

Humorous Stories


Grade 6-9



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YF ADAMS

THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY

Arthur Dent, a refugee from the late planet Earth, and his friend Ford Prefect, thumb their way through comic misadventures in the Universe.

YF ALEXANDER

THE GOLDEN DREAM OF CARLO CHUCHIO

Naive and bumbling Carlo, his shady camel-puller Baksheesh, and Shira, a girl determined to return home, follow a treasure map through the deserts and cities of the infamous Golden Road, as mysterious strangers try in vain to point them toward real treasures.

YF AUCH

ONE-HANDED CATCH

After losing his hand in an accident in his father's butcher shop in 1946, sixth-grader Norman uses hard work and humor to learn to live with his disability and to succeed to baseball, art and other activities.

YF BAUSER

THWONK

A cupid doll comes to life and offers romantic assistance to A. J., a teenage photographer suffering from unrequited love.

YF BETHANCOURT

THE GREAT COMPUTER DATING CAPER

Eddie and Jody set up a computer dating service to raise money to help Eddie's father launch his latest invention.

YF CHEANEY

THE MIDDLE OF SOMEWHERE

Twelve-year-old Ronnie loves organization, especially because her brother has attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder. But traveling with their grandmother who is investigating wind power brings some pleasant, if chaotic, surprises.

YF CONFORD

DEAR MOM, GET ME OUT OF HERE!

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

YF COTTONWOOD

BABCOCK

Babcock, a seventh-grade black boy who likes dragonflies, poetry, and music, falls in love with Kirsten, a blonde, at the same time that Uncle Earl moves in with his family.

YF SPRINGER

SKY RIDER

Dusty Grove has had two difficult years: her mother died unexpectedly, her back was permanently injured during an accident that occurred when her father was driving drunk, and now her beloved horse, Tazz, must be put down because of incurable pain in his hooves. So when a glimmering stranger cures Tazz and rides him away. Dusty is glad until she discovers that her visitor is the angry ghost of a teenaged boy recently killed at her father's property.

YF STRASSER

GIRL GIVES BIRTH TO OWN PROM DATE

When Brad asks someone else to the senior prom, Nicole resorts to a desperate measure-she decides to make her next door neighbor over into a dream date.

YF TOLAN

SURVIVING THE APPLEWHITES

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

YF VANDE VELDE

NEVER TRUST A DEAD MAN

Wrongly convinced of murder and punished being sealed in the tomb with the dead man, 17-year-old Selwyn enlists the help of a witch and resurrected victim to find the true killer.

YF WILES

THE AURORA COUNTY ALL-STARS

For most boys in a small Mississippi town, the biggest concern is whether their annual July 4th baseball game will be cancelled due to their county's anniversary pageant. 12-year-old House Jackson, star pitcher and captain of Aurora County All-Stars who must confronts the secrets and betrayal in his hometown and also startling facts about the civil rights in baseball history.

YF WHELAN

ONCE ON THIS ISLAND

Twelve-year-old Mary and her older brother and sister tend the family farm on Michigan's Mackinac Island while their father is away fighting the British in the War of 1812.

YF PRATCHETT

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.

YF RENNISON

ANGUS, THONGS, AND FULL-FRONTAL SNOGGING: CONFESSIONS OF GEORGIA NICOLSON

Presents the humorous journal of a year in the life of a 14-year-old British girl who tries to reduce the size of her nose, stop her mad cat from terrorizing the neighborhood animal, and win the love of the handsome hunk Robbie.

YF SANDERSON

ALCATRAZ VERSUS THE EVIL LIBRARIANS

On his thirteenth birthday, foster child Alcatraz Smedry receives a bag of sand which is immediately stolen by the a special force, the evil Librarians, who are trying to take over the world.

YF SHARMAT

HOW TO MEET A GORGEOUS GUY

Two cousins plan the ideal method of meeting handsome guys as research for a magazine article.

YF SHUSTERMAN

THE SCHWA WAS HERE

A Brooklyn eighth-grader nicknamed Antsy befriends the Schwa, an "invisible-ish" boy who is tired of blending into his surrounding and going unnoticed by nearly everyone.

YF SPINELLI

SMILES TO GO

Will Tuppence's life has always been ruled by science and common sense but in ninth grade, shaken up by the discovery that protons decay, he begins to see the entire world differently and gains a new perspective in his relationship with his little sister and his two closest friends.

YF COULOUMBIS

THE MISADVENTURES OF MAUDE MARCHE, OR TROUBLE RIDES A FAST HORSE

After the death of the stern aunt who raised them since they were orphaned, 11-year-old Sallie and her sister escape their self-serving guardians and begin an adventure resembling those in the dime novels Sallie loves to read.

YF CREECH

ABSOLUTELY NORMAL CHAOS

Thirteen year old May Lou grows up during the summer while learning about romance, homesickness, death and her cousin's search for his biological father.

YF CURTIS

BUCKING THE SARGE

Deeply involved in his cold and manipulative mother's shady business dealings in Flint, Michigan, 14-year-old Luther keeps a sense of humor while running the Happy Neighbor Group Home for Men while dreaming of college.

YF CUSHMAN

CATHERINE, CALLED BIRDY

The thirteen year old daughter of an English country knight keeps a journal and records the events of her life in Medieval England.

YF DANZIGER

CAN YOU SUE YOUR PARENTS FOR MALPRACTICE?

Confused about her life at home and at school, 14-year-old Lauren learns the importance of being her own person.

YF DANZIGER

THE PISTACHIO PRESCRIPTION

Misadventures of a girl who believes that eating pistachio nuts will cure any problem.

YF FERRIS

MUCH ADO ABOUT GRUBSTAKE

When two city folks arrive in the depressed mining town of Grubstake, Colorado in 1888, 16-year-old orphaned Arley tries to discover why they want to buy the supposedly worthless mines in the area.

YF FINE

FLOUR BABIES

Simon and his underachieving classmates are forced to spend three tortuous weeks taking care of their own “babies” in the form of bags of flour.

YF FLEISHMAN

A FATE TOTALLY WORSE THAN DEATH

Three self-centered members of Cliffside High School’s ruling clique become convinced that the beautiful new exchange student is the ghost of the girl whose death they caused the year before.

YF GAUTHIER

SAVING THE PLANET & STUFF

After losing his summer job with his uncle, 16-year-old Michael agrees to go to work for an environmentalist magazine in Vermont run by friends of his grandparents.

YF HADDIX

JUST ELLA

Fifteen year old Ella finds that accepting Prince Charming’s proposal ensnares her in a suffocating tangle of palace rules and royal etiquette, so she plots to escape.

YF HALL

MURDER IN A PIG’S EYE

Taking his cues from both the Hardy Boys and Three Stooges, 16-year-old Bodie Tureen decides that the local harridan has been murdered by her husband.

YF HAMILTON

THE GARDEN OF EDEN MOTEL

In the early 1950’s, 11-year-old Dal accompanies his stepfather Mr. Sabatini on a business trip to rural community in Idaho, where Dal Makes new friends and becomes involved in a scheme involving a uranium mine.

YF HAYES

FLYERS

While filming a movie for a school project, Gabe and his friends discover mysterious activities at a supposedly vacant house.

YF JONES

HOWL’S MOVING CASTLE

Feisty Sophie falls in love with the wizard Howl, even as she sees that he’s messy, vain, hysterical, and vulnerable.

YF KENT

KIMCHI AND CALAMARI

Adopted from Korea by Italian parents, 14-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.

YF LLEWELLYN

THE RETURN OF DEATH ERIC

Convinced that a raven has cursed him with bad luck, Eric Thrashmettle ends his career as leader of Death Eric, the best rock band in the universe. After retiring, he loses all the money and becomes an embarrassment to his two children. His children bring the band out of retirement and generate money.

YF LUBAR

WIZARDS OF THE GAME

Eighth grader Mercer, whose passion is the fantasy role-playing game Wizards of the Warrior World, hopes to use a fun raiser to bring a gaming convention to his middle school, but instead he attracts for genuine Wizards who are trapped on Earth and want his help in returning to their own world.

YF MATAS

A MEETING OF MINDS

When Lenora and Coren find themselves trapped in a word created as part of the contest held in preparation for their marriage, they encounter the writers who are responsible for their existence.

YF MORRIS

THE LIONESSE AND HER KNIGHT

Headstrong sixteen- year- old Lady Luneta and her distant cousin, Sir Ywain, travel to Camelot and beyond finding more adventure than they hoped for until, with the help of a fool, Luneta discovers what she really wants from life.

YF PECK

HERE LIES THE LIBRARIAN

Fourteen year old Eleanor “Pewee” McGrath, a tomboy and automobile enthusiast, discovers new possibilities for her future after the 1914 arrival of four young librarians in her small Indiana town.

YF PLUMMER

THE UNLIKELY ROMANCE OF KATE BJORKMAN

Seventeen-year-old Kate hopes for romance when her older brother’s friend Richard comes to stay at their house during Christmas vacation.