



## Children's Booklist 2025: Laugh Your Head Off

Humorous Fiction for Grades 4-5



# The Fairy Tale Fan Club: legendary letters collected by C.C. Cecily

by Richard Ayoade

In this series of letters to fairy tale idols organized by Cecily, Senior Secretary of the Fairy Tale Fan Club, the fairest of them all (and a few bitter foes) correspond with curious—and opinionated—fans. Features clever, spoof-gothic illustrations.



### Sea Legs

by Jules Bakes

Janey's family is sailing to the Caribbean in their boat, but it means Janey has to leave all her friends behind for a life at sea, and she discovers that when you are constantly on the move it can be difficult to connect to people.



### Simon Sort of Says

by Erin Bow

Two years after a tragedy saddles him with viral fame, twelve-year-old Simon O'Keeffe and his family move to Grin And Bear It, Nebraska, where the internet and cell phones are banned so astrophysicists can scan the sky for signs of alien life, and where Simon plans to restart a narrative of his life.



# Quinnelope and the Mystery of the Missing Moon

by HF Brownfield

As she's getting ready for bed one night, Quinnelope discovers that the moon is mysteriously missing from the sky. Weird... BUT it's the perfect opportunity to pull an all-nighter. Except hours later, there's still no moon... DISASTER!!



### They Call Me No Sam!

by Drew Daywalt

When insolent pug Sam, who was adopted by scientists to keep their son company while they work on top-secret research, causes canine chaos daily, the family isn't sure how much more they can take until Sam's heroic actions stop the bad guys from stealing their confidential findings.



### **New Powers Every 24 Hours**

by Mary Winn Heider

Switcheroo wakes up to discover he has telekinesis. Which is great when he has to give his babysitter-robot the slip to fight crime all day. But later it's less convenient when he realizes he can no longer move objects with his mind. Instead, he can talk to cats!



### Jojo vs. Middle School

by Joy McCullough

Despite her careful planning, 11-year-old Jojo's first day of middle school unravels after an outfit mishap, caused by her catfluencer stepdad's new kitten, but as she tries hiding her embarrassment, she finds solace in new friends.



### Chickenpox

by Remy Lai

When a case of the chickenpox leaves the Lai kids covered in scratchy red spots and stuck at home together for nonstop mayhem, Abby thinks this might be the end . . . of her sanity.

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# The Millicent Quibb School of Etiquette for Young Ladies of Mad Science

by Kate McKinnon

From a beloved Saturday Night Live alum comes a madcap new adventure about sisters who get kicked out of etiquette school and receive a mysterious invitation to

a new school under the tutelage of the infamous Millicent Quibb—a mad scientist with worms in her hair and oysters in her bathtub.



### **Ultimate Rocket Blast**

by Zanib Mian

Omar and his friends investigate sabotage at the model rocket-building contest they are competing in. An action-packed installment in the infectiously sweet illustrated middle grade series.



### Too Uncool for School

by James Patterson

Rafe Khatchadorian is finally cool when he becomes guitarist in a rock band and gets a job at a coffee/yoga studio, but Rafe must get the band, led by the school bully, into shape before the competition.



### Dog Man: the Scarlet Shedder

by Dav Pilkey

After an encounter with a skunk, Dog Man, now scarlet red after being dunked in tomato juice, is exiled but must find a way to save those who shunned him when an allnew, never-before-seen villain unleashes an army of A.I. robots.



#### Attack of the Stink Monster!

by Nadia Shireen

Bigfoot is on the loose! Ted, Nancy, Willow, and the rest of the Grimwood gang must embark on their greatest adventure yet to save their home from a nasty, thieving stink monster. Full of heart, laughs, and surprises.



### Penny Draws a Team Sport

by Sara Shepard

Penny joins a pickleball league at school. This is the fifth book in the humorous, heartfelt, illustrated series about a girl who doodles to cope with her anxiety.



### **Speechless**

by Aron Nels Steinke

Middle schooler Mira is struggling to speak in class and has found solace in making videos for her secret stop-motion animation channel, but she's horrified to learn Chloe, her former-best-friend-turned-enemy, will be staying with them.



## A Bad God's Guide to Ruling the World

by Louie Stowell

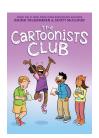
Cast in the school play as the villain while Thor is cast as the prince, Loki finds a cool ring to wear with his costume that could or could not be a cursed artifact and wonders what the point is of being good if everyone's already decided you're bad.



### **Outsider Kids**

by Betty C. Tang

Can one spoiled cousin upend three kids' hard-won happiness? Find out in this hilarious, big-hearted, high stakes companion to the award-winning bestseller *Parachute Kids*!



### The Cartoonists Club

by Raina Telgemeier

Makayla has ideas but can't form a story, Howard loves to draw but struggles with ideas, Lynda draws constantly but focuses on mistakes and Art loves trying something new--and together they form The Cartoonists Club.



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