BMX Bully
By Jake Maddox
Illustrated by Sean Tiffany
Interest Level: 3-7
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.2
About This Book:
Matt wants to make the Evergreen racing team, but his chances are seriously threatened when a new boy moves to town and resorts to cheating in order to win.

The Bully Brothers: Making the Grade
By Mike Thaler
Interest Level: 4-7
About This Book:
Bubba and Bumpo, whose bullying antics always backfire, set out to fool their mom into believing they're A students.

Jake Drake, Bully Buster
By Andrew Clements
Illustrated by Janet Pederson
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.7
About This Book:
As a bully-magnet, fourth-grader Jake has learned a lot about bullies. He knows what to do, and what not to do, when being bullied. Learn how Jake tamed one bully in the second grade when he was forced to do a social studies project with him.

Who’s Afraid of the Big Bad Bully?
By Teddy Slater
Interest Level: Pre-K-3
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.2
About This Book:
Big mean Bertha threatens everyone, especially Max, until she gets a dog. Billy finally stands up to Bertha, the school bully, and learns a reassuring lesson about courage.

I Hate Bullies!
By Hans Wilhelm
Interest Level: Pre-K-2
About This Book:
Noodles’ adventures are written and illustrated in many easy-to-read stories. There are always new adventures coming out every few months.

Bullies Never Win
By Margery Cuyler
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 1.5
About This Book:
First-grader Jessica worries about everything Brenda the bully might tease her about, until the day she has had enough and discovers a new way to deal with Brenda.

The Bully from the Black Lagoon
By Mike Thaler
Illustrated by Jared Lee
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.3
About This Book:
A new look for the bestselling "Black Lagoon" series! Hubie has heard there's a new kid in school. His name is Butch Pounder, and he's rumored to be a mean bully! Did Butch really beat up the football team, and eat the teacher's pet at his last school? But of course, Hubie's imagination has run away from him again! All Butch wants is a new friend to show him around school, and Hubie is just who he needs!

How to Tame a Bully
By Nancy Wilcox Richards
Interest Level: K-3
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.2
About This Book:
On Lauren's first day of school, she is seated right next to Bethany, the worst bully at Bayfield Elementary. After some sticky situations, Lauren figures out how to work with Bethany.

Jungle Bullies
By Steven Kroll and Vincent Nguyen
Interest Level: Pre K-K
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.6
About This Book:
Why should a large animal get away with bullying a smaller one? That's what happens when Elephant takes Hippo's spot in the pond, which causes Hippo to pick on Lion, Lion to pick on Leopard, and Leopard to pick on Monkey.

Never Swipe a Bully’s Bear
By Katharine A. Applegate
Illustrated by Brian Biggs
Interest Level: 2-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.7
About This Book:
When Roscoe's stuffed pig goes missing, he is convinced that Wyatt, the class bully, is responsible. When Roscoe finds out where Wyatt keeps his teddy bear, he decides to give that old bully a taste of his own medicine. That will fix everything. Won't it?

Chester Raccoon and the Big Bad Bully
By Audrey Penn
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.8
About This Book:
Chester is afraid to go to school because he doesn't want to be bullied by a mean badger. After some wise words from his mother, though, Chester and the other animals come to understand the bully.

Billy Bully: A School Yard Counting Tale
By Alvaro Galan and Ana Galan
Illustrated by Steve Simpson
Interest Level: K-3
About This Book:
As Billy Bully does one rotten thing after another, his friends dwindle to zero. With a little effort, Billy Bully realizes that a real friend doesn't think only of himself. Kids can count down and back up as Billy Bully makes up with his friends and gets the whole gang back together.

The Bully
By Paul Langan
Interest Level: 9-12
Grade Level Equivalent: 5.2
About This Book:
A new life. An 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 keep running from this bully, or find a way to fight back.

Bully Trouble
By Joanna Cole and Marilyn Hafner
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.5
About This Book:
Plagued by a bully named Eddie who steals their treats, Arlo and Robbie turn the tables on him by concocting an enticing lunch that is booby-trapped with hot sauce.

Beating Bully O’Brien
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 5.7
About This Book:
Why does Tink O’Brien keep punching 10-year-old Rocky in the mouth, and what is Rocky going to do about it?

Freckleface Strawberry and the Dodgeball Bully
By Julianne Moore
Interest Level: K-3
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.3
About This Book:
Freckleface Strawberry loves the Early Bird program at school because it means extra time on the playground, except when it rains. Rain means indoor playtime...and facing the school bully Windy Pants Patrick in a bruising game of dodgeball. Ignoring him seems the safest thing, but what's our freckled heroine to do when she's forced to confront the bully alone? Beat him at his own game, of course. A funny, inspiring story about an all-too-common problem that kids, parents, and teachers will easily relate to.

Karen’s Bully
By Ann M. Martin
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.1
About This Book:
When class bully Bobby Gianelli, who picks on Karen at recess, moves to her neighborhood, Karen decides to fight back.

The Playground Bully
Bernice Chardiet and Grace Maccarone
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.1
About This Book:
Bunny, Martin, and Sammy bribe Brenda, the neighborhood bully, to let them play on her new swing set. But Brenda's increasing demands and bad attitude finally convince them to make their own fun.

Pinky & Rex and the Bully
By James Howe
Illustrated by Melissa Sweet
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.9
About This Book:
When seven-year-old Pinky is teased by the third-grade bully because he likes pink and plays with a girl, he struggles with giving up the things he likes until he talks with an elderly neighbor.

The Ant Bully
By John Nickle
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.9
About This Book:
Because he is always being picked on by Sid, the neighborhood bully, Lucas decides he will bully the ants. The ants do not like being wet, though, and take Lucas to their Queen, who makes him help the ants with their labor. Only then does Lucas see all.

Bully for You, Teddy Roosevelt!
By Jean Frity
Illustrated by Mike Wimmer
Interest Level: 4-6  
Grade Level Equivalent: 6.8  
About This Book: 
Jean Fritz's sophisticated style of communicating allows readers to capture the energy, drive, and achievements of our 26th president, Theodore Roosevelt. The award-winning author conveys biographical information with inspiring detail, humor and historical accuracy. The first chapter ends with the death of Roosevelt's father while Roosevelt was attending Harvard, and Fritz writes, "In his distress, Teddy may have felt that . . . his boyhood was gone. And . . . his father would always be looking over his shoulder." Fritz also reveals Roosevelt as a staunch reformer and an environmentalist, who had an innate love for natural history. Readers even see the young Teddy diligently recording animals' measurements, and follow him as he learns taxidermy just a few years later. A vibrant man with an incredible work ethic, Roosevelt's conservation work, hunting expeditions, family life, and political career are all well chronicled in this book.

Zoom! Boom! Bully!  
By Jon Scieszka  
Interest Level: Pre K-1  
Grade Level Equivalent: 1.0  
About This Book: Every time the trucks try to build something, Big Rig comes along, and — ZOOM! BOOM! — knocks it down! What can they do to stop such a big bully?  

The Worst Bully In the Entire Universe  
By Dan Greenburg  
Illustrated by Greg Swearingen  
Interest Level: 4-7  
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.7  
About This Book: It's April Fools! Over and over and over again... That's right, some evildoer is playing pranks across the entire country! There are whoopee cushions on school buses. Silly glasses on the faces of Mount Rushmore. This prankster is pulling off some pretty peculiar plots! But who better to put a stop to these childish stunts than our eleven-year old superhero? In fact, he's already got some suspects. Like Super Sid - the all-too-perfect superhero that everyone loves to hate. Or could there be a new bully at the heart of all this mischief and mayhem? Maximum Boy is on the case!  

The Berenstain Bears and the Bully  
By Stan Berenstain  
Interest Level: K-2  
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.5  
About This Book: When Sister is hurt by a bully on the playground, Brother teaches her to defend herself.  

Loudmouth George and the Sixth-Grade Bully  
By Nancy L. Carlson  
Interest Level: K-2  
Grade Level Equivalent: 1.9
About This Book:
George is worried when Big Mike keeps stealing his lunch. His friend Harriet helps him with a plan to teach the bully a lesson.

Playground Bully (Barkley’s School For Dogs)
By Marcia Thornton Jones and Debbie Dadey
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.2
About This Book:
Because he is always barking loudly, Jack is sent to dog training school where he makes new friends and a few new enemies.

The Bully Blockers Club
By Teresa Bateman
Illustrated by Jackie Urbanovic
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.9
About This Book:
Lotty is so excited to be returning to school this year, until Grant Grizzly starts bullying her on the first day. Lotty's parents and teacher are unable to stop Grant's bullying, and he only grows meaner. One day, however, Lotty has the perfect idea.

Bullies are a Pain in the Brain
By Trevor Romain
Interest Level: 3-8
About This Book:
Do you have elementary school students who are being picked on, pushed around, threatened, or teased? Help them to understand about bullies and how to become bully-proof. As they laugh at his jokes and cartoons, they will learn ways to deal with bullies. Bullies can also examine their behavior by reading this book.

The Two Bullies
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.2
About This Book:
As the strongest man in Japan, Ni-ou heads to China to challenge its strongest man, Dokkoi, but things do not work out the way Ni-ou expects.

The Wild, Wild West
By Geronimo Stilton
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.6
About This Book:
Jumpin' gerbil babies, I was so excited! I was heading to America for the first time ever. Thea, Trap, and Benjamin were all coming with me. And we were going to visit a real
ranch and go riding and herding cattle cowboy-style! It was sure to be my most whisker-licking-good adventure yet.

The Island
By Gary Paulsen
Interest Level: 6-8
Grade Level Equivalent: 7.2
About This Book:
In a unique exploration into the exhilarating joys and the inevitable dangers of total solitude, Wil discovers the island, a place where he can let go of the outside world. But conflicts arise with his family, the town bully is out to get him and suddenly even reporters know his name.

The New Girl
By Meg Cabot
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 5.6
About This Book:
Bestselling author Cabot delivers the second book in her hilarious new series starring Allie Finkle, the new girl at Pine Heights Elementary. When you are starting at a brand-new school, you have to wear something good. Allie Finkle is starting her first day of school at Pine Heights Elementary! Plus, she's getting a new kitten, the first pick of show cat Lady Serena Archibald's litter! But being the New Girl is turning out to be scary, too, especially since one of the girls in Allies new class — Rosemary — doesn't like her. In fact, Rosemary says she's going to beat Allie up after school. Everyone around Allie tells her their rules about dealing with bullies, but Allie soon comes up with her own rule.

Are You Terrified Yet?
By R.L. Stine
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.2
About This Book:
The school bullies decide to test Craig, the new kid, to see if he is as big a hero as everyone thinks he is.

Mr. Lincoln’s Way
By Patricia Polacco
Interest Level: 3-4
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.2
About This Book:
Mr. Lincoln, the principal, knows that "Mean Gene" isn't really bad--he's just repeating things he's heard at home. Can he find a way to get through to Eugene and show him that the differences between people are what make them special?

Cockroach Cooties
By Laurence Yep
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 3-7
About This Book:
Streetwise Teddy usually stays out of sight of the bully nicknamed Arnie-zilla. However, when his little brother, Bobby, insults Arnie, Teddy must come to the rescue — and become the target of Arnie's wrath instead. Soon Teddy realizes, however, that only Bobby, his pet cockroach, Hercules, and the creepy Bug Lady can keep Arnie-zilla at arm's length. Filled with humor and warmth, this creepy-crawly tale is a tribute to resourcefulness and the unique relationship that only brothers share.

Secret Identity
By Wendelin Van Draanen
Interest Level: 3-5
About This Book:
Alvin Bixby: Hulking, knuckles of steel, hideous breath, foul temper. Kids call him: Bubba. Nolan Byrd: Puny, power walker, math genius, can't keep shoes tied. Kids call him: Nerd. Bubba has been the bane of Nolan's existence for five long years. So when Mr. Green asks the class to become reporters, Nolan decides he'll write an expose-on Bubba. He doesn't want to sign his name to it (that'd be suicidal), so Nolan creates a secret identity for himself-on the Internet. He launches Shredderman.com as a place where truth and justice prevail-and bullies get what's coming to them. This hilariously triumphant story is for any kid who's ever dreamed of unleashing their own inner superhero!

Thanks for Giving
By Abby Klein
Interest Level: K-3
Grade Level Equivalent: 1.6
About This Book:
The students in Mrs. Wushy's class learn a lesson about sharing when they celebrate the meaning of Thanksgiving by collecting canned food for less fortunate families. But what will Freddy do when class bully Max wants to steal his cans?

How to Be Cool in the Third Grade
By Betsy Duffy
Illustrated by Janet Wilson
Interest Level: 2-3
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.5
About This Book:
Robbie is old enough to know that surviving school depends on one very important thing: knowing what's cool. But what is cool in the third grade? he asks himself. He's got some ideas. Cool is a grown-up name like "Rob" instead of "Robbie." Cool is walking to the bus stop by yourself, and not having your mother there with a camera and a kiss goodbye. Cool is jeans and a t-shirt — and definitely not Super Heroes underwear. Robbie knows he has work to do in the cool department, but he's forgotten about one thing: Bo Haney, the school bully. Bo is big, and he's been in the third grade for a long, long time. More
importantly, when he gives a nickname, it sticks. And all it takes is one lurch of the
school bus to land Robbie right in Bo's lap, and land him the nickname "Baby Wobbie."
Now Robbie is convinced he's in for the worst year ever. But third grade can be full of
surprises, as he finds out, not the least of which is his own resourcefulness. Young
readers will cheer Robbie's ultimate success in this gentle, realistic chapter book.

Bye-Bye, Big Bad Bullybug!
By Ed Emberley
Interest Level: K-2
About This Book:
A Caldecott winner and author of "Go Away, Big Green Monster!" offers another
ingeniously crafted novelty storybook that helps children face, and then chase away, their
fears. With a glittering foil cover and cut-out shapes on each page, this book takes on the
problem of bullies.

Bull Harris and the Purple Ooze
By Julie Mitchell
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.7
About This Book:
Bradley has worked hard to prepare for his class speech. However, the class bully steals
his backpack that contains the speech and throws it into the creek. While searching
through the muck of the polluted creek, Bradley finds a mysterious purple blob.

Fast Finish
By William Swan
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.5
About This Book:
Noah Meyers is a fast runner--faster than all his friends, faster than the bullies who wait
for him outside his school.
When he's asked to train with the Clarington Vikings in Oshawa he jumps at the chance,
eager to focus on something other than his father's recent death. Soon after he qualifies
for provincial finals, however, tragedy threatens to strike again, and Noah has to summon
all his courage to stay on track.
"Fast Finish" is the engaging story of a young athlete who overcomes a tragic past in
order to succeed.

Finn MacCoul and His Fearless Wife
By Robert Byrd
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.7
About This Book:
In this amusing Irish tale, the giant Finn MacCoul is challenged by the even larger,
Scottish giant, Cucullin. Join in the fun as Finn's wife, Oonagh, carries out a plan to
defeat the Scottish bully.
Just One Flick of a Finger
By Marybeth Lorbiecki
Interest Level: 3-6
About This Book:
Jack is tired of being afraid, so he takes his father's gun to school—not to use, but to scare off his tormentor, a bully named Reebo. When the gun accidentally goes off during a scuffle, events take a turn that Jack never expected. Vital truths about courage, friendship—and guns—unfold. No one is the same again.

What A Wimp
By Carol Carrick
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.5
About This Book:
Although his teacher, mother, and older brother are sympathetic, Barney knows he'll have to find his own way to deal with the bully, Lennie.

Billy Dog’s Bad Day
By Richard Scarry
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 1.6
About This Book:
The new student at Busytown's elementary school, Billy Dog, seems like a "Bully Dog" to Huckle, Lowly, and other students because of the way he looks and acts. Huckle is surprised to learn whom Billy Dog thinks is a bully.

The Kwanzaa Contest
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.5
About This Book:
In spite of having a sister that does everything right, and being singled out by the class bully, things start looking up for Ron when he enters a local Kwanzaa contest in celebration of his African-American heritage.

Missing
By Catherine MacPhail
Interest Level: 6-8
Grade Level Equivalent: 5.8
About This Book:
When Maxine's older brother Derek disappears and is believed to be dead, her family is overwhelmed with grief. Maxine suffers in school, loses friends and is losing the interest of her parents. Then the phone calls begin: a boy claiming to be Derek. Is it truly her brother, or could it be one of the bullies who relentlessly tormented him when he was alive?

Puppy Power
About This Book:

Vociferous, boisterous third-grader Fran has difficulty controlling her behavior. She teases classmates, pushes her way around at recess, and carelessly shoves her reading buddy, injuring him. Then she wins the leading role in her school play with the caveat that she will be replaced if she misbehaves. Despite being labeled a bully, Fran remains clueless about her conduct, until she takes her Newfoundland puppy to obedience school, where both dog and child learn valuable lessons about good behavior.

Eighth Grade Bites
By Heather Brewer
Interest Level: 6-8
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.7
About This Book:

Vlad has to keep his vampire urges under control while dealing with the pressures of middle school. Thirteen-year-old Vladimir Tod really hates junior high. Bullies harass him, the principal is dogging him, and the girl he likes prefers his best friend. Oh, and Vlad has a secret: His mother was human, but his father was a vampire. With no idea of the extent of his powers, Vlad struggles daily with his blood cravings and his enlarged fangs. When a substitute teacher begins to question him a little too closely, Vlad worries that his cover is about to be blown. But then he faces a much bigger problem: he is being hunted by a vampire killer.

Yikes! Bikes!
By Abby Klein
Illustrated by John McKinley
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.3
About This Book:

Join Freddy and his friends for another 1st grade adventure! Content, humor, characters, and vocabulary are perfect for the chapter-book reader. In this book, Freddy and his classmates participate in a Bike-a-Thon to help raise money for a local animal shelter. After Freddy and Max make a bet to see who can do the most laps, Freddy needs to learn how to ride a two-wheeler fast!

Don’t Sit on My Lunch
By Abby Klein
Illustrated by John McKinley
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.7
About This Book:

“I have a problem. A really, really, big problem. I want to try out for the peewee hockey team, but so does Max...” Bullies are a problem in school, and Max Sellars is the worst
one yet. In addition to hassling Freddy, Max also challenges him for the open spot on the peewee hockey team. Freddy's close friend Jessie is a star hockey player, and she secretly teaches him some rules and tricks. In a warm and funny ending, Max and Freddy make peace with one another, and — in a surprising twist — end up becoming teammates.

The Great Ant Adventure
By Quinlan B. Lee
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.4
About This Book:
Lucas has always been a bully to the ants in his front yard. One night, the ant wizard shrinks Lucas down to the size of an ant, and now Lucas has to learn how to survive just like the ants he used to terrorize.

The Custodian from the Black Lagoon
By Mike Thaler and Jared Lee
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.9
About This Book:
Somewhere in the dark caverns beneath the school lurks the custodian. Is he really a dark phantom figure wreaking havoc throughout the school, making it boiling hot all summer and freezing cold all winter? They say he's mechanically challenged, too. He can't even change a light bulb without blowing off the ceiling! The school's definitely in a fix with this custodian around!

Class Trip to the Haunted House
By Marcia Thornton Jones and Debbie Diddey
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.2
About This Book:
There's no place like home! And Calliope the ghost misses her old mansion. When Andrew — the class bully — announces his family is going to tear it down, Calliope is so upset she can't even speak. Is she hiding something back home? Does she have a secret she can't tell? The kids of Ghostville Elementary are going to have to take a little field trip to the haunted mansion to solve this mystery. But the only way in is with that big bully Andrew. And the only way out could be ghastly!

My Dog’s a Scaredy Cat
By Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.3
About This Book:
On Halloween day, Hank comes to school dressed as a table in an Italian restaurant. Nick McKelty, the resident school bully (dressed in a total blood-and-guts costume), thinks Hank’s costume is wimpy and that Hank wouldn’t know how to be scary and gross if his
life depended on it! So Hank decides to create the scariest haunted house ever, and plans to invite McKelty over and show him what scary really is.

Trouble Magnet  
By Graham Salisbury and Jacqueline Rogers  
Interest Level: 3-5  
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.4  
About This Book:  
Nine-year-old Calvin catches the attention of the school bully on the day before he starts fourth grade, while at home, the unfriendly fifteen-year-old daughter of his mother's best friend has taken over his room.

The Thanksgiving Visitor  
By Truman Capote  
Interest Level: 3-5  
Grade Level Equivalent: 7.1  
About This Book:  
Buddy and Miss Sook love preparing for their Thanksgiving feast. However, when she invites the school bully, his worst enemy, to join in their holiday celebration, Buddy feels hurt and betrayed.

Final Cut  
By Tony Bradman  
Interest Level: 6-8  
Grade Level Equivalent: 5.9  
About This Book:  
Billy's having bad luck at school with bullies, but as he's walking home one day he stumbles into a film crew making a movie and he gets asked to be an extra! The only problem is that it's a horror film—and Billy slowly realizes that the actors might not be acting...

Comic Guy  
By Tim Roland  
Interest Level: K-2  
About This Book:  
Whether doing K.P. duty because he fell asleep in math class, running for class president against the class bully, or working up a science experiment that will get him on T.V., Guy always seems to find plenty of material for his cartoon "COMIC GUY"! His hilarious stories are told through a combination of text and the comic strips Guy features in the school newspaper.

Fright Christmas #15  
By R.L. Stine and Stephen Roos  
Interest Level: 3-5  
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.7  
About This Book:
He'd better watch out... Santa is watching Kenny Frobisher this year. Watching him do rotten, nasty things. Kenny's the biggest bully in Shadyside. And he's out to ruin everyone's holiday. Until he gets himself trapped in a closet in Dalby's Department Store on Christmas Eve. When Kenny finally gets out, the store is locked. Deserted. And Kenny is alone. Until the three most frightening ghosts of Fear Street arrive-- to wish Kenny a Scary Christmas.

Stepping on the Cracks
By Mary Downing Hahn
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 6.3
About This Book:
Margaret and her best friend Elizabeth both have brothers fighting the war against Hitler and, like everyone else they know, they are filled with feelings of patriotism. But the girls are also involved in their own personal war at home. Gordy Smith, the worst bully in sixth grade, teases and torments them, and Margaret is scared to death of him. But when Gordy and his pals Toad and Doug grow bolder than ever, Margaret and Elizabeth come up with a daring plan to get even. That's when the girls discover a shocking secret about Gordy that turns their lives upside-down and draws them into a startling confrontation with family, friends...and their own strongly held ideas.

Our Crazy Class Election
By Tim Roland
Interest Level: K-2
About This Book:
Whether doing K.P. duty because he fell asleep in math class, running for class president against the class bully, or working up a science experiment that will get him on T.V., Guy always seems to find plenty of material for his cartoon COMIC GUY! His hilarious stories are told through a combination of text and the comic strips Guy features in the school newspaper.

Cowboy Boy
By James Proimos
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.2
About This Book:
Ricky Smootz is very afraid of everything, especially Keanu Dungston, the bully who terrorizes their middle school...but with advice from his grandmother, Ricky transforms himself into Cowboy Boy, and stands up to Keanu and his henchmen.

Maggie and the Prince
By Ezra Jack Keats
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.5
Maggie and her friends have a run-in with a neighborhood bully, the Pirate, in this rich story set in the tropics. The story contains a childlike sense of exaggerated adventure and melodrama.

The Gun
By Paul Langan
Interest Level: 9-12
Grade Level Equivalent: 5.2
About This Book:
Tyray's bad reputation as the bully is the only security he has. Then Darrell stands up to him in the cafeteria, showing all the other kids who've feared him since middle school that the tough guy isn't so tough.

Scrambled Eggs and Spider Legs
By Gary Hogg
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.5
About This Book:
Life at Dayton Elementary is pretty good for Matt Daring until his teacher announces that his class will have 5th grade study partners and Matt gets Nick Dudley, the biggest bully in school. Now life is not so good and Matt has to come up with a plan, and fast!

Losers
By Matthew Roth
Interest Level: 9-12
Grade Level Equivalent: 6.6
About This Book:
Wake up to the perks of being an emigre wallflower in this off-the-wall new novel!
Jupiter was born in Russia, but he's getting quite an education in America. He sees everything slightly askew — but in a way that's endearing to (most) of his fellow students. A popular girl takes him under her wing. He falls for her. A bully sets him as a target. But Jupiter disarms him in an unexpected way. His best friend ends up hanging out with a posse of science geeks. Jupiter feels left out. And his parents — well, his parents are struggling to hold the family together. Sometimes Jupiter even helps out. With dead-on deadpan humor, Matthue Roth makes everything illuminated about American teen life — like Borat...as directed by John Hughes. High school literature will never be the same.

Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon
By Patty Lovell and David Catrow
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.1
About This Book:
Molly Lou Melon is short and clumsy and has buckteeth and a voice that sounds like a bullfrog being squeezed by a boa constrictor. But armed with the encouraging words of
her grandmother, Molly Lou confidently confronts the class bully at her new school. A not-to-be missed story for the less-than-perfect part of everyone!

Just a Daydream  
By Mercer Mayer  
Interest Level: K-2  
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.1  
About This Book:  
When he daydreams, Little Critter imagines all he could do as "Super Critter": catching robbers, chasing away aliens, and outsmarting the local bully. Find out what happens to make Little Critter wonder if maybe this wasn't a daydream after all.

Pa Lia’s First Day  
By Michelle Edwards  
Interest Level: K-2  
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.4  
About This Book:  
Pa Lia's first day at her new school, Jackson Magnet, isn't going so well. She doesn't know anyone there. She can't find her second-grade classroom. And worst of all, she accidentally gets the only kids who have been nice to her in trouble. Will Pa Lia "ever "fit in? From encountering a bully to making new friends, Pa Lia learns to overcome her fears and gains new confidence.

The Stranger Next Door  
By Peg Kehret  
Interest Level: 4-6  
Grade Level Equivalent: 5.3  
About This Book:  
Pete's not afraid of anything. If there's a mystery to be solved, he's your cat. Pete is Alex's cat. And since Alex and his family moved into the new housing development, Pete is Alex's only friend, too. Things start looking up for Alex and Pete when Rocky, a boy Alex's age, moves in next door. But Rocky isn't very friendly, and Alex starts to suspect he's hiding something. And when the neighborhood is terrorized by a rash of fires and vandalism, Pete knows that he's got to investigate.

Ramona Quimby, Age 8  
By Beverly Cleary and Alan Tiegreen  
Interest Level: 3-5  
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.5  
About This Book:  
With Mr. Quimby going to college and Mrs. Quimby going to work, it's a good thing Ramona is big enough to ride the bus to her new school all by herself. Unfortunately, after school she has to stay with Grandmother Kemp until her moody big sister Beezus comes to pick her up. It's a good thing Ramona is so mature these days: she is doing her best to help Beezus make dinner and to be nice to pesky little Willa Jean after school. She can't help it if Danny — better known as Yard Ape — insists on making her school life
difficult. Soon Ramona is living up to her reputation, accidentally squashing a raw egg into her hair at the cafeteria and throwing up in her classroom. Will life ever get any easier?

Agnes Parker…Girl in Progress
By Kathleen O’Dell
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.7
About This Book:
Agnes Parker is trying to become a better version of the girl she’s always been confident and clever like her best friend, and someone who's not such an easy target for bully-girls. Surprises, fun, and a new friend all await within the pages of this wise and funny chronicle of one girl's life in progress.

Dealing with Bullying
By Marianne Johnston
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.9
About This Book:
In our increasingly violent society, The Conflict Resolution Library is a necessity for every school library. Each book will serve as a child's first introduction to dealing positively with problems that cause conflict. Our society desperately needs a new generation that has the skills to resolve problems through means other than violence. This book describes what is meant by bullying, why bullies act as they do, how to deal with them, and how to stop being one.

Ricky Ricotta’s Mighty Robot
By Dav Pilkey
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.9
About This Book:
Ricky Ricotta is a very nice mouse, but every day, the neighborhood bullies in Squeakyville pick on him. Sometimes he feels so alone! He doesn't have brothers or sisters, and he wishes he had a pet or a special friend — especially on his way to school, when the bullies throw his backpack into the garbage. But a very special friend is about to enter little Ricky's life: a giant flying Robot! In his first adventure, mouse hero Ricky Ricotta saves the giant robot from its dastardly inventor, DOCTOR STINKY! The giant robot duly protects Ricky from school bullies and then saves the entire city from Dr. Stinky's diabolical plot to utterly destroy it!

Weirdo Halloween
By R.L Stine
Interest Level: 3-7
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.0
About This Book:
"It's the only one I've ever seen. Maybe the only one on earth." After a trip to HorrorLand, Chris and his twin, Meg, can't wait to celebrate Halloween. Until that Weirdo in the baby alien costume shows up and begins to wreak havoc on their lives. They just can't seem to get him to leave. And Meg's beginning to suspect that his orange skin isn't a Halloween disguise... What happens in the world's scariest theme park on the most frightening day of the year? Meg is about to find out when she's mysteriously called back to HorrorLand on Halloween. Can she survive the trick or treachery?

Leon and the Champion Chip
By Allen Kurzweil and Bret Bertholf
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.0
About This Book:
Leon's back. Having survived the sweatshop methods of Miss Hagmeyer, his needle-wielding fourth grade teacher at the Classical School, Leon braces himself for fifth grade. He arrives armed with a backpack full of pens and pencils, binders and notebooks...plus a rag doll that's the spitting image of Henry Lumpkin, the bully who has Leon in his sights. If the doll works the way it's supposed to, Leon (and his buddies P.W. and Lily-Matisse) won't have to worry about Lumpkin the Pumpkin! Better still, Leon has a fabulous new teacher, Mr. Sparks, who conducts science experiments using that most miraculous of research materials — the potato chip. And a good thing, too. Mr. Sparks's lab work will come in handy when Leon is forced to take on Alphonse "The Chippopotamus" Cipollini at the annual Chipapalooza! Chip-Off.

Buddha Boy
By Kathe Koja
Interest Level: 9-12
Grade Level Equivalent: 7.9
About This Book:
How to survive being good. Like a flashback memory, he's there in my mind: skimming up the stairs at school, his sloppy old T-shirt big as a sail, red tie-dyed dragon T-shirt, who wears stuff like that? No one. Jinsen. The kids at Edward Rucher High School call Jinsen "Buddha Boy" and condemn him as a freak. With his shaved head and perpetual smile, Jinsen certainly doesn't help matters when he starts begging for lunch money in the cafeteria. So when Justin is paired with Jinsen for a class project, he plans to get done with it as soon as possible, and climb right back into his safe social niche. Then Justin discovers Jinsen's incredible artistic talent and becomes curious about his beliefs. But being friends with Buddha Boy isn't simple, and Justin is forced into a cruel contest with the jocks who just can't seem to leave Jinsen, or his artwork, alone.

Bad Girls
By Jaqueline Wilson
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.5
About This Book:
Mandy White is a good girl whom the bad girls like to pick on. Until a bigger, badder girl makes her special friend. Tanya is a foster child across the street, and she's nothing like good little Mandy. She's fun and she's tough and she wears really cool clothes. Of course, Mandy's overprotective mother wants her precious little daughter to have nothing to do with the new neighbor. But Mandy is growing up and learning a lot about herself and the real world. Like sometimes bad girls are truly terrible bullies. But sometimes a bad girl can have the best heart and make the best friend.

Meely LaBauve
Interest Level: 9-12
Grade Level Equivalent: 7.1
About This Book:
Fifteen-year-old Emile LaBauve is growing up in the bayou with a father who is often away hunting rabbits and alligators. It's the early 1960s, and Meely must contend with a local bully, the possibility of first love and a dead body.

Stinky Stern Forever
By Michelle Edwards
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.8
About This Book:
None of the second graders at Jackson Magnet like the class bully, Matthew "Stinky" Stern, especially not Pa Lia. Stinky makes fun of other kids, he says mean things, and he's always causing trouble. But when Stinky is hit by a car and suddenly killed, Pa Lia and the rest of the students in Mrs. Fennessey's class face a difficult challenge: How do you deal with the death of someone nobody really liked? With their teacher's help. Pa Lia and her classmates find a way to deal with their loss and discover that there were things they liked about Stinky, after all. This moving story is certain to resonate with anyone who has ever experienced — or even just thought about — the loss of a classmate or friend.

Super Chicken Nugget Boy and the Furious Fry
By Josh Lewis
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.8
About This Book:
After he makes up a superhero called Super Chicken Nugget Boy, fourth-grader Fern Goldberg turns into the superhero and defeats the school bully.

Why I’m Afraid of Bees
By R.L. Stine
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.8
About This Book:
Right brain. Wrong body. Gary Lutz needs a vacation... from himself. Bullies are constantly beating him up. His only friend is his computer. Even his little sister doesn't
like him. But now Gary's dream is about to come true. He's going to exchange bodies with another kid for a whole week. Gary can't wait to get a new body. Until something horrible happens. And Gary finds out his new body isn't exactly human...

The Nose From Jupiter
By Richard Scrimger
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.8
About This Book:
Alan is not big or strong. He hates playing soccer and can barely keep up in math class. Moreover he's fodder for every bully for miles around. But all that changes the day Norbert, an alien from Jupiter, comes to earth on an exploration mission and moves into - - Alan's nose.

Talent Show Scaredy-Pants
By Abby Klein and John McKinley
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.3
About This Book:
"I have a problem — a really, really, big problem. My class is having a talent show, and I have no talent!" Everyone's excited about the first grade Grandparents Day talent show — everyone except Freddy. He thinks he has no talent, and bully Max Sellars's teasing is making him feel even worse! But when Freddy's dad teaches him some magic tricks, it just might make Freddy a star, AND get Max off his back. Tricks are tricky though, and when things go awry, Freddy must count on Papa Dave and his sister Suzie to make some extra-special magic happen, both for the talent show and for Max!

Gopher Takes Heart
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.5
About This Book:
While the fifth grade prepares for Valentine's Day, Gopher struggles to stand up to the class bully, hold onto his milk money, and retain his self-respect.

Tooth Trouble
By Abby Klein and John McKinley
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 1.8
About This Book:
Freddy Thresher has a problem: a really, really, big problem. He's the only one in his class who hasn't lost a tooth! All of the other students in Mrs. Wushy's first grade have signed their names on the Big Tooth, and Freddy's determined to get his name on it, too. So when Max "The Meanie" Sellars calls Freddy a baby, Freddy decides he's going to lose that tooth one way or another, even if it means getting punched in the face at recess, or even bigger trouble, with Mom!
Face To Face
By Marion Dane Bauer
Interest Level: 6-8
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.9
About This Book:
Picked on at school by bullies, thirteen-year-old Michael confronts his fears during a trip to Colorado to see his father, who works as a whitewater rafting guide and whom Michael has not seen in eight years.

Goggles
By Ezra Jack Keats
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.9
About This Book:
"A well-loved character, a familiar childhood situation, and an urban setting are the components of this winning picture book, one of Keats's best".

Leon and the Spitting Image
By Allen Kurzweil and Bret Bertholf
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.9
About This Book:
Leon and the Spitting Image is about a hotel full of animals. It's about an evil ice maker. It's about glass eyeballs and human catapults. It's about really old panty hose and Possibly Fake Hair. But mostly it's about Leon Zeisel and his epic quest to survive fourth grade. What's stopping him? Two things. First, there's Miss Hagmeyer. She's a supernaturally strict teacher with ears that resemble giant rotting mushrooms. And then there is Leon's archenemy, Lumpkin the Pumpkin, a human tank with a deadly dodgeball throw known to all as the sidewinder. Luckily, Leon has two friends, Lily-Matisse and P.W., who will stand by him no matter what — even if his magical, mysterious plans for rescue and revenge involve...SPIT!

Wishworks, Inc.
By Stephanie S. Tolan
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.7
About This Book:
Max is handling his parents' divorce, his new home and school, and a big bully named Nick the only way he knows how: by running away. In his mind, he and his beautiful dog King have thrilling adventures in the woods; they conquer aliens and slay dragons; they embarrass Nick so he never comes near Max again. Then Max happens upon a store called Wishworks, Inc., which promises his wish will come true in real life, "guaranteed." He wishes for a real dog to fulfill all his dreams. And then a real dog named Goldie appears on his doorstep...but she may be a little more real than Max expects!
Lizards in the Lunch Line
By Debbie Dadey
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.5:
About This Book:
NO WAY did Jake REALLY turn into a human kid and go to school! Jake's bully cousin, Dominick, just won't believe it--until Jake turns them both into human third-graders. But TWO swamp monsters in school are double the trouble! Dominick teams up the third grade's biggest bully and makes life miserable for Jake and his friends. And if that's not bad enough, this being-human thing can't last for long. Sooner or later, both Jake and Dominick are going to morph back into swamp...

Jerome Camps Out
By Eileen Christelow
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.7
About This Book:
Jerome Alligator is going on a camping trip with his Swamp School classmates. Jerome and his pal P.J. are excited about swimming, hiking, fishing, and sleeping in a tent, but the class bully, Buster, turns out to be their tentmate, and he's up to his usual nasty tricks. How Jerome and P.J. turn the tables on Buster makes the kind of lively, laugh-aloud story young readers have come to expect from the creator of the Five Little Monkeys. A monstrously surprising ending adds to the fun.

A Play’s the Thing
By Aliki
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 1.8
About This Book:
Miss Brilliant is full of ideas. With her students she celebrates everything: teeth, corn, mummies, spiders -- and plays! Only José isn't interested in "Mary Had a Little Lamb," or being a Brilliant Player, or even his surprise role. But as José learns about drama and tension and working with his classmates, he finds that he, too, has his own special place in Miss Brilliant's class and in her heart. Aliki has created a memorable teacher and a class full of personalities that all readers will want to join.

Math Rashes
By Douglas Evans and Larry Di Fiori
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.5
About This Book:
The New-School-Year-Moon hangs above every school the night before it opens. This year it shines over the W.T. Melon Elementary School brighter than ever -- and the man in the moon is W.T Melon himself! There's no doubt that this year will be full of magical surprises that may teach the third graders a lesson or two. Especially when a playground
bully gets a taste of her own medicine, a fairy godteacher grants any wish, and a rash breaks out after too much math!

The Losers Fight Back
By Barbara M. Joosse and Susan Truesdell
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.4
About This Book:
With some help from their detective partner, King Kyle in Cleveland, Willie and Lucy figure out how to turn their soccer team into winners and outwit the school bully while Willie worries that people will think his friend Lucy is his girlfriend.

Tyrone the Horrible
By Hans Wilhelm
Interest Level: 1-3
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.5
About This Book:
A little dinosaur named Boland tries several ways of dealing with the biggest bully in the swamp forest, until finally hitting on a successful tactic.

The Field of the Dogs
Katharine Paterson and Emily Arnold McCully
Interest Level: 4-7
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.8
About This Book:
Josh, a new boy at school, is having trouble with Wes, a neighboring bully. When he hears his dog and its friends talking, Josh realizes it is a secret only he can know about. Discover how Josh's dog helps him become friends with Wes.

Permanent Rose
By Hilary McKay
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.8
About This Book:
Feisty Rose takes center stage as the highly original Casson family faces a long, hot summer. As usual, things are a bit chaotic. Eldest daughter Caddy is engaged to darling Michael, and she's not altogether sure she likes it. Saffy and Sarah are on a mission to find Saffy's biological father (while cultivating hearts of stone). Indigo is cautiously beginning a friendship with a reformed bully, who desperately wants to feel like part of the Casson family. Rose, while dreadfully missing Tom (whom none of them have heard from), enters into a life of petty crime, shoplifting small items until her misadventures nearly bring disaster. Through it all, Rose's single-minded determination to find Tom remains as fierce as it is hopeless. Or is it?

The Spoon in the Bathroom Wall
By Tony Johnston
About This Book:
Living in the Bloggins School boiler room isn't glamorous, but that's life for Martha Snapdragon, daughter of the beleaguered janitor. Life only gets weirder when Martha realizes bizarre events are afoot at the school. There's the dastardly dealings of evil principal Dr. Klunk and school bully Rufus. There's the dozen dancing eggs and the misbehaving dragons, property of the mysterious science teacher. And then there's the strangest thing of all: a giant golden spoon that simply appears one day, stuck in the wall of the school bathroom. Although everyone tries, only Martha is able to extract the spoon from the wall—an act that leads her to a destiny far beyond her meager life in the boiler room.
Tony Johnston's funny, magical story spoofs the legend of "The Sword in the Stone"—and conveys some poignant truths about teaching, leadership, and the responsibilities we have to one another.

Anyone But Me
By Nancy E. Krulik
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.4
About This Book:
Katie's class is going on a two-day science field trip to Nature School. The Nature School counselor is named Genie—Genie the Meanie! Genie is very strict and doesn't want the kids to have any fun. She's ruining the field trip! When Katie turns into Genie and is left leading her class on a hike, she gets them totally lost! Back in her own body, how will Katie get things on track again?

Louise Takes Charge
By Stephen Krensky and Susanna Natti
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.1
About This Book:
Louise has a problem, and his name is Jasper. Jasper thinks that just because he's bigger than the other kids, he can be a bully. Before long Louise and the other kids are giving Jasper their lunches and doing his work for their project on Ancient Egypt. But Louise isn't about to let anybody push her around for long. She comes up with a plan to teach Jasper that the bigger they are, the harder they fall.

The Night the Bells Rang
By Natalie Warnock and Leslie Bowman
Grade Level Equivalent: 5.6
About This Book:
While the adults talk about the war overseas, Mason fights his own battles at home with a mean bully named Aden. But then Aden surprises Mason with an unexpected act of
kindness. Finally, on the night World War I ends, Mason must come to terms with Aden's
death overseas and Mason's own treatment of his little brother.

Big Bad Bruce
By Bill Peet
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level equivalent: 4.1
About This Book:
Bruce, a bear bully, never picks on anyone his own size until he is diminished in more
ways than one by a small but very independent witch.

Roadrunner's Dance
By Rudolfo Anaya, David Diaz and Andrea Davis Pinkney
Interest Level: K-2
About This Book:
Rattlesnake, the king of the road, is a mean bully who won't allow the villagers or the
animals to cross the road. The villagers and the animals know that there is only one way
to stop this bully.

The Explorer of Barkham Street
By Mary Stolz
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 5.1
About This Book:
Reformed bully Martin Hastings fantasizes about heroic adventures as an explorer and a
sports star, until his new circle of friends and growing self-confidence at home, make real
life as exciting as his daydreams.

More Than Meets the Eye
By Jeanne Betancourt
Interest Level: 6-8
Grade Level Equivalent: 6.1
About This Book:
Elizabeth's romantic interest in an Asian American student angers a prejudiced bully
named Brad.

Super Emma
By Sally Warner and Jaime Harper
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.3
About This Book:
In this third book about Emma, the petite and shy third-grader surprises even herself
when she stands up to the class bully, Jared.

Colder Than Ice
By David Patneaude
Interest Level: 6-8
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.9
About This Book:
When Josh moves to a new school in Idaho during the sixth grade, he and his new friends must decide what to do about the school bully.

Dear God, Help!!! Love, Earl
By Barbara Park
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.8
About This Book:
Earl is ready to do anything to avoid the meanest kid in school -- even if it means playing dead.

Don’t Blame the Children
By Anne Schraff
Interest Level: 9-12
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.5
About This Book:
First Alec, the high school bully, disappears. Then the same thing happens to Dee, another troublemaker. Kathy is afraid. Could her boyfriend Todd have anything to do with it?

Kit and Kat
By Tomie dePaola
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 1.3
About This Book:
Three stories featuring the Kitten Kids sleeping at their grandparents' house, riding bikes, and playing with a bully.

The Kid With the Red Suspenders
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.1
About This Book:
Hamilton was an only child who wore suspenders because his mother made him. When he became tired of the teasing from Rob, the class bully, he decided to skip school and go to the zoo with Jerry and Rob to prove he could be his own man.

Amelia Takes Command
By Marissa Moss
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.2
About This Book:
New fifth-grader Amelia records her hopes about fifth grade and space camp, her fears about her friends, her thoughts about her family, and her darkest feelings about a bully in this realistic journal-like story.

Three on Three
By Eric Walters
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.8

Sticks and Stones, Bobbie Bones
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 5.5
About This Book:
Nicknamed "Bobbie Bones" by Myra, the bully in her new school, Bobbie knows that she must face up to Myra's teasing, but taking the first step proves difficult.

Wonder Kid Meets the Evil Lunch Snatcher
By Lois Duncan
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.5
About This Book:
Fourth-grader Brian and his friends create a plan to frighten a school bully which involves a superhero named Wonder Kid.

Racing the Past
By Sis Boulos Deans
Interest Level: 6-8
Grade Level Equivalent: 6.1
About This Book:
It's been two months since his dad's fatal accident, and eleven-year-old Ricky is still haunted by memories of violent beatings and hurtful words. The kids at school won't let him forget, either, and he's gotten into so many fights, he's on the edge of serious trouble. Ricky can walk away from taunts on the playground, but not when the kids corner him on the bus. So he comes up with a new way to get to school. Not only will he run every morning and afternoon-he'll race the bus. And one day he will leave the past behind-and win.

Tommy Trouble and the Magic Marble
By Ralph Fletcher
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.1
About This Book:
Although eight-year-old Tommy loves to collect a number of things, including Band-Aids, his marble collection is his favorite. When the bully of the neighborhood offers to sell him a magical marble for ten dollars, Tommy tries to think of the perfect plan.
My Life as a Smashed Burrito
By Bill Myers
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.8

Book of Changes
By Tim Wynne-Jones
Interest Level: 6-8
Grade Level Equivalent: 5.3
About This Book:
This collection of short stories about change introduces Clarke, a timid individual who finds courage when he truly needs it; Tobias, who uses the "I ching" for inspiration; Dwight, who comes up with a way to escape the class bully; and others.

My Dog, Cat
By Marty Crisp and True Kelley
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.4
About This Book:
When Abbie moves to a new town, he finds himself picked on by the bully at school. A special dog named Cat helps him find the courage to stand tall.

Zombie Don’t Date
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.1
About This Book:
Amber agrees to help out her best friend Zack by babysitting Chastity, a spoiled-rotten zombie. When she follows Amber to school, Chastity bumps into school bully Parker Tolan. Before Parker discovers the secret, Amber must get Chastity back to where she belongs.

Camp Big Paw
By Doug Cushman
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.3
About This Book:
Cyril and his cabin mates Ben and Obie run into trouble with the camp bully during Field Day contests at Camp Big Paw.

Overdrive
By Eric Walters
Interest Level: 9-12
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.3
About This Book:
Jake finally gets to drive the car of his dreams thanks to help from his brother, Andy. When Jake and his best friend, Mickey, take the car for a spin down the strip, Jake ends up street racing a school bully because he's tired of being teased.

Bundle of Sticks
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 5.2
About This Book:
When he is attacked by the school bully, Ben never fights back. Then his parents encourage him to learn kajukenbo, an Oriental art of self-defense.

Owen Foote, Soccer Star
BY Stephanie Greene and Martha Weston
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.5
About This Book:
Owen Foote knows that soccer is the greatest sport in the world. He's so excited about being old enough to join the town soccer league that he has talked his best friend, Joseph, into signing up too. But Joseph turns out to be terrible at soccer. That's not the only thing troubling Owen: the other kids on his team, the Aliens, seem to be bigger and older and better at soccer than he is, and at least one of them is mean. But Owen isn't about to give up his best friend or his favorite sport without a struggle. Readers will cheer for Owen as he and Joseph face new challenges on and off the field and come up winners.

The Autobiography of Meatball Finkelstein
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 5.5
About This Book:
Thirteen-year-old Meatball Finkelstein lives a rather uneventful life as a vegetarian until he loses his temper with the school bully and discovers he has super powers.

Lenny Kandell Smart Aleck
By Ellen Conford
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 6.1
About This Book:
Eleven-year-old Lenny is always joking around ... and always getting into trouble. Now Georgina, the prettiest girl in school, is furious at him because soda spilled all over her dress when Lenny tripped the school bully.

Magic Book
By Willow Davis Roberts
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 5.8
About This Book:
At a used book sale, Alex finds an ancient book entitled "Magic Spells and Potions for the Beginner." He decides to try out one of the spells on Norm Winthrop, the bully who won't leave him alone.

My Book of Funny Valentines
By Margo Lundell
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.5
About This Book:
People, animals, and objects express their feelings of love in this book of funny valentine poems. Included are poems about a bully who doesn't get any valentines in school, a fancy cat who wishes to marry a dog, and a stringed instrument who was led astray.

Nekomah Creek
By Linda Crew and Charles Robinson
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 5.5
About This Book:
Nine-year-old Robby loves his noisy and somewhat unconventional family, but unwanted attention from a counselor and a bully at school make him self-conscious about just how unconventional his family might look to outsiders.

Oliver Dibbs and the Dinosaur Cause
By Barbara Steiner
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 5.6
About This Book:
Immersed in studying his favorite topic, dinosaurs, Oliver involves his fifth-grade class in a campaign to make a dinosaur the Colorado state fossil and runs afoul of an interfering bully.

Boot
By Bruce Brooks
Interest Level: 6.8
Grade Level Equivalent: 6.7
About This Book:
Boot, an orphan, dislikes some of the more physical aspects of hockey, but in protecting his younger sister from a bully, he learns that aggression can be appropriate at times.

Good-bye To Good Ol’ Charlie
By P.J. Peterson
Interest Level: 9-12
Grade Level Equivalent: 5.5
About This Book:
Charlie, 16, is tired of being himself. When his family moves to a new town, he tries out some new identities. Then the town bully goes after him.
Cory Coleman, Grade 2
By Larry Dane Brimner and Karen Ritz
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.9
About This Book:
With his seventh birthday party approaching, Cory is worried that the class bully, Delphinius, will ruin his second-grade skating party. When Cory decides to teach Delphinius a lesson, he himself learns the value of honesty and friendship.

Quiet! You’re Invisible
By Margaret Meacham
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.3
About This Book:
Fifth-grader Hoby's life is a mess. His mother is about to have a baby and has been acting strangely, the neighborhood bully is after him, and now a time-traveling invisible boy has appeared in his backyard.

Hank the Cowdog 02
By John P. Erickson and Gerald L. Holmes
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 5.4
About This Book:
The Head of Ranch Security is back, and this time he's seeing double trouble! Hank must find a cure for his Eye-Crosserosis before he's undone by Rufus, a bully doberman pincher.

Veronica Ganz
By Marilyn Sachs
Interest Level: 6-8
Grade Level Equivalent: 5.2
About This Book:
Veronica is a troublemaker to the very end. But when the smallest kid in class begins to outsmart her, being a bully doesn't work as it once did. See how Veronica learns that fighting isn't always the best way to deal with life.

Don’t Call It Paradise
Interest Level: 6-8
Grade Level Equivalent: 6.1
About This Book:
Thirteen-year-old Maddie flies to California to spend two weeks with her best friend, Beanie, and finds herself trying to impress Beanie's older brother, Buddy. Has Buddy really changed from the bully he used to be?
J.B. Wigglebottom and the Parade of Pets
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.1
About This Book:
Because of his little sister's allergies, J.B. doesn't have a pet to enter in his class parade, but he has to come up with some idea to beat the bully who is always picking on him.

Joshua T. Bates Takes Charge
By Susan Shreve and Dan Andreasen
Interest Level: 6-8
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.1
About This Book:
Eleven-year-old Joshua, worried about fitting in at school, feels awkward when the new student he is supposed to be helping becomes the target of the fifth grade's biggest bully.

Hilary Rodham Clinton
By Margaret J. Goldstein
Interest Level: 6-8
Grade Level Equivalent: 7.8
About This Book:
In this informative book from the "A&E Biography" series, the life of Hillary Rodham Clinton is discussed. From putting a bully in her place as a four-year-old to dealing with a difficult marriage in a very public world, Clinton has faced hardships.

The Berenstein Bears Accept No Substitutes
By Stan Berenstein
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.5
About This Book:
Brother Bear joins Too-Tall and his gang to play pranks on their substitute teacher. He learns a lesson about being a bully and playing mean practical jokes on someone.

Crossroads
By Paul Pits
Interest Level: 6-8
Grade Level Equivalent: 5.2
About This Book:
Helping his mother and uncle run a shabby hotel and trying to cope with the school bully, Hobart Slim meets Lettie Mendoza when her family's station wagon breaks down, and their friendship teaches Hobart to stand up for himself.

Camp Sink or Swim
By Gibbs Davis
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.2
About This Book:
In trouble at camp because he has bragged about his non-existent swimming abilities, eight-year-old Danny finds himself forming an unexpected alliance with the bully "Two Ton" Tonya.

The Figure in the Shadows
By John Bellairs and Mercer Mayer
Interest Level: 6-8
Grade Level Equivalent: 5.5
About This Book:
John Bellairs, the name in Gothic mysteries for middle graders, wrote terrifying tales full of adventure, attitude, and alarm. For years, young readers have crept, crawled, and gone bump in the night with the unlikely heroes of these Gothic novels: Lewis Barnavelt, Johnny Dixon, and Anthony Monday. Now, the ten top-selling titles feature an updated cover look. Loyal fans and enticed newcomers will love the series even more with this haunting new look!

Joshua T. Bates in Trouble Again
By Susan Shreve
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 5.9
About This Book:
Finally promoted to the fourth grade in the middle of the year, Joshua worries about the bully who rules the fourth grade boys. Will Joshua make unwise decisions?

Missing in the Mountains
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 5.2
About This Book:
When eleven-year-old Jarod and his younger sister try to get out of trouble with a bully, they find more danger than they bargained for. The ski vacation they are on is more like survival training.

Trading Places with Tank Talbott
By Dori Hillestad Butler
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.7
About This Book:
Eleven-year-old Jason Pfeiffer trades places with the school bully to pass his swimming test.

Wally Walrus
By Barbara deRubertis and Jan Pyk
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 1.6
About This Book:
Wally Walrus does not want to go to school because Squawky Hawk bullies him. Papa Walrus gives Wally advice about how to deal with a bully.

Find the Power
By Dean Hughes
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.1
About This Book:
Fifth-grader Ben Riddle is a brown belt in karate, but when the school bully starts hassling him, Ben must look within himself to learn his true strength.

Eddie and the Jets
By John Altanas
Interest Level: 6-8
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.4
About This Book:
When Eddie enters sixth grade, things could not be better. He starts a football team with his best friend, Bobby, and tries to convince his teammates that they can take on the Giants, the football team of the school bully, Kirby Carpenter.

Junebug and the Reverend
By Alice Mead
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.8
About This Book:
Junebug is set to leave all his old problems behind when his family moves from the projects to a better neighborhood. But new problems crop up when he runs into school bullies and has trouble making new friends. His younger sister, Tasha, quickly fits in and makes friends with the tenants in their building, a group home for the elderly that their mama supervises. When summer vacation starts, Junebug's lazy-day plans are squashed when Mama tells him to take walks with cranky old Reverend Ashford every day and play soccer with the very same school bullies that beat him up. Is this any way to spend summer vacation? Little does Junebug know that there are some lessons you don't learn in school.

A Valentine for Norman Noggs
By Valiska Gregory
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.8
About This Book:
When Norman Noggs tries to win the attention of Wilhemina, the new girl in class, by making her a valentine, two class bullies attempt to destroy Norman's hard work. Everyone is surprised when Wilhemina rescues Norman with a secret weapon.

Hit Squad
By James Heneghan
Interest Level: 9-12
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.9
About This Book:
Aiming to get back at the bullies at school, a group of kids swear vengeance against their tormentors. This is Mickey's first year at Grandview High. After transferring, all he wants to do is keep his head down, work hard and fit in with the upscale crowd. He is approached, because of his tough reputation, to join a group of students to take back the school from the bullies. Mickey finds himself caught up in a shadowy world of violence and retribution. When their planned payback goes horribly wrong, Mickey is forced to acknowledge the thin line between victim and victimizer.

Cry Uncle!
By Mary Jane Auch
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 6.1
About This Book:
Davey, who is in 6th grade, is having trouble fitting into his new school and dealing with the local bullies. Now he finds out his loony old uncle (who has been known to walk down the road naked) is coming to live with him!

Petty Crimes
By Gary Soto
Interest Level: 4-7
Grade Level Equivalent: 6.1

Pippi Longstocking in the Park
By Astrid Lindgren
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.1
About This Book:
Pippi Longstocking and her pals take on bad guys at City Park in Stockholm after hearing that the police are powerless. After rebuilding Villa Villekulla in the park, Pippi waits for the bullies to show up.

So You Want to Be a Wizard
By Diane Duane
Interest Level: 6-8
Grade Level Equivalent: 6.1
About This Book:
Long before wizards were a fixture on the bestseller lists, Kit and Nita were working magic with readers of all ages. In honor of the twentieth anniversary of the Young Wizards series, "So You Want to Be a Wizard "is now available in a deluxe hardcover edition, featuring a new afterword from Diane Duane as well as the hard-to-find Kit and Nita short story "Uptown Local."
Nailed
By Patrick Jones
Interest Level: 9-12
Grade Level Equivalent: 8.1
About This Book:
The nail that sticks out farthest gets hammered the hardest. Flint Southwestern High School is run by a cult: the jockarchy. And Bret Hendricks could never fit into their conformity cult. Bret doesn't mind standing out from the crowd when he's on stage acting or singing in his band. And he feels at home in his funky girlfriend's arms because sticking out together doesn't seem as hard. But loyalties aren't what Bret thinks they are, as his safe havens seem to disappear one by one, and he learns that sometimes you just have to risk getting hammered in order to build a great future. For any teen who feels that standing out is harder than just conforming. Patrick Jones's second novel nails the real truth about the high price of hiding one's true self.

Bozo the Clone
By Dan Greenburg and Jack E. Davis
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.5
About This Book:
Fifth-grader Zack has a problem with bullies! At a flea market, he finds a magical box that makes a super-strong Zack clone. After the clone deals with the bullies, he takes Zack's place at school and becomes an even bigger problem.

Hazel’s Amazing Mother
By Rosemary Wells
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.6
About This Book:
Hazel, who is on a mission for picnic supplies, finds herself lost and in trouble in a part of town she has never seen. When some bullies take her doll and tear it apart, Hazel is alone and frightened until her amazing mother arrives.

Endgame
By Nancy Garden
Interest Level: 9-12
Grade Level Equivalent: 7.1
About This Book:
A new town, a new school, a new start. That's what fourteen-year-old Gray Wilton believes as he chants, "'It's gonna be better, gonna be better here." But it doesn't take long for Gray to realize that nothing's going to change--there are bullies in every school, and he's always their punching bag. Their brutal words, physical abuse, and emotional torture escalate until Gray feels trapped in a world where he has no control, no support systems, and no way out--until the day he enters the halls of Greenford High School with his father's semiautomatic in hand. Award-winning novelist Nancy Garden, author of the
groundbreaking novel "Annie on My Mind," once again goes out on a limb, this time to show readers the cruelty of bullying and the devastating effects it can have.

Gadgets and Gizmos
Interest Level: 6-8
Grade Level Equivalent: 5.4
About This Book:
In these three stories, the heroes and heroines live in the high-tech future but must deal with an age-old problem: bullies.

Friends From the Other Side
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.6
About This Book:
Prietita and Joaquin become friends when she defends him against a group of bullies. She soon learns that Joaquin and his mother have crossed the Mexican border hoping to escape poverty and find work.

Polly Panic
By Mary Francis Shura
Interest Level: 6-8
Grade Level Equivalent: 6.1
About This Book:
When disastrous things happen as Polly enters sixth grade, she finds that in dealing with untrustworthy friends, bullies, and family problems, she has overcome her natural fearfulness.

Zartog’s Remote
By Herbie Brennan
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.2
About This Book:
Eight-year-old Zartog is stuck on Earth after he loses the remote control for his flying saucer. Eight-year-old Rachel finds the remote control and uses it to fight off some bullies. Will Zartog ever find his way home?

Ranger’s Apprentice
By John A Flanagan
Interest Level: 6-8
Grade Level Equivalent: 6.6
About This Book:
On Choosing Day Will's heart was set on Battleschool, but he is small for his 15 years. Brave and skilled at moving and climbing silent as a shadow, his unwanted apprenticeship tests his talent and spirit in the battle against the Kingdom's ancient foes. Combining the intensity of a young King Arthur with the epic fantasy of The Lord of the Rings, Flanagan brings to America the adventure of the year.
Chasing the Falconers
By Gordon Korman
Interest Level: 6-8
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.7
About This Book:
Aidan and Meg Falconer are their parents' only hope. The Falconers are facing life in prison — unless Aidan and Meg can follow a trail of clues to prove their innocence. The problem? Right now they're trapped in a juvenile detention center. Until they escape one night — and find themselves on the run, both from the authorities and from a sinister attacker who has his own reason to stop them. The Falconers must use their wits to make it across the country ... with plenty of tests along the way.

Amalee
By Dar Williams
Interest Level: 6-8
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.8
About This Book:
Amalee's world is all out of order. She's used to chaos, because of the frequent presence of her father's bantering, bickering group of fun friends. But when Amalee's dad becomes seriously ill, the chaos takes new forms—and the ways of coping come from some very unexpected places.

The Dodgeball Chronicles
By Frank Cammuso
Interest Level: 3-5
About This Book:
Artie King just wants to ease into life at Camelot Middle School. He's got new lunch buddies, Percy and Wayne, and his science teacher, Mr. Merlyn, is pretty cool. But then there's scary Principal Dager and big bad Joe and The Horde, a bunch of brawny bullies who rule the school. The real trouble starts when Artie opens a funky old locker that no one, not even Joe, has ever been able to open — and finds it full of mysterious, but useful stuff. Percy and Wayne are high-fiving, Joe is fuming, and the next think you know a challenge is laid down: a do-or-die dodgeball game — The Horde Vs. The Knights of the Lunch Table. Losers get creamed!

The Hundred Dresses
By Eleanor Estes and Louis Slobadkin
Interest Level: 2-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 5.0
About This Book:
In this Newbery Honor Book, a young girl comes to terms with the effect that the teasing of her friends has had on a shy classmate. Though Maddie feels increasingly uncomfortable with the way the other girls — led by her best friend, Peggy — joke with Wanda, she doesn't have the courage to do anything about it. Then one day Wanda stops
coming to school. Maddie can't shake a bad feeling about Wanda's absence, but she pushes it aside, preferring instead to think about the drawing contest, which she is sure Peggy will win. On the day the winner is to be announced, the girls enter the class to see the walls covered in one hundred brilliantly colored drawings — each of a beautiful, unique dress. Here, at last, are Wanda's hundred dresses, but though she has won the contest, she will not be coming back to class to accept her medal. A letter has come from Wanda's father, saying that they are moving to the city, where having a different name is not so unusual and won't incur such cruel treatment. In the days that follow, Maddie and Peggy try to apologize to Wanda for what they've done, but they learn that deciding you want to make amends doesn't always mean that you can.

Payback
By Paul Langan
Interest Level: 9-12
About This Book:
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 to his problems: a gun.

Slob
By Ellen Potter
Interest Level: 6-8
Grade Level Equivalent: 5.5
About This Book:
Twelve-year-old Owen is miserable at school because he is overweight and picked on. At home he is trying to invent a machine that will help him see into the past and catch the person who killed his parents.

The Monster’s Ring
By Bruce Coville and Katherine Coville
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 5.3

A Purrfect Princess
By Brian James
Interest Level: K-3
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.3
About This Book:
Spunk and personality make CatKid a natural performer, so she's the star of the class production of "Snow White." Pretending to be in a deep sleep is nothing compared to having to act like Billy the Bully is Prince Charming.
Beware of the Mad Dog
By Sarah Weeks
Interest Level: 4-7
About This Book:
Nat Boyd and Boyd Fink are best friends. They even share the same name, albeit in different places. But while Fink is clever and quick to come up with ways to keep the two boys out of trouble, Nat seems to be plagued with the worst luck EVER. A boy named Mad Dog is after him-and that's never a good thing. So the time has come for the Boyds to turn Nat's luck around-in wacky and wonderful ways.

Daisy Comes Home
By Jan Brett
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.2
About This Book:
Mei-Mei had the six happiest hens in China. She gave them treats and fresh hay baths, and when she called to them — gu gu gu gu gu! — they all ran to her as fast as they could. But one of the hens, Daisy, was not always so happy. The other hens picked on Daisy and pushed her off the perch every night. Then one day, Daisy is accidentally washed out onto the river in a basket and she soon learns to stand up for herself. When she finds her way home, this plucky little hen is no longer afraid as she bravely takes her place on the roost.

Happy Birthday to You, You Belong in a Zoo
By Diane deGroat
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.4
About This Book:
That meanie Lewis always teases Gilbert. So why would Lewis invite Gilbert to his party? When he discovers the reason why Lewis invited him. Gilbert decides to buy a present that Lewis definitely will not like. Gilbert goes to the party armed with a cheerful grin, a brightly wrapped package — and a plan to get even for Lewis's rotten behavior. What will happen when Lewis opens the present? This birthday has a much bigger surprise in store for Gilbert.

Cinderella Skeleton
By Robert D. San Souci and David Catrow
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.2
About This Book:
Robert San Souci and award-winning illustrator David Catrow retell the Cinderella story with a hilarious twist. This time Cinderella is … a skeleton. Evil stepsisters, Prince Charnel, and a Halloween Ball are all wrapped into one comical fractured fairy tale.

Ottis Spofford
By Beverly Cleary and Louis Darling
Interest Level: 3-5  
Grade Level Equivalent: 5.1  
About This Book:  
There was nothing Otis Spofford liked better than stirring up a little excitement, particularly at school. A less resourceful teacher than Mrs. Gitler would have found him pretty hard to take. But even Mrs. Gitler did not entirely relish the bullfight at the fiesta arranged for the P.T.A. meeting. Otis was disappointed at not being the toreador, but as the front half of the bull he managed to steal the whole show, to the annoyance of his classmates and his teacher. It was then that Mrs. Gitler suggested that Otis might someday get his comeuppance. Of all Otis's acquaintances, the neat and well-behaved Ellen Tebbits was the one he most enjoyed teasing. Strangely enough, it was Ellen who at last brought about his comeuppance. But before that happens, his losing spitball battle with Mrs. Gitler, his surprising affection for the experimental baby rat, and his insect collecting on behalf of the football hero provide a feast of fun for any child or grownup.

Ruby Holler  
By Sharon Creech  
Interest Level: 6-8  
Grade Level Equivalent: 5.4  
About This Book:  
Dallas and Florida have been dubbed the "trouble twins." They have been shuffled between foster families and orphanages all their lives, longing only for a loving place to call home, though mistrustful that one exists for the likes of them.

The Devil’s Toenail  
By Sally Prue  
Interest Level: 7-12  
About This Book:  
Thirteen-year-old Stevie has started at a new school and is desperate for acceptance. He hates himself for being cruelly bullied at his old school, and he will do anything to be accepted the by bullies here rather than be their victim. Then he finds an odd fossil called a Devil's Toenail, which fills him with an almost evil sense of daring. The Devil's Toenail's tauntings and urgings to take revenge on the world are relentless, but in the end, Stevie discovers that believing in himself is what brings true power and happiness.

Carlos Is Gonna Get It  
By Kevin Emerson  
Interest Level: 6.8  
Grade Level Equivalent: 5.2  
About This Book:  
Carlos is so weird. He always talks about aliens in this annoying shaky voice, he acts up in class and gets everyone else in trouble, and when he starts scratching himself? He's totally gross. Trina and her friends have had enough, and they've come up with the perfect way to "get" Carlos. But when Trina is assigned to work with Carlos on a class project, she discovers both his sweetness and the full extent of his problems. Will she be
able to go through with the prank? And what will happen to Carlos when —if — he gets it?

The Young Man and the Sea
By Rodman Philbrick
Interest Level: 6-8
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.8
About This Book:
This starkly dramatic yet poignant novel takes readers on an exciting journey with 12-year-old Skiff Beaman, a determined boy from a small Maine town. Skiff's mom died recently, and his fisherman dad won't get off the TV couch to do anything but get another beer, so these days Skiff has to take care of everything himself. When their boat sinks, Skiff discovers it will cost thousands to buy her a new engine. Skiff's lobster traps won't earn him enough, but there are bigger fish in the sea-bluefin tuna. If he can catch one, he just might save the boat-and get his family back on its feet again.

Wringer
By Jerry Spinelli
Interest Level: 5-8
Grade Level Equivalent: 5.5
About This Book:
For as long as Palmer LaRue can remember, he has dreaded the day he will turn ten and must take his place beside the other ten-year-old boys in town and become a wringer, a tradition passed down from father to son. From Newbery Medal winner Jerry Spinelli comes a gripping tale of how one boy learns how to overcome his fears.

Max the Mighty
By Rodman Philbrick
Interest Level: 6-8
Grade Level Equivalent: 7.1
About This Book:
The powerful sequel to the award-winning Freak the Mighty. Max is back and he finds himself defending a solitary girl nicknamed "Worm" against a cruel man known as the Undertaker. Against all odds, the teens embark on a perilous journey in search of Worm's father, and must face something more frightening than death itself.

Brand New Emily
By Ginger Rue
Interest Level: 6-8
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.4
About This Book:
Tired of being picked on by the popular girls, 14-year-old poet Emily hires a public relations firm to change her image and soon finds herself "re-branded" as Em, one of the most important teens not only in her middle school but in magazines as well.
The Whipping Boy
By Sid Fleischman
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.0
About This Book:
Jemmy, who once made a meager living catching rats in the sewers, is now living in the
king's castle as the whipping boy for Prince Horace, commonly known to the citizens of
the kingdom as Prince Brat. Whenever the young prince misbehaves or fails his lessons,
Jemmy is punished in his place, for it is illegal to spank the heir to the throne. When the
prince decides to run away, he demands that Jemmy accompany him, so the two boys
with nothing in common run away together. Once in the woods, Jemmy and Prince Brat
are captured by two scoundrels, Hold-Your-Nose Billy and Cutwater. The scoundrels plot
to use Jemmy, whom they assume is royalty because he can write, as a hostage to obtain
ransom money and jewels from the king. When the two boys finally escape from the
scoundrels' hut (after Prince Brat has double-crossed Jemmy), they find themselves lost
in the forest. With the help of Captain Nips, seller of hot potatoes, and Petunia, the
dancing bear, the boys finally escape from danger and find their way back to the city.
Back in the city, Prince Brat begins to appreciate Jemmy's abilities, courage, and
friendship, and when the two eventually return to the castle, the prince has resolved to be
a true friend to Jemmy and quit his spoiled, selfish ways.

Playing with Fire
By Sally Prue
Interest Level: 6-8
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.5
About This Book:
When a gang of cool kids at Stevie's school dares him to set something on fire, Stevie
isn't sure what to do. Then he finds a devil's toenail--a strange stone that seems to have
special powers. With the devil's toenail, he can prove to the gang-and to himself- that he's
not afraid. But at what price?

Oh No, It’s Robert
By Barbara Seuling and Paul Brewer
Interest Level: 2-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.7
About This Book:
Robert wants to win the gold treasure chest his teacher will be awarding to one of the
students in his class; but since he has never won anything before, Robert doesn't think his
chances are all that great.

The Seventh Crystal
By Gary Paulsen
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.9
About This Book:
Each day at 3 P.M., Chris Masters faces two great challenges. First, he races home, trying to avoid the school bullies who have made a career out of beating him up. Then, once he's safely home, he takes on another opponent — a computer game called The Seventh Crystal. Soon Chris is obsessed with the game — and finds he has something much bigger than bullies to worry about.

The All New Jonah Twist
By Natalie Honeycutt
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.3
About This Book:
Jonah's efforts to survive the third grade are complicated by the new boy in class, who has the potential for either becoming a friend or beating him up.

The Revenge of the Ants
By Benjamin Harper
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.4
About This Book:
Lucas always gave the ants in his yard a hard time. When the ant wizard shrinks him down to the size of an ant, Lucas must learn how to protect the ants and himself from the exterminator.

Adam Canfield Watch Your Back!
By Michael Winerip
Interest Level: 6-8
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.4
About This Book:
In this follow-up to Adam Canfield of the Slash, the star middle-school newspaper reporter is caught up in a big scoop — this time it's about him — in an engaging story that takes on school bullies and other tyrants. Will the powerful Mrs. Boland be able to shut down the "Slash" permanently, or can middle-schoolers Adam and Jennifer find a way to preserve their school newspaper as well as a three-hundred-year-old tree?

Snot Stew
By Bill Wallace and Lisa McCue
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.1
About This Book:
It's not easy being a kitten. Don't get me wrong. I love being scratched behind the ears, chasing Butch the dog, and eating Mother's stew. My brother Toby and I learned about "people things" when we were adopted by Sarah and Ben. The only problem with kid-people is the games they like to play, like "Dress the Cat" — and "Snot Stew." It's not stew! But what is it? It's making a bully out of Toby and a wreck out of me!

Agnes Parker…Keeping Cool in Middle School
By Kathleen O'Dell
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.3
About This Book:
Middle school is going to take some getting used to. The halls are hectic, the unspoken rules are baffling, and the eighth-grade boys are one big gang of bullies. Agnes's best friend Prejean has jumped in and decided to run for class president, but Agnes would rather try to be invisible. That will be especially difficult now that Prejean has asked Agnes to be her campaign manager. And then there's the problem of Aram, a boy in Agnes's art class who seems to have a crush on her. He's smart and funny, and Agnes feels comfortable with him. But is he such an odd duck that she'll seem odd by association?

Superhero ABC
By Bob McLeod
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.3
About This Book:
Silly and zany, and armed with the most unusual skills, these heroes are out to save the world—one letter at a time! bubble-Man blows big bubbles at bullies, and laughing lass laughs at lawbreakers! together, these one-of-a-kind defenders represent the ABC's in a way never seen before.

Faith and the Rocket Cat
By Patrick Jennings
Interest Level: 6-8
Grade Level Equivalent: 6.2
About This Book:
The adventures of Faith and her multilingual dog Edison continue in this sequel to Faith and the Electric Dogs. Briefly summarizing Faith and Edison's tale in the previous book, this one picks up with their new life in San Francisco. Faith and Edison's journey includes a new cast of characters — Alex, a school bully; Daphne, a short-haired, English-bred pup who is Edison's sweetheart; and Faith's doubtful mother. The book also includes several new languages — Chinese, Italian, and "Mex" — along with their translations enabling readers to continue to be enlightened throughout this light-hearted fantasy.

Arthur's April Fool
By Marc Brown
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.1
About This Book:
Join Arthur and celebrate April Fool's Day with Arthur Adventures! In Arthur's April Fool, Arthur prepares to perform his magic tricks for the April Fool's Day school assembly while trying to keep the class bully from pulverizing him.
The Chocolate War
By Robert Cormier
Interest Level: 9-12
Grade Level Equivalent: 6.7
About This Book:
Every boy enrolled at Trinity knows that the two powers running their New England school are Brother Leon — a teacher and the acting Headmaster — and the Vigils, a secret society led by Archie Costello. In the classroom, Brother Leon is a monster and any student in his presence knows to give him complete, submissive attention. Archie, himself, is an equal master of intimidation. But in the face of Trinity's financial troubles, Brother Leon calls for a truce and enlists Archie and the Vigils to help in the sale of chocolate to raise money for the school. Every boy is expected to volunteer and sell his quota of 50 boxes. A freshman named Jerry Renault refuses to go along with the plan. Since his mother's death, Jerry has watched his father sleepwalk through life and he is determined not to do the same. He even hangs a postcard in his locker that encourages him to "disturb his universe." Despite his small build, Jerry battles his way into the quarterback position on the football team. And he will not let Brother Leon, a teacher he despises, bully him into selling chocolates. At first Jerry's stand inspires awe in his fellow students who commend him for going against Brother Leon. But then it becomes clear that his position also goes against the will of the Vigils, and Jerry finds that if he wants to disturb his universe, he's going to have to fight — and maybe die — doing it.

Hooway for Wodney Wat
By Helen Lester and Lynn Munsinger
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.5
About This Book:
Poor Rodney Rat can't pronounce his R's and the other rodents tease him mercilessly. But when Camilla Capybara joins Rodney's class and announces that she is bigger, meaner, and smarter than any of the other rodents, everyone is afraid. It seems she really is bigger, meaner, and smarter than all of the rest of them. Until our unwitting hero, Wodney Wat, catches Camilla out in a game of Simon Says.

The Summer of Riley
By Eve Bunting
Interest Level: 4-7
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.1
About This Book:
Maybe that's one of the reasons people get dogs, to kind of close up the empty places inside them. Eleven-year-old William never needed a friend more than now. After his parents' separation, his father's new engagement, and his grandfather's dying without any warning — adopting big, beautiful Riley is the first thing in a long time that has made him feel better. That is, until Riley innocently chases a horse. Local law states that any animal that chases livestock must be put to sleep. Suddenly William stands to lose another thing close to him. Together with his friend Grace, William begins a campaign to
reverse the county commissioners' decision. But with a community divided on the issue, and the bully Ellis Porter trying to stop them at every turn, will they be able to save Riley's life?

Superdog
By Caralyn Buehner and Mark Buehner
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.5
About This Book:
Dexter is a little dog. He's so little that the other dogs forget to invite him to play, and Cleevis the tomcat bullies him. But little Dexter has dreams — big dreams. He wants to be a superhero. So Dexter starts a superhero training program. And suddenly, even Cleevis needs his help!

Easter Egg Hunt
By Abby Klein
Interest Level: K-3
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.1
About This Book:
In order for Freddy to win this year's Easter Egg Hunt, he'll have to face off against the class bully Max. Will advice from his big sister and his friends' support be enough to help him win the prize?

Brand-New Pencils, Brand-New Books
By Diane deGroat
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.3
About This Book:
It's the first day of first grade! Gilbert is excited and nervous at the same time. He has new school supplies, but he'll also get a new teacher, and new kids in his class. He worries about being sent to the principal, if his teacher will be nice, and if he will learn to read. Will Patti still be his best friend? In this humorous and reassuring story by Diane deGroat, Gilbert learns that first grade is not what he had expected. Lewis is a bully, and Philip already knows how to read big fat books! But Mrs. Byrd is nice, and she helps Gilbert discover that everyone has his or her own special talent.

Halloween Fraidy-Cat
By Abby Klein and John McKinley
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.3
About This Book:
Since Freddy is in the first grade, he should be old enough to go to a Halloween party without his parents. When a ghostly howl terrifies Freddy and all of his friends at the party, can Freddy find the courage to save the day?
Hoot
By Carl Hiaasen
Interest Level: 6-8
Grade Level Equivalent: 5.8
About This Book:
Unfortunately, Roy's first acquaintance in Florida is Dana Matherson, a well-known bully. Then again, if Dana hadn't been sinking his thumbs into Roy's temples and mashing his face against the school-bus window, Roy might never have spotted the running boy. And the running boy is intriguing: he was running away from the school bus, carried no books, and — here's the odd part — wore no shoes. Sensing a mystery, Roy sets himself on the boy's trail. The chase introduces him to potty-trained alligators, a fake-fart champion, some burrowing owls, a renegade eco-avenger, and several extremely poisonous snakes with unnaturally sparkling tails.

Feathers
By Jacqueline Woodson
Interest Level: 6-8
Grade Level Equivalent: 5.3
About This Book:
"Hope is the thing with feathers..." starts the poem Frannie is reading in school. Frannie hasn't thought much about hope. There are so many other things to think about. Each day, her friend Samantha seems a bit more holy. There is a new boy in class everyone is calling the Jesus Boy. And although the new boy looks like a white kid, he says he's not white. Who is he? During a winter full of surprises, good and bad, Frannie starts seeing a lot of things in a new light — her brother Sean's deafness, her mother's fear, the class bully's anger, her best friend's faith and her own desire for — the thing with feathers.

Scorpions
By Walter Dean Myers
Interest Level: 6-8
Grade Level Equivalent: 7.1
About This Book:
The Scorpions are a gun-toting Harlem gang, and Jamal Hicks is about to become tragically involved with them in this authentic tale of the sacrifice of innocence in the inner city. Pushed by the bully, Dwayne, to fight, and nagged by the principal, Mr. Davidson, Jamal is having a difficult time staying in school. His home life is not much better, with his mother working her fingers to the bone to try to earn the money for an appeal for Jamal's older brother, Randy, who is in jail. The leader of the Scorpions, Randy wants Jamal to take his place until he is free, but the other gang members, especially Angel and Indian, don't like the idea. Only Mack thinks Jamal should be the leader, and it is Mack who gets Jamal a gun. Jamal wants to do the right thing and earn the money to free his brother by working, but he is afraid to go against the Scorpions. He longs to get rid of the gun, but part of him just can't bring himself to do it. As things heat up within the gang, everything comes to a boil when Mack kills Angel and Indian is thrown in jail. Jamal eventually pulls free of the gang's bad influence, but only through the narrowest of escapes.
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone  
By J.K. Rowling  
Interest Level: 4-8  
Grade Level Equivalent: 5.3  
About This Book:  
Harry Potter has never been the star of a Quidditch team, scoring points while riding a broom far above the ground. He knows no spells, has never helped to hatch a dragon, and has never worn a cloak of invisibility. All he knows is a miserable life with the Dursleys, his horrible aunt and uncle, and their abominable son, Dudley — a great big swollen spoiled bully. Harry's room is a closet at the foot of the stairs, and he hasn't had a birthday party in eleven years. But all that is about to change when a mysterious letter arrives by owl messenger: a letter with an invitation to an incredible place that Harry — and anyone who reads about him — will find unforgettable. For it's there that he finds not only friends, aerial sports, and magic in everything from classes to meals, but a great destiny that's been waiting for him . . . if Harry can survive the encounter.

The Wednesday Wars  
By Gary D. Schmidt  
Interest Level: 6-8  
Grade Level Equivalent: 6.1  
About This Book:  
Gary D. Schmidt offers an unforgettable antihero in The Wednesday Wars — a wonderfully witty and compelling novel about a teenage boy's mishaps and adventures over the course of the 1967–68 school year. Meet Holling Hoodhood, a seventh-grader at Camillo Junior High, who must spend Wednesday afternoons with his teacher, Mrs. Baker, while the rest of the class has religious instruction. Mrs. Baker doesn't like Holling — he's sure of it. Why else would she make him read the plays of William Shakespeare outside class? But everyone has bigger things to worry about, like Vietnam. His father wants Holling and his sister to be on their best behavior: the success of his business depends on it. But how can Holling stay out of trouble when he has so much to contend with? A bully demanding cream puffs; angry rats; and a baseball hero signing autographs the very same night Holling has to appear in a play in yellow tights.

The Girls’ Book  
By Juliana Foster  
Interest Level: 4-7

Is That a Dead Dog In Your Locker?  
By Todd Strasser  
Interest Level: 3-5  
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.4  
About This Book:
The Tardy Boys, Wade and Leyton, are always getting into trouble, especially when they're dealing with the school bully, Barton Slugg. When their friend Daisy brings her neighbor's old dog Wheezy to school, the boys have to help her hide him. Not only does the school have a no-furry-animals allowed policy, but the class crybaby is horribly allergic to animal fur. Barton is trying everything to uncover Wheezy's hiding place and get the boys in hot water. It will take the ingenious work of the Tardy Boys to outsmart him, with some hilarious results.

Ella the Elegant Elephant
By Carmela D’Amico and Steven D’Amico
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.5
About This Book:
She's younger than Babar, shyer than Lily, and every bit as cute as Olivia. Hang on to your hats, here comes Ella! Ella has moved to a new neighborhood and has to start a brand new school. At least she has her grandmother's smashing red hat to wear for good luck. But Belinda Blue, the playground bully, doesn't like Ella. And she doesn't like the hat. It looks like trouble's brewing on the playground — until Ella discovers just what a good heart (and great fashion sense) can do.

Lamb Lessons
By Ben M. Baglio
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.5
About This Book:
Mandy's class is visiting a farm to learn about the animals there. Her partner is Dillon, the class bully. What will Dillon do at the farm? Will he be mean to the animals? Mandy is worried, especially about the tiny lamb named snowy. Maybe it is time Dillon learned a lesson?

Tyrone and the Swamp Gang
By Hans Wilhelm
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.7
About This Book:
It's hard to say no to a bully. Boland his friends have a big problem. It's that bully TYRONE. Almost everyone has joined Tyrone's Swamp Gang. Tyrone is after Boland and his friends to join, too — or else! How can Boland stay out of trouble now?

The Green Glass Sea
By Ellen Klages
Interest Level: 6-9
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.5
The Recess Queen
Interest Level: PreK-3
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.6
About This Book:
In this sassy playground romp the irrepressible new kid dethrones the reigning recess bully by doing the unthinkable — she invites her to be her friend! Not only will kids relate to the all-too-common issue of bullying, but parents and teachers will appreciate the story's deft handling of conflict resolution (achieved without adult intervention).

Mitch and Amy
By Beverly Cleary and George Porter
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 5.1
About This Book:
Double Trouble...Mitch and Amy both think being twins is fun, but that doesn't stop them from squabbling. Amy is good at reading. Mitch is a math whiz. Amy likes to play pretend. Mitch would rather skateboard. They never want to watch the same television show. And they always try to get the better of each other. Then the school bully starts picking on Mitch — and on Amy, too. Now the twins have something rotten in common: Alan Hibbler. This twosome must set aside their squabbles and band together to defeat a bully!

Ghosts Be Gone!
By Marcia Thornton Jones and Debbie Dadey
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.8
About This Book:
Bring it on! It's Career Day, and class bully Andrew wants to be a rich and famous ghost hunter. He's bringing his ghost-stopping slime straight to the school basement. That's the perfect place to hunt some haunts. But the Ghostville ghosts aren't afraid of any ghost hunter. They've got a few bully-busting tricks of their own.

The Beast in Ms. Rooney’s Room
By Patricia Reilly Giff and Blanche L. Sims
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.2
About This Book:
It's September again. What does it mean for Richard "Beast" Best to be left back? It means being teased by his old friends while he's stuck facing the same old teacher in the same old classroom. He even has to take a special reading class with "babies" like Emily Arrow and Matthew Jackson. And just like last year, he can't help getting into trouble. But with the help of Mrs. Paris, the reading teacher, Beast starts to enjoy reading and just might find a way to help the second grade win the school banner for best class. Having to repeat a grade, losing one's place at the head of the class, keeping up with schoolwork, or dealing with bullies. These are the issues that students encounter, and the kids at the Polk Street School do their best to make their way through these challenges.
A Bad Case of Stripes
By David Shannon
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.5
About This Book:
Camilla Cream loves lima beans — but she won't admit it to anyone. The other kids don't like them, and Camilla wants to fit in. "Camilla was always worried about what other people thought of her." But as she tries on her forty-second potential outfit for the first day of school, the unthinkable happens: Camilla breaks out in stripes. When the doctor pronounces her perfectly healthy (albeit colorful), she has to go to school and face the ridicule of her classmates. It turns out that she is completely susceptible to the suggestions of others, so when the kids call out patterns, she changes colors obediently; likewise with the Specialists and Experts who attempt to cure her with their theories. After an Environmental Therapist tells poor Camilla to "become one" with her room, she melts into the walls, with paintings for eyes, a dresser for a nose, and her bed for a mouth. Drastic action is needed. A little old lady arrives and pours a handful of lima beans into Camilla's waiting mattress mouth. "I knew the real you was in there somewhere," she tells the little girl, who is magically restored to her original self.

September Surprises
By Ann Matthews Martin
Interest Level: 4-7
About This Book:
It's September in Camden Falls... and it's time for Flora, Nikki, and Olivia to move up to the Central School from their old elementary school. As seventh graders, they'll be sharing the halls with kids from other towns — and from grades as high as twelfth. Flora and Nikki are excited... but Olivia isn't at all. She's always been the youngest girl in her class. Now she's the youngest girl in the whole school — and plenty of kids, both friends and bullies, are noticing. When Olivia runs afoul of a popular girl, she realizes she has to grow up fast... or get left behind.

The Moon and I
By Betsy Byars
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 6.3
About This Book:
The Moon that inspires Betsy Byars's memoir isn't the one in the sky, but a huge, harmless blacksnake she finds in the rafters of her porch. This meeting begins an exploration of the writing process. With energy, wit, and delight, the Newbery medalist shows how "the good scraps" of her life, from a bully named Bubba to a gift-wrapped dime, weave into her work.

Meet Danitra Brown
By Nikki Grimes and Floyd Cooper
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.9
About This Book:
Named a Coretta Scott King Honor Book as well as an ALA Notable Book, this touching collection of 13 poems about two African American girls named Zuri Jackson and Danitra Brown, is a refreshing and illuminating way to convey a portrait of friendship. From the point of view of Zuri, readers are introduced to Danitra Brown, "the most splendiferous girl in town" who wears purple — from her head down to her toes — every single day. There are reasons why this is so, Zuri tells readers: Danitra might be a princess; she can take bullies on with no sweat; she's the fastest bike rider on the whole block; she helps Zuri with her chores, and she's going to win the Nobel Prize someday. Through Zuri's proud, but unsentimental voice, Danitra is portrayed as a spirited, spunky kid who can deal with whatever life has to give her. In turn, Danitra but is also very considerate of emotional Zuri's vulnerability. The two make a wonderful pair: they both have qualities that bring out the best in each another. Not everything is perfect, however — Danitra is taunted for wearing thick glasses; Zuri feels bad that her dad is never around to care for her, and some neighborhood kids tease Danitra about her dark skin. But although these girls live in a world filled with problems and prejudices, Danitra and Zuri deal well with each as they happen. The lovely and lush oil-wash illustrations capture and complement energy of the poems, and capture the characters' emotions. Although these characters are African-American, the theme of friendship through struggle that Grimes conveys is universal, and in this book, is brought to vibrant life.

City of Stars
By Mary Hoffman
Interest Level: 6-8
Grade Level Equivalent: 7.2
About This Book:
Georgia is an ordinary girl, living in London with her mother, stepfather and bully of a stepbrother and coping with the difficulties of growing up. But all that changes when she buys a tiny figurine in the form of a winged horse and suddenly finds herself swept up into the world of the Stravagante. Her talisman, the figurine, transports her to Remora the Talian parallel to Siena, Italy. There she meets Lucien, the Stravagante we first met in City of Masks and many other fascinating people who are in the midst of preparing for the Stellata, the city's annual horse race.

Ten Ways to Make My Sister Disappear
By Norma Fox Mazer
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.2
About This Book:
Everything ten year-old Sprig wants, her older sister Dakota already has. Everything Sprig does, Dakota does better. And anytime Sprig complains, Dakota just grins and calls her a baby. It's enough to make a kid wish her sister would disappear. But in a year when Sprig's father is away, her favorite neighbor is ill, and the class bully is acting almost like,
well, a boyfriend, Sprig discovers that allies come in unexpected shapes. Sometimes they're even related to you.

The Big One-Oh
By Dean Pitchford
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.6
About This Book:
Charley Maplewood has never been one for parties — that would require friends, which he doesn’t have. But now that he’s turning ten — the big oneoh — he decides to throw a birthday party for himself. Of course things don’t work out as he plans. In trying to make friends, he ends up inviting the class bully, and that's before he ruins the cake and sets the garage on fire. Will Charley be able to pull it together before the big one-oh...becomes the big OH-NO?

Help! I’m Trapped in a Vampire’s Body!
By Todd Strasser
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 5.1
About This Book:
There's a creepy new custodian at Burt Itchupt Junior High School. His name is Vlad, and Jake Sherman has never seen him by day. An encounter with the DITS makes Jake nervous. He doesn't know much about Vlad, but he definitely doesn't want to be in his body. Jake's relieved when the DITS malfunctions, and he doesn't switch bodies with Vlad as he expects. But that's just because his new body's not visible till nighttime; it turns out that Vlad's a vampire! And now Jake is, too! Being a vampire comes in handy when Jake wants to stop school bully Barry Dunn from crashing a Halloween party. But the next day Jake's still stuck in Vlad's body. Thanks to a hat, some sunglasses, and sunblock SPF 45, Jake can go to school. But there's no way he can get Vlad to take back his body. And if Vlad won't, who will???

23 Ways to Mess Up Valentine’s Day
By Valerie Wilson Wesley and Mauryn Roos
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.5
About This Book:
It's back-to-school time, and Willimena will be in a new class with new kids and a new teacher. Her know-it-all big sister Tina advised Willimena to just smile and be nice. But when the class bully "mean Irene" jumps in Willimena's face, what can she do?

Reaching Dustin
By Vicki Grove
Interest Level: 4-6
Grade Level Equivalent: 6.2
About This Book:
Award-winning author, Vicki Grove, offers readers a compassionate, emotional story about how negative impressions of others can be overcome through communication and understanding. When sixth-grader Carly finds out that she has to interview Dustin Groat for a school assignment, she's horrified. Not only is Dustin the school bully, but his dysfunctional family — who live near a swamp and smelly landfill — has a reputation for being a gun-toting, hard-nosed group who don't care about anyone else in their small, Missouri town. Everyone knows to stay away from the Groats unless they're looking for some serious trouble. But when Carly begins to interview Dustin, she uncovers several disturbing layers of truth about his life: how his mother committed suicide when he was in third grade, why Dustin seems to be hiding from something or someone, and why their teacher left school in the middle of the year after having a run-in with Dustin's father. Soon she realizes that Dustin's not just tough and mean, but a boy with feelings and insecurities. Born into the "wrong" kind of family, Dustin just needs a break . . . and a good friend.

Jinx on the Divide
By Elizabeth Kay
Interest Level: 4-7
Grade Level Equivalent: 5.8
About This Book:
Felix is back at school, but things aren't back to normal! Rhino, the class bully, snatches the mysterious Brandee lamp he had kept from his last adventure in BACK TO THE DIVIDE, and next thing you know, a djinn has taken Rhino hostage and is demanding that Felix return him home to the mystical, back-to-front world. But no sooner is the djinn's wish granted than Rhino escapes into the villainous protection of Skullcap, new chief nasty of the Japegrins. It's up to Felix and Bettony to once again use their wits to save both worlds from the ultimate explosive threat of mixed-up science and magic.

Kissing the Rain
By Kevin Brooks
Interest Level: 9-12
Grade Level Equivalent: 5.8
About This Book:
Moo Nelson likes to be alone. Overweight and shy, Moo is constantly mocked and bullied by his cruel classmates. He's happiest spending time on a secluded bridge above the highway, watching the cars go by. One day, from his special spot, Moo witnesses a crime that changes his life forever. He sees a car chase and a murder—and suddenly Moo's a celebrity of sorts. The police, the lawyers, and even the bullies are now really interested in Moo. But so is one shady character who seems intent on tracking Moo down. Now all Moo has to do is find out the truth behind the crime...before it's too late.

Big. Bad, and a Little Bit Scary
By Wade Zahares
Interest Level: PreK-3
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.9
Hello, Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle
By Betty MacDonald and Hilary Knight
Interest Level: 2-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.6
About This Book:
Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle loves children, healthy children. She has a big cupboard overflowing with magic pills and potions and appliances for curing them of bad habits. Like the powder that makes Phillip Carmody completely invisible when he shows off. Or the anti-slowpoke spray she uses to treat Harbin's extra-acute daydreaming disease. However unusual the problem, you can count on Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle for the answer!

Neighborhood Friends
By Crystal Velasquez
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.3
About This Book:
Based on two television episodes of twins Maya and Miguel, Maya is feuding with her friends over a book report, while Miguel secretly gives soccer lessons to two friends.

Surviving Brick Johnson
By Laurie Myers and Dan Yaccarino
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.6
About This Book:
Alex is running for his life. After making fun of the notorious bully Brick Johnson, he's now convinced that Brick is out to get him. There is only one way to survive Brick Johnson--take karate lessons and become a powerful sensei. But after Brick shows up in karate class and treats Alex with respect, Alex's picture of him begins to change. How can Brick be a bully and a nice guy at the same time?
Accompanied by Dan Yaccarino's humorous illustrations, this funny, fast-paced story challenges readers to explore the way we think about people--and to break down the stereotypes that may prevent us from finding true friendship.

Runaway Radish
By Jessie Haas and Margot Apple
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.1
About This Book:
Radish is a feisty pony--and the best teacher Judy has ever had. He teaches her how to ride, and how to go fast and far, and even how to fall off. But most of all, he teaches her to be patient. And when Judy outgrows him, he teaches Nina all the same things, and most of all, how to be brave. But girls grow, and ponies stay the same size. What will Radish do with no one to bully--and to teach? It takes his running away for Judy and Nina to find the perfect solution, one that keeps Radish from being outgrown ever again!
Tarantula Power!
By Ann Whitehead Nagda and Stephanie Roth
Interest Level: 3-5
About This Book:
Richard is forced to work with the class bully on an "Invent a Cereal" project. Inspired by the class pet, a tarantula, Richard tries to keep the bully from picking on a younger student.

Nicky Deuce
By Charles Fleming and Steven Schirripa
Interest Level: 6-8
About This Book:
If you ask Nicholas Borelli II--better known as Nicky Deuce--winter in New Jersey is awfully boring compared to summertime in Brooklyn, where he had the best two weeks of his life. Now it's cold out, he's back in school, and he has to live without Grandma Tutti's home cooked Italian meals and Uncle Frankie's funny tough-guy attitude. But not for long! Nicky's father is throwing a New Year's Eve party and the whole family is going to stay at their house and the gang from Brooklyn is coming to visit. By Christmas, Nicky's home is brimming with Brooklyn accents. Grandma Tutti wastes no time taking over the kitchen while Uncle Frankie charms the neighbors and cousin Tommy beats up Dirk Van Allen, the biggest jer in the neighborhood. Suddenly Tommy becomes a local hero but he and Nicky also become the prime target of a bully's revenge. Nicky Deuce is about to find out that winter in New Jersey is anything but boring.

18th Emergency
By Betsey Cromer Byars
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.4
About This Book:
When the toughest boy in school swears to kill him, twelve-year-old Mouse finds little help from friends and must prepare for this emergency alone.

Gemini Summer
By Lain Lawrence
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.3
About This Book:
In the quiet of Hog's Hollow, each member of the River family pursues a dream. Old Man River sets out to build a fallout shelter in case the war in Vietnam "brings the end of everything;" his wife Flo, who collects "Gone with the Wind" dolls, attempts to pen her own Southern saga; Beau, their older son, suffers from "space fever" and aspires to be an astronaut. As for Danny, the younger River boy, well, he just dreams of having a dog. Then in the spring of 1965 tragedy befalls the Rivers--a tragedy that makes the Old Man wish he'd never started building the shelter, stops Flo from finishing her bestseller, and leaves Beau grounded rather than airborne. But the tragedy does finally bring a dog into
Danny's life. And not just any old dog. Danny comes to believe that the mixed-breed stray embodies the spirit of someone he dearly loves. He won't allow anyone to separate him from the dog, not even after it bites the neighborhood bully and the police are sent to take it away. Together Danny and his dog run off, heading toward Cape Caneveral, where the Gemini missions blast off from, and where dreams come true.

The Stupendous Dodgeball Fiasco
By Janice Repka and Glin Dibley
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.9
About This Book:
Phillip comes from a circus family, but all he really wants is to be a regular kid. After persuading his parents to let him move in with his aunt and uncle, he winds up in Hardingtown, where everyone is wild about dodgeball. When he gets slammed in the face with a speeding ball in gym class, he decides to take the dodgeball bully to court. But can a circus boy take on the Unofficial Dodgeball Capital of the World?

Alien Brain Fryout
By Barbara M. Joosse and Sue Truesdell
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.1
About This Book:
In their latest fast-paced adventure, Wild Willie and his fellow detectives, Lucy and Kyle, suspect that aliens have invaded their block Mean, rotten Chuckie has stopped being a bully and is acting spacey and nice, and Kyle's talking parrot is acting weird, too. Could extraterrestrials be controlling their minds? It's a perfect case for Scarface Detectives, the trio's recently formed investigation agency. Using surveillance and interrogation techniques and all their best detective skills, the young sleuths hatch a scheme to solve this new mystery. With prompting from a Magic Eight Ball and advice from the editors of their favorite detective magazine, the friends put their plan into effect, with hilarious results. Eventually, the young detectives must face an even scarier possibility than alien invasion--Chuckie has brain fryout for Lucy.

Tobby Scudder, King of the School
By David Gifaldi
Interest Level: 6-8
Grade Level Equivalent: 5.5
About This Book:
Priding himself on not doing his homework or ever losing a fight, Toby Scudder starts sixth grade planning to rule the school, but sixth grade presents him with some tough situations that he can't bully his way through.

The Kweeks of Kookatumdee
By Bill Peet
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.4
About This Book:
The birdlike kweeks are starving because their island does not have enough plopopo fruit trees to feed them all, until Quentin makes an amazing discovery.

Jackson Jones and the Puddle of Thorns
By Mary Quattlebaum and Melodye Rosales
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.5
About This Book:
When his mother gives him a garden plot for his tenth birthday, Jackson Jones hopes to earn enough money to buy a basketball, but all he seems to get is trouble.

In the Dinosaur’s Paw
By Patricia Reilly Giff and Blanche Sims
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.8
About This Book:
Richard Best finds a magic ruler in his desk, which seems to make his wishes come true, including one he wishes he could undo.

Chevrolet Saturdays
By Candy Dawson Boyd
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 5.3
About This Book:
When he enters fifth grade after his mother's remarriage, Joey has trouble adjusting to his new teacher and to his new stepfather.

The Teeny Tiny Ghost and the Monster
By Kay Winters and Lynn M. Munsinger
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.3
About This Book:
"Listen up!" said the teacher to the teeny tiny class. "The Spook and Spirit Club is sponsoring a contest for all the ghosts in our teeny tiny school. It's a Make a Monster contest -- just in time for Halloween!" All the ghosts in the teeny tiny class are excited to make their own monsters: scary monsters, hairy monsters, boy- and girl-eating monsters! All the ghosts, that is, except one.

Danger on Midnight River
By Gary Paulsen
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.2
About This Book:
Slow learner Daniel Martin escapes peer teasing by spending most of his time outdoors.
The Schernoff Discoveries
By Gary Paulsen
Interest Level: 6-8
Grade Level Equivalent: 5.9
About This Book:
Fourteen-year-old Harold Schernoff and his best friend, who are both social misfits, have many harrowing and humorous escapades as they attempt to survive the pitfalls of junior high.

Roxie and the Hooligans
By Phyllis Naylor and Alexandria Boiger
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 6.0
About This Book:
Nine-year-old Roxie Warbler becomes a heroine when she impresses a bunch of hooligans with her cool head and knowledge of survival tactics while she and the hooligans are trapped on an island.

Bootsie Barker Bites
By Barbara Bottner and Peggy Rathmann
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.8
About This Book:
Bootsie Barker is a tiny terror who kicks dogs, sticks her tongue out, and throws temper tantrums. But when she turns her nastiness on her playmate, our young heroine gives Bootsie a good taste of her own medicine.

Song Shoots Out of My Mouth
By Jaime Adoff and Martin French
Interest Level: 7-12

The Body of Christopher Creed
By Carol Plum-Ucci and Karen Grove
Interest Level: 9-12
Grade Level Equivalent: 6.1
About This Book:
Chris Creed grew up as the class freak--the bullies' punching bag. After he vanished, the weirdness that had once surrounded him began spreading. It was as if a darkness reached out of his void to grab at the most normal, happy people--like some twisted joke or demented form of justice. It tore the town apart. Sixteen-year-old Torey Adams's search for answers opens his eyes to the lies, the pain, and the need to blame when tragedy strikes, and his once-safe world comes crashing down around him.

All the Answers
By Anne C. LeMieux
Interest Level: 6-8
Grade Level Equivalent: 6.9
About This Book:
Jason's father is a compulsively orderly accountant, while Jason, a witty right-brainer, prefers to wing it. Algebra confounds him. His bedroom is a mess, and that's how he likes it. But lately, Jason's father seems to be trying to force good-natured Jason into his mold. Jason's pop has gone from being more or less always on Jason's side to being a despot who's always against him. An ace at computer solitaire, Jason plays daily to predict his luck. But he can't predict Philip and Phelicia Nevimore, twin children of the new boss who is making Jason's pop miserable. Philip is Dexter Junior High's new star athlete and math whiz. He's also a bully who guards his gorgeous sister as if he were her own private secret service agent. Meanwhile, Jason's algebra teacher has seen through his excuses and wisecracks, and if Jason doesn't shape up, he might fail the class. Will Jason ever have a chance to get close to Phelicia? Will he pass algebra? And just how long can he avoid a serious discussion with his dad?

The Three Silly Girls Grubb
By John Hassett and Ann Hassett
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.7
About This Book:
Skippity-skip-skip. One after the other, three silly sisters skip over a bridge on their way to school. But before she can cross to safety, each sister must face Ugly-Boy Bobby, a bully who hides in a hole beneath the bridge. Ugly-Boy Bobby was "the kind of boy who ate bugs, tossed stones at cats, and drank from puddles--the muddier the better." But even a boy like Bobby hungers for something other than bugs and mud puddles from time to time. What he craves the most are jelly donuts, the very ones each sister carries in her lunch! Just when it seems that Ugly-Boy Bobby will stop at nothing to get those donuts, the biggest sister turns the tables on him with just one simple, little request . . . Zany illustrations, full of fun details to discover, enliven this humorous take on the classic children's story, "The Three Billy Goats Gruff."

Rhinos for Lunch and Elephants for Supper!
By Tololwa Mollie and Barbara Spurll
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 5.5
About This Book:
A humorous and ironic folk tale from the Maasai of East Africa in which only the frog (a most unlikely heroine) is courageous enough to take on a bully.

Bootsie Barker Ballerina
By Barbara Bottner and Brian Karas
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.9
About This Book:
Ballerinas, basketball players, and bullies abound in this hilarious Level 3 I Can Read Book. When Bootsie Barker turns up in Bernie and Lisa's ballet class, the trouble starts. Bootsie hates ballet. She hates boys even more! But when she starts knocking Bernie down with her plies and pirouettes, Madame blames Bernie for disrupting the class! Can Bernie and Lisa figure out a way to get Bootsie Barker off their backs?

Crickwing
By Janell Cannon
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.1
About This Book:
Crickwing never set out to be a bully--he wanted only to create his art in peace. But the little cockroach is an easy target for the bigger creatures in the forest. In his frustration he decides to even the score by bullying the leafcutter ants. They're just so easy to pick on. Big mistake." Nobody "angers the leafcutter queen and gets away with it.

Martha Walks the Dog
By Susan Meddaugh
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.5
About This Book:
Martha loves her daily walks. She enjoys sniffing and scratching with her pals down by the hydrant. But today something is different. A house down the street has been sold, the for sale sign replaced by a new sign - Beware of Dog! Always curious, Martha investigates and discovers that there's a new dog in town, a blustering tough-dog named Bob. He's big and mean, and even Martha reluctantly concedes that he may be a bad dog. Martha will have to keep all her canine wits about her to protect her buddies and herself from the savage bully. Fortunately, she makes the acquaintance of a long-winded Parrot, and together the talkative duo may be able to restore peace to the neighborhood. In this hilarious new escapade by Susan Meddaugh, Martha is back, busily proving that there's no substitute for the simple power of praise for taming the toughest old dogs.

 Shrinking Violet
By Cari Best and Giselle Potter
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.9
About This Book:
Never has being shy seemed so rewarding!
Whether she's impersonating Elvis, swaggering like Captain Hook, or imitating the sounds of a cricket, Violet is expressive and funny -- but only when she's alone or with her best friend, Opal. At school, especially around class bully Irwin, who teases her nonstop, she retreats into a shell of shyness. But when Irwin, playing the part of Planet Mars in the class play, begins to spin wildly out of control and threatens to ruin the entire production, it's Violet who saves the day -- managing not only to give Irwin his comeuppance but to find her own unique way of surviving the spotlight.
The Rat and the Tiger
By Keiko Kasza
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 1.8
About This Book:
Even though one is just a tiny little fellow and the other is a big tough guy, rat and tiger are best friends. They have lots of fun playing together, even though tiger is a bit of a bully. When they play cowboys, rat always has to be the bad guy. When they share a snack, rat always gets the smaller piece. But one day, tiger takes the bullying too far, and rat decides that he's not going to take it anymore. Rat stands up for himself and refuses to be tiger's friend until tiger learns to play fair and square. With appealing illustrations and a simple text, Keiko Kasza delivers an important message about friendship in this heartwarming story.

Dudes, the School is Haunted!
By R.L. Stine
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.1
About This Book:
Joe Sweety is the worst kind of bully -- big, mean, and always ready to use his fists. Chipmunk is the shiest, clumsiest kid at Rotten School. When Chipmunk is paired with Joe on the class trip, things get ugly -- and fast! Chipmunk spills his apple juice on Joe, he barfs on Joe, and he pulls down Joe's pants. All accidents, of course. But does Joe care? No way! He is out to get Chipmunk! Bernie Bridges can't stand to see Chipmunk, one of his Rotten House guys, bullied by big, mean Sweety. So it's payback time -- and Bernie has a spook-tacular plan. It turns out that Sweety is scared of ghosts. Petrified! Bernie decides it's time for the Haunting of Joe -- with spooky messages on the computer, green protoplasm in his room, and a body-wrap in an eerie cocoon. Will Bernie's payback work? Will it scare Joe into niceness?

Gloria Rising
By Ann Cameron and Lis Tuft
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.9
About This Book:
Sometimes it's the little things that are really big. Gloria learns this when her mom sends her to the grocery store for an onion, and because of the onion she meets Dr. Grace Street, a famous astronaut. But how is she supposed to understand Dr. Street's advice that the big things are not always as big as they seem - teacher troubles, for example? It's only the beginning of fourth grade, and already Gloria has enormous teacher troubles! The Dragon of Doom, a.k.a. Mrs. Yardley, doesn't seem to like Gloria, or anyone else for that matter - except for Billy Watkins, the class bully. Things go from bad to worse when Billy gets the whole class in trouble. Then a surprise school visit from Dr. Street reminds Gloria that she knows how to rise above her difficulties.
Nothing Wrong with a Three Legged Dog
By Graham McNamee
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.7
About This Book:
Keath and his best friend Lynda are in the fourth grade. Some kids call Lynda "Zebra", because her mother's black and her father's white. And Keath is "Whitey". He's vanilla in a chocolate school where Toothpick, a bully, has it in for him. Lynda and Keath both love dogs. When Keath grows up, he wants to be a golden retriever. Dogs don't care about which color is the right one. Dogs don't hate anybody. Their favorite dog is Leftovers, Lynda's three-legged beagle. When he got hurt, his first owners gave up on him, but Lynda and Keath turn him into a winner -- a pooch that shows Keath that sometimes it's good to stand out, to be special. Keath learns that even when you look different, there are ways to fit in.

Eddie's Blue Winged Dragon
By C.S. Adler
Interest Level: 6-8
Grade Level Equivalent: 6.3
About This Book:
With a bully like Darrin after him and a sixth grade teacher who couldn't understand his speech, school was hard for a kid with cerebral palsy like Eddie. Besides, Eddie needed to find a gift for his little sister's sixth birthday. There in the Treasure Shop, Eddie and his friend Gary discovered a great gift -- a blue winged dragon. But the dragon scared Eddie's little sister so much she didn't want it. Eddie kept the dragon, but strange things began to happen. Could the dragon be going after Eddie's enemies?

Trouble in the Barkers' Class
By Tomie dePaola
Interest Level: K-2
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.1
About This Book:
A new classmate means trouble for the Barker twins. Moffie and Morgie are excited. A new girl is joining their class. But Carole Anne is a bully, pushing Moffie and grabbing Morgie's dinosaur book, and that's only the beginning. Then Morgie goes looking for dinosaur eggs on a Saturday morning and finds Carole Anne crying. He discovers why she is so unhappy, and at school Morgie introduces his new friend. She tells everyone how sorry she is for being so nasty. Now everyone has a friend, and school is fun again!

Vanishing
By Bruce Brooks
Interest Level: 6-8
Grade Level Equivalent: 7.7
About This Book:
Alice wants to feel at home. Not easy, when her family isn't a functional unit; even harder when her father ships her off to an alcoholic mother and bully stepfather. When a serious case of bronchitis lands Alice in the hospital, she takes a desperate step at controlling her life: she goes on a hunger strike. But with the threat of a coma and death looming, Alice must decide how long she will go hungry for love. . . .

Diablo, the Devil Steer
By William J. Buchanan
Interest Level: 6-8
About This Book:
David Baca, an Isleta Indian, lives with his family on a reservation in New Mexico. On David's fifteenth birthday, his father is gored by Diablo, a wild bull that is terrorizing all the ranches and pueblos south of Albuquerque. David and his Anglo friend, Steven Callister, set out for revenge. William Buchanan's young adult novel, first published in 1992 and now available only from UNM Press, is the tale of two boys becoming men who find friendship and courage across racial boundaries. Wild horses, cowboys and cowgirls, a schoolyard bully, and the wisdom of the elders make this story moving and unforgettable. It is also an authentic portrait of the multicultural twentieth-century West, where old ways coexist with new.

Get Lost!
By Nancy E. Krulik
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.8
About This Book:
Katie Carew (nicknamed Katie Kazoo by the class bully) always wished that she could be anyone but herself. Now her wish has come true - and she keeps turning into other people! Katie's class is going on a two-day science field trip to Nature School. The Nature School counselor is named Genie-Genie the Meanie! Genie is very strict and doesn't want the kids to have any fun. She's ruining the field trip! When Katie turns into Genie and is left leading her class on a hike, she gets them totally lost! Back in her own body, how will Katie get things on track again?

I Hate Rules!
By Nancy E. Krulik
Interest Level: 3-5
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.8
About This Book:
Katie Carew (nicknamed Katie Kazoo by the class bully) always wished that she could be anyone but herself. Now her wish has come true - and she keeps turning into other people! When Katie gets caught breaking the rules, first passing a note, and later with a cell phone (that isn't even her's!), she loses her recess for the day. She's had it with the school rules! When she turns into the principal, Mr. Kane, she makes a new rule - that there are no rules! Things get out of hand and Katie turns back into herself before she can fix
things. The real Mr. Kane loses his job because the parents and teachers are so angry. Will Katie be able to make things right and get Mr. Kane his job back?

The Wimp  
By Kathy Caple  
Interest Level: K-2  
Grade Level Equivalent: 2.5  
About This Book:  
Poor Arnold, the class wimp, is being picked on by the meanest bullies in school. When the bullies begin to pick on his sister, too, he finds a few tricks up his sleeves that surprise everyone even himself.

Burnt Toast on Davenport Street  
By Tim Egan  
Interest Level: K-2  
Grade Level Equivalent: 4.2  
About This Book:  
When a magic fly grants Arthur Crandall three wishes, he's not very impressed, especially since he doesn't believe in magic flies. So he's not particularly careful about what he wishes for: a new toaster, a solution to the bullies down on the street corner, and, for his third wish... let's just say that life on Davenport Street will never be the same for the Crandalls. The creator of the critically acclaimed Friday Night at Hodges' Cafe and Metropolitan Cow now brings us a tour de force in humor and storytelling. Egan has created an inviting world on Davenport Street where Stella and Arthur Crandall, two good-natured dogs who have an incredible, magical experience and react much as you or I would - with a combination of disbelief and willingness.

The Astonishing Adventures of Fanboy and Goth Girl  
By Barry Lyga  
Interest Level: 9-12  
Grade Level Equivalent: 3.7  
About This Book:  
Fanboy has never had it good, but lately his sophomore year is turning out to be its own special hell. The bullies have made him their favorite target, his best (and only) friend seems headed for the dark side (sports and popularity), and his pregnant mother and the step-fascist are eagerly awaiting the birth of the alien life form known as Fanboy's new little brother or sister. Fanboy, though, has a secret: a graphic novel he's been working on without telling anyone, a graphic novel that he is convinced will lead to publication, fame, and--most important of all--a way out of the crappy little town he lives in and all the people that make it hell for him. When Fanboy meets Kyra, a.k.a. Goth Girl, he finds an outrageous, cynical girl who shares his love of comics as well as his hatred for jocks and bullies. Fanboy can't resist someone who actually seems to understand him, and soon he finds himself willing to heed her advice--to ignore or crush anyone who stands in his way.