



## Children's Booklist 2025: Best Books 2024-2025

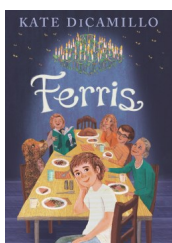
### Grades 4-5



#### Isle of Ever

by Jen Calonita

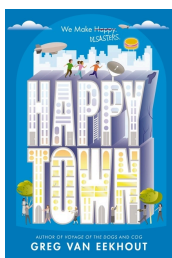
Shortly after her 12th birthday, Everly "Benny" Benedict learns she's the heir to a fortune, but to collect it she must win a game following clues her ancestor left to locate a small island that vanished long ago.



#### Ferris

by Kate DiCamillo

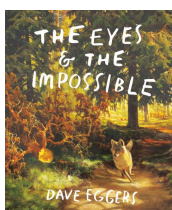
During the summer before fifth grade, Ferris Wilkey has her hands full with her little sister terrorizing the town, her Aunt Shirley moving into their basement and her grandmother seeing a ghost—one who has wild, impractical and illuminating plans.



#### Happy Town

by Greg Van Eekhout

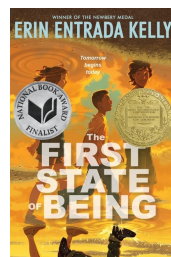
Keegan's family moves to a remote company town that seems perfect on the surface, but when Keegan discovers a dangerous glitch in the system that's turning the town's happy residents into zombies, he and his friends need to find a way to destroy it.



#### The Eyes & the Impossible

by Dave Eggers

From the award-winning author of *The Every* and the illustrator behind the beloved picture book *Her Right Foot* comes an endearing and beautifully illustrated story of a dog who unwittingly becomes a hero to a park full of animals.



#### The First State of Being

by Erin Entrada Kelly

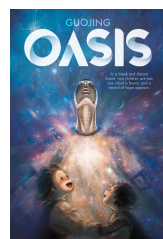
When a teenage boy appears out of nowhere in 1999, claiming he's the world's first time-traveler and has a book outlining the events of the next 20 years, 12-year-old Michael wants to get his hands on the book and must decide how far he's willing to go to do so.



#### Max in the Land of Lies

by Adam Gidwitz

Max Bretzfeld has become a British spy and is returning to Germany with two missions: to infiltrate the Funkhaus, the center of Nazi radio and propaganda; and to find his parents.



#### Oasis

by Guojing

Two children and one robot take center stage in this timely exploration of how far AI technology can go when JieJie and her little brother find an AI-powered robot lying in an abandoned junkyard while their mother works to earn their admission into Oasis City.



#### Old School

by Gordon Korman

Twelve-year-old Dexter Foreman has lived at The Pines Retirement Village with his grandmother since he was 6 years old, homeschooled by the residents until he's forced to attend middle school, where he sticks out like a sore thumb.

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## Slugfest

by Gordon Korman

Forced to take Physical Education Equivalency, aka "Slugfest," in summer school so he can maintain his star spot on the JV football team, Yash recruits his fellow PE rejects to train with him and pass this course, an endeavor that turns into a summer he'll never forget.



## The Night Librarian

by Christopher Lincoln

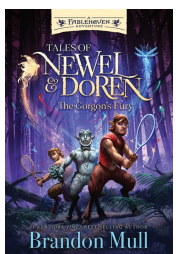
When their dad's rare edition of Bram Stoker's Dracula uncovers a world they've never known, twins Page and Turner join a mysterious Night Librarian and a motley cast of book characters in an epic battle to save the library from total destruction.



## The Trouble With Heroes

by Kate Messner

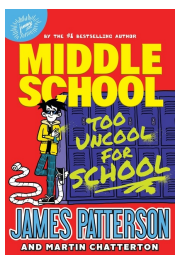
A heart-filling journey as a boy finds his path to healing. One summer. 46 mountain peaks. A second chance to make things right.



## The Gorgon's Fury

by Brandon Mull

Satyr Newel and Doren travel from Fablehaven to Key West to seek counsel from the Listening Doll on how to stop a dangerous gorgon--and win the annual Satyr Games.



## Too Uncool for School

by James Patterson

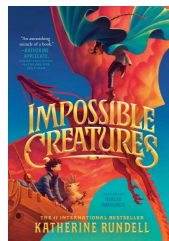
Rafe Khatchadorian is finally cool when he becomes guitarist in a rock band and gets a job at a coffee/yoga studio, but Rafe must get the band, led by the school bully, into shape before the competition.



## Mission Manhattan

by James Ponti

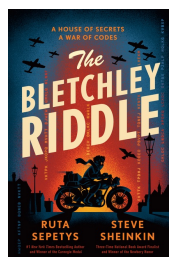
To protect a young climate activist scheduled to speak at the upcoming United Nations General Assembly, the City Spies arrive in the Big Apple where they have an exciting adventure in, around and even under the greatest city in the world.



## Impossible Creatures

by Katherine Rundell

When Mal barges into his life, along with a baby griffin, demanding his help, Christopher embarks on an adventure of a lifetime with this fierce girl to save the Archipelago, a hidden world where magical creatures have thrived for thousands of years.



## The Bletchley Riddle

by Ruta Sepetys

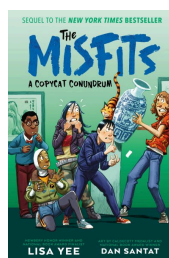
A stunning collaboration between two award-winning and best-selling authors follows siblings Jakob Novis and his quirky younger sister Lizzie as they find themselves at Bletchley Park, the home of WWII codebreakers working to decrypt the Nazi's Enigma cipher, where the two struggle to unravel a mystery surrounding their mother's disappearance against the backdrop of the Battle of Britain and Hitler's feared invasion.



## Inside the Park

by Andrea Williams

Baseball-loving 12-year-old Timothy "Pumpsie" Strickland gets trapped inside the baseball stadium on the eve of the season's biggest game and realizes he's not alone, that foul plots are brewing, and it's up to him to save the team's postseason chances.



## The Misfits: A Copycat Conundrum

by Lisa Yee

When one of their classmates starts receiving threatening notes, the Misfits investigate and uncover ties to an art forgery scheme.



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