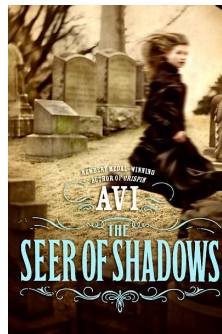


Miss Spitfire: Reaching Helen Keller
by Sarah Miller

At age twenty-one, partially blind, lonely but spirited Annie Sullivan travels from Massachusetts to Alabama to try to teach communication skills and self-discipline to six-year-old Helen Keller who has been deaf and blind since age two.

Historical fiction: Lexile 890



The Seer of Shadows
by Avi

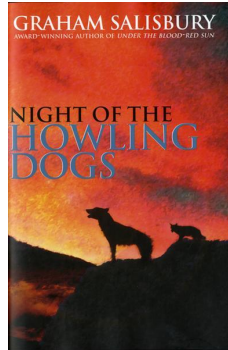
Photographer Horace Carpetine is commissioned to do a portrait for society matron Mrs. Frederick Von Macht. However, the photos evoke both the image and the ghost of the Von Macht's dead daughter, Eleanora, who has returned to see vengeance on those who killed her.

Historical fiction: Lexile 720

Night of the Howling Dogs
by Graham Salisbury

Eleven Boy Scouts, their leaders, and some new friends camping in Hawaii in 1975 find their survival skills put to the test when a massive earthquake strikes, followed by a tsunami.

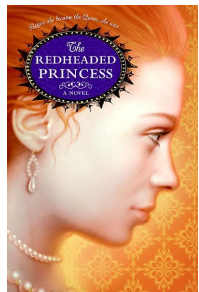
Adventure: Lexile 530



Taken
by Edward Bloor

In 2036, kidnapping rich children has become an industry, but when thirteen-year-old Charity Meyers is taken and held for ransom, she soon discovers that this particular kidnapping is not what it seems.

Suspense: Lexile 640



Redheaded Princess
by Ann Rinaldi

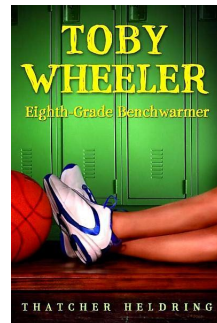
In 1542, nine-year-old Lady Elizabeth lives on an estate near London, striving to get back into the good graces of her father, King Henry VIII. As the years pass, she faces the deaths of her father and other close relatives and finds herself next in line to ascend the throne of England in 1558.

Historical fiction: Lexile 750

Schooled
by Gordon Korman

Cap lives in isolation with his grandmother, a former hippie. When she falls from a tree and breaks her hip, Cap is sent to a foster home where he has his first experience in a public school.

Contemporary fiction: Lexile 740



Toby Wheeler: Eighth Grade Benchwarmer
by Thatcher Heldring

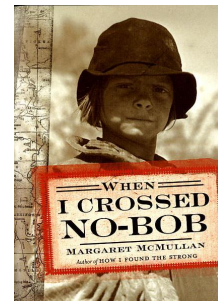
When Toby finally decides to join the middle school basketball team, he does not anticipate the changes that will occur in his relationship with his best friend J.J. who is the team's star player.

Sports fiction: Lexile 680

When I Crossed No-Bob
by Margaret McMullan

Ten years after the Civil War ends, twelve-year-old Addy, abandoned by her parents, is taken from the horrid town of No-Bob by school-teacher Frank Russell and his bride, but when her father returns to claim her, she must find another way to leave her past behind.

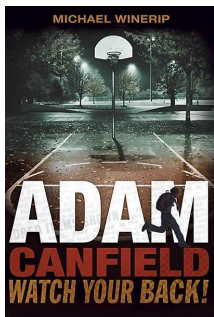
Historical fiction: Lexile 870



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Adam Canfield, Watch Your Back!

By Michael Winerip

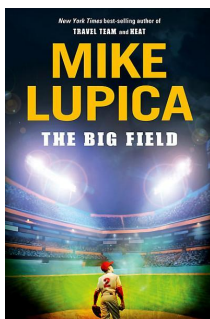
A much-welcomed snow day turns into a nightmare for middle-grader Adam Canfield. After being mugged by high school bullies for his snow-shoveling money, he becomes the focus of major media attention just as his co-editors at *The Slash* are launching a contest to oust bullies at their school.

Contemporary fiction: Lexile 730

The Big Field

by Mike Lupica

As his American Legion team works its way to the 17 & under league of the Florida State championship series, team captain Hutch finds himself both locking horns with an arrogant, immensely talented new teammate and fuming at his father's long-standing emotional distance.



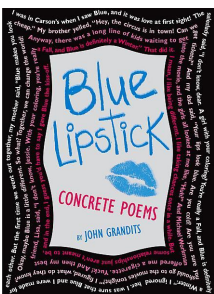
Sports fiction: Lexile 970

Blue Lipstick: Concrete Poems

by John Grandits

Concrete poems about a girl named Jessie who mocks the school which she attends.

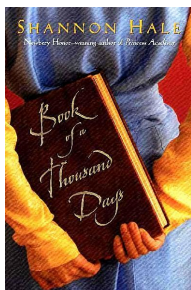
Poetry: reading level 5.7



Book of a Thousand Days

by Shannon Hale

Fifteen-year-old Dashti, sworn to obey her sixteen-year-old mistress, the Lady Saren, shares Saren's years of punishment locked in a tower, then brings her safely to the lands of her true love, where both must hide who they are as they work as kitchen maids.



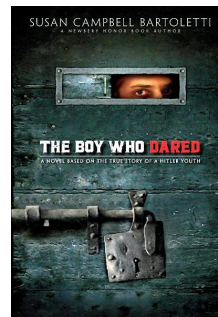
Fantasy: Lexile 850

The Boy Who Dared

by Susan Campbell Bartoletti

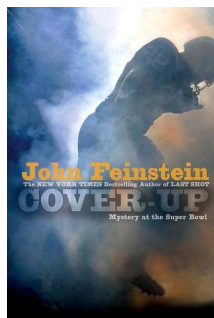
In October, 1942, seventeen-year-old Helmuth Hubener, imprisoned for distributing anti-Nazi leaflets, recalls his past life and how he came to dedicate himself to bring the truth about Hitler and the war to the German people.

Historical fiction: Lexile 760



Cover-up

by John Feinstein



Two teen reporters learn that every player on a professional football team — which is supposed to play in the Super Bowl — has failed their drug test and the owner has covered up the results. The teens must now find a way to prove their findings.

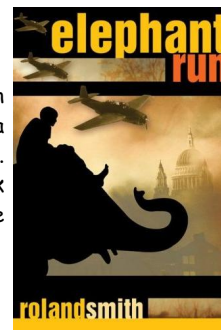
Sports mystery: Lexile 780

Elephant Run

by Roland Smith

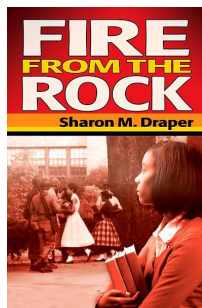
Nick's father and others are taken prisoner when his plantation in Burma is invaded by the Japanese in 1941. Nick and his friend Mya must risk their lives to free them from the POW camp.

Historical fiction: Lexile 750



Fire From the Rock

by Sharon Draper



Sylvia Patterson's life suddenly changes with the integration of Little Rock's Central High in 1957 when she is selected to be one of the first black students to attend the previously all white school.

Historical fiction: Lexile 830



Go Big or Go Home

by Will Hobbs

Fourteen-year-old Brady and his cousin Quinn love extreme sports, but nothing could prepare them for the aftermath of Brady's close encounter with a meteorite after it crashes into his Black Hills, South Dakota, bedroom.

Adventure: Lexile 700

If a Tree Falls at Lunch Period

by Gennifer Choldenko

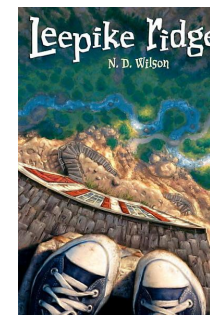
Kirsten and Walk, seventh-graders at an elite private school, describe how race, wealth, weight, and other issues shape their relationships as they and other misfits stand up to a mean but influential classmate.

Contemporary fiction: Lexile 530



Leepike Ridge

by N.D. Wilson



While his widowed mother continues to search for him, eleven-year-old Tom, presumed dead after drifting away down the river, finds himself trapped in a series of underground caves with another survivor and a dog and pursued by murderous treasure-hunters.

Adventure: Lexile 780

Middle School is Worse Than Meatloaf

by Jennifer Holm

Ginny makes a "to do" list for her seventh grade year. Her list includes landing a role in the school play, trying to make friends, ignoring her horoscope, and going to see her grandpa in Florida. However, she always seems to come up short in accomplishing any of her plans.

Fiction/letters: reading level 4.6

