

Fiction

Appelt, Kathi. *The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp.* Chap joins raccoons Bingo and J'miah to try to save a bayou from feral pigs, greedy locals, and a land developer.

Applegate, Katherine. *Crenshaw.* Crenshaw is a cat. He's large, he's outspoken, and he's imaginary. He's been gone for four years, but has come back into Jackson's life to help him when his family falls on hard times.

Banks, Angelica. *Finding Serendipity.* When Tuesday McGillycuddy and her beloved dog, Baxterr, discover that Tuesday's mother—the famous author Serendipity Smith—has gone missing, they set out on a magical adventure.

Fitzgerald, John D. *The Great Brain (series).* In turn-of-the-century Utah, Tom uses his “great brain” to come up with a series of money-making schemes.

Gannon, Nicholas. *The Doldrums.* Archer escapes his overprotective mother and recruits two friends, Oliver and Adelaide, to help him plan a rescue of his long-lost grandparents, world-famous explorers who disappeared atop an iceberg in the Antarctic.

Iserles, Inbali. *Foxcraft: the Taken.* The first book in a thrilling fantasy trilogy starring one of the animal kingdom's most hunted heroes. Foxcraft is full of excitement and heart, and a touch of magic.

Jinks, Catherine. *How to Catch a Bogle.* In 1870s London, a young orphan girl becomes apprentice to a man who traps monsters for a living.

Levy, Dana Alison. *Misadventures of the Family Fletcher.* The Fletchers have a lot of pets, four adopted boys, and two dads, plus a grumpy new neighbor.

Marshall III, Joseph. *In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse.* Teased for his fair coloring, Jimmy McClean travels with his grandfather, Nyles High Eagle, to learn about his Lakota heritage while visiting places significant in the life of Crazy Horse.

Macfarlane, John. *Stormstruck!* This gripping adventure-at-sea skillfully blends a suspenseful survival story, a heart-wrenching boy-and-his-dog tale and the sensitive treatment of a youngster coming to terms with the death of a family member.

McKay, Hilary. *Binny for Short.* Binny knows she can't get her dad back, but she never stops missing her dog Max, or trying to find him. Then, when she's eleven, everything changes.

Graphic Novels

Bell, Cece. *El Deafo.* Going to school and making new friends is tough for everyone, but even harder when you have a bulky hearing aid strapped to your chest.

Duffy, Chris (editor). *Fairy Tale Comics (series).* Seventeen fairy tales are adapted and illustrated in comic book format by artists such as Raina Telgemeier and Brett Helquist.

Telgemeier, Raina. *The Babysitter's Club: Kristy's Great Idea.* Kristy, Mary Anne, Claudia, and Stacey are best friends and founding members of The Baby-sitters Club. Whatever comes up, you can count on them to save the day.

Yang, Gene Luen. *Secret Coders.* Using their wits and their growing prowess with coding, Hopper and her friend Eni are going to solve the mysteries of Stately Academy no matter what it takes.

Nonfiction

Albee, Sarah. *Why'd They Wear That? Fashion as the Mirror of History.* Move over Project Runway. Get ready to chuckle your way through centuries of fashion dos and don'ts!

Burgess, Matthew. *Enormous Smallness: A Story of E.E. Cummings.* A book about the poet E.E. Cummings, his life and poems that will make you want to play with words.

Cate, Annette. *Look Up! Bird-Watching in Your Own Backyard.* You don't have to own binoculars and know a bunch of fancy Latin names to watch birds! No matter where you live, they're in your neighborhood — just look up.