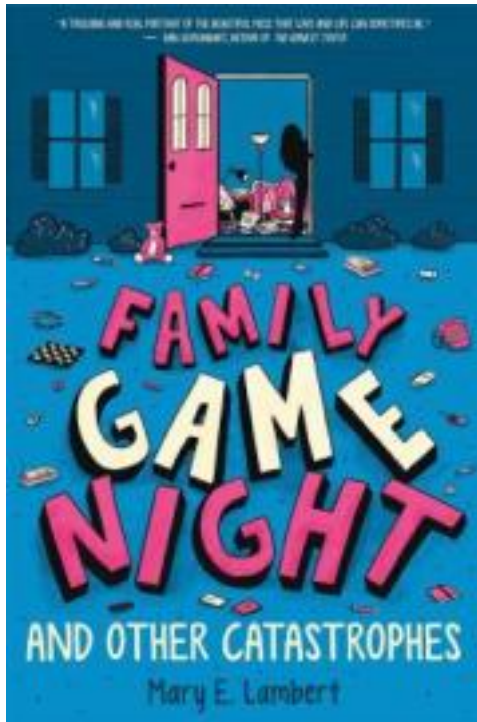


Great Books for Girls (Grades 4-7)



Auxier, Jonathan

Sophie Quire and the Last Storyguard

Twelve-year-old Sophie knows little beyond the four walls of her father's bookshop, where she repairs old books and dreams of escaping the confines of her dull life. But when a strange boy and his talking cat/horse companion show up with a rare and mysterious book, she finds herself pulled into an adventure beyond anything she has ever read.

Bailey, Kristin

The Silver Gate

Elric and his mother secretly care for his mentally disabled sister, Wynn, whom the villagers consider a changeling, until their father threatens to sell her, so they flee into the forest, even though Elric does not share her belief in magic.

Beasley, Kate

Gertie's Leap to Greatness

Gertie is a girl on a mission to be the best fifth grader ever in order to show her estranged mother that Gertie doesn't need her--not one bit!

Beatty, Robert

Serafina and the Black Cloak

When children start disappearing from an estate, Serafina, who lives in the basement, uses her talents to find the kidnapper, and finally discovers the secrets of her past.

Behar, Ruth

Lucky Broken Girl

In 1960s New York, fifth-grader Ruthie, a Cuban-Jewish immigrant, must rely on books, art, her family, and friends in her multicultural neighborhood when an accident puts her in a body cast.

Benjamin, Ali

The Thing About Jellyfish

Twelve-year-old Suzy Swanson wades through her intense grief over the loss of her best friend by investigating the rare jellyfish she is convinced was responsible for her friend's death.

Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker

The War That Saved My Life

A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II,

where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother.

Carlson, Caroline **Magic Marks the Spot**

Hilary Westfield has always dreamed of being a pirate. There's only one problem: the Very Nearly Honorable League of Pirates refuses to let any girl join their ranks. But Hilary, not the kind of girl to take no for answer, sets out in search of her own seaworthy adventure.

Carroll, Emma **In Darkling Wood**

When Alice goes to stay with her grandmother she discovers the magical Darkling Wood, where she meets a strange friend and discovers letters written between a brother and sister during WWI.

Chmakova, Svetlana **Awkward**

After insulting a member of the science club on her first day at a new middle school, art club member Penelope Torres tries to find a way to apologize to him while the two clubs battle for predominance at their school.

Choldenko, Gennifer **Chasing Secrets**

In 1900, thirteen-year-old Lizzie and her secret friend Noah plan to rescue Noah's father from the quarantined Chinatown, and save everyone they love from contracting the plague that is spreading in San Francisco.

DiCamillo, Kate **Raymie Nightingale**

Hoping that if she wins a local beauty pageant her father will come home, Raymie practices twirling a baton and performing good deeds as she is drawn into an unlikely friendship with a drama queen and a saboteur.

Draper, Sharon **Stella by Starlight**

When a burning cross set by the Klan causes panic and fear in 1932 Bumblebee, North Carolina, fifth-grader Stella must face prejudice and find the strength to demand change in her segregated town.

Durham, Paul **The Luck Uglies**

Eleven-year-old Rye O'Chanter and her two friends delve into the secret lore of their village when mysterious creatures of legend reappear on the night of the Black Moon, leading them to the notorious secret society, the Luck Uglies.

Falkner, Brian **Northwood**

Cecilia Undergarment is a remarkable girl who can understand what animals are saying. But her plan to rescue a sad and neglected dog lands her in the dark, enchanted forest of Northwood, where the ferocious black lions roam and the mystery of Castle Storm awaits.

Fox, Janet S. **The Charmed Children of Rookskill Castle**

In 1940, during the Blitz, Katherine, Robbie and Amelie Bateson are sent north to a private school in Rookskill Castle in Scotland, a brooding place, haunted by dark magic from the past - but when some of their classmates disappear, Katherine has to find out if the cause is hidden in the past or very much in the present.

Foxless, Karen **Ophelia and the Marvelous Boy**

In this retelling of the Snow Queen, eleven-year-old Ophelia suspends her disbelief in things non-scientific when a boy locked in the museum where her father is working asks her to help him complete an age-old mission.

Frederick, Heather Vogel **Absolutely Truly**

Twelve-year-old Truly Lovejoy's family moves to a small town to take over a bookstore. Soon she has to solve two mysteries involving a missing book and an undelivered letter.

Galante, Cecila **The World From Up Here**

When Wren, an anxious twelve-year-old, and her younger brother move in temporarily with her aunt and fearless cousin, Silver, she reconsiders her assumptions about silver, the witch rumored to live nearby, and her many paralyzing fears.

Hannigan, Kate **The Detective's Assistant**

In 1859, eleven-year-old Nell goes to live with her aunt, Kate Warne, the first female detective for Pinkerton's National Detective Agency. Nell helps her aunt solve cases, including a mystery surrounding Abraham Lincoln, and learns about a troubling time in her family's past.

Harrington, Janice

Catching a Storyfish

Keet feels out of place when she moves away from her Alabama home, but is happy that she'll live near her beloved grandfather. When he has a stroke, she helps him by telling him stories and in the process she finds her own voice.

Harrington, Karen

Courage for Beginners

Twelve-year-old Mysti must navigate a rocky start to seventh grade, care for her family when her dad has a terrible accident, and deal with her family's secret: that her mother is agoraphobic and never leaves the house.

Harper, Charise Mericle

Dreamer, Wisher, Liar

Ashley's summer is filled with babysitting, letters to her best friend at camp, and a wish jar filled with secret revelations that help her understand her mother in a whole new way.

Jamieson, Victoria

Roller Girl

A graphic novel adventure about a girl who discovers roller derby right as she and her best friend are growing apart.

Johnson, Jaleigh

The Mark of the Dragonfly

Since her father's death in a factory in the Dragonfly territories, thirteen-year-old Piper has eked out a living as a scrapper in Merrow Kingdom, but the arrival of a mysterious girl sends her on a dangerous journey to distant lands.

Kidd, Ronald

Night on Fire

In 1961, thirteen-year-old Billie is shocked by the violence toward the Freedom Riders as they pass through her Alabama town and wonders if she is brave enough to stand up and fight for civil rights.

Lai, Thanhha

Listen Slowly

Mai travels to Vietnam to assist her grandmother in investigating her grandfather's fate during the Vietnam War and struggles to adapt to Vietnamese culture while redefining her sense of family.

Lambert, Mary

Family Game Night and other Catastrophes

Seventh-grader Annabelle's mother is a hoarder, and when things get out of hand and their fix-it-all grandmother arrives to take charge, Annabelle realizes she can no longer isolate herself and keep her family's problems a secret.

Laso, Maria

Otherwise Known as Possum

Enrolled in school after her mother's death, Possum resolves to preserve her mother's homeschooling lessons by proving she already knows everything, an unsuccessful endeavor complicated by her teacher's attraction to Possum's father.

Mackey, Heather

Dreamwood

Twelve-year-old Lucy Darrington goes on a quest to find her missing father in a remote, magical territory in the Pacific Northwest.

Mackler, Carolyn

Best Friend Next Door

Two girls who share a birthday and palindromic names struggle with respective parental challenges and loneliness while gradually overcoming their differences to become close friends.

Magoon, Kekla

Shadows of Sherwood

When Nott City is taken over by a harsh governor, Ignomus Crown, and her parents disappear, twelve-year-old Robyn Loxley flees for her life and joins a group of children trying to take back what is rightfully theirs in this futuristic retelling of Robin Hood.

Mata, Julie

Kate Walden Directs: Night of the Zombie Chickens

Budding film director Kate Walden navigates middle school girl politics and chores on her mother's chicken farm while trying to become the next Spielberg.

Middleton, Dana

The Infinity Year of Avalon Jane

Facing bullying at home and her family being torn apart, Avalon anxiously waits with her best friend, Atticus, for the magical power they are supposed to inherit between their tenth and eleventh birthdays.

Mullaly, Lynda Hunt **Fish In a Tree**

Ally's greatest fear is that everyone will find out she is as dumb as they think she is because she still doesn't know how to read.

Nesbet, Anne **The Wrinkled Crown**

Twelve-year-old Linny embarks on an epic quest to save her best friend and discovers that she is the link between the magical and logical halves of her world.

Ray, Delia **Finding Fortune**

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 from when the town was famous for buttons made of Mississippi River shells.

Resau, Laura **The Lightning Queen**

In the remote mountains of Mexico in the 1950s, eleven-year-old Teo's life feels barren, but when Esma, who calls herself the Gypsy Queen of Lightning, rolls into town, life brims with possibility. With the help of a rescued duck, a three-legged skunk, a blind goat, and other unexpected allies, Teo and Esma must overcome obstacles and even death to fulfill their impossible destiny.

Ringwald, Whitaker **The Secret Box**

On her twelfth birthday, Jax Malone receives an odd, unopenable present from an estranged aunt. When Jax and her cousins Ethan and Tyler go on a quest to open the box, they uncover a mystery with magical consequences.

Sales, Leila **Once Was a Time**

In World War II England, ten-year-old Lottie is transported via a portal to present day Wisconsin, where she must find her way back to her family and her best friend, Kitty.

Scanlon, Elizabeth Garton **The Great Good Summer**

Twelve-year-old Ivy Green, whose mother may have run off with a charismatic preacher to Panhandle, Florida, teams up with a classmate to find her, and has a summer adventure that's full of surprises.

Schlitz, Laura **The Hired Girl**

In 1911, fourteen-year-old Joan Skraggs leaves her hardscrabble farm in Pennsylvania to become a hired girl, cleaning and cooking for six dollars a week in hopes of becoming a woman of the future.

Schmid, Susan **If the Magic Fits**

Darling Dimple, a young orphan, discovers a closet full of magical dresses, each of which gives her the appearance of another person in the castle and that, along with her own magical abilities, helps her protect Princess Mariposa from betrayal as the castle swarms with suitors.

Schulz, Heidi **Hook's Revenge**

Captain Hook's swashbuckling daughter must avenge her infamous father's death at the jaws of the Neverland crocodile.

Sepahban, Lois **Paper Wishes**

Near the start of World War II, young Manami, her parents, and Grandfather are evacuated from their home and sent to Manzanar, an ugly, dreary internment camp in the desert for Japanese-American citizens.

Shevah, Emma **Dream On, Amber**

Amber's Japanese father left when she was little, and her sister Bella was just a baby, so now she fills in the frustrating gap in her life with imagined conversations, and writes letters to Bella that seem to come from their father.

Sloan, Holly Goldberg **Short**

Very short for her age, Julia grows into her sense of self while playing a munchkin in a summer regional theater

production of The Wizard of Oz.

Spinelli, Jerry **The Warden's Daughter**

Living with her warden father in an apartment above a 1950s prison, Cammie O'Reilly struggles to come to terms with the loss of her mother, who died saving her from harm when she was a baby, and interacts with some of the reformed inmates.

Springstubb, Tricia **Every Single Second**

Twelve-year-old Nella and her "secret sister" Angela have stopped talking, but when Angela's idolized big brother makes a terrible, fatal mistake that plunges his family into a whirlwind of harsh publicity and judgment, Nella is faced with a series of startling revelations about her parents, friends and neighborhood that push her to decide whether to stand by or stand up.

Staniford, Natalie **Switched at Birthday**

Lavender sees herself as the miserable but tough outsider at school. Scarlet knows she is talented and popular, but insecure on the inside. On their mutual thirteenth birthday, they wake up in each other's bodies and are forced to learn what it means to walk in someone else's shoes.

Stead, Rebecca **Goodbye Stranger**

As Bridge makes her way through seventh grade on Manhattan's Upper West Side with her two best friends, she makes a third best friend and finds the answer she has been seeking since she barely survived an accident at age eight: "What is my purpose in life?"

Timberlake, Amy **One Came Home**

In 1871 Wisconsin, thirteen-year-old Georgia sets out on a journey to find her sister. Yet even with resolute determination and her trusty Springfield single-shot, Georgie is not prepared for what she discovers.

Turnage, Sheila **Three Times Lucky**

Washed ashore as a baby in tiny Tupelo Landing, North Carolina, Mo LoBeau, now eleven, and her best friend Dale turn detectives when Mo's adoptive parent, the amnesiac Colonel, is implicated in a murder.

Whittemore, Jo **Colonial Madness**

Thirteen-year-old Tori Porter and her mother compete against other relatives in hopes of inheriting a fortune from eccentric Great Aunt Muriel by spending two weeks in a colonial mansion with no modern conveniences, no outside help, and daily tests.

Wolk, Lauren **Beyond the Bright Sea**

Twelve-year-old Crow, abandoned as an infant and living on an isolated island with Osh and Miss Maggie, sets out to find out who her parents were, and in so doing triggers an unstoppable chain of events down a path of discovery and danger.

Wolk, Lauren **Wolf Hollow**

Twelve-year-old Annabelle must learn to stand up for what's right in the face of a manipulative and violent new bully who targets people Annabelle cares about, including a homeless World War I veteran.

Zahler, Diane **Sleeping Beauty's Daughters**

Twelve-year-old Princess Aurora has been cursed to prick her finger and sleep for one hundred years, but before her fate can come to pass, she and her sister Luna embark on a perilous journey to find the fairy who can break the curse

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