grade 5*



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By Meika Hashimoto



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**24 Hours in Nowhere**, by Dusti Bowling

Welcome to Nowhere, Arizona, the least livable town in the US. Gus dreams of getting out and going to college, but he has to get through five more years. When Bo, the biggest bully in town tries to force Gus to eat a deadly cactus, he's saved by Rossi, star dirt biker, who trades her prized bike for Gus's safety. Determined to buy it back for her, Gus, his two friends, and Rossi herself band together to hunt for gold in a former mine. Will they find the rumored gold, and a way out of Nowhere, or will the mine claim more victims? *Grade 5*

**Amal Unbound**, by Aisha Saeed

Amal is the brightest student at her small village school in Pakistan and dreams of becoming a teacher. Her life is upended when Amal must stay home to care for her siblings when her mother is ill. Things get worse when a careless moment in the market leads the local landlord to demand Amal as payment for her family's debts. Now an indentured servant, Amal's dreams seem even further away, unless she can find some way to free herself. *Grade 5*

**Ambrose Deception**, by Emily Ecton

A nobody, a slacker, and a showoff. These are the unlikely contestants in a \$10,000 scholarship contest guiding them around Chicago. As the clues keep coming, so do the questions, and the three kids begin to wonder if this contest is even real. Secretly joining forces, they each use their strengths to uncover the truth. *Grade 5+*

**Hope in the Holler**, by Lisa Lewis Tyre

*"Be brave, Wavie B.! You got as much right to a good life as anybody, so find it!"*

When her momma dies, last thing Wavie expects is a long-lost, mean-spirited aunt she's never heard of to show up and claim her. Samantha Rose takes her back to Conley Holler, the very place her momma swore she'd never go back to. With no family to rely on, Wavie recruits the other kids in the holler to help her find a way to that good life her momma wanted her to have. *Grade 5*

**Inkling**, by Kenneth Opiel

*"No one was awake to see it happen..."*

Ethan Rylance's dad is a world-famous graphic novel writer- with a problem. You see, Mr. Rylance is stuck. He can't seem to write or draw anything useful. Until one night, all the ink in his sketchbook pools together, rolls to the edge of a page, and ESCAPES! As this new blob of ink explores his world, discovering all the lovely colors, stories and more that ink can convey, Ethan thinks he may be the answer to their problems... as long as nobody else discovers him! *Grade 5*

**Just Like Jackie**, by Lindsey Stoddard

All her life, it's just been Robinson and her grandpa. But lately, he's been forgetting things: keys, his coat, sometimes even Robinson's name. She knows she's not helping by getting into trouble at school. She knows she should be more like Jackie Robinson, her grandpa's

favorite baseball player, who faced plenty of abuse without ever getting in a fight. Still, she can't help it, especially when class bully Alex teases her about not having a mom. Now she has to go to group guidance, but can that help with Alex in group too, especially if letting on about grandpa's memory means they'll take her from the only family she has? *Grade 5+*

**Lifeboat 12**, by Susan Hood

With London under constant Nazi bombings, Ken is among 90 boys and girls sent aboard the luxury ship *Benares*, bound for safety in Canada. Life at sea is wonderful- new friends and huge gourmet meals free of London's wartime rationing. Then one night, the ship is torpedoed by a German sub, and the *Benares* begins sinking fast. Ken scrambles aboard Lifeboat 12 with five other boys, but escape and survival are far from guaranteed. Based on a true story. *Grade 5+*

**Lions and Liars**, by Kate Beasley

A series of poor choices sends middle school loser Frederick Frederickson floating away into the Florida wilderness, and washing up at a camp for troubled boys. Frederick passes himself off as an absent camper, Dash, in order to eat (and hopefully call his mom). But it turns out the real Dash is something of a legend, and "Dash" finds himself suddenly the popular kid. When his secret gets out just as a powerful hurricane is roaring towards camp, Frederick will need to stop pretending, and become a true leader if he wants to survive, and get his new friends through too. *Grade 5*

**Mad Wolf's Daughter**, by Diane Magras

When Drest's father and brothers are captured one night by invaders, she knows she must rescue them. Drest takes a hurt invader as a guide/ hostage and sets out for the castle. Along the way, she's helped by villagers grateful to her father's warband, but finds others who hate them for past attacks. As she draws closer to her captured family, she also finds herself closer to the knight with her. Can a lone girl really invade a castle dungeon, and if she succeeds, what'll happen to her new friend? *Grade 5+*

**New Kid**, by Jerry Craft

Jordan loves to draw, chronicling his life in cartoons and dreaming of art school. Instead, his parents send him to a prestigious private school, where Jordan is one of only a few students of color. As the school year continues, Jordan finds friends, but also friction. He still doesn't quite fit at his new school, but also feels out of place in his own neighborhood now. *Grade 5+*

**Night Diary**, by Veera Hiranandani

In 1947, India, finally free of British rule Britain, decided to partition itself into two countries- India for the Hindus, and Pakistan for the Muslims. For Nisha, she can't believe her home is now officially in Pakistan, or that Hindus and Muslims are fighting each other. Her mother, who died when Nisha and her twin brother were babies, was Muslim, and her father is Hindu. When it gets too dangerous to stay, Nisha and her family must travel almost 300 miles away into the new India, most of it on foot through dry, unforgiving land. Will Nisha's family survive the journey, and if not, what good is independence anyway? *Grade 6*

**One-Third Nerd**, by Gennifer Choldenko

5th grade is not for the faint of heart. Fortunately, Liam knows the formula to somewhat success- don't be more than 1/3 nerd. He's got that covered, but he's worried his two sisters, are tilting the scales against him- super-brainy Dakota (100% nerd), and super-social Izzy. The three live with their mom & beloved dog, Cupcake. When cupcake starts having accidents in the house, the landlord says they need to stop her, or re-home her. Can Liam and his sisters raise the money for the vet, or will they have to say goodbye? *Grade 4*

**Power Forward**, by Hena Khan

Zayd Saleem is the first Pakistani-American NBA star- a legend on the court. Or, he will be. Eventually. Unfortunately, at the moment, he's a scrawny 4<sup>th</sup> grader on the D team, and his parents want him to focus more on his violin than his jump shot. When they catch him skipping violin for basketball, they forbid him from playing anymore. But how can Zayd achieve his dreams if he can't even try out for the best team in elementary school? *Grade 4*

**Ra the Mighty: Cat Detective**, by A.B. Greenfield

What are one extremely pampered royal cat and one extremely dung-obsessed scarab beetle supposed to do when a jewel goes missing from the Pharaoh's wife's collection? No Ra- not eat more snacks and nap! Investigate! A young servant girl has been framed for the crime, but Ra and Khepri are on the case! *Grade 4*

**Saving Winslow**, by Sharon Creech

Nobody expects the fragile newborn donkey to survive. After all, Louie has never successfully kept any animal alive, and that little donkey is already sick and weak. But this just makes Louie more determined to save tiny Winslow. Caring for the donkey makes Louie feel close to his brother who's away at war, like maybe saving Winslow will save Gus too. *Grade 4+*

**Short and Skinny**, by Mark Tatulli

In the summer of 1977, Mark Tatulli was a short, skinny kid, plagued by bullies and awkwardness. Mark makes desperate attempts to bulk up using "miracle cures" from the back of his comics, to no avail. But when Star Wars comes out, his world is rocked. His new obsession? Making a tribute film: Star Bores! *Grade 5*

**Small Spaces**, by Katherine Arden

*"Best get moving. At nightfall they'll come for the rest of you."*

Booklover Ollie can't help herself- when she sees a woman trying to throw a book into the river, she grabs it and runs. Inside, she finds a chilling story about three people and "the smiling man." When she finds the graves of the three people on a class trip, she wonders if the story could be real. When the bus breaks down on the way back, stranding the kids, Ollie and her two friends follow the bus driver's advice, and make a run for it, into the rapidly darkening woods... *Grade 5*