

Adventure Stories

Grades 3-4

Bartleby of the mighty Mississippi by Phyllis (490L) After being abandoned in a pond, Bartleby, a pet turtle, meets many other creatures, learns to survive in the wild, and decides to go in search of his birthplace.

The doll people by Ann M. Martin (570L) A family of porcelain dolls that has lived in the same house for one hundred years is taken aback when a new family of plastic dolls arrives and doesn't follow The Doll Code of Honor.

The end of the beginning by Avi (620L) Avon the snail and Edward, a take-charge ant, set off together on a journey to an undetermined destination in search of unspecified adventures.

The golden dream of Carlo Chuchio by Lloyd Alexander (650L) Naive and bumbling Carlo, his shady camel-puller Baksheesh, and Shira, a girl determined to return home, follow a treasure map through the deserts and cities of the infamous Golden Road, as mysterious strangers try in vain to point them toward real treasures.

Help! I'm a prisoner in the library by Eth Clifford (630L) Two girls spend an adventurous night trapped inside the public library during a terrible blizzard.

If you ever get lost by Barbara Ann Porte (570L) Julia and her younger brother Eric share several adventures, including getting lost at a marathon race, going grocery shopping, helping to catch two thieves at a pet store, and learning to speak Spanish.

Kensuke's kingdom by Michael Morpurgo (730L) When Michael is swept off his family's yacht, he washes up on a desert island, where he struggles to survive--until he finds he is not alone.



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The miraculous journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo (700L) Edward Tulane, a cold-hearted and proud toy rabbit, loves only himself until he is separated from the little girl who adores him and travels across the country, acquiring new owners and listening to their hopes, dreams, and histories.

Stealing Thunder by Mary Casanova (610L) Libby visits her neighbor's spirited horse Thunder every day, grooming and riding him, and when Mr. Porter starts to abuse Thunder she decides to steal him away to safety.

Stone Fox by John Reynolds Gardiner (550L) Little Willie hopes to pay the back taxes on his grandfather's farm with the purse from a dog sled race he enters.

Tornado by Betsy Byars (500L) As they wait out a tornado in their storm cellar, a family listens to their farmhand tell stories about the dog that was blown into his life by another tornado when he was a boy.

The whipping boy by Sid Fleischman (570L) A bratty prince and his whipping boy have many adventures when they inadvertently trade places after becoming involved with dangerous outlaws.

The wreckers by Iain Lawrence (640L) Shipwrecked after a vicious storm, fourteen-year-old John Spencer attempts to save his father and himself while also dealing with an evil secret about the English coastal town where they are stranded.

