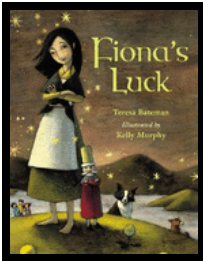




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Fiona's Luck

by Teresa Bateman

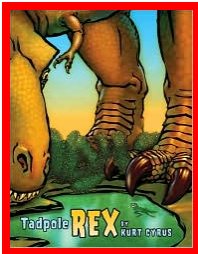
A clever woman named Fiona must pass the leprechaun king's tests when she tries to get back all the luck he has locked away from humans. (Grades K - 3) [AR Book Level: 4.5 / AR Points 0.5]



Manfish: A Story of Jacques Cousteau

by Jennifer Berne

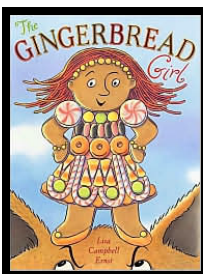
An illustrated biography of Jacques Cousteau, discussing how his youthful fascinations with filming and underwater exploration translated into his life's work, and telling of his later devotion to saving the ocean environment. (Grades K - 3) [AR Book Level: 4.3 / AR Points 0.5]



Tadpole Rex

by Kurt Cyrus

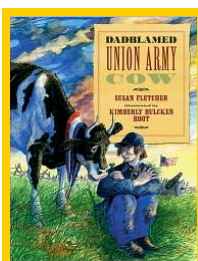
A tiny tadpole grows into a frog, feeling just as strong and powerful as the huge tyrannosaurus rex that stomps through the mud. (Grades K - 3) [AR Book Level: 4.3 / AR Points 0.5]



The Gingerbread Girl

by Lisa Campbell Ernst

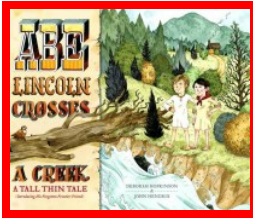
After their first gingerbread disaster, the lonely old couple decides to bake again and create a gingerbread girl who proves herself to be one smart cookie. (Grades K - 3) [AR Book Level: 4.4 / AR Points 0.5]



Dadblamed Union Army Cow

by Susan Fletcher

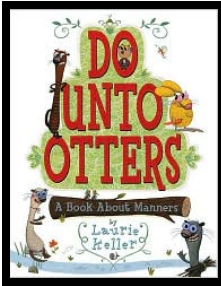
Based upon true events, tells the story of a devoted cow that followed her owner from 1862 to 1865 when he joined the Union Army, and stayed with him and his regiment until the end of the fighting. (Grades K - 3) [AR Book Level: 4.0 / AR Points 0.5]



Abe Lincoln Crosses a Creek: A Tall Thin Tale

by Deborah Hopkinson

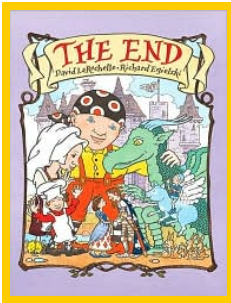
In Knob Creek, Kentucky, in 1816, seven-year-old Abe Lincoln falls into a creek and is rescued by his best friend, Austin Gollaher. (Grades K - 3) [AR Book Level: 3.1 / AR Points 0.5]



Do Unto Otters: A Book About Manners

by Laurie Keller

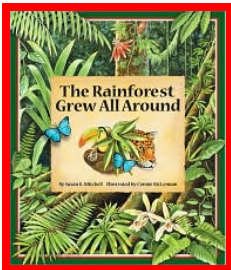
Mr. Rabbit worries about getting along with his new neighbors, who are otters, until he is reminded of the Golden Rule. (Grades K - 3)



The End

by David LaRochelle

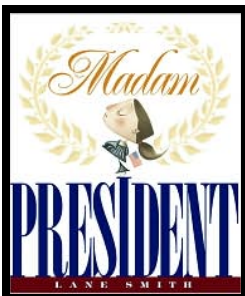
When a princess makes some lemonade, she starts a chain of events involving a fire-breathing dragon, one hundred rabbits, a hungry giant, and a handsome knight. (Grades K - 3) [AR Book Level: 3.5 / AR Points 0.5]



The Rainforest Grew All Around

by Susan K. Mitchell

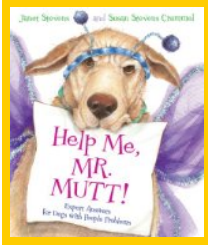
A cumulative verse that introduces some of the many different plants and animals that live in and around a tree growing in the rain forest. (Grades K - 3) [AR Book Level: 4.4 / AR Points 0.5]



Madam President

by Lane Smith

A little girl imagines what her day would be like if she were President of the United States. (Grades K - 3) [AR Book Level: 2.7 / AR Points 0.5]

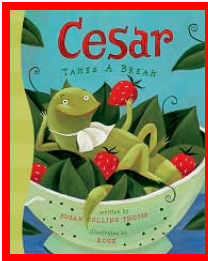


Help Me Mr. Mutt: Expert Answers for Dogs With People Problems

by Janet Stevens

Dogs across the United States write to Mr. Mutt, a people expert, for help with their humans. (Grades K - 3)

[AR Book Level: 2.6 / AR Points 0.5]

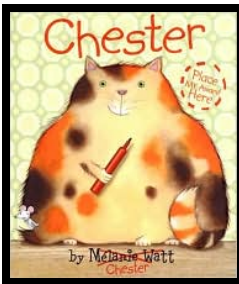


Cesar Takes A Break

by Susan Collins Thoms

Cesar, a green iguana and the class pet of Ms. Lee's second grade, is sad when his friends leave him behind during Spring Break, until he decides to explore the school and meets all kinds of new friends. (Grades K - 3)

[AR Book Level: 2.7 / AR Points 0.5]

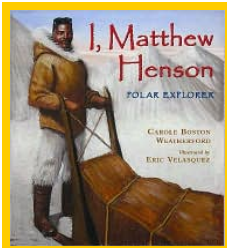


Chester

by Mélanie Watt

Chester, high off the success of his first book, decides he has no need for his illustrator, until she calls an open audition for a new, less self-absorbed feline to take Chester's place in the book. (Grades K – 3)

[AR Book Level: 1.8 / AR Points 0.5]



I, Matthew Henson: Polar Explorer

by Carole Boston Weatherford

Shares the story of Matthew Henson, an African-American man who vigorously pursued his dream to reach the North Pole along with explorer Robert Peary. (Grades 3 - 6)

[AR Book Level: 5.3 / AR Points 0.5]



Daft Bat

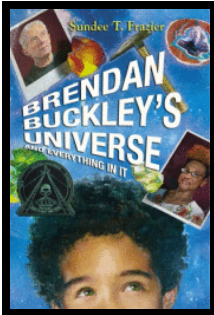
by Jeanne Willis

A group of animals decides that Bat is crazy, but they simply have not tried to see things from her point of view. (Grades K - 3)

[AR Book Level: 2.7 / AR Points 0.5]



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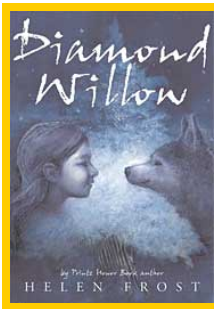


Brendan Buckley's Universe and Everything In It

by Sundee Frazier

Brendan Buckley, a biracial ten-year-old, applies his scientific problem-solving ability and newfound interest in rocks and minerals to connect with his white grandfather, the president of Puyallup Rock Club, and to learn why he and Brendan's mother are estranged. **198 pp.**

[AR Book Level: 4.0 / AR Points 6.0]

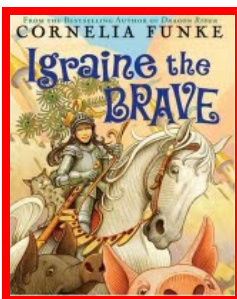


Diamond Willow

by Helen Frost

In a remote area of Alaska, twelve-year-old Willow helps her father with their sled dogs when she is not at school, wishing she were more popular, all the while unaware that the animals surrounding her carry the spirits of dead ancestors and friends who care for her. **111 pp.**

[AR Book Level: 4.3 / AR Points 2.0]

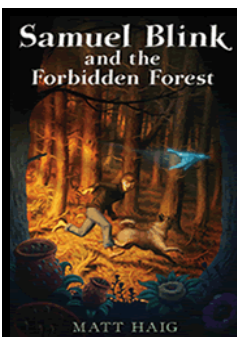


Igraine the Brave

by Cornelia Funke

The daughter of two magicians, twelve-year-old Igraine wants nothing more than to be a knight. When their castle is attacked by a treacherous neighbor bent on stealing their singing magic books, Igraine has an opportunity to demonstrate her bravery. **212 pp.**

[AR Book Level: 5.6 / AR Points 7.0]



Samuel Blink and the Forbidden Forest

by Matt Haig

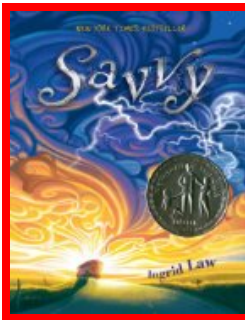
Samuel and Martha move to Norway to live with their Aunt Edna following the death of their parents and are drawn to the attic and the Shadow Forest behind the house in spite of their aunt's warning to stay away from them. **316 pp.** [AR Book Level: 4.8 / AR Points 9.0]



Swindle

by Gordon Korman

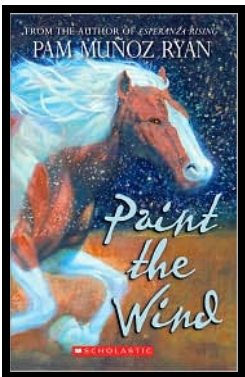
After unscrupulous collector S. Wendell Palamino cons him out of a valuable baseball card, sixth-grader Griffin Bing puts together a band of misfits to break into Palomino's heavily guarded store and steal the card back, planning to use the money to finance his father's failing invention, the Smart Pick fruit picker. **252 pp. [AR Book Level: 4.9 / AR Points 5.0]**



Savvy

by Ingrid Law

Recounts the adventures of Mibs Beaumont, whose thirteenth birthday has revealed her "savvy"--a magical power unique to each member of her family--just as her father is injured in a terrible accident. **342 pp. [AR Book Level: 6.0 / AR Points 9.0]**



Paint the Wind

by Pam Muñoz Ryan

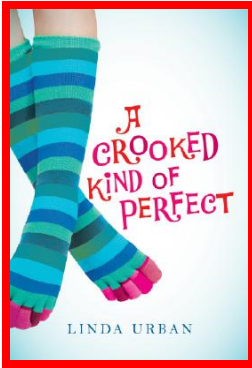
After her overprotective grandmother has a stroke, eleven-year-old Maya, an orphan, leaves her extremely restricted life in California to stay with her mother's family on a remote Wyoming ranch, where she discovers a love of horses and encounters Artemisia, a wild mare that her mother once rode. **327 pp. [AR Book Level: 5.3 / AR Points 6.0]**



Dragon's Egg

by Sarah L. Thomson

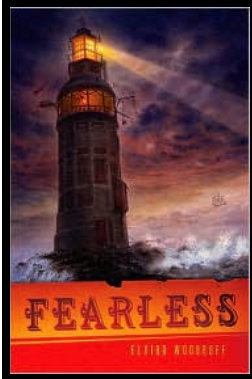
Mella, a young girl trained as a dragon keeper, learns that the legends of old are true when she is entrusted with carrying a dragon's egg to the fabled Hatching Grounds, a dangerous journey on which she is assisted by a knight's squire. **267 pp. [AR Book Level: 4.9 / AR Points 6.0]**



A Crooked Kind of Perfect

by Linda Urban

Ten-year-old Zoe Elias, who longs to play the piano has to resign herself to learning the organ. She finds that her musicianship has a positive impact on her workaholic mother, her jittery father, and her school social life. **214 pp.** [AR Book Level: 3.9 / AR Points 4.0]



Fearless

by Elvira Woodruff

In late seventeenth-century England, eleven-year-old Digory, forced to leave his hometown after his father is lost at sea, becomes an apprentice to the architect Henry Winstanley, who built a lighthouse on the treacherous Eddystone Reef--the very rocks that sank Digory's grandfather's ship years before. **224 pp.** [AR Book Level: 5.3 / AR Points 7.0]