


# With a Masculine Touch Grades 5-8



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**YF ALEXANDER  
WESTMARK**

*A boy fleeing from criminal charges falls in with a charlatan, his dwarf attendant, and an urchin girl. He travels with them to the kingdom of Westmark, and ultimately arrives at the palace where the king is grieving over the loss of his daughter.*

**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.*

**YF BARRY  
PETER AND THE SHADOW THIEVES**

*Realizing that Molly and the other Star catchers are in danger when the sinister being Lord Ombra visits the island and seems to control people through their shadows, Peter and Tinker Bell travel to England to help save the stardust.*

**YF BELL  
NICK OF TIME**

*Nick and his younger sister, Kate, live in a lighthouse on Greybeard Island off the coast of Great Britain in 1939. They come to the aid of their father who is engaged in a desperate war of espionage with German U-boat wolf packs that are circling the islands. One day Nick discovers an old sea chest, left for him by his ancestor. Meanwhile, His sister Kate has enlisted the aid of two of England's most brilliant detectives to thwart the invading Nazis.*

**YF BENNETT  
DAKOTA DREAM**

*After being shuttled between foster homes and institutions for most of his life, 15-year-old Floyd Rayfield escapes from a mental institution to a Sioux reservation, desperately seeking a family and a home.*

**YF BLOOR  
TANGERINE**

*Twelve-year-old Paul, who lives in the shadow of his football hero brother Erik, fights for the right to play soccer despite his near blindness and slowly begins to remember the incident that damaged his eyesight.*

**YF BLUME  
THEN AGAIN, MAYBE I WON'T**

*Unable to accept or explain his family's newly acquired wealth, his growing interest in sex, and a friend's shoplifting habit, a 13-year-old finds the pains in his stomach worsening.*

**YF TOKSVIG  
HITLER'S CANARY**

*Ten-year-old Bamse and his Jewish friend Anton participate in the Danish Resistance during World War II.*

**YF VERNE  
AROUND THE WORLD IN EIGHTY DAYS**

*Enigmatic Englishman Phileas Fogg makes a wager that he can travel around the world in only 80 days. With his faithful valet, Passepartout, the two men set off on an adventure with an inept detective, Mr. Fix, close behind.*

**YF WHITE  
BELLE PRATER'S BOY**

*When Woodrow's mother suddenly disappears, he moves to his grandparents' home in a small Virginia town where he befriends his cousin and together they find the strength to face the terrible losses and fears in their lives.*

**YF WILLIAMS  
THE HOUR OF THE COBRA**

*When Rowan, Nina, Xanthe, and Xavier are reunited in a time travel mission to ancient Egypt in the time of Cleopatra, a jealous Xanthe makes decisions which puts them all in jeopardy.*

**YF WILSON  
BLACK STORM COMIN'**

*Twelve-year-old Colton, son of a black mother and a white father, takes a job with the Pony Express in 1860 after his father abandons the family on their California-bound wagon train, and risks his life to deliver an important letter that may affect the growing conflict between the North and South.*

**YF WILSON  
LEEPIKE RIDGE**

*While his widowed mother continues to search for him, 11-year-old Tom, presumed dead after slipping underground while drifting down a river, finds himself trapped in a series of underground caves with another survivor and a dog, and pursued by murderous treasure-hunters.*

**YF RITTER**

**UNDER THE BASEBALL MOON**

*Andy and Glory, two 15-year-olds from Ocean Beach, California, pursue their respective dreams of becoming a famous musician and a professional softball player.*

**YF SALISBURY**

**HOUSE OF THE RED FISH**

*More than a year after Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor and the arrest of Tomi's father and grandfather, Tomi and his friends, battling anti-Japanese-American sentiment in Hawaii, try to find a way to salvage his father's sunken fishing boat.*

**YF SALISBURY**

**LORD OF THE DEEP**

*Working for his stepfather on a charter fishing boat in Hawaii teaches 13-year-old Mikey about fishing, and about taking risks, making sacrifices, and facing some of life's difficult choices.*

**YF SALISBURY**

**NIGHT OF THE HOWLING DOGS: A NOVEL**

*In 1975, eleven Boy Scouts, their leaders, and some new friends camping at Halape, Hawaii, find their survival skills put to the test when a massive earthquake strikes, followed by a tsunami.*

**YF SCHMIDT**

**LIZZIE BRIGHT AND THE BUCKMINSTER BOY**

*In 1911, Turner Buckminster hates his new home of Phippsburg, Maine, but things improve when he meets Lizzie Bright Griffin, a girl from a poor, nearby island community founded by former slaves that the town fathers--and Turner's--want to change into a tourist spot.*

**YF STEAD**

**FIRST LIGHT**

*When 12-year-old Peter and his family arrive in Greenland for his father's research, he stumbles upon a secret his mother has been hiding from him all his life, and begins an adventure he never imagines possible.*

**YF STEVENSON**

**KIDNAPPED: BEING MEMOIRS OF THE ADVENTURES OF DAVID BALFOUR IN THE YEAR 1751**

*A sixteen-year-old orphan is kidnapped by his villainous uncle, but later escapes and becomes involved in the struggle of the Scottish highlanders against English rule.*

**YF BROWN**

**THE TRAIN JUMPER**

*Jumping freight trains during the Great Depression leads 14-year-old Collie to a friendship with men and boys on their way to "somewhere else."*

**YF BRUCHAC**

**CODE TALKER: A NOVEL ABOUT THE NAVAJO MARINES OF WORLD WAR TWO**

*After being taught in a primarily white boarding school, Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages during World War II in their native tongue of Navajo.*

**YF CARBONE**

**STORM WARRIORS**

*In 1895, after his mother's death, 12-year-old Nathan moves with his father and grandfather to Pea Island off the coast of North Carolina. There, he hopes to join the all-black crew at the nearby lifesaving station.*

**YF CARKEET**

**THE SILENT TREATMENT**

*In the summer between their sophomore and junior years, two friends take part in a town's annual treasure hunt, while trying to reconcile their differences and their parents' conflicting attitudes toward their friendship.*

**YF COMAN**

**WHAT JAMIE SAW**

*Having fled to a family friend's hillside trailer after his mother's boyfriend tried to throw his baby sister against a wall, 9-year-old Jamie finds himself living an existence full of uncertainty and fear.*

**YF CORMIER**

**THE RAG AND BONE SHOP: A NOVEL**

*Trent, an ace interrogator from Vermont, works to procure a confession from an introverted 12-year-old accused of murdering his 7-year-old friend in Monument, Massachusetts.*

**YF COUVILLON**  
**THE CHICKEN DANCE**

*When 11-year-old Don Schmidt wins a chicken-judging contest in his small town of Horse Island in Louisiana, Don goes from outcast to instant celebrity. Resulting in even his neglectful mother occasionally taking notice of him and eventually he discovers some shocking family secrets.*

**YF CRUTCHER**  
**WHALE TALK**

*Intellectually and athletically gifted, TJ, a multiracial, adopted teenager, shuns organized sports and the gung-ho athletes at his high school until he agrees to form a swimming team and recruits some of the school's less popular students.*

**YF DEMARI**  
**THE LAST DRAGON**

*Struggling to survive in a post apocalyptic world after his village is destroyed, Yorsh, the earth's last elf, must embark on a perilous quest to decipher a powerful prophecy and find the last dragon, who holds the key to saving the world from the Dark Age that has begun.*

**YF DYGDARD**  
**GAME PLAN**

*When the Barton High football coach's hospitalization forces skinny student manager Beano Hatton to take over coaching the team, he must deal with a rebellious quarterback and his own lack of confidence.*

**YF GEE**  
**THE FAT MAN**

*In 1933, Herbert Muskie returns to his rundown hometown of Loomis, New Zealand, and uses a combination of cunning and psychological threats to take control of the lives of 12-year-old Colin Potter and his family as part of a plan to get even for the mistreatment he suffered as a schoolboy.*

**YF GREENBURG**  
**CLAWS**

*Fourteen-year-old Cody trades one dangerous situation for another when he runs away from his abusive mother and takes a job caring for lions and tigers on a Texas ranch where one of the owners has supposedly gone missing.*

**YF PATERSON**  
**JIP: HIS STORY**

*While living on a Vermont poor farm during 1855 and 1856, Jip learns his identity and that of his mother and comes to understand how he arrived at this place.*

**YF PATNEAUDE**  
**A PIECE OF THE SKY**

*Fourteen-year-old Russell, his friend Phoebe, and her brother Isaac must find a legendary meteor in the Oregon Mountains before it is exploited.*

**YF PAULSEN**  
**THE LEGEND OF BASS REEVES**

*This book is an account of the most valiant lawman of the frontier. Bass Reeves was born into slavery but eventually became a free man. He then served the law with such courage and honor that he became a legend.*

**YF PAVER**  
**SOUL EATER**

*When Wolf is taken by the Soul-Eaters, Torak must infiltrate their clan to bring him back.*

**YF PECK**  
**ON THE WINGS OF HEROES**

*A boy in Illinois remembers the home-front years of World War II, especially his two heroes – his brother in the Air force and his father, who fought in the previous war.*

**YS RAWLINGS**  
**THE YEARLING**

*A young boy living in the Florida backwoods is forced to decide the fate of fawn he has lovingly raised as a pet.*

**YF REGAN**  
**CAM'S QUEST: THE CONTINUING STORY OF PRINCESS NEVERMORE AND THE WIZARD'S APPRENTICE**

*Cam stood by while Princess Quinn ventured from Mandria to Outer Earth last year. Now, his world has changed completely, and it's his turn to travel to Outer Earth to find his identity while Princess Quinn waits in Mandria.*

**YF MACHALE**  
**THE LOST CITY OF FAAR**

*Bobby finds himself in the territory of Cloral, a world entirely covered by water, which is nearing a huge disaster. He learns that it is up to him to help rid the area of marauders and locate the legendary lost land of Faar, which may hold the key to Cloral's survival.*

**YF MACHALE**  
**THE REALITY BUG**

*In his pursuit of the evil Saint Dane, Bobby finds himself on the planet Veelox, whose inhabitants have retired to their own dream worlds.*

**YF MACHALE**  
**BLACK WATER**

*Just when 15-year-old Bobby Pendragon thinks he understands his purpose as a Traveler he is faced with an impossible choice.*

**YF MACHALE**  
**THE RIVERS OF ZADAA**

*Taking advantage of a severe drought and the long-standing distrust between two tribes, the demonic Saint Dane attempts to take over Loor's home planet of Zadaa, opposed once again by the teenaged Pendragon and other Travelers.*

**YF MACHALE**  
**THE QUILLAN GAMES**

*With more questions than answers about Saint Dane, Bobby travels to the territory of Quillan and is forced to play games where only the winner survives.*

**YF NAPOLI**  
**FIRE IN THE HILLS**

*Upon returning to Italy, 14-year-old Roberto struggles to survive, first on his own, then as a member of the resistance, fighting against the Nazi occupiers while yearning to reach home safely and for an end to the war.*

**YF PARKINSON**  
**SOMETHING INVISIBLE**

*With a new baby sister and a stepfather, the life of 11-year-old Jake is full of change, but nothing prepares him for his relationship with an enigmatic girl, her large family, and the tragedy that strikes them all.*

**YF HAAS**  
**CHASE**

*In the coal mining region of mid-19 century eastern Pennsylvania, Phin witnesses a murder and runs for his life, pursued by a mysterious man and a horse with the instincts of a bloodhound.*

**YF HAIG**  
**SAMUEL BLINK AND THE FORBIDDEN FOREST**

*Accompanied by his aunt's Norwegian elkhound, Ibsen, 12-year-old Samuel ventures into a weird forest filled with strange and dangerous creatures to rescue his younger sister, Martha, who has been mute since their parents' recent death.*

**YF HANSEN**  
**THE CAPTIVE**

*Kofi, the 12-year-old son of an Ashanti chief, is proud to be walking with the men on their annual pilgrimage. There is disturbing talk of ghostly-white raiders who, with other Africans, have been selling village people into slavery. Unknown to the boy, his own family's slave, Oppong, is planning a secret betrayal of Kofi's father. It is this ironic twist that leads Kofi, in chains, to the icy hell of a somber New England farm owned by Puritans shortly after the American Revolution.*

**YF HART**  
**GABRIEL'S HORSES**

*In Kentucky, during the Civil War, the 12-year-old slave, Gabriel, deals with a new cruel horse trainer, skirmishes with Confederate Soldiers, and pursues his dream of becoming a jockey.*

**YF HAUTMAN**  
**STONE COLD**

*Sixteen-year-old Denn finds himself alienating both friends and family when he becomes obsessed with playing high-stakes poker with adult gamblers.*

**YF HINTON**  
**TAMING THE STAR RUNNER**

*Sent to live with his uncle after a violent confrontation with his stepfather, 6-year-old Travis, an aspiring writer, finds life in a small Oklahoma town confining until he meets an 8-year-old horse trainer named Casey.*

**YF HOBBS**  
**CHANGES IN LATITUDES**

*A family trip to Mexico changes a cocky teenager's attitudes as he becomes exposed to his brother's consuming interest in saving endangered species, to his parent's problems, and to his own selfishness.*

**YF HOFFIUS**  
**WINNERS AND LOSERS**

*When a heart condition threatens to curtail his friend Daryl's track career, Curt finds himself taking Daryl's place as the lead contender for the conference championship and as the new obsession of Daryl's driven father.*

**YF HUGHES**  
**DIRTY MAGIC**

*After his little sister Hannah becomes mortally ill, 10-year-old Joe follows a shadowy figure to the war-torn land of Asphodel, a mysterious and dangerous world of dying children. There, he entrusts himself to a devious blind guide, faces ruthless killing machines, and discovers a shocking truth about himself.*

**YF JARAMILLO**  
**LA LÍNEA**

*When 15-year-old Miguel finally leaves his poor Mexican village, cross the border illegally, and join his parents in California, his younger sister's determination to join him endangers them both.*

**YF JORDAN**  
**THE GOATNAPPERS**

*Justin's place as the first high school freshman in 20 years to make the varsity baseball team is at risk as a result his plummeting math grade, the abuse of a young billy goat he sold, and a visit from his estranged father.*

**YF KADOHATA**  
**CRACKER! : THE BEST DOG IN VIETNAM**

*Rick, a young soldier in Vietnam, bonds with one of the United States Army's most valuable weapons: Cracker, his German shepherd bomb-sniffing dog. Rick is planning to whip the world and prove everyone wrong who said he wasn't tough enough for war, but first he and Cracker have to be a team if they want to make it home alive.*

**YF KERR**  
**GENTLEHANDS**

*A teenage boy falls in love with an "upper-class" girl and gets to know his estranged grandfather in one heartbreaking summer which climaxes in a shattering search for Nazi war criminals.*

**YF KETCHUM**  
**WHERE THE GREAT HAWK FLIES**

*Years after a violent New England raid by the Redcoats and their Revolutionary War Indian allies, two families, one that suffered during that raid and one with an Indian mother and Patriot father, become neighbors and must deal with past trauma and prejudices before they can help each other in the present.*

**YF KEY**  
**ALABAMA MOON**

*After the death of his father, 10-year-old Moon leaves their forest shelter home and is sent to an Alabama institution, becoming entangled in the outside world he has never known and making good friends, a relentless enemy, and finally a new life.*

**YF LISLE**  
**BLACK DUCK**

*Years afterwards, Ruben Hart tells the story of how, in 1929 Newport, Rhode Island, his family and his best friend's family were caught up in the violent competition among groups trying to control the local rum-smuggling trade.*

**YF LOWRY**  
**GOSSAMER**

*While learning to bestow dreams, a young dream giver tries to save an 8-year-old boy from the affects of both his abusive past and the nightmares inflicted on him by the frightening Sinisteeds.*

**YF LUPICA**  
**HEAT**

*Pitching prodigy Michael Arroyo is on the run from social services after being banned from playing Little League baseball because rival coaches doubt his age and he has no parents to offer them proof.*

**YF MACHALE**  
**THE MERCHANT OF DEATH**

*Bobby Pendragon is a seemingly normal and somewhat reluctant 14-year-old boy who is swept into an amazing 5 year quest.*