


Girls, Girls, Girls



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***Good books for
big girls, little girls,
and in-between girls***

Picture Books: J Easy

JE BLAKE

MRS. ARMITAGE AND THE BIG WAVE

Mrs. Armitage and her dog Breakspear head out surfing, but each time they paddle out they think of another outlandish thing they need.

JE BRETT

TROUBLE WITH TROLLS

While climbing Mt. Baldy, Treva outwits some trolls who want to steal her dog.

JE BYNUM

ALTOONA BABOONA

Altoona Baboona travels the world in her hot air balloon.

JE DE PAOLA

HELGA'S DOWRY : A TROLL LOVE STORY

Helga works hard to acquire a dowry and is jilted, but she later finds true love with a genuine person.

JE DODDS

SING, SOPHIE!

Although no one else in her family likes her loud voice, Sophie's singing soothes her baby brother during a thunderstorm.

JE HOBAN

BEST FRIENDS FOR FRANCES

Frances, a badger, convinces Albert of the value of friendship—not just for eating but for playing games, catching frogs and snakes and having fun.

JE MCKISSACK

THE HONEST-TO-GOODNESS TRUTH

After promising never to lie, Libby learns that it's not always good to blurt out the whole truth either.

YF BAUER

SQUASHED

A sixteen-year-old Ellie pursues her two goals—growing the biggest pumpkin in Iowa and losing 20 pounds herself.

YF GEORGE

THE TALKING EARTH

A young woman of the Seminole tribe begins to question the validity of old customs over the more pressing problems of nuclear war and pollution, in a tale by the Newbery Medalist.

YF GUNN

A WHISPER AND A WISH

Christy Miller faces new dreams and disappointments as she decides what price she's willing to pay for making new friends.

YF PHILBRICK

MAX THE MIGHTY

Fourteen-year-old Max helps a younger girl escape from her abusive stepfather by running away with her to the distant town of Chivalry, Montana, searching for her real father.

YF STAY

STAY TRUE : SHORT STORIES FOR STRONG GIRLS

Rita Williams-Garcia's 'Crazy as a Daisy,' which plays gloriously with language, is one of the best stories in this purposeful collection of 11 new tales that depict teenage girls finding their own strengths.

YF STAPLES

SHABANU : DAUGHTER OF THE WIND

When eleven-year-old Shabanu, the daughter of a nomad in the Cholistan Desert of the present day Pakistan, is pledged in marriage to an older man whose money will bring prestige to the family, she must either accept the decision, as is the custom, or risk the consequences of defying their wishes.

YF VOIGHT

HOMECOMING

When their mentally ill mother abandons them in parking lot in Connecticut, 13-year-old Dicey is determined to move her sister and brothers on foot down Route 1 to rich Aunt Cilla in Bridgeport. But Aunt Cilla died and Dicey set out again with children for the unknown grandmother on the Maryland shore who gives them the home they need.

JF HISTORICAL CASANOVA

Gr. 3-7

THE KLIPFISH CODE

Twelve-year-old Merit is sent with her younger brother to an island to live with her aunt and grandfather after the German bomb Norway in 1940. She longs to join her parents in the Resistance and when her aunt and a teacher are taken away two years later, she resents the Nazis' presence even more and her grandfather's refusal to oppose them.

JF HISTORICAL DALGLIESH

Gr. 2-4

THE COURAGE OF SARAH NOBLE

In 1707, 8-year-old Sarah goes with her father from Massachusetts to Connecticut to cook for him while he builds their cabin, then bravely stays alone with an Indian family when her father leaves to bring the rest of the family back.

Newbery Winners

JF NEWBERY L'ENGLE

Gr. 4-7

A WRINKLE IN TIME

Meg Murry and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers and a search for Meg's father, who has disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.

JF NEWBERY O'DELL

Gr. 4-6

ISLAND OF THE BLUE DOLPHINS

Left alone on a beautiful but isolated island off the coast of California, a young Indian girl spends 18 years, not only merely surviving through her enormous courage and self-reliance, but also finding a measure of happiness in her solitary life.

Fiction: Grades 5-8

YF AVI

THE TRUE CONFESSIONS OF CHARLOTTE DOYLE

As the lone "young lady" on a transatlantic voyage in 1832, Charlotte learns that the captain is murderous and the crew rebellious.

Early Readers

READER AVI

ABIGAIL TAKES THE WHEEL

When the first mate of the freight boat Neptune falls ill, it is up to Abigail, the captain's daughter, to steer the ship up the Hudson River from New Jersey to New York.

READER BUCK

SID AND SAM

Sid sings a long song that drives Sam crazy.

READER BONSALE

THE CASE OF THE SCAREDY CATS

Chronicles the series of events occurring after the girls take over the boy's club house.

READER COERR

THE BIG BALLOON RACE

Ariel almost causes her famous mother to lose a balloon race and then helps her win it.

READER CUSHMAN

AUNT EATER'S MYSTERY VACATION

A mystery-loving anteater has a chance to solve several mysteries during her vacation at the Hotel Bathwater.

READER LEVINSON

CLARA AND THE BOOKWAGON

Clara's dream of enriching her rough life on the family farm is fulfilled when a horse-drawn book wagon visits with the country's first traveling library.

READER MOZELLE

ZACK'S ALLIGATOR

Although the main human character in this book is a boy named Zack, the star is a talking female alligator.

Fairy Tales

J398.20954 KRISHNASWAMI

Gr.3-5

SHOWER OF GOLD: GIRLS AND WOMEN IN THE STORIES OF INDIA

A collection of stories featuring strong female figures from Hindu mythology, Buddhist tales, and others from the history and folklore of the Indian subcontinent. Each piece is accompanied by background information.

Fiction: Grades 3-5

JF BLUME

OTHERWISE KNOWN AS SHEILA THE GREAT

A summer in Tarrytown, N.Y., is a lot of fun for 10-year-old Sheila even though her friends make her face up to some self-truths she doesn't want to admit.

JF BONNERS

EDWINA VICTORIOUS

Edwina follows in the footsteps of her namesake great-aunt when she begins to write letters to the mayor about community problems and poses as Edwina the elder.

JF CLEMENTS

THE LANDRY NEWS

A fifth-grader starts a newspaper with an editorial that prompts her burnout classroom teacher to really begin teaching again, but he is later threatened with disciplinary action as a result.

JF CLEMENTS

THE SCHOOL STORY

After 12-year-old Natalie writes a wonderful novel, her friend Zoe helps her devise a scheme to get it accepted at the publishing house where Natalie's mother works as an editor.

JF HESSE

JUST JUICE

Realizing that her father's lack of work has endangered her family, 9-year-old Juice decides that she must return to school in order to help their chances of surviving and keeping their house.

JF EISENBERG

LEAVE IT TO LEXIE

Nine-year-old Lexie is at a loss for ideas for the upcoming Girl Scout talent show, until she remembers her father's penchant for riddles at dinnertime.

JF LANGTON

THE FRAGILE FLAG

Fourth-grader Georgie finds herself leading a children's crusade when she resolves to walk from Massachusetts to Washington D.C. to talk to the president.

JF PEARSALL

ALL OF THE ABOVE

Five urban middle school students, their teacher, and other community members relate how a school project to build the world's largest tetrahedron affects the lives of everyone involved.

JF VOIGHT

BAD GIRLS

After meeting on the first day in Mrs. Chemsky's 5th-grade class, Margalo and Mikey help each other in and out of trouble, as they try to maintain a friendship while each asserts her independence.

JF WABER

DEAR HILDEGARDE

Hildegard the wise old owl offers advice to the animals writing to her for help with their problems.

Historical Fiction

JF HISTORICAL ALCOTT

Gr. 3-7

LITTLE WOMEN

Classic novel chronicling the joys and sorrows of the four March sisters as they grow into young women in 19th-century New England.

JF HISTORICAL BLUME

Gr. 4-6

RISING STAR OF RUSTY NAIL

In the small town of Rusty Nail, Minnesota, in the early 1050s, musically talented 10-year-old Franny wants to take advanced piano lessons from Newcomer Olga Malenkov, a famous Russian musician suspected of being a communist spy by gossiping members of the community.