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Dear Educator:

It's a proven fact: Strong reading skills are the best predictor of whether students will succeed in school. Students who read more become strong readers, and strong readers score higher on both classroom and standardized tests. They have larger vocabularies and a greater command of the language; they are, in short, better prepared to meet challenges in school and beyond.

Regular reading also opens students' hearts, developing their empathy by showing how others think, feel, and act. And what's the best way to encourage students to read more? Immerse them in books that truly speak to their interests and their lives. At Townsend Press, we know how to get students reading. Our widely acclaimed titles have helped millions discover (and rediscover) the pleasure and power of books. They can help your students, too.

This catalog features print and digital reading materials that will engage your students. From the ***King School Series*** for grades K–2 to the ***Bluford Series*** and ***Townsend Library*** for middle schoolers and up, Townsend Press creates books students *want* to read—and we make them affordable.

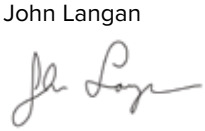
Page through this catalog and you'll find hundreds of **$3** and **$4** titles from a variety of genres and subject areas. We've arranged many into convenient, discounted **collections**—books in most collections are just $2.50 apiece!—so you can easily build or augment your classroom library.

All titles feature leveling information and accompanying teacher guides to support use of the books in class. *eBooks and electronic resources are also available.*

We invite you to explore this catalog. If you'd like to discuss what you see, please email, call us, or visit our website. You'll discover we are as passionate about your students' success as you are.

We hope to hear from you soon!

John Langan



President, Townsend Press

Teacher Support and State Standards

All books in this catalog include leveling information and feature teaching materials aligned with the Common Core and other state standards. These include comprehensive teacher guides for the *King School Series* and *Bluford Series* as well as for the remaining titles. Our materials help teachers both engage student interest and address reading, writing, speaking, and language benchmarks. Details about specific alignments can be found on our website.

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About the Books in This Catalog

Our **nonfiction titles** are suitable for students in grades 6 through adult. Lexile measures are included for each, although experience shows that a far more important factor in determining readability is student interest level. Our books keep students interested!

Our **fiction titles**, also with Lexile measures, include the ever-popular **Bluford Series** (page 23) along with other original novels for middle school and young adult readers. Literary classics are available as well. *Note: Our classic titles have been gently updated to be more accessible to today's students.* Regarding our edits of these classics, one teacher commented:

> "I have . . . long been disappointed with 'abridged' books. But I compared books from Townsend Press to the original source text, and in each case I have been amazed at the sensitive and precise treatment of Townsend's editors. They have preserved the tension and magic of the original stories. Nothing is lost except those things which would be obstacles to today's students."

Our **King School Series** titles, which include 85 leveled books for readers in grades K–2, begins on page 27. These lively books have been embraced by reading programs nationwide and feature detailed leveling criteria. Learn more on page 30 or online at **www.townsendpress.com**.

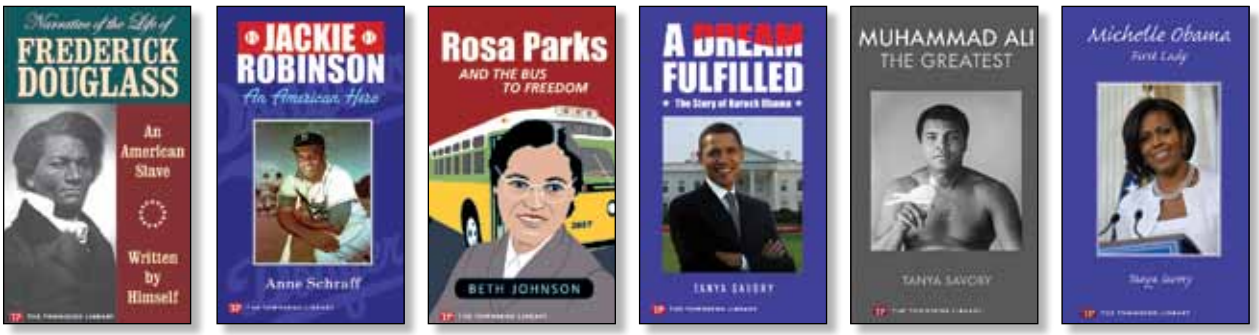
Townsend Library Collections

Townsend Library Collections Key

As a convenience to educators, we've bundled related Townsend Library books into collections that allow you to easily extend your classroom offerings or deepen your coverage of a specific genre or topic.

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African American Collection

17 Books / Lexile 670–1060L / $45.90 / Item # TL-AA

Books in this collection will have particular appeal to readers interested in the African American experience and the history of Black Americans.

A Dream Fulfilled: The Story of Barack Obama
Brother to Brother: Black Men Speak to Young Black Men
Foster Care Odyssey: A Black Girl's Story
Harriet Tubman: Freedom Leader
Ida B. Wells: Woman of Courage
Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl
Jackie Robinson: An American Hero
Learning to Live: A Black Woman's Journey Beyond Foster Care
Martin Luther King, Jr. : Warrior for Peace
Michelle Obama: First Lady
Muhammad Ali: The Greatest
Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass
Rod Sutton: My Story
Rosa Parks and the Bus to Freedom
Sister to Sister: Black Women Speak to Young Black Women
Up From Slavery: An Autobiography
William Still and the Underground Railroad

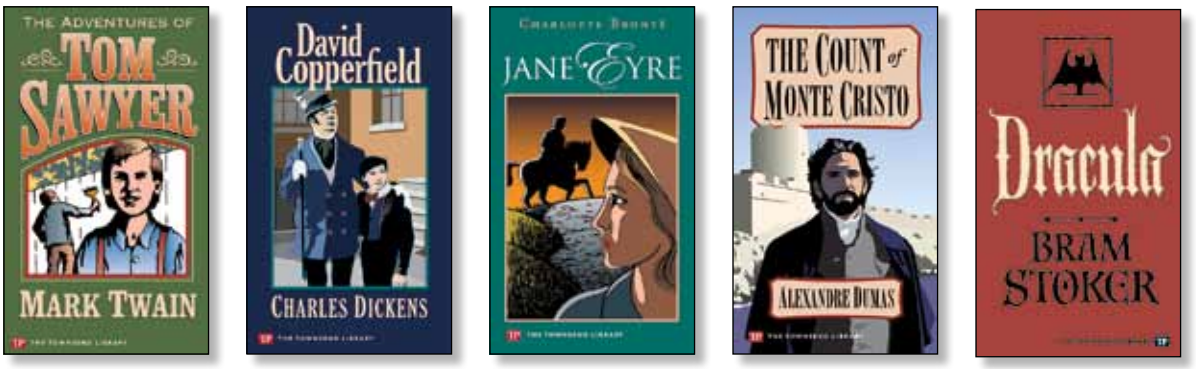
Anti-Bullying Collection

5 Books / Lexile 560-960L / $13.50 / Item # TL-AB

Titles in this collection work to reduce and prevent bullying. These titles include:

- For grades 3–5: *From Best Friend to Bully*
- For grades 6–10: *The Bully, Pretty Ugly,* and *Girls Like Me*
- For grades 5–10: A nonfiction anti-bullying book called *Bullying in Schools: What You Need to Know*





Books in these collections of fictional works will have particular appeal to readers looking for classic works of literature.

Note: Our classic titles have been *gently updated*—**not** abridged—to make them more accessible to today's students. As we produce a Townsend Library title, we seek to edit the material carefully and respectfully in order to preserve the qualities that have made the book a classic.

Classics Collection: Volume 1

25 Books / Lexile 580–1130L / $67.50 / Item #: TL-C1

- A Tale of Two Cities
- Anne of Green Gables
- Black Beauty
- Captains Courageous
- David Copperfield
- Dracula
- Ethan Frome
- Far From the Madding Crowd
- Frankenstein and Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde
- Great Expectations
- Great Stories of Suspense and Adventure
- Gulliver's Travels
- Jane Eyre
- King Arthur and His Knights
- Lad: A Dog
- Laughter and Chills
- Little Women
- My Antonia
- Oliver Twist
- Pollyanna
- Pride and Prejudice
- Ragged Dick
- Robinson Crusoe
- Silas Marner
- Sister Carrie

Classics Collection: Volume 2

25 Books / Lexile 550–1030L / $67.50 / Item #: TL-C2

- Tarzan of the Apes
- The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
- The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
- The Beasts of Tarzan
- The Call of the Wild
- The Count of Monte Cristo
- The Hound of the Baskervilles
- The Jungle Book
- The Last of the Mohicans
- The Mark of Zorro
- The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood
- The Odyssey
- The Prince and the Pauper
- The Red Badge of Courage
- The Return of Tarzan
- The Return of the Native
- The Scarlet Letter
- The Sea-Wolf
- The Swiss Family Robinson
- The Virginian
- The Wind in the Willows
- The Wizard of Oz
- Treasure Island
- Uncle Tom's Cabin
- White Fang

Bluford Series Collection



Bluford Series Collection

24 Books / Lexile 570–760L / $72 / Item #: TL-BL

The *Bluford Series* is a collection of 24 high-interest novels that have captivated teens throughout the country. (See page 23 for more on the *Bluford Series*.)

- Lost and Found
- A Matter of Trust
- Secrets in the Shadows
- Someone to Love Me
- The Bully
- The Gun
- Until We Meet Again
- Blood Is Thicker
- Brothers in Arms
- The Fallen
- Summer of Secrets
- Shattered
- Search for Safety
- No Way Out
- Schooled
- Breaking Point
- The Test
- Pretty Ugly
- Promises to Keep
- Survivor
- Girls Like Me
- The Chosen
- Alone
- NEW On the Run

Fantasy and Science Fiction Collection

Fantasy and Science Fiction Collection

7 Books / Lexile 940–1230L / $18.90 / Item #: TL-FS

Books in this collection will have particular appeal to readers who enjoy fantasy and science fiction genres.



- A Princess of Mars
- The Gods of Mars
- The Jungle Book
- The War of the Worlds
- The Warlord of Mars
- The Wind in the Willows
- The Wizard of Oz

High-Interest Anthologies Collection

High-Interest Anthologies Collection

10 Books / Lexile 550–1060L / $27 / Item #: TL-HA

Books in this collection each offer an engaging array of short stories or essays revolving around a particular theme, such as love, sports, animals, scary tales, medical stories, and classic short stories—to name just a few.



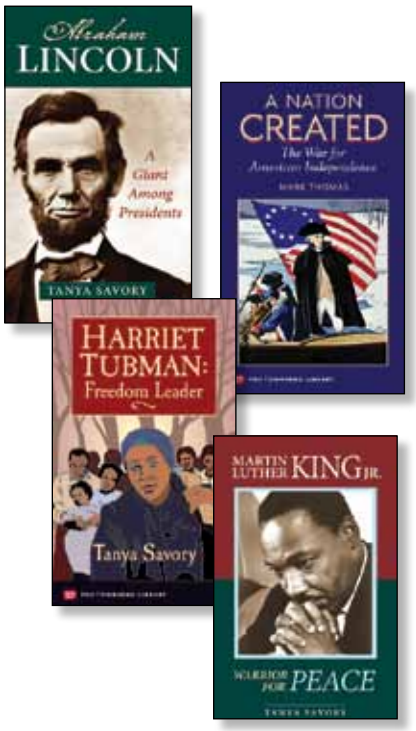
- Animal Rescue
- Creatures that Can Kill You
- Great Moments in Sports
- Great Stories of Suspense and Adventure
- Laughter and Chills
- Scary Medical Stories
- Scary Stories
- The Power of Determination
- The Power of Love
- Timeless Tales of Heroes, Villains, Victims, and Fools

History Collection

14 Books / Lexile 740–1080L / $37.80 / Item #: TL-HC

Books in this collection will have particular appeal to readers interested in U.S. history.

A Nation Created:
The War for American Independence
A Nation Divided: The American Civil War
Abraham Lincoln:
A Giant Among Presidents
Harriet Tubman: Freedom Leader
Ida B. Wells: Woman of Courage
Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl
John F. Kennedy
Martin Luther King, Jr.: Warrior for Peace
Narrative of the Life of
Frederick Douglass: An American Slave
Rosa Parks and the Bus to Freedom
The Deadliest War:
The Story of World War II
The Story of Blima: A Holocaust Survivor
Up From Slavery: An Autobiography
William Still and the Underground Railroad



Latino Collection

Latino Collection

10 Books / Lexile 570–720L / $27 / Item #: TL-LC

Books in this collection will have particular appeal to readers interested in the Latino-American experience.

¡Leer Cambió Mi Vida!
Breaking Point (Bluford Series)
Brothers in Arms (Bluford Series)
Guadalupe Quintanilla: My Story
Hermanos en Armas (Bluford Series)
La Vida Real:
True Stories of Latino Students Today
Maria Cardenas: My Story
Roberto Clemente:
The Story of a Champion
The Fallen (Bluford Series)
Voces Latinas:
Hispanic Adults Speak to Hispanic Young People



Middle Grade Fiction Collection

Middle Grade Fiction Collection

7 Books / Lexile 550–780L / $18.90 / Item #: TL-MG

Books in this collection are intended for readers in grades 3–6.

- From Best Friend to Bully
- Lost on the Mountain
- Nibbles and the Crazy Science Experiment
- Rebounding
- Scary Stories
- Second Wind
- Swamp Curse

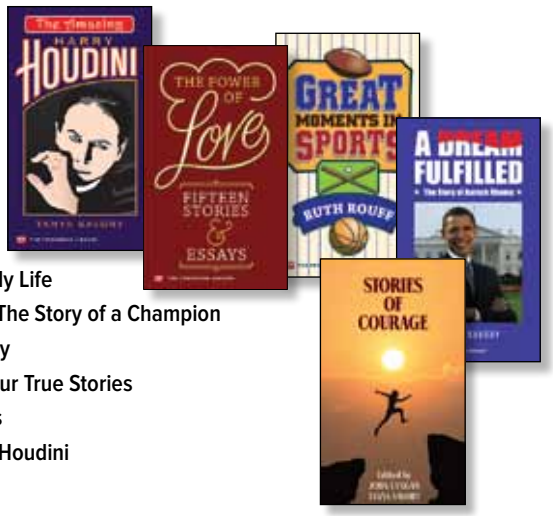


Remarkable Personal Stories Collection

Remarkable Personal Stories Collection

24 Books / Lexile 570–1060L / $64.80 / Item #: TL-PS

Books in this collection are nonfiction and will have particular appeal to readers looking for inspiring true stories about real people.



- Brother to Brother
- Everyday Heroes
- Facing Addiction: Three True Stories
- Guadalupe Quintanilla: A Bilingual Book
- Helen Keller: From Darkness to Light
- It Couldn't Happen To Me: Three True Stories of Teenage Moms
- La Vida Real: True Stories of Latino Students Today
- Letters My Mother Never Read: An Abandoned Child's Journey
- Making the Most of Your Life
- Maria Cardenas: A Bilingual Book
- Muhammad Ali: The Greatest
- The Power of Determination
- Reading Changed My Life
- Roberto Clemente: The Story of a Champion
- Rod Sutton: My Story
- Surviving Abuse: Four True Stories
- Ten Real Life Stories
- The Amazing Harry Houdini
- Sister to Sister
- The Stolen Light
- Stories of Courage
- The Story of Blima: A Holocaust Survivor
- Unexpected Blessings: Hope and Healing in the Face of Illness
- Voces Latinas: Hispanic Adults Speak to Hispanic Young People

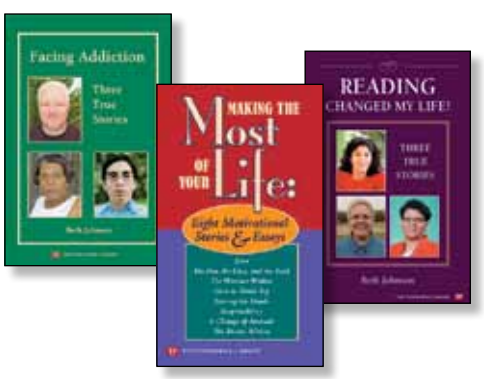
Social Issues / Self Help Collection

Social Issues / Self Help Collection

11 Books / Lexile 820–1060L / $29.70 / Item #: TL-SI

Books in this collection will have particular appeal to readers interested in true stories about people confronting real-life issues and overcoming adversity.

- Bullying in Schools
- Everyday Heroes
- Facing Addiction
- Foster Care Odyssey
- It Couldn't Happen to Me
- La Vida Real
- Making the Most of Your Life
- The Power of Determination
- Reading Changed My Life
- Surviving Abuse
- Unexpected Blessings

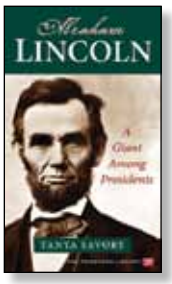


Abraham Lincoln: A Giant Among Presidents

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Tanya Savory

185 pages / ISBN 1-59194-180-6 / Lexile 940L



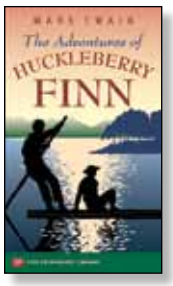
Abraham Lincoln grew up with little more than a second-grade education. Still, he developed a sharp mind, a keen sense of humor, and a kind heart. Lincoln carried these qualities with him from a dirt-floor cabin in Kentucky all the way to the White House. As President, he would fight to keep our country from breaking apart, and he would ultimately free 4,000,000 slaves. However, there would be a price to pay for these triumphs—a very high price, indeed.

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

C2

Mark Twain

181 pages / ISBN 1-59194-029-X / Lexile 720L



Two runaways, the white boy Huck and the black man Jim, join forces. Huck has fled an abusive father. Jim has fled slavery. In their quest for freedom, Huck and Jim travel down the Mississippi River, encountering many dangers.

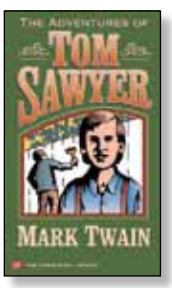
Will they escape oppression and abuse? Or will the powerful forces against them prove stronger than their brave defiance?

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

C2

Mark Twain

180 pages / ISBN 1-59194-025-7 / Lexile 740L



While hiding in a graveyard, Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn witness a murder. Terrified of the killer, Tom and Huck take an oath of secrecy. But then an innocent man is accused of the crime and jailed. Will Tom and Huck speak out to save the innocent man from hanging? Meanwhile a search for buried treasure puts Tom and Huck once again, in the killer's path.

The Amazing Harry Houdini

PS

Tanya Savory

199 pages / ISBN 1-59194-175-X / Lexile 900L



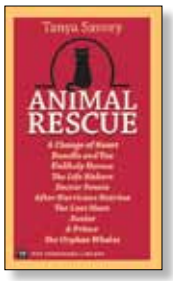
Harry Houdini escaped from prison cells, swallowed needles, and made elephants disappear. How did he do such amazing tricks? Some people believed he was actually a wizard with secret powers. But Houdini knew his only "secret powers" were hard work and imagination. This is the story of the poor boy who grew up to be the most famous magician in the world.

Animal Rescue

HA

Tanya Savory

153 pages / ISBN 1-59194-107-5 / Lexile 840L



When it comes to "animal rescue," the rescuer is often a human rescuing an animal. But it can also involve an animal rescuing a human. This book tells ten true stories from both sides—amazing feats of courage, kindness, and love.

Anne Frank: Courage, Sorrow, and a Lasting Legacy

PS

Deborah A. Grandinetti

72 pages / ISBN 1-59194-550-X / Lexile 880L



Anne Frank was 13 when she and her family fled from the Nazis during World War II. They spent the next two years hiding in the secret annex of an Amsterdam office building, never once going outside. During that period, Anne kept a diary. She poured her heart into it.

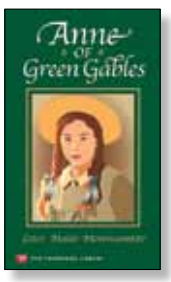
What was life like for Anne before the Nazis found her family? What happened once they did? How did her diary become an international bestseller? This is Anne's story.

Anne of Green Gables

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Lucy Maud Montgomery

269 pages / ISBN 1-59194-114-8 / Lexile 710L



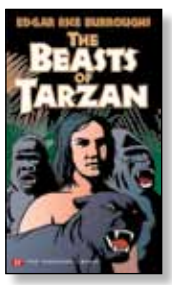
Matthew and Marilla Cuthbert need someone to help work their farm near the little village of Avonlea. So they decide to "take in" an orphan from a distant city. They are sent Anne Shirley—a strong-willed, talkative, redheaded girl with a quick temper, a wild imagination, and a mind of her own. How will living in this quiet little village change Anne? And how will Anne change the life of the village?

The Beasts of Tarzan

C2

Edgar Rice Burroughs

217 pages / ISBN 1-59194-033-8 / Lexile 960L



After Tarzan's son is kidnapped, Tarzan and Jane are lured into a dangerous trap that separates them. In their desperate search for each other and for their son, they are drawn deep into the perilous African jungle, where the evil schemes of Tarzan's enemies threaten them at every step. Tarzan must draw on his animal strength and his human intelligence—as well as the beasts of the jungle—to try to reunite his family in safety.

Black Beauty

C1

Anna Sewell

234 pages / ISBN 1-59194-046-X / Lexile 770L



As a colt, Black Beauty lives happily with his mother on a farm. Then he is sold to a country gentleman whose family uses him as a riding and carriage horse. He is then passed on to other owners, some of whom are kind while others are negligent and cruel. Throughout, Black Beauty desires considerate treatment, close companionship, and a permanent home. Will he find them?

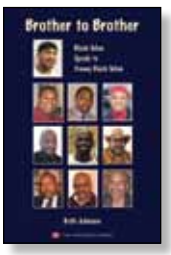
Brother to Brother:

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Black Men Speak to Young Black Men

Beth Johnson

148 pages / ISBN 1-59194-178-4 / Lexile 890L



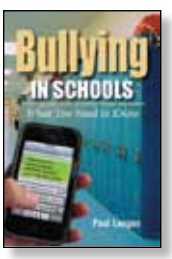
We asked ten African American men from a wide range of backgrounds this question: If you had a chance to speak to the young Black men of America, what would you say? The essays in *Brother to Brother* are their answers. In this book, you will read the frequently encouraging, sometimes angry, occasionally sad, often challenging, but always thoughtful words of these ten men.

Bullying In Schools: What You Need to Know

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Paul Langan

217 pages / ISBN 1-59194-249-7 / Lexile 960L



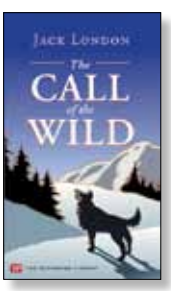
This powerful 75-page booklet features true stories, classroom activities, and hands-on strategies to combat bullying and cyberbullying. Respectful and empathetic, *Bullying in Schools* speaks to all students impacted by this problem: bullies, their targets, and bystanders alike.

The Call of the Wild

C2

Jack London

137 pages / ISBN 1-59194-001-X / Lexile 990L



In the brutal Arctic, all creatures learn the harsh laws of nature. After being kidnapped from his comfortable home, the great dog Buck is thrown into a world where the only law is the law of survival. Working as an Alaskan sled dog, the formerly pampered pet must learn to fight, steal, and even kill in order to live. Will Buck answer the call of the wild?

Captains Courageous

C1

Rudyard Kipling

209 pages / ISBN 1-59194-084-2 / Lexile 850L



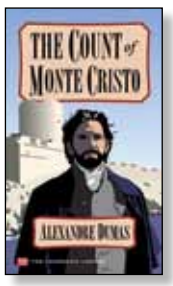
The spoiled son of a millionaire, Harvey Cheyne is used to living a life of luxury. But when an accident at sea brings him to the deck of a Massachusetts fishing boat, he is suddenly thrown into a world he knows nothing about. Will he survive in a world where money does not matter, and laziness can lead to death on the high seas?

The Count of Monte Cristo

C2

Alexandre Dumas

440 pages / ISBN 1-59194-216-0 / Lexile 780L



Wrongly charged with treason, young Edmond Dantes is secretly imprisoned in an ancient stone fortress on an island. Those dearest to him—his father and his fiancée—do not know his fate. Edmond vows that if he ever escapes, he will avenge himself on those who falsely accused him. Will Edmond ever find freedom and get his revenge? Or will he spend the rest of his life in prison, far away from those he loves?

Creatures That Can Kill You

HA

Marie Noble

166 pages / ISBN 1-59194-268-3 / Lexile 960L



In Africa, night after night, two young lions creep into a sleeping village. Screams shatter the stillness as the lions grab their human victims by the head and drag them off into the tall grasses. Soon the screams stop, and the sound of crunching bones drifts back to the village.

This is one of eleven terrifying stories you'll find in *Creatures That Can Kill You.* And not only are they terrifying—they're also true!

David Copperfield

C1

Charles Dickens

426 pages / ISBN 1-59194-091-5 / Lexile 740L



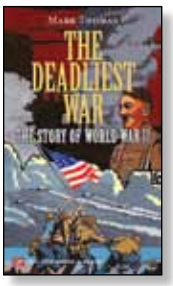
When David Copperfield's widowed mother remarries, David suffers from his stepfather's abuse. David is then sent away, first to a school where the principal beats the students and then to a warehouse where he is forced to labor from morning to night. He then decides to take desperate action: He will run away. With almost no money or possessions, he sets out on a journey that will change his life.

The Deadliest War: The Story of World War II

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Mark Thomas

186 pages / ISBN 1-59194-228-4 / Lexile 1060L



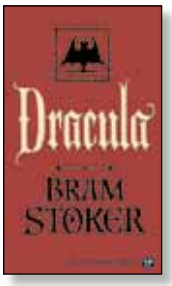
After Germany was defeated in World War I, Hitler vowed to rebuild it into the most feared power on Earth and to destroy those he blamed for Germany's loss—the Jewish people. Meanwhile, Japanese armies swept through China and the Pacific, taking over lands and terrorizing the inhabitants. Before long, Japan and Germany joined forces, and the world was in a war of unimaginable death and destruction.

Dracula

C1

Bram Stoker

428 pages / ISBN 1-59194-003-6 / Lexile 800L



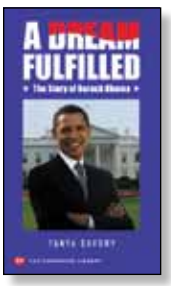
The first and most terrifying of all vampire stories. Jonathan Harker has a job to do. The young lawyer must go to the mysterious country of Transylvania to work for a man he knows as "the Count." At first, Jonathan is excited by the chance to travel and meet new people. But when Jonathan arrives at the Count's dark, deserted castle, he begins to feel afraid. Soon after meeting his host, Jonathan begins to feel trapped in a horrifying nightmare....

A Dream Fulfilled: The Story of *Barack* Obama

Tanya Savory

165 pages / ISBN 1-59194-186-5 / Lexile 1010L

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A Dream Fulfilled: The Story of Barack Obama is about an inspirational man whose life shows us the value of hope, education, and hard work. Obama's journey—from his often difficult childhood to his travels to Kenya in search of his father to Harvard Law School and, finally, to the White House—proves that dreams can indeed be fulfilled.

Ethan Frome

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Edith Wharton

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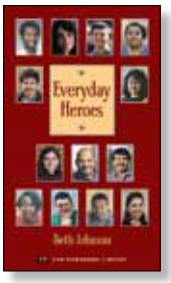
A struggling young farmer, Ethan Frome labors under the weight of a miserable marriage. His wife, Zeena, is cold, self-absorbed, and ailing. Zeena invites her cousin Mattie to come live at their farm and do the housework. Soon after her arrival, she and Ethan fall in love. Should they run away together, abandoning Zeena and the farm?

Everyday Heroes

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Beth Johnson

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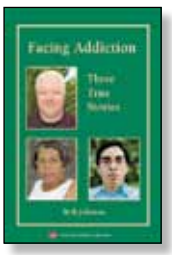
This book tells the stories of thirteen men and women who have faced—and overcome—serious challenges in their lives. The stories testify to both the power of their determination and the resilience of the human spirit.

Facing Addiction: Three True Stories

PS SI

Beth Johnson

107 pages / ISBN 1-59194-058-3 / Lexile 840L



It's not easy to quit using drugs and alcohol. These true stories describe three people's descent into addiction and their struggles to recover. Gritty and sad, painful and inspiring, these stories show both how low the human spirit can fall and how it can rise again, against all odds.

Far from the Madding Crowd

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Thomas Hardy

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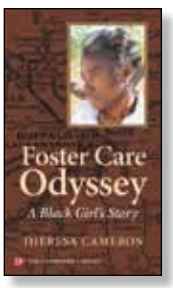
Bathsheba Everdene inherits a prosperous farm in rural England. She says she does not want a husband, yet three men pursue her. Will she marry the handsome yet self-indulgent Sergeant Troy? Or will she choose wealthy William Boldwood, who loves her passionately, but whom she does not care for? Or will her choice be the steady, reliable Gabriel Oak, once her equal, but now her hired hand?

Foster Care Odyssey

AA SI

Theresa Cameron

185 pages / ISBN 1-59194-098-2 / Lexile 880L



Abandoned by her teenage mother, a baby girl is left in the care of a charity in Buffalo, New York. The baby is black in a city and at a time where blacks and whites have little to do with one another. It is into this racially divided world that little Theresa Cameron is placed. She shares her heartbreaking struggle to survive in a foster care system where children's welfare often seemed the lowest priority.

Frankenstein and The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde

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Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley / Robert Louis Stevenson
147 pages / ISBN 1-59194-052-4 / Lexile 760L



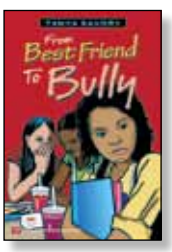
Frankenstein Using parts from corpses, Victor Frankenstein creates a large, man-like creature that goes on to commit murder. Frankenstein then pursues the creature, determined to kill him or die in the attempt.

The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde When Dr. Henry Jekyll begins to look ill and isolates himself from his friends, they fear for his life. A mysterious, evil man named Edward Hyde comes and goes in Jekyll's house. Why does Jekyll associate with Hyde? The truth proves astonishing.

From Best Friend to Bully

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Tanya Savory
46 pages / ISBN 1-59194-272-1 / Lexile 560L



Emily and Pam used to be best friends. But now things are different. Pam is calling Emily names and making fun of her in front of the entire class. "It sounds like your best friend is a bully," Emily's brother tells her.

The Gods of Mars

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Edgar Rice Burroughs
247 pages / ISBN 1-59194-062-1 / Lexile 1010L



Soldier and adventurer John Carter tells the story of how he returns to the planet Mars to be reunited with his love, the Martian princess Dejah Thoris. With his great friend Tars Tarkas, Carter sets out in search of his princess. But she has vanished, and Carter becomes trapped in the legendary Eden of Mars—from which no one has ever escaped alive.

Great Expectations

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Charles Dickens
384 pages / ISBN 1-59194-060-5 / Lexile 860L



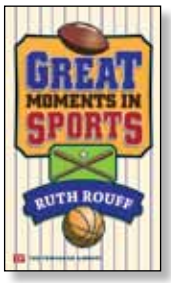
A young orphan boy, Pip, is preparing to become a blacksmith in rural England. Suddenly, a lawyer informs him that he is to be treated like a gentleman because he has "great expectations."

What does the lawyer mean? Will Pip come into a vast fortune one day? Will his new status enable him to marry the beautiful Estella? Will Pip's prospects finally bring him happiness—or misery?

Great Moments in Sports

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Ruth Rouff
135 pages / ISBN 1-59194-270-5 / Lexile 910L



If you're a true sports fan, you'll love these eleven exciting stories of great athletes and their deeds. The book includes such unforgettable icons as Jackie Robinson, Muhammad Ali, Michael Jordan, and the Manning family.

Great Stories of Suspense and Adventure

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Various authors
182 pages / ISBN 1-59194-000-1 / Lexile 880L



Here are two of the six spine-tingling experiences that await you:

- On a lush plantation in Brazil, you'll battle an army of tiny soldiers who turn a man into a skeleton in the blink of an eye.
- On trial for your life, your fate will hang in the hands of a friend who just might wish you dead.

Guadalupe Quintanilla: My Story *(A Bilingual Book)*

Beth Johnson Guadalupe Quintanilla
49 pages / ISBN 1-59194-269-1 / Lexile 570L

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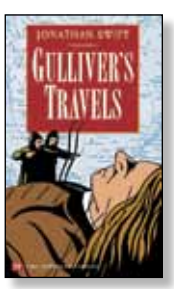


Guadalupe Quintanilla was a happy little girl living in Mexico. She was smart and she loved learning. But when the family moved to the United States, something awful happened. Teachers decided Guadalupe was stupid. They told her she couldn't succeed in school. She knew the teachers were wrong. This story tells what she did about it.

Gulliver's Travels

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Jonathan Swift
262 pages / ISBN 1-59194-021-4 / Lexile 890L



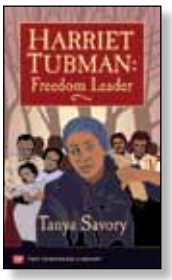
Sailing the world, Lemuel Gulliver makes startling discoveries of strange and amazing creatures. He braves storms, pirates, and cannibals. When Gulliver eventually returns home, he no longer feels the same about ordinary human beings.

Harriet Tubman: Freedom Leader

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Tanya Savory

119 pages / ISBN 1-59194-101-6 / Lexile 840L



Harriet Tubman was born into the hell of slavery. For many years she was beaten and treated like an animal. But then Harriet began having strange dreams and visions of freedom.

She stood barely five feet tall and was unable to read or write. But she outsmarted slave catchers, outran bloodhounds, and gave hope to millions of slaves.

Helen Keller: From Darkness to Light

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Tanya Savory

122 pages / ISBN 978-1-59194-501-7 / Lexile 910L



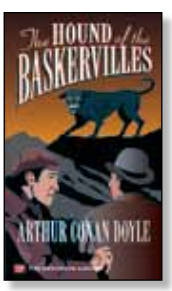
When Helen Keller was a toddler, a terrible illness destroyed both her hearing and her sight. Suddenly plunged into a dark, silent space, Helen could not learn or communicate with others. However, thanks to an amazing teacher, Helen's mind and spirit were able to awaken and connect with those around her. She became a world famous figure and brought a remarkable light to our world.

The Hound of the Baskervilles

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Arthur Conan Doyle

266 pages / ISBN 1-59194-064-8 / Lexile 980L



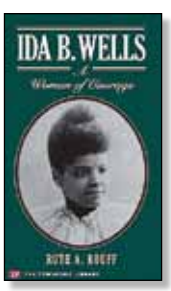
Kindly old Sir Charles Baskerville has died under mysterious circumstances on the grounds of his estate. There were no marks on the body, but at its side . . . the footprints of a gigantic hound! Now Sir Henry Baskerville has returned to England from America determined to take possession of Baskerville Hall. But will he be the next victim of the family curse? Not if Sherlock Holmes can help it!

Ida B. Wells: A Woman of Courage

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Ruth A. Rouff

154 pages / ISBN 1-59194-218-7 / Lexile 930L



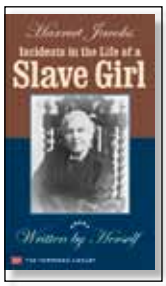
In 1892, Ida B. Wells was a success. Born into slavery, she had risen to become co-owner of a Memphis newspaper. But when a white mob lynched a close friend, Ida's life changed forever. Before long, she was speaking out about the evils of lynching. Some whites were outraged by her words. But no threats could stop Ida from fighting for her people.

Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl

AA HC

Harriet Jacobs

152 pages / ISBN 1-59194-026-5 / Lexile 740L



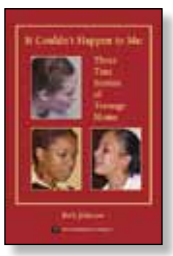
Born into slavery, Harriet Jacobs has no rights—not even the right to marry the man she loves. Instead, she is faced with the demands of a master who believes he is entitled not only to her labor, but to her body. Only great courage, wit, and determination will allow Harriet to preserve her self-respect—and someday win her freedom.

It Couldn't Happen to Me: Three True Stories of Teenage Moms

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Beth Johnson

98 pages / ISBN 1-59194-049-4 / Lexile 820L



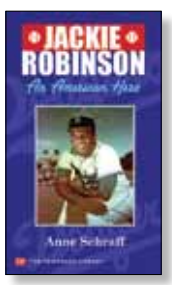
Johanna, Rasheedah, and Rachel are three unmarried teen moms who share their stories so that other young girls won't make the mistake of thinking, "It couldn't happen to me."

Jackie Robinson: An American Hero

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Anne Schraff

138 pages / ISBN 1-59194-102-4 / Lexile 1000L



When rookie first baseman Jackie Robinson took the field for the Brooklyn Dodgers on April 15, 1947, he was doing something that no black man had done in the 20th century: play major league baseball. There were many people who didn't want him there. But Jackie Robinson knew that by defying the racists, he was opening up baseball to a long line of talented young men who would come after him.

Jane Eyre

C1

Charlotte Brönte

428 pages / ISBN 1-59194-009-5 / Lexile 690L



A poor, unwanted orphan, Jane Eyre seems destined to live a sad and ordinary life. But chance has brought her to Thornfield, home of Mr. Rochester, and secrets no one will explain. Who is the laughing woman in the third-floor room? What dark memories torment Mr. Rochester? Will his past haunt them both . . . forever?

John F. Kennedy
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with Chapters on Bobby and Ted Kennedy
Tanya Savory
183 pages / ISBN 1-59194-217-9 / Lexile 1080L



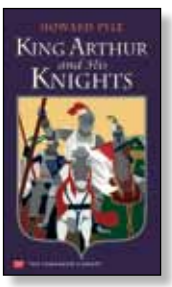
John F. Kennedy grew up surrounded by wealth and privilege. However, he fought sickness and pain throughout his life, and endured the death of siblings. It was, perhaps, this balance of privilege and pain that made it possible for Kennedy to understand the "common links" that all humans share. And when he died, his brother Bobby, and then his brother Ted, carried on the work that John had begun.

The Jungle Book
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Rudyard Kipling
122 pages / ISBN 1-59194-008-7 / Lexile 1020L



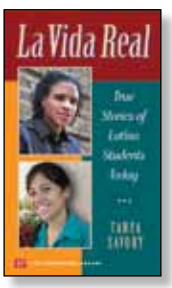
Born a man; raised by wolves. Where does Mowgli belong? A human baby is saved from the jaws of a hungry tiger. Mother and Father Wolf accept it as their own; the angry tiger, Shere Khan, swears he will have his revenge. His friends know the awful truth: the day will come when Mowgli will have to confront Shere Khan . . . alone.

King Arthur and His Knights
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Howard Pyle
202 pages / ISBN 1-59194-074-5 / Lexile 770L



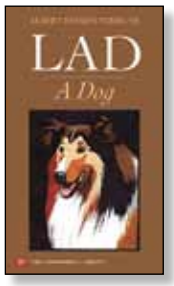
The characters are legendary: King Arthur, Lady Guinevere, the wizard Merlin, the sorceress Morgan le Fay, the knights of the Round Table. Their stories are rich in magic and intrigue.

La Vida Real: True Stories of Latino Students Today
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Tanya Savory
120 pages / ISBN 1-59194-179-2 / Lexile 920L



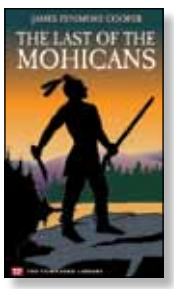
Estimates are that more than 45 million Latino people live in the United States—and that number continues to grow every day. In *La Vida Real: True Stories of Latino Students Today*, a few of these people share their inspiring, touching, and sometimes difficult experiences of living in and growing up in, or moving to, the United States.

Lad: A Dog
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Albert Payson Terhune
281 pages / ISBN 1-59194-215-2 / Lexile 800L



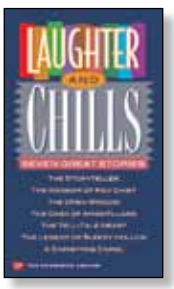
Noble, gentle, loyal, patient, loving, wise, brave, and fair—Lad is a heroic collie that never hesitates to protect others from danger. But what happens when Lad has to defend himself from his own kind and fight his fiercer, younger rivals—to the death?

The Last of the Mohicans
C2
James Fenimore Cooper
375 pages / ISBN 1-59194-032-X / Lexile 930L



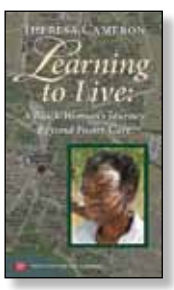
Young Major Heyward is assigned to escort Cora and Alice Munro through the dangerous frontier wilderness and deliver them safely to their father at Fort William Henry. But their guide, the evil Magua, leads the two women and their escorts into a trap. The frontiersman Hawkeye and his Mohican companions set out to rescue the kidnapped women. Who will make it out alive?

Laughter and Chills: Seven Great Stories
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Various authors
167 pages / ISBN 1-59194-040-0 / Lexile 770L



Get ready to chuckle and to shiver—sometimes both at once! Within these pages you'll encounter situations that are scary or amusing, but always unforgettable.

Learning to Live:
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A Black Woman's Journey Beyond Foster Care
Theresa Cameron
170 pages / ISBN 1-59194-108-3 / Lexile 810L



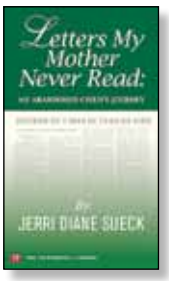
In her first book, *Foster Care Odyssey*, Theresa Cameron unforgettably described the 18 years she spent as a "ward of the state." In this sequel, Theresa tells of what happened after she "aged out" of the foster care system. Without family or community support, Theresa struggles to find her way through the maze of adult life, from college and employment to friendship and romance.

Letters My Mother Never Read: PS

An Abandoned Child's Journey

Jerri Diane Sueck

199 pages / ISBN 1-59194-036-2 / Lexile 870L



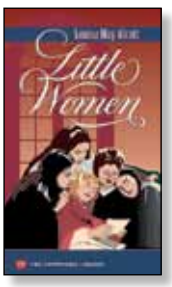
"When her mother died in a fire, eight-year-old Jerri thought life couldn't get worse.

She was wrong. Sent to live with people who didn't want her, Jerri was powerless to stop her once-happy childhood from becoming a nightmare of cruelty and neglect. Only a stubborn belief in her own worth and a fierce will to live allowed her to reach adulthood physically and emotionally intact.

Little Women C1

Louisa May Alcott

352 pages / ISBN 1-59194-113-X / Lexile 750L

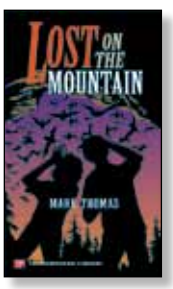


Four young women, with four very different dreams. Behind them lies a childhood of poverty and hardship—yet one that is enriched by a loving mother and supportive friends. Ahead lie obstacles—and opportunities—far greater than they ever imagined. Will they find the strength, courage, passion, and hope within themselves to make their dreams a reality?

Lost on the Mountain MG

Mark Thomas

138 pages / ISBN 1-59194-305-1 / Lexile 780L



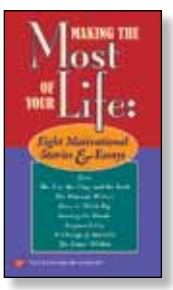
Sam Brooks and his younger sister, Sara, have suddenly found themselves lost in a vast mountain wilderness. Sam, who just last week let two neighborhood bullies make a fool out of him, has to discover how to be brave if he and Sara are going to survive.

Making the Most of Your Life: PS SI

Eight Motivational Stories and Essays

Various authors

194 pages / ISBN 1-59194-090-7 / Lexile 870L



Read eight stories about real-life people who have faced real-life obstacles—maybe some of the same obstacles that stand between you and the achievement of your dreams. Despite their problems, all have found ways to motivate themselves to succeed.

Maria Cardenas: My Story *(A Bilingual Book)*

Beth Johnson Maria Cardenas

58 pages / ISBN 1-59194-418-X / Lexile 710L LC PS



As a little girl, Maria Cardenas was a migrant worker, moving with her family from one filthy camp to another. When she was able to attend school, she sat frightened and silent in the back of the classroom. Today Maria is an award-winning elementary teacher. Every day, her students learn from her that they, too, can succeed when the world might say success is impossible.

The Mark of Zorro C2

Johnston McCulley

311 pages / ISBN 1-59194-071-0 / Lexile 820L



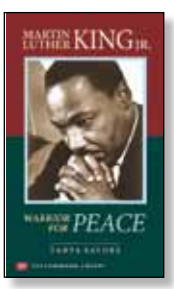
It is California in the early 1800s. A corrupt governor and his army abuse the helpless and cheat the poor.

Out of the dark night comes the bold Señor Zorro. This mysterious masked rider uses his sword and his whip to stand up to the forces of evil that stalk the countryside.

Martin Luther King Jr.: Warrior for Peace AA HC

Tanya Savory

170 pages / ISBN 1-59194-202-0 / Lexile 1060L

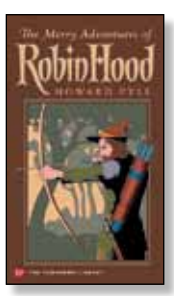


Martin Luther King, Jr. dedicated his life to bringing equal rights to African Americans through peaceful protest. Sometimes the cruelty of racists would test his faith in the goodness of humankind. However, King remained faithful to his dream of bringing equality to Black people. In time, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s work changed the course of history.

The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood C2

Howard Pyle

330 pages / ISBN 1-59194-043-5 / Lexile 900L



Young Robin of Locksley doesn't have a worry in the world—until one day when a man working for the King shoots an arrow at him. Robin's aim is better, and he becomes an outlaw. He attracts a hearty band of other outcasts who lead a merry existence but also seek to help the downtrodden.

Michelle Obama: First Lady

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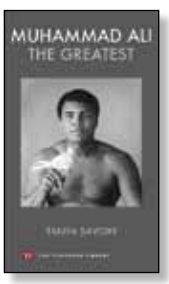
The great-great-granddaughter of a slave, Michelle had inherited strength and faith that the best was always yet to come. This belief would comfort her in hard times, help her through the challenges of attending both Princeton and Harvard, and eventually guide her to becoming a truly memorable—some might say *magical*—First Lady.

Muhammad Ali: The Greatest

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Tanya Savory

137 pages / ISBN 1-59194-502-4 / Lexile 900L



In the 1950s, a young Black boy named Cassius Clay was told he couldn't enter restaurants, swim in pools, or even have a drink of water—all because of his skin color. A burning anger grew in the heart of the boy and then in the soul of the young man who would come to be known as iconic boxer Muhammad Ali.

My Antonia

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Willa Cather

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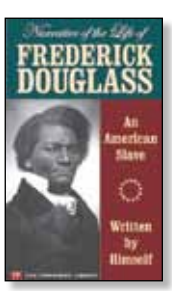
When orphaned Jim Burden arrives in Nebraska to live on his grandparents' farm, he is overwhelmed by the Great Plains. When he meets nearby neighbors, foreigners who don't speak English, their high-spirited daughter, Antonia, is eager for Jim to teach her English. Which of them will be the greater teacher?

Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass: An American Slave

Frederick Douglass

AA HC

122 pages / ISBN 1-59194-019-2 / Lexile 920L



Frederick Douglass was born a slave, denied an education, and expected to work like a beast of the fields. But his mind and spirit could not be imprisoned. As he secretly learned to read and write, Douglass looked ahead to the day he could escape the chains of slavery. Once free, he wrote this classic of American literature.

A Nation Created: The War for American Independence

Mark Thomas

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183 pages / ISBN 1-59194-245-4 / Lexile 1030L



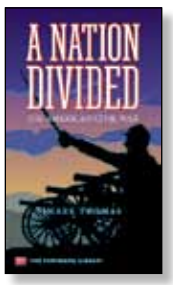
During the bitter winter of 1776, the souls of American soldiers were being tested. Many were sick and starving. Without coats or shoes, soldiers endured freezing weather. Their bare feet left trails of blood in the snow. Still, the spirit of these Americans could not be broken. It would be powerful enough to topple the greatest military power on earth.

A Nation Divided: The American Civil War

HC

Mark Thomas

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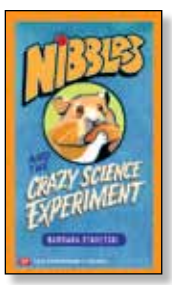
In 1861, the United States was split in half by a terrible war that would drag on for four years. Before the Civil War ended, more than half a million soldiers would die in what would be the conflict that has claimed the greatest number of American lives. But when the clouds of this war of brother against brother finally cleared, nearly four million African Americans had been freed from bondage—and the divided house was whole again.

Nibbles and the Crazy Science Experiment

Barbara Stavetski

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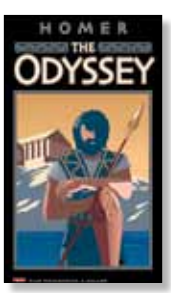
Buzzy Baxter's latest antics in science class have gone haywire. And now Nibbles, the fourth-grade class hamster, can talk! Fearing Nibbles will be taken away by researchers, Buzzy tries to hide the hamster's new talent. He gets help from his old friend, Jeff Woodhouse, and a new one, Cari Perez. But the wise-cracking, trouble-making, country-music-singing hamster has different plans...

The Odyssey

C2

Homer

272 pages / ISBN 1-59194-042-7 / Lexile 830L



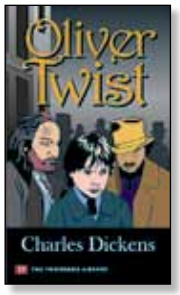
Meet Odysseus, the most admired man in his world. He's a crafty survivor, always plotting his next move. In twenty years of hardship and adventure, he has defeated men, monsters, and gods. Now Odysseus must face one last challenge: a hundred skilled warriors determined to possess his wealth, his palace, and his wife.

Oliver Twist

C1

Charles Dickens

390 pages / ISBN 1-59194-083-4 / Lexile 970L



Born in a workhouse, the orphan Oliver Twist is doomed to a life of misery and humiliation. He runs away to seek a better life, but falls in with some people who are up to no good. Will he resort to a life of crime to keep the only friends he has ever known? With every step he takes on the dangerous streets of London, the odds against Oliver increase.

Pollyanna

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Eleanor H. Porter

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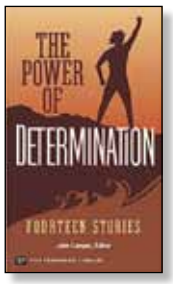
Pollyanna has learned from her father how to keep a positive attitude—even in the face of disappointment and loss. But what will happen when this cheerful girl faces a tragedy that may break her optimistic spirit?

The Power of Determination

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John Langan, Editor

140 pages / ISBN 1-59194-503-1 / Lexile 910L



This collection tells the stories of fourteen people who carry the following belief in their hearts: "I have taken charge of my life. In the face of obstacles, I will persist. When I get knocked down, I'll get back up."

The inspiring stories will increase your own resolve to pursue your dreams and live a proud and determined life.

The Power of Love

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Various authors

124 pages / ISBN 1-59194-456-2 / Lexile 1060L



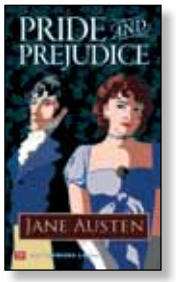
In this collection of essays, you'll read about love in a few of its many guises: romantic love, parental love, family love, the love of a teacher for her students, of a dog for its human, of strangers thrown together for a brief encounter.

Pride and Prejudice

C1

Jane Austen

406 pages / ISBN 1-59194-067-2 / Lexile 920L



The five Bennet girls need husbands. And now a rich, handsome bachelor has moved in next door. He falls in love with Jane, the oldest Bennet girl. Everything goes well—for a while. Then the handsome bachelor's proud best friend, Mr. Darcy, ruins everything.

He is proud, hateful, conceited, and horrid—and he wants to marry Elizabeth Bennet!

The Prince and the Pauper

C2

Mark Twain

232 pages / ISBN 1-59194-015-X / Lexile 840L



Young Tom is a pauper, doomed to wander the streets begging for crusts. Edward is the Prince of Wales, heir to the throne of England. One day a twist of fate brings them together… and switches their identities!

A Princess of Mars

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Edgar Rice Burroughs

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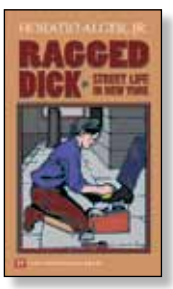
John Carter of Virginia has been transported to the planet Mars. There he finds a wondrous world of fierce green giants, strange animals, unearthly adventure, and the beautiful Dejah Thoris, a captive princess. Can he save her from a terrible death and return her to her people? And can love survive between an Earthling and a princess of Mars?

Ragged Dick

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Horatio Alger, Jr.

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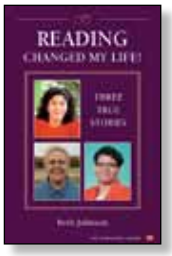
Fourteen-year-old Dick Hunter lives on the streets of New York in the 1860s. His parents are dead, and he has been on his own since the age of seven. He cannot imagine ever being more than a shoe shiner who spends every cent he earns and lives hand-to-mouth—until by chance he meets Frank Whitney.

Reading Changed My Life! Three True Stories

Beth Johnson

94 pages / ISBN 1-59194-012-5 / Lexile 830L

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In *Reading Changed My Life!* you'll learn what happened to Maria, Daisy, and Julia, three courageous women whose stories will touch and inspire you.

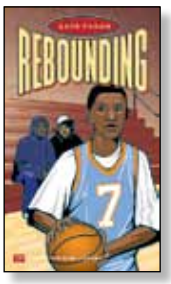
This book is also available in a Spanish version—*¡Leer Cambió Mi Vida!* ISBN 978-1-59194-271-9

Rebounding

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Kate Fagan

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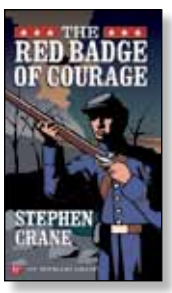
Max Vernon is at a crossroads. He tries holding onto his basketball dream but is soon faced with a series of life-changing decisions. Should he instead run the streets and make money with Raul and Theo? Or should he keep playing basketball even though he feels like a failure? What Max doesn't realize is how much these decisions will affect everything—and everyone—around him.

The Red Badge of Courage

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Stephen Crane

119 pages / ISBN 1-59194-050-8 / Lexile 680L



Against the wishes of his widowed mother, young Henry Fleming enlists to fight for the Union in the Civil War. He romanticizes battle and anticipates gaining glory. However, when Henry finally sees combat, he is terrified and horrified. He reacts in varying ways to war's intense psychological and physical stress. Will he survive?

The Return of Tarzan

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Edgar Rice Burroughs

298 pages / ISBN 1-59194-020-6 / Lexile 930L



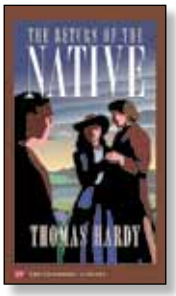
Hoping to win the hand of Jane, Tarzan sails to Paris to learn the ways of civilization. He becomes caught up in a whirlwind of blackmail, attempted murder, kidnapping, and intrigue. When a secret mission takes him back to Africa, he struggles with a decision: Can he stay in the world of the woman he has loves? Or does destiny call him back to his original African home?

The Return of the Native

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Thomas Hardy

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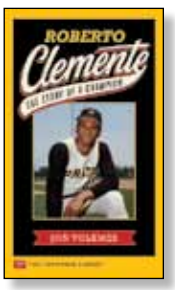
Clym Yeobright is the "native" who returns to Egdon Heath from his studies in Paris. He is soon caught up in a troubled relationship with Eustacia Vye, a darkly complicated young woman who hopes to escape her dreary existence on the Heath. Several other characters as well are soon caught up in a web of deceit, misunderstanding, and misfortune.

Roberto Clemente: The Story of a Champion

Jon Volkmer

135 pages / ISBN 1-59194-103-2 / Lexile 870L

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Roberto Clemente's passion for baseball took him from the sugar cane fields of Puerto Rico to two World Series championships with the Pittsburgh Pirates. He was baseball's first Latino superstar and among the best that ever played the game. But he was much more than that. His passion carried over outside the ballpark, where he fought for equality and social justice. He was a true American hero.

Robinson Crusoe

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Daniel Defoe

248 pages / ISBN 1-59194-068-0 / Lexile 920L



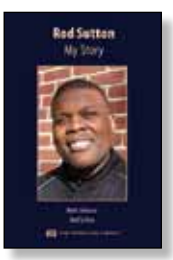
As the sole survivor of a tragic shipwreck, Robinson Crusoe ends up a lonely castaway on a deserted island. After years of praying for human company, his prayers are answered—by the arrival of a group of cannibals. Crusoe's story is the classic tale of a man coming to terms with nature and his own rebellious spirit.

Rod Sutton: My Story

Beth Johnson **Rod Sutton**

28 pages / ISBN 1-59194-419-8 / Lexile 670L

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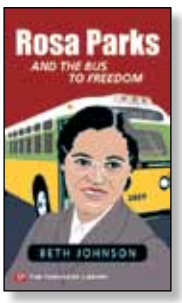
Rod Sutton grew up knowing that he could be scary. As a big kid trying to survive on the mean streets of Newark, New Jersey, he used that ability to his advantage. But Rod had another side to him—a caring, intelligent, thoughtful side. Help came along from an unexpected source. And Rod's life went in a direction he could hardly have imagined.

Rosa Parks and the Bus to Freedom

Beth Johnson

170 pages / ISBN 1-59194-288-8 / Lexile 820L

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On a December day in 1955, Rosa Parks, a black seamstress in Montgomery, Alabama, refused to give up her seat on a bus to a white man. She was arrested, jailed, and tried for the crime of breaking the laws of segregation.

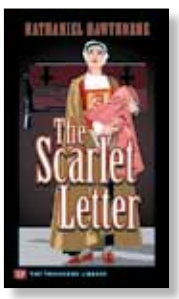
Rosa's action led to a Supreme Court decision that changed America's history and transformed her into a true American hero.

The Scarlet Letter

C2

Nathaniel Hawthorne

202 pages / ISBN 1-59194-072-9 / Lexile 940L



The year is 1640. Hester Prynne is a young widow living in the Puritan settlement of Boston. Two years after her arrival, she has a child. Who is the father of Hester's strange, elf-like daughter? Hawthorne's dark tale of hidden sin reveals the price that the human heart must pay for secret shame and guilt.

Scary Medical Stories

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Marie Noble

134 pages / ISBN 1-59194-292-6 / Lexile 920L



Several children in a small village in Peru became so frantic that they had to be tied to their beds. All of them had one thing in common: They had been bitten by vampire bats.

After a woman lost her ability to speak, tests revealed a dark spot in her brain. The good news? The spot was not a tumor. The bad news? The spot was a tapeworm, living in her brain.

These and other true stories of medical mysteries and terrors await you.

Scary Stories

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Tanya Savory

192 pages / ISBN 1-59194-457-0 / *Lexile* 550L



A curse in an old cemetery can't hurt anyone—or can it? A voice on the telephone isn't from beyond the grave—or is it? A child's illness couldn't be caused by a vampire—or could it? Welcome, dear reader! Are you ready to shiver and quiver, to shudder and shake? Do you dare explore a world of terror? Then, please, do come in. Pick up this book. Turn the pages. Just don't say you weren't warned.

The Sea-Wolf

C2

Jack London

313 pages / ISBN 1-59194-111-3 / Lexile 880L



As a frail young scholar, Humphrey Van Weyden knows nothing of physical labor. But when an accident at sea leaves him stranded on a seal-hunting ship controlled by the strong, brutal Wolf Larsen, Humphrey is suddenly forced into the backbreaking life of a sailor. Humphrey realizes that he must escape from the clutches of this madman if he wants to stay alive. Can he learn to master the wild ocean on his own before it's too late?

Second Wind

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Kate Fagan

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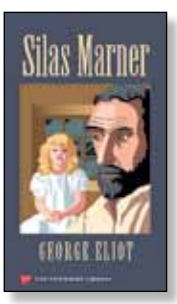
Deena Jackson's world comes crashing down when her father is diagnosed with cancer. Deena has always been a shy, quiet girl, but something changes as she watches her dad struggle. She puts on a pair of sneakers her dad had gotten her the year before and she goes outside to run. Then, aided by her dad's belief in her, Deena sets out to make the high school cross-country team. What she doesn't know is how difficult, and how inspiring, her journey of self-discovery will become.

Silas Marner

C1

George Eliot

279 pages / ISBN 1-59194-048-6 / Lexile 1130L



A stranger with a troubled past, Silas Marner is new to the town of Raveloe. He cares only for money, which he makes by weaving cloth. Totally alone, shunned by everyone in town, Silas's only comfort is his pile of gold. But when the gold is stolen, Silas's world turns upside down. Little does he know that the crime is only one in a chain of events that will change his life forever.

Sister Carrie

C1

Theodore Dreiser

407 pages / ISBN 1-59194-011-7 / Lexile 620L



Young Carrie is drawn to the glamour, wealth, and excitement of Chicago. But to be part of this glittering world, she will need much more money than she can even imagine. The only jobs she can find offer harsh conditions and little pay. Desperate, she allows the smooth-talking salesman to buy her meals and pretty clothes. How much will Carrie have to give up to get what she wants?

Sister to Sister:
Black Women Speak to Young Black Women

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Beth Johnson

122 pages / ISBN 1-59194-204-7 / Lexile 900L



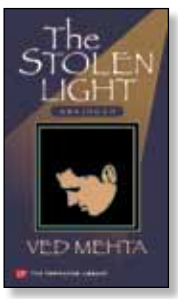
Big sisters are treasures in our lives. As you read through the pages of *Sister to Sister*, you will find a whole book full of such treasures—warm, wise, and loving "big sisters" who are reaching out to you. They invite you to sit with them, laugh and cry with them, and reflect on your own journey.

The Stolen Light

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Ved Mehta

410 pages / ISBN 1-59194-095-8 / Lexile 1020L



This is the real-life story of Ved Mehta, a young man attending college in California in the 1950s. He was an Indian in the United States, a Hindu in a Christian environment, a dark-skinned man surrounded by white people, and he was blind. With compelling honesty and touches of humor, Mehta describes his struggles to live an ordinary college life—while dealing with extraordinary obstacles.

Stories of Courage

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John Langan and Tanya Savory, Editors

154 pages / ISBN 1-59194-574-7 / Lexile 970L



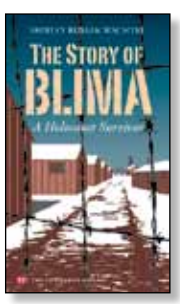
In *Stories of Courage,* you will discover that courage comes in many forms. Some of the nine courageous people you will meet include Roxanne Black, a 15-year-old fighting a life-threatening illness; Malala Yousafzai, a young Pakastani woman who defies the Taliban; and Jackie Robinson, the first African American to play major-league baseball.

The Story of Blima: A Holocaust Survivor

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Shirley Russak Wachtel

133 pages / ISBN 1-59194-051-6 / Lexile 970L



In 1941, Blima Weisstuch was a young Jewish woman going about her life in Poland. She paid no heed to the stories about a man named Adolf Hitler, his Nazi Party, and their plan for a world that did not include Jews. But almost overnight her ordinary life was gone, replaced by a nightmare world of terror and death. Millions of people disappeared into the horror of the Holocaust. But Blima's story survives.

Surviving Abuse: Four True Stories

PS SI

Beth Johnson

135 pages / ISBN 1-59194-057-5 / Lexile 840L



"Abuse" is an ugly word. And to many people, abuse is an ugly reality of life. This book tells the stories of two men and two women whose lives have been painfully marked by abuse, whether physical, emotional, or sexual. The things that they experienced could have destroyed them inside. But that's not what happened. Learn how people can grow strong and healthy even after suffering at the hands of others.

Swamp Curse

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Tanya Savory

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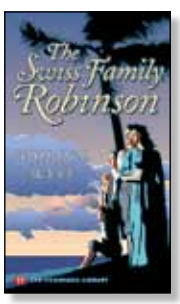
For the first two weeks of their summer vacation, Carter and his sister Christine are visiting their great aunt, who lives next to a big, buggy swamp. One night, Carter is awakened by creepy laughter coming from the swamp, and he and his sister learn about a deadly swamp curse. Soon, the curse begins drawing them into the swamp—and into danger!

The Swiss Family Robinson

C2

Johann Wyss

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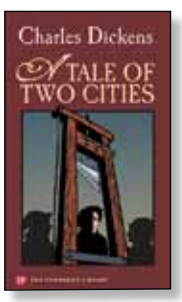
The Robinsons leave their home in Switzerland to settle half a world away. But things do not turn out as expected. The sole survivors of a terrible shipwreck, they wash ashore to learn that the danger has only begun. Their new world will test their courage, wits, endurance, and faith as they struggle to survive and create a civilization of their own in the wilderness.

A Tale of Two Cities

C1

Charles Dickens

362 pages / ISBN 1-59194-034-6 / Lexile 790L



"It was the best of times; it was the worst of times . . . " The year is 1789. In London, Lucie Darnay lives quietly with her family. In Paris, the bloody French Revolution is about to begin. How will the uprisings in France affect Lucie and those she loves? What dreadful secrets from the past threaten lives? When "the best of times" becomes "the worst of times", who will survive?

Tarzan of the Apes

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Edgar Rice Burroughs

311 pages / ISBN 1-59194-010-9 / Lexile 1000L



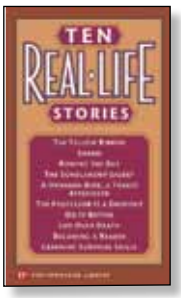
Without his animal strength and human intelligence, Tarzan of the Apes would many times have been a dead man. Orphaned in infancy, Tarzan is adopted by a female ape who has just lost her own baby. Against all odds, he survives and learns the ways of the great apes. But then he comes face-to-face with a beautiful woman named Jane, and is forced to wonder just who the real Tarzan is.

Ten Real-Life Stories

PS

Various authors

143 pages / ISBN 1-59194-059-1 / Lexile 920L



In this book, you will read about ten fascinating people whose stories may amuse, sadden, interest, and even inspire you. Along the way, keep in mind that every word in them is *true*.

Timeless Tales of Heroes, Villains, Victims and Fools

HA

Various authors

135 pages / ISBN 1-59194-210-1 / Lexile 750L



What would you do if . . .

- your enemy offered you a gift?
- you realized you could get ahead by hurting others?
- telling the truth could cost you your life?

These eleven timeless tales show what ordinary—and extraordinary—people do when given the chance to act as heroes, villains, victims, or fools.

Treasure Island

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Robert Louis Stevenson

248 pages / ISBN 1-59194-038-9 / Lexile 760L



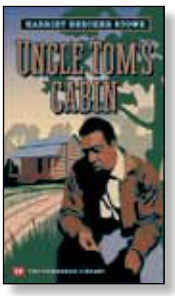
When a mysterious stranger with a scar on his cheek dies, young Jim Hawkins ends up with a mysterious map of an island. He imagines that he is off to a wonderful sea adventure that will lead to a huge treasure. But his dream turns out to include greed, mutiny, and murder.

Uncle Tom's Cabin

C2

Harriet Beecher Stowe

119 pages / ISBN 1-59194-055-9 / Lexile 660L



With her young son in her arms, Eliza flees the Kentucky farm where she's been a slave. Enslaved on a farm nearby, her husband George also flees. Hoping to be reunited, they seek to reach the free state of Ohio and then Canada.

Another slave, Tom, is torn from his family and home. He is sold to a slave trader who takes him south. Tom doesn't know whether his next owner will be kind or cruel—or whether he'll ever see his family again.

Unexpected Blessings: Finding Hope and Healing in the Face of Illness

PS SI

Roxanne Black

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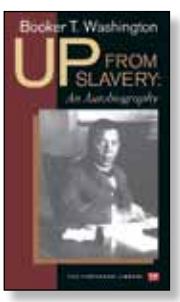
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To be Hispanic in the U.S. today is to be part of the most rapidly growing group in the country. As Latinos become more visible in every aspect of society, it is more important than ever before that they share their stories—tales that add richness and dimension to the larger American story. In this book, ten men and women describe their life journeys. They give an extraordinary glimpse into the hearts and minds of today's Latino-Americans.

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In the night sky over a peaceful English village, the red planet hangs low on the horizon. Mysterious flares are sighted on the Martian surface—what could they mean?

Then strange metal cylinders begin dropping on English soil. Death emerges from those cylinders.

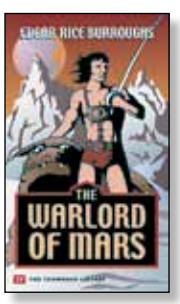
Earth is under attack from an enemy it never knew existed!

The Warlord of Mars

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For six long Martian months, John Carter has haunted the terrifying Temple of the Sun that imprisons his beloved wife, Dejah Thoris. She is trapped with the lovely but wicked Phaidor, who has sworn to make John Carter her own—even if it means murder. How can Carter breach the Temple, whose doors swing open only once a year? And when he does enter, will he find his wife's welcoming embrace—or her corpse?

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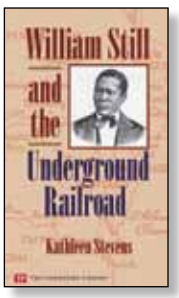
Since birth, the wolf pup White Fang has had to fight for his life. His enemies were hunger, cold, and the teeth and claws of predators. Now, he encounters a powerful new challenge to his survival. Will he be able to adapt, or will Man be the enemy that finally destroys him?

William Still and the Underground Railroad

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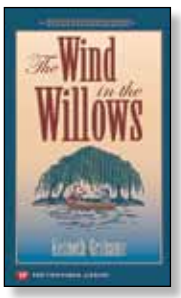
Working for the Underground Railroad in Philadelphia, a free black man named William Still aided hundreds of fugitives passing through the city on their way north. Still heard painful stories of humiliation and cruelty, along with inspiring accounts of the determination to escape. He wrote down what the fugitives told him and published their remarkable accounts in this book.

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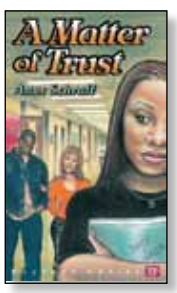
Darcy Wills is in big trouble, and she does not know where to turn for help. First there was the mysterious stranger who started following her. Then there was the threatening note left on her desk at Bluford High School. And now her sister has disappeared. Forced into a desperate race against time, Darcy must take action to save her sister—and her fragile family—before it is too late.

A Matter of Trust

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In grade school, Darcy Wills and Brisana Meeks were friends. But all that changed at Bluford High when Darcy started hanging with "the zeros"—a group of students Brisana despises. Now the former friends are bitter rivals, and the tension between them is getting worse. For a while, Darcy tries to stay calm, ignoring her old friend's daily taunts. But when she learns that Brisana is after her boyfriend, Hakeem Randall, Darcy knows she must do something. But what?

Secrets in the Shadows

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Anne Schraff

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Roylin Bailey is living a nightmare—and it's all his fault. It started when the new student, Korie Archer, arrived in his history class. She was the most beautiful girl he had ever seen, and unlike most people at Bluford High, she seemed to like him. But when Roylin tried to impress her, he made a terrible mistake. Now one of his friends is gone, and someone is out to destroy him. Caught in a tightening web of lies and threats, Roylin is desperate for a way out.

Someone to Love Me

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Anne Schraff

162 pages / ISBN 0-944210-06-6 / Lexile 700L



At first, Bobby Wallace was everything Cindy Gibson hoped for: friendly, mature, and handsome—the perfect escape from her troubles. But when he starts behaving strangely, Cindy gets scared. Hiding her fears from her friends and her distracted mother, Cindy soon finds herself in the worst trouble of her life.

The Bully

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Paul Langan

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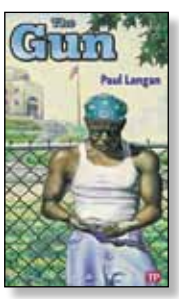
A new life. A new school. A new bully. That's what Darrell Mercer faces when he and his mother move from Philadelphia to California. After spending months living in fear, Darrell is faced with a big decision. He can either keep on running from this bully—or find some way to fight back.

The Gun

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Paul Langan

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Tyray Hobbs wants revenge. Weeks ago he was one of the most feared students in Bluford High. But then Darrell Mercer publicly humiliated him, and Tyray lost his reputation. To get it back, he must take down Darrell. But how?

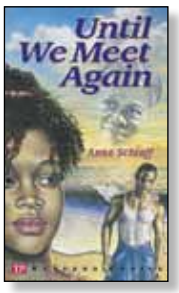
With a broken hand, a troubled family, and no friends in sight, Tyray's options are limited. And when the kids he once bullied start threatening him, his world completely unravels. Desperate to settle the score and regain respect, Tyray sees only one solution: a gun.

Until We Meet Again

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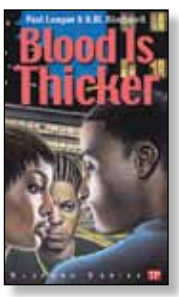
The summer was supposed to be different. With the school year over, Darcy Wills looked forward to the best time of her life. But her plans are shattered by a series of unexpected events. First, horrible news threatens to rip her boyfriend Hakeem away. And then someone new enters her life, leaving Darcy in a world of confusion. Before the summer ends, Darcy makes choices that profoundly change her, and a beloved piece of her world is lost forever.

Blood Is Thicker

BL

Paul Langan and D.M. Blackwell

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Hakeem Randall can't take it. First he learns his father is sick and his parents can no longer afford their home. Then he must leave his friends at Bluford High and move to his uncle's house in faraway Detroit. Things get worse when Hakeem is forced to share a bedroom with his moody cousin, Savon. Once childhood friends, the two quickly become enemies. Now they're ready to go to war, and the outcome promises to change their lives forever.

Brothers in Arms

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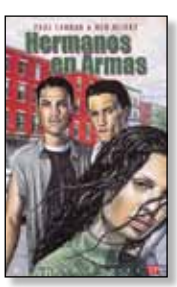
Martin Luna's world is crumbling. A fight threatens to end his sophomore year at Bluford High. But at home, things are even worse. Frankie, the most feared homeboy from his neighborhood, is hunting him. Alone and with time running out, Martin makes a desperate choice. Will it save or destroy him?

Hermanos En Armas *(Spanish Version)*

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Paul Langan and Ben Alirez

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Brothers in Arms is also available in this Spanish-language version.

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Summer of Secrets

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Paul Langan

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A frightening ordeal has turned Darcy Wills's world upside down. And her parents, distracted by problems at home, don't seem to notice. With her boyfriend and grandmother gone, Darcy is more alone than ever. Unable to deny the painful truth she's been hiding, she tries to confide in friends, only to discover one of them has an even bigger secret. Now, forced into a crisis beyond her control, Darcy must take a stand for herself—and for her friend.

The Fallen

BL LC

Paul Langan

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Martin Luna is in deep trouble. And there is no easy way out.

The horrible tragedy that took his little brother now threatens to take him too, leaving Martin at a crossroads. On one side are his desperate mother, a friendly teacher, and a pretty girl. On the other are his homeboys, his old neighborhood, and his hunger for revenge. Torn between the two, Martin's life hangs in the balance. Which way will he go?

Shattered

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Paul Langan

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Darcy Wills is desperate.

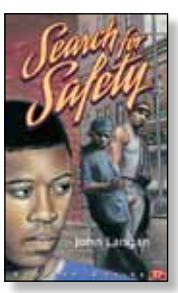
A painful secret is ruining her closest friendships at Bluford High School. And an even deeper lie is tearing her family apart. Unwilling to lose the people she loves, Darcy must confront her past—and the truth. What she discovers will change her world forever.

Search for Safety

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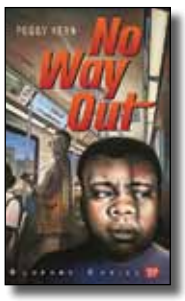
There is no escape for Ben McKee. For weeks, he's covered the bruises on his body. He's even lied to his teachers and new friends at Bluford High School. But the trouble in Ben's house isn't going away. And if he doesn't act soon, it could swallow him and his mother forever.

No Way Out

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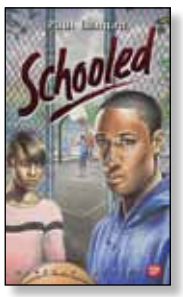
Harold Davis is trapped. Medical bills for his sick grandmother are piling up, and a social worker has threatened to put him in a foster home. Desperate for money, he reluctantly agrees to work for a neighborhood drug dealer. The choice leads him into a world of danger. Will Harold escape the violence that surrounds him, or will he become its next victim?

Schooled

BL LC

Paul Langan

144 pages / ISBN 1-59194-177-6 / Lexile 730L



With a dream of joining the NBA, all Lionel Shephard wants to do at Bluford High is play basketball, but everyone's trying to stop him. His father thinks basketball is a waste of time; his teachers don't know he can barely read and threaten to fail him; and his dropout friend wants him to quit school. Unsure where to turn, Lionel must make a choice. Will he pursue his dream—or get caught in a nightmare?

Breaking Point

BL

Karyn Langhorne Folan and Paul Langan

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Vicky Fallon can't take it. Her father has lost his job. Her parents are constantly fighting, and her troubled little brother is out of control. Once an honor student, Vicky is quickly falling behind in her classes at Bluford High. Pressured from all sides, Vicky knows something is about to snap. But the explosion that hits her home is worse than anything she could imagine.

The Test

BL AB

Peggy Kern

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Liselle Mason is in trouble. For weeks, she ignored the changes in her body and tried to forget her brief relationship with classmate Oscar Price. But when Liselle's clothes stop fitting, and her brother notices her growing belly, she panics. A pregnancy test confirms her biggest fears. Liselle suddenly faces a world with no easy answers. Where will she turn? Who will she tell? What will she do?

Pretty Ugly

BL

Karyn Langhorne Folan

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Jamee Wills never expected it to go this far. The trouble starts when Vanessa begins teasing Angel, a shy new girl at Bluford. When the insults turn nasty, Jamee steps in. She wins Angel's friendship but makes herself a target. Now someone is texting lies and pictures of her all over school. Unwilling to snitch, Jamee is cornered. Will her next move solve her problems—or make them worse?

Promises to Keep

BL

Paul Langan

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No one likes Tyray Hobbs. Once a feared bully, he's become an outcast. At Bluford, his peers taunt him for how he treated them. At home, his parents punish him for the trouble he's caused. Unable to escape his reputation or his past, Tyray is desperate. Will his next move lead him to ruin or redemption—or both?

Survivor

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Paul Langan

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Tarah Carson has a long-hidden secret. No one knows what her uncle did to her years ago. Tarah hoped to keep it that way. But an upcoming reunion is forcing Tarah's past into the present. Haunted by memories, Tarah plans to avoid her uncle at all costs. But when this threatens to cause even more suffering in her family, she must face her past and biggest fear—alone.

Girls Like Me

BL

Tanya Savory

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Angel McAllister's worst nightmare has come true. Her best friend, Sharice, has discovered her most intimate secret. And a new enemy, LaDonna, is on the warpath. Gossip and rumors are spreading through school like wildfire, and Angel's classmates are turning on her. Can she bury the secret and put out the flames? Or will Angel face the truth—and its life-changing consequences?

The Chosen

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Karyn Langhorne Folan and Paul Langan
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Darcy Wills feels the pressure. Her best friend, Tarah, has grown distant since the start of the school year. And a medical crisis in Darcy's family has stress boiling over at home. Then surprising news forces Darcy to look hard at the future. Unsure what to do but unable to avoid what's coming. Darcy has no easy options. Some doors will open, but others may close forever.

Alone

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John Langan and Tanya Savory
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There is no refuge for Michael Tatem. A childhood injury has made him a target at Bluford High. And deeper wounds at home have left him shy, isolated, and friendless. But an unexpected connection at school gives Michael a glimpse at a new life. Can he embrace it and forge a new path for himself? Or will his attempt backfire, leaving him more vulnerable and alone than ever?

On the Run

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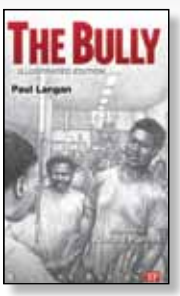


Naveah Kendricks never expected it to go this far. An outcast at Bluford High, she's spent much of her freshman year feeling awkward and lonely. Her one escape, her phone, has gotten her in major trouble—at school and at home. And now an old rivalry and a new threat have Naveah's back against the wall. She is ready to fight, but some battles cannot be won. Is this one of them?

The Bully: Illustrated Edition

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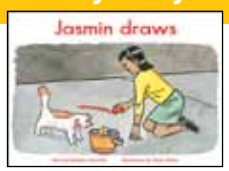
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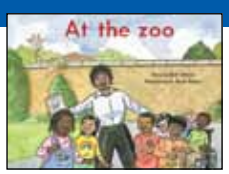


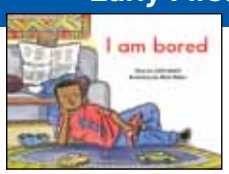




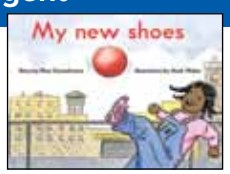
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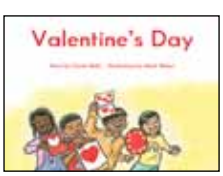








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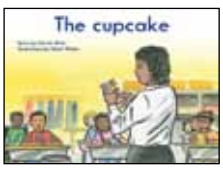








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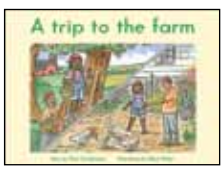


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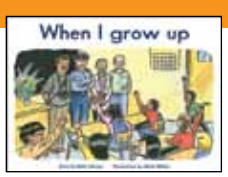






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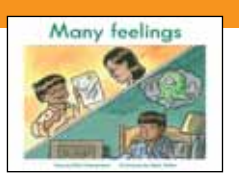
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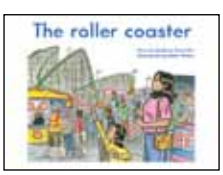




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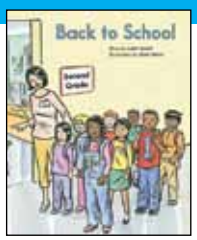


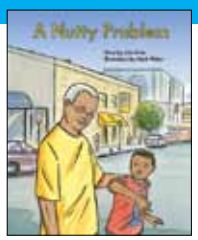


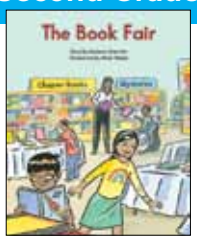


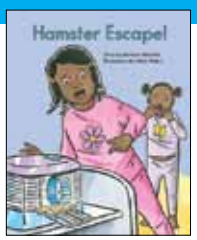
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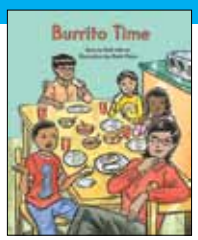
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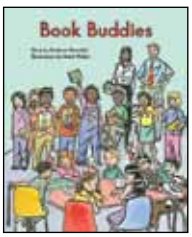


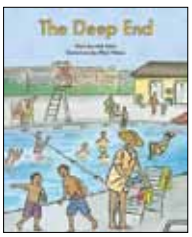


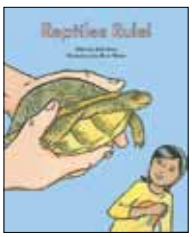




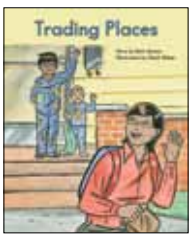
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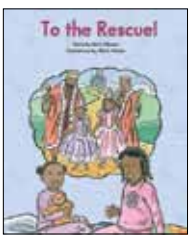


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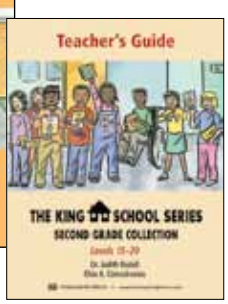
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Kindergarten / Very Early Emergent

Level 1 word count range: 21–35
Level 2 word count range: 36–50

- Stories with very simple structure, all about everyday childhood experiences
- Very large font
- Very short, simple sentences, all one line in length
- Generally one line on a page
- Lots of space between words and lines
- Very strong text-illustration match
- Patterned, predictable text, with repetitions and refrains
- Predominance of high-frequency words
- Few new words, always cued by illustrations

Early First Grade / Early Emergent

Level 3 word count range: 51–65
Level 4 word count range: 66–80
Level 5 word count range: 81–95
Level 6 word count range: 96–110

- Stories with simple structure, most about everyday childhood experiences
- Large font
- Short, simple sentences, most one line in length
- Few lines on a page
- Ample space between words and lines
- Very strong text-illustration match
- Much patterned, predictable text; many repetitions and refrains
- Predominance of high-frequency words
- Few new words, repeated and almost always cued by illustrations

Mid First Grade / Emergent

Level 7 word count range: 111–125
Level 8 word count range: 126–140
Level 9 word count range: 141–155
Level 10 word count range: 156–170

- More complex story structure; some stories about unfamiliar subjects
- Font slightly reduced in size
- Sentences slightly longer and more complex
- More lines on a page
- Slightly reduced space between words and lines
- Strong text-illustration match but not as pronounced
- Some patterned, predictable text; some repetitions and refrains
- Still many high-frequency words
- More new words, generally repeated and generally cued by illustrations

Late First Grade / Early Fluent

Level 11 word count range: 171–185
Level 12 word count range: 186–200
Level 13 word count range: 201–215
Level 14 word count range: 216–230

- Considerably more complex story structure; more stories about unfamiliar subjects
- Font reduced in size a bit more
- Sentences longer and more complex; some have introductory word groups
- More lines on a page
- Space between words and lines reduced more
- Moderate to low text-illustration match
- Much less patterned, predictable text; few repetitions and refrains
- Still many high-frequency words
- Many more new words, generally repeated and sometimes cued by illustrations

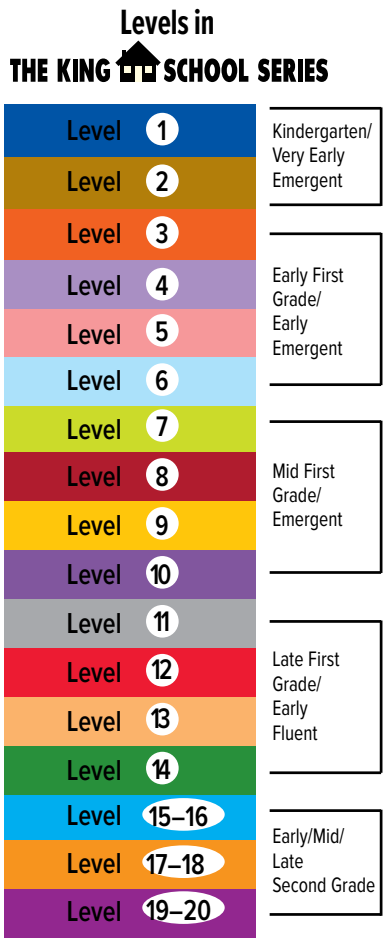
Early-Mid-Late Second Grade

Level 15–16 word count range: 231–380
Level 17–18 word count range: 381–530
Level 19–20 word count range: 531–680

- Complex story structure; including stories about unfamiliar subjects
- Lower text-illustration match
- Slightly decreased font size
- Longer, more complex sentences
- Lines wrap continuously
- In later books, paragraphs indented
- In later books, chapter breaks
- High-level vocabulary words repeated in story

Correlation Chart

The graphic below shows the approximate relationship between levels in *The King School Series* and grade/developmental levels. Because the Series' levels have been designed to match the indicated grade/developmental levels, you'll find it's easy to integrate the *King School* books into your classroom activities.



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