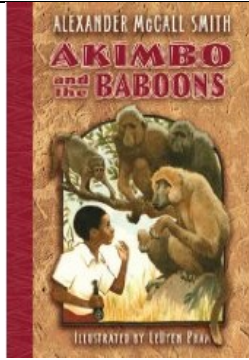


## ***Ms. Morales' Summer Reading List 2020***



### **Akimbo and the Baboons** by Alexander McCall Smith (\*series)

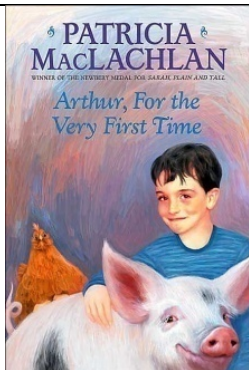
Akimbo is excited to have his cousin, Kosi, visit him on the game reserve where he lives. When a visiting scientist invites the boys to join her when she studies a pack of baboons, they can't wait to assist her in the bush. The baboons they find are fun to observe, but when a black leopard threatens the pack—and the scientist—Akimbo and Kosi are reminded that danger is ever present in the African bush.

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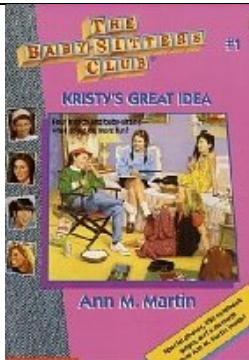
### **I Survived Series** by Lauren Tarshis

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### **Arthur, for the Very First Time** by Patricia MacLachlan

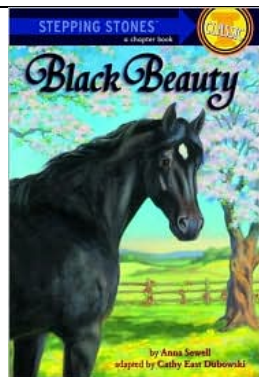
Arthur Rasby is ten years old and having the worst summer of his life. His parents don't listen to him, so he writes everything down-everything that's real-in his journal. But when he goes to stay with his Great-Aunt Elda and Great-Uncle Wrisby on their farm, his world is turned upside down. For the first time Arthur wonders what's real and what's not.



### **Baby-Sitter's Club Series: Kristy's Great Idea** by Ann M. Martin (\*series)

Kristy Thomas organizes her friends into a baby-sitters club. All of the areas of concern to pre-teen girls (wearing the "in" clothes, keeping friendships stable, coping with family stresses, and trying to grow up) are here, tied to the experience of baby-sitting.

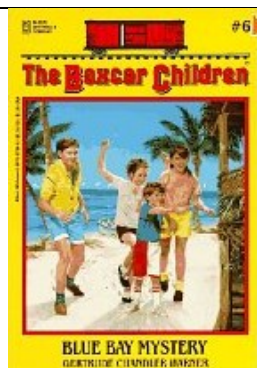
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**Black Beauty** by Cathy East Dubowski

The bittersweet saga of the handsome colt that is wrenched from a happy country home and almost worked to death as a London cab horse is adapted for easy reading. Large type, short chapters, and expressive art make this a must for all animal lovers.

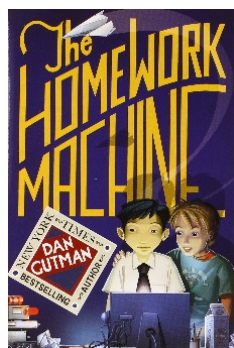
\* Any other book from the *Stepping Stones* collection would be a great choice as well. However, please keep in mind that the decoding levels of the books in this collection varies.



**BlueBay Mystery** by Gertrude Chandler Warner (\*series)

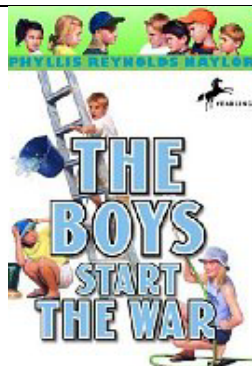
Henry, Jessie, Violet and Benny live with their grandfather and are taking a vacation in the South Seas on an uninhabited island. But is the island really uninhabited? The boxcar children soon suspect that someone else is there too—someone who may not want them around.

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**The Homework Machine** by Dan Gutman

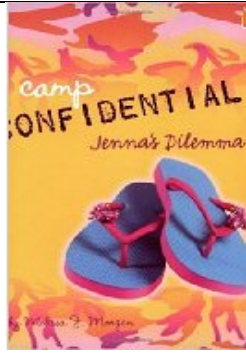
Fifth-grader Brenton is a computer genius, but the other three members of his work group think he's a nerd. So, when he tells them that he has invented a machine that does homework, they taunt him until he agrees to demonstrate. The machine actually works, and Kelsey, Sam, and Judy convince him to let them use it. At first, they are delighted with their freedom, but things quickly get out of hand.



**The Boys Start the War** by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (\*series)

It's not the Hatfields vs. the McCoys, but a feud nonetheless when the four Harfield brothers square off against their new neighbors, the Malloy sisters.

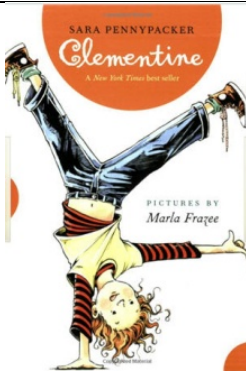
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**Camp Confidential: Jenna's Dilemma** by Melissa J. Morgan (\*series)

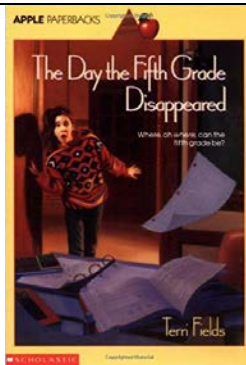
Summer camp means lots of things: new friends, roommates, bug bites, bathroom duty...But it's also a chance to be on your own and to reinvent yourself. A shy girl can become the belle of the ball, and a jock might find new competition.

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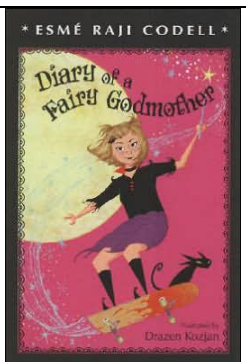
**Clementine** by Sara Pennypacker

Clementine is having not so good of a week. On Monday she's sent to the principal's office for cutting off Margaret's hair. Tuesday, Margaret's mother is mad at her. Wednesday, she's sent to the principal....again. Thursday, Margaret stops speaking to her. Friday starts with yucky eggs and gets worse. And by Saturday, even her mother is mad at her. Okay, fine. Clementine is having a *DISASTROUS* week.



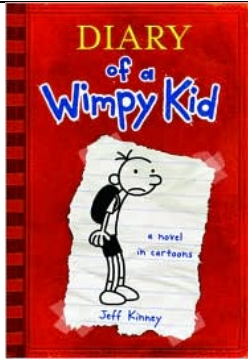
**The Day the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Disappeared** by Terri Fields

When the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class disappears and then reappears before she can show anyone, Julia begins to think that something supernatural has taken over the school.



**Diary of a Fairy Godmother** by Esme Raji Codell

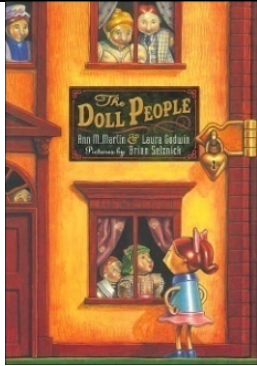
Hunky Dory's mother always told her, "You'll be the wickedest witch wherever the four winds blow." And why not? She's at the top of her class in charm school. She can make flowers wilt like wet spaghetti. She can also turn any prince into a frog - but she always changes him back. That's when she knows she has a problem. Hunky Dory's interest in "wishcraft" over witchcraft gets her kicked out of charm school. Now she's determined to follow her heart and become a fairy godmother. But how to go about doing it?



**Diary of a Wimpy Kid** by Jeff Kinney (\*series)

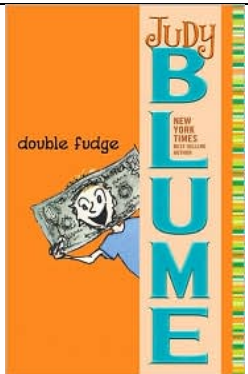
Kinney does a masterful job of making the mundane life of boys on the brink of adolescence hilarious. Greg is a conflicted soul: he wants to do the right thing, but the constant quest for status and girls seems to undermine his every effort. His attempts to prove his worthiness in the popularity race (he estimates he's currently ranked 52nd or 53rd) are constantly foiled by well-meaning parents, a younger and older brother, and nerdy friends.

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**The Doll People** by Ann M. Martin

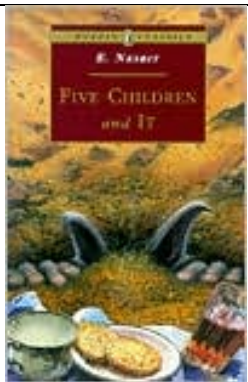
Annabelle Doll is 8 years old--and has been for over 100 years. Nothing much has changed in the dollhouse during that time, except for the fact that 45 years ago, Annabelle's Auntie Sarah disappeared from the dollhouse without a trace.



**Double Fudge** by Judy Blume (\*series)

Fans of *Superfudge* and *Fudge-a-Mania* will welcome the return of seventh-grader Peter Hatcher and his five-year-old brother, Fudge, who in this comical caper meet distant cousins from Hawaii.

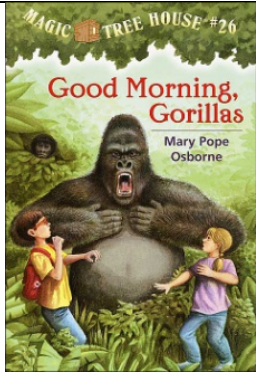
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**Five Children and It** by Edith Nesbit

The last thing Cyril, Anthea, Robert, Jane, and their baby brother expect to find while digging in the sand is a Psammead—an ancient Sand-fairy! Having a Sand-fairy for a pet means having one wish granted each day. But the five-some doesn't realize all of the trouble that wishes can cause.

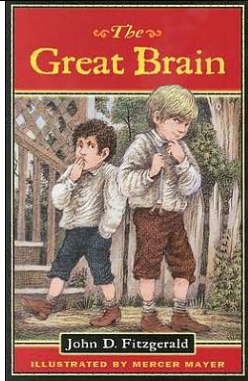




**Good Morning, Gorillas** (Magic Tree House #26): by Mary Pope Osborne (\*series)

The Magic Tree House whisks Jack and Annie off to the mountains of Africa. There they run into a huge mountain gorilla! At first they don't know whether they should shake hands or turn tail. But the ominous-looking creature turns out to be surprisingly gentle. Not only that, the gorilla may be able to help them learn their next bit of magic, which Morgan has challenged them to do.

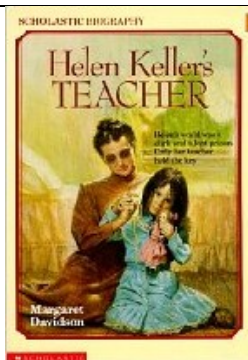
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**The Great Brain** by John D. Fitzgerald (\*series)

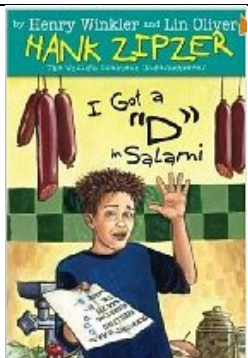
The best con man in the Midwest is only ten years old. Tom, a.k.a., the Great Brain, is a silver-tongued genius with a knack for turning a profit. When the Jenkins boys get lost in Skeleton Cave, the Great Brain saves the day. Whether it's saving the kids at school, or helping out Peg-leg Andy, or Basil, the new kid at school, the Great Brain always manages to come out on top—and line his pockets in the process.

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**Helen Keller's Teacher** by Margaret Davidson

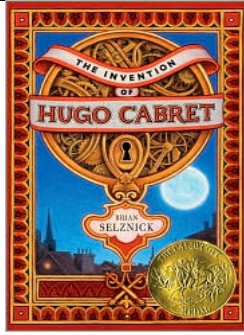
The true story of the dedicated woman, Anne Sullivan Macy, who became Helen Keller's teacher and lifelong friend.



**I got a "D" in Salami** by Henry Winkler, Lin Oliver (\*series)

After getting three Ds on his report card, a panicked Hank and his friends go to his mom's deli. His report card winds up in the meat grinder and Hank watches as his Ds are ground into a big salami--and this particular salami is being made for a very important client. How will Hank get out of this one?

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**The Invention of Hugo Cabret** by Brian Selznick

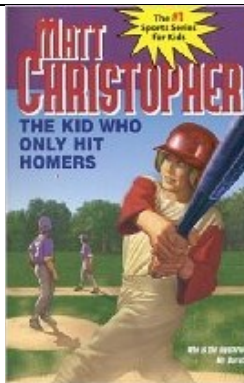
Orphan, clock keeper, and thief, Hugo lives in the walls of a busy Paris train station, where his survival depends on secrets and anonymity. But when his world suddenly interlocks with an eccentric, bookish girl and a bitter old man who runs a toy booth in the station, Hugo's undercover life and his most precious secret are put in jeopardy.



**Jackie & Me** by Dan Gutman (\*series)

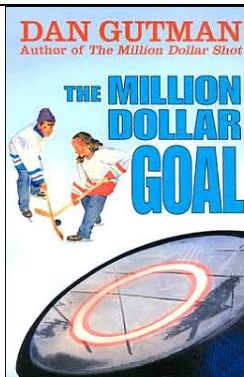
Joe Stoshack can travel through time with the help of his baseball cards. To write a report he goes back to meet one of the greatest baseball players ever, Jackie Robinson. This trip for a short time changes the color of his skin - and forever changes his view of history and his definition of courage.

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**The Kid Who Only Hit Homers** by Matt Christopher

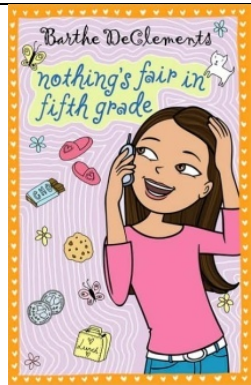
When a mysterious man promises to make him a great player, Sylvester accepts and begins a phenomenal home-run streak.



**The Million Dollar Goal** by Dan Gutman (\*series)

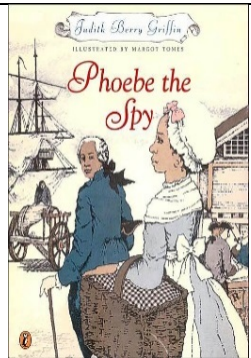
When Dawn and Dusk's dad gets the family tickets to the next Canadians' game, they can't believe their luck. They're even more psyched when they hear about the million-dollar goal contest. A randomly chosen fan will get the chance to shoot a goal to win one million dollars. One shot for a million bucks! Could this be the beginning of a dream come true for Dawn and Dusk-or the biggest humiliation of their lives?

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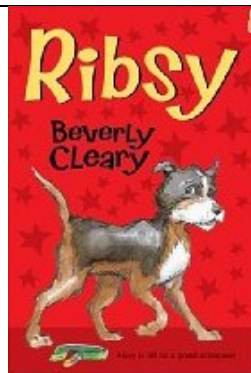
**Nothing's Fair in 5th Grade** by Barthe DeClements

When Elsie Edwards becomes the new girl in the fifth grade, nothing seems fair - but sometimes things get better!



**Phoebe the Spy** by Judith Griffin

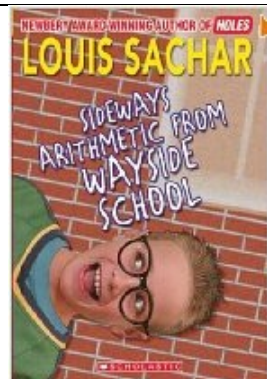
Someone is planning to kill George Washington, and young Phoebe Fraunces is trying to save his life. Phoebe gets a job as George Washington's housekeeper, but her real job is to work as a spy. She listens and watches very carefully, and she meets her father every day to tell him what she has learned. One day Phoebe's father tells her that Washington is planning to leave town in a few days, and the person plotting against him will act before then. Phoebe is very frightened, but she is determined to figure out who is after Washington before it's too late.



**Ribsy** by Beverly Cleary (\*series)

Henry Huggins's dog, Ribsy, is hopelessly lost in a huge shopping mall parking lot. It's raining hard, the pavement is slick, horns are honking, and drivers are shouting. When Ribsy thinks he has found the Huggins' new station wagon at last, he jumps in the open tailgate window and falls asleep, exhausted. When he wakes up, he finds himself in the wrong car.

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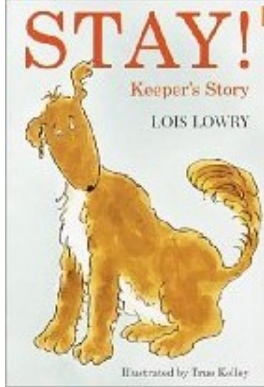


**Sideways Arithmetic From Wayside School** by Louis Sachar (\*series)

"Everyone take out your spelling books," said Mrs. Jewls. "It's time for arithmetic." Sue is so excited about her first day at Wayside School. But things at Wayside are far from normal, and Sue's teacher, Mrs. Jewls, is completely wacky. She expects the students to add and subtract words! She knows adding apples plus oranges is impossible...or is it? Anything can happen at Wayside School.

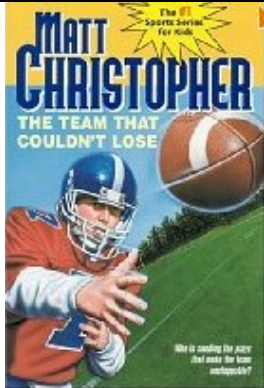
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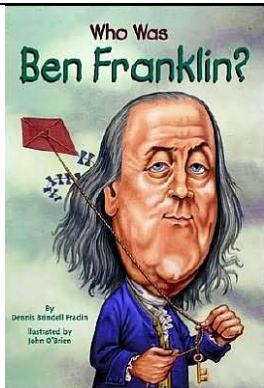
**Stay Keeper's Story** by Lois Lowry

This is the story of a dog who tells his own tale. As a pup he is separated from his mother and siblings. Through it all, Keeper can't forget his long lost little sister. If only they could be together again, life would be perfect. But an old enemy is watching and waiting to make his move.



**The Team that Couldn't Lose** by Matt Christopher

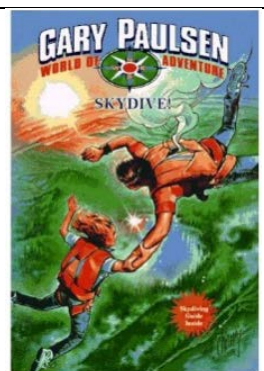
A young, inexperienced football team discovers its beginner's luck is due to a series of mysterious but successful plays anonymously sent to the coach.



**Who Was Ben Franklin** by Dennis Fradin (\*series)

This is an often funny, always engaging introduction to one of America's most fascinating founding fathers. Franklin is affectionately and respectfully depicted as a man of insatiable intellectual curiosity with a tireless creative and inventive mind who played indispensable roles in the War for Independence and the establishment of the U.S. government.

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**World of Adventure Series** – by Gary Paulsen

(\*same series as Escape From Fire Mountain)