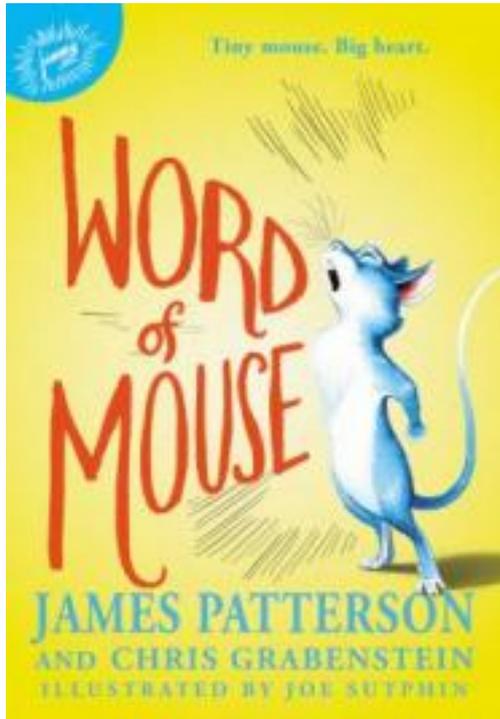


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#### **The Strange Case of Origami**

**Yoda** by Tom Angleberger

Sixth-grader Tommy and his friends describe their interactions with a paper finger puppet of Yoda, worn by their weird classmate Dwight, as they try to figure out whether or not the puppet can really predict the future. Includes instructions for making Origami Yoda.

#### **The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp** by Kathi Appelt

Twelve-year-old Chap Brayburn, ancient Sugar Man, and his raccoon-brother Swamp Scouts Bingo and J'miah try to save Bayou Tourterelle from feral pigs Clydine and Buzzie, greedy Sunny Boy Beaucoup, and world-class alligator wrestler and would-be land developer Jaeger Stitch.

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### **Circus Mirandus** by Cassie

Beasley

When he realizes that his grandfather's stories of an enchanted circus are true, Micah Tuttle sets out to find the mysterious Circus Mirandus--and to use its magic to save his grandfather's life.

### **Lantern Sam and the Blue Streak Bandits** by Michael D.

Beil

In 1938, ten-year-old Henry Shipley must rely on a talking cat named Lantern Sam and a kindly conductor named Clarence to help solve the kidnapping of a young heiress aboard the Lake Erie Shoreliner passenger train.

### **The Penderwicks** (Series) by

Jeanne Birdsall

In the first book in the series, the four Penderwick sisters are faced with the unimaginable prospect of their widowed father dating, and they hatch a plot to stop him.

### **The Trouble with Chickens**

by Doreen Cronin

A hard-bitten former search-and-rescue dog helps solve a complicated missing chicken case.

### **Igraine the Brave** by Cornelia

Funke

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

### **Absolutely Almost** by Lisa

Graff

Ten-year-old Albie has never been the smartest, tallest, best at gym, greatest artist, or most musical in his class, as his parents keep reminding him, but new nanny Calista helps

him uncover his strengths and take pride in himself.

**A New Friend** by Poppy Green (**Adventures of Sophie Mouse series, book 1**)

In book one, eight-year-old Sophie Mouse is excited to return to school after the long winter break, but there is a new student--a snake--and Sophie and the other animals are afraid to sit near him, much less ask him to play with them, because they have heard snakes are awful.

**Oona Finds an Egg** by Adele Griffin (**Oodlethunks series, book 1**)

Oona finds a giant egg and brings it back to West Wog to care for it, and see what hatches--but others in the cave want to claim her egg, particularly the nasty kid Bruce Brute, and when the baby stegosaurus hatches it will have to choose who it wants to live with.

**Big Bad Detective Agency** by Bruce Hale

To stop LOTUS from taking over the government with its mind control device, reluctant spy Max Segredo must reunite with his father and orphan friends.

**Charlie Bumpers vs. the Teacher of the Year** by Bill Harley

Charlie Bumpers is sure he does not stand a chance of getting along with his fourth grade teacher and despite his best efforts to be neat and well-behaved, he always seems to be in trouble until he discovers her secret.

**The Year of Billy Miller** by Kevin Henkes

Seven-year-old Billy Miller starts second grade with a bump on his head and a lot of worries, but by the end of the year he has developed good

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relationships with his teacher, his little sister, and his parents and learned many important lessons.

### **Bo at Ballard Creek** by Kirkpatrick Hill

It's the 1920s, and Bo was headed for an Alaska orphanage when she won the hearts of two tough gold miners who set out to raise her with help from the people of the nearby Eskimo village.

### **Turtle in Paradise** by Jennifer Holm

In 1935, when her mother gets a job housekeeping for a woman who does not like children, eleven-year-old Turtle is sent to stay with relatives she has never met in faraway Key West, Florida

### **Invisible Inkling** by Emily Jenkins

When Hank Wolowitz runs into trouble in the form of a lunch-stealing bully, he finds an unlikely ally in an invisible refugee pumpkin-loving bandapat named Inkling.

### **Toys Go Out** by Emily Jenkins

Six stories relate the adventures of three best friends, who happen to be toys.

### **Nicholas St. North and the battle of the Nightmare King**

by William Joyce

Nicholas St. North, a daredevil swordsman seeking treasure in the fiercely guarded village of Santoff Claussen finds, instead, the great wizard Ombric Shalazar and a battle against the Nightmare King and his evil Fearlings--a battle Nicholas can win only if he finds five other Guardians in time.

### **The Adventures of a South Pole Pig** by Chris Kurtz

Flora the pig ditches the sedentary life on the farm for

an adventure in Antarctica,  
where she escapes the knife  
and lives her dream of pulling  
a sled with a team of dogs.

### **Where the Mountain Meets the Moon** by Grace Lin

Minli, an adventurous girl from  
a poor village, buys a magical  
goldfish, and then joins a  
dragon who cannot fly on a  
quest to find the Old Man in  
the Moon in hopes of bring life  
to Fruitless Mountain and  
freshness to Jade River.

### **The Great Cake Mystery** by

Alexander McCall Smith  
Before becoming the first  
female private investigator in  
Botswana, eight-year-old  
Precious Ramotswe tracks  
down a thief who has been  
stealing her classmates'  
snacks.

### **Missy Piggle-Wiggle and the Whatever Cure** by Ann Martin

Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle has left her  
Upside-Down House and the  
animals that live there in the  
care of her twenty-something  
niece, Missy. Luckily for the  
town's families, Missy  
Piggle-Wiggle is capable of  
concocting the same sort of  
inventive cures for bad  
behavior that made her aunt  
an indispensable community  
resource..

### **The Adventures of Miss**

**Petitfour** by Anne Michaels  
Miss Petitfour, an expert  
baker, enjoys having magical  
adventures with her sixteen  
cats.

### **The High Skies Adventure of Blue Jay the Pirate** by Scott

Nash  
Blue Jay and his band of avian  
pirates sail the skies searching  
for ships laden with cargo,  
avoiding run-ins with the  
dastardly crows, dodging  
doldrums and bad weather,  
and evading the long arm of  
the Colonial army.

**Detective Gordon – The First Case** by Ulf Nilsson

Someone's stealing the squirrel's nuts and it's up to Detective Gordon to catch the thief. Luckily, a small, fast, and clever assistant appears on the scene to help Detective Gordon with the more tedious aspects of the case.

**Wonder** by R.J. Palacio

Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails enduring the taunting and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student.

**Word of Mouse** by James Patterson

A young mouse with extraordinary skills escapes a laboratory, meets new friends, and finds the courage to be a hero.

**The Mouse with the Question Mark Tail** by Richard Peck

A very small mouse of unknown origin runs away from the school in the Royal Mews of Buckingham Palace shortly before the celebration of Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee, celebrating her sixty years on the British throne.

**Nuts to You** by Lynne Rae Perkins

After surviving being carried off by a hawk, a young squirrel resolves to find his way home, as his best friends begin their search for him.

**The Lost Stone** by Jordan Quinn (**The Kingdom of Wrenly series, book 1**)

In book one, eight-year-old Lucas, Prince of Wrenly, is

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eager to explore and Clara, daughter of the queen's seamstress, knows the kingdom well, so they team up to find a lost jewel and visit all of the land's main attractions as they search.

### **Woof** by Spencer Quinn

Bowser is a mutt, just adopted by eleven-year-old Birdie Gaux and her grandmother, but when they all get home to Grammy's bait and tackle shop in the bayou they discover that their prize stuffed marlin has been stolen--so Bowser decides to investigate, and things quickly become complicated and dangerous.

### **Finding Fortune** by Delia Ray

Angry with her mother, twelve-year-old runaway Ren finds an unusual boarding house in a nearby ghost town, Fortune, where she meets some interesting people and learns of a forgotten treasure.

### **One Day and One Amazing Morning on Orange Street** by

Joanne Rocklin

The last remaining orange tree on a Southern California street brings together neighbors of all ages as they face their problems and anxieties, including the possibility that a mysterious stranger is a threat to their tree.

### **Appleblossom the Possum**

by Holly Goldbert Sloan

A young possum strikes out on her own and winds up trapped in a human house before her brothers can rescue her.

### **Abel's Island** by William Steig

Castaway on an uninhabited island, Abel, a very civilized mouse, finds his resourcefulness and endurance tested to the limit as he struggles to survive and return to his home.

### **Squirrel in the House** by

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Vivian Vande Velde

"A Squirrel narrates this story of a family get-together turned upside down when he climbs down the chimney to join the festivities."--Provided by publisher.

### **Lulu and the Brontosaurus**

by Judith Viorst

Lulu's parents refuse to give in when she demands a brontosaurus for her birthday and so she sets out to find her own, but while the brontosaurus she finally meets approves of pets, he does not intend to be Lulu's.

### **Teddy and Co.** by Cynthia

Voight

"A group of lost toys live on an island, and their community must adapt as new toys come and go"--Provided by publisher.

### **Young Fredle** by Cynthia

Voight

Fredle, a young mouse cast out of his home, faces dangers and predators outside, makes some important discoveries and allies, and learns the meaning of freedom as he struggles to return home.

### **Pie** by Sarah Weeks

After the death of Polly

Portman, whose award-winning pies put the town of Ipswich,

Pennsylvania, on the map in the 1950s, her devoted niece

Alice and Alice's friend Charlie investigate who is going to extremes to find Aunt Polly's secret pie crust recipe.

Includes fourteen pie recipes.

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