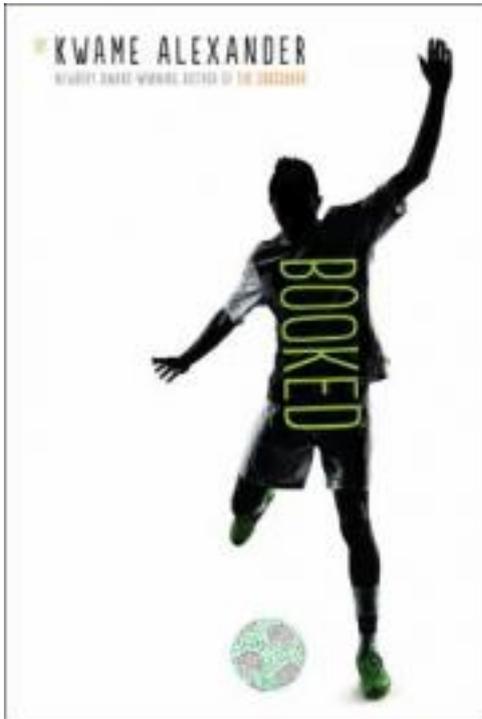


## Great Books for Boys (Grades 4-7)



Alexander, Kwame

**Booked**

Twelve-year-old Nick loves soccer and hates books, but soon learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams.

Anderson, John David

**Ms. Bixby's Last Day**

Three boys are dismayed when their beloved teacher falls ill and leaves for the rest of the school year, a situation that compels them to share their stories while cutting class and journeying across town together on a fateful day.

Beasley, Cassie

**Circus Mirandus**

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.

Black, Holly

**The Iron Trial**

Warned away from magic all of his life, Callum endeavors to fail the trials that would admit him to the Magisterium only to be drawn into its ranks against his will and forced to confront dark elements from his past.

Black, Peter Jay

**Urban Outlaws**

Deep beneath London, five extraordinary youths, orphans who bonded over their shared sense of justice, have formed the Urban Outlaws and dedicated themselves to outsmarting criminals and performing Random Acts of Kindness (R.A.K.s), but they are in serious trouble when they face a genius super-computer, Proteus.

Blackwood, Sage

**Jinx**

An orphaned boy named Jinx encounters magic and danger as he grows up in the deep, dark forest known as the Urwald and discovers that the world beyond--and within--the Urwald is more complex than he could imagine.

Brown, Peter

**The Wild Robot**

Roz the robot discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island with no memory of where she is from or why she is there, and her only hope of survival is to try to learn about her new environment from the island's hostile inhabitants.

Bullard, Lisa

**Turn Left at the Cow**

Thirteen-year-old Trav teams up with two friends to find the missing cash from a bank robbery that his missing father was involved in, and quickly finds himself in danger when it becomes clear that someone else is looking for the money.

Cheng, Jack

### **See You in the Cosmos**

Eleven-year-old Alex Petroski, along with his dog, Carl Sagan, makes big discoveries about his family on a road trip and he records it all on a golden iPod he intends to launch into space

Chilton, Andres S.

### **The Goblin's Puzzle: Being the Adventures of a Boy with No Name and Two Girls Called Alice**

A boy, a goblin, a scholar, and a princess join forces to defeat a dragon, outwit a scheming duke, and solve a logic puzzle.

Connor, Leslie

### **All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook**

Eleven-year-old Perry, raised by his mom at a correctional institution where she is an inmate, is forced to leave and live in a foster home where he investigates his mother's crime and wages a campaign to rejoin her in the only home he's known.

Cottrell Boyce, Frank

### **The Astounding Broccoli Boy**

Rory Rooney likes to be prepared for anything, but when he inexplicably turns green and finds himself in an experimental hospital ward with his nemesis, school bully Tommy-Lee "Grim" Komissky, everyone is baffled, but Rory believes he and Grim have become superheroes.

Emerson, Kevin

### **Last Day on Mars**

While waiting to leave Mars before it burns up just like the Earth before it, Liam and his friend Phoebe discover some facts about time and space and realize that the human race is just one of the races trying to survive in space.

Frank, Steven

### **Armstrong & Charlie**

During the pilot year of a Los Angeles school system integration program, two sixth grade boys, one black, one white, become best friends as they learn to cope with everything from first crushes and playground politics to the loss of loved ones and racial prejudice in the 1970s.

Fry, Jason

### **Hunt for the Hydra (Jupiter Pirates #1)**

Part high-seas adventure, part space-age epic, this story is an unforgettable saga about a solar system on the brink of war and one family caught in the middle of it.

Gibbs, Stuart

### **Space Case**

Dashiell Gibson, who lives on Moon Base Alpha, has to solve a murder of one of the moon's most prominent doctors.

Gidwitz, Adam

### **The Inquisitor's Tale; Or, Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog**

Crossing paths at an inn, thirteenth-century travelers impart the tales of a monastery oblate, a Jewish refugee, and a psychic peasant girl with a loyal greyhound, the three of whom join forces on a chase through France to escape persecution.

Green, Tim

### **Left Out**

A heartfelt and moving story about a deaf boy's journey to change how others see him--both on and off the football field.

Hagen, George

### **Gabriel Finley and the Raven's Riddle**

How can twelve-year-old Gabriel find his missing father, who seems to have vanished without a trace? With the help of Paladin—a young raven with whom he has a magical bond that enables them to become one creature—he flies to the foreboding land of Aviopolis, where he must face a series of difficult challenges and unanswerable riddles that could lead to his father... or to his death.

Hoover, P.J.

### **Tut: The Story of My Immortal Life**

Granted the gift of immortality by the gods, King Tut, living as an eighth-grader in Washington, D.C., has been stuck in middle school for ages. To make things worse, evil General Horemheb, in league with the Cult of Set, is seeking revenge for his 3,000-year imprisonment at Tut's hands.

Jolly, Dan

**The Emerald Tablet**

Finding an old map, Gabe and his friends follow clues to a secret chamber beneath San Francisco, where they perform what they think is a friendship ritual before strange events reveal a sinister cult from a parallel realm. (The Five Elements, bk 1.)

King, Amy Sarig

**Me and Marvin Gardens**

Obe Devlin spends a lot of his time cleaning up the creek that runs through what little is left of his family's once extensive farmland, and worrying about what the developers are doing nearby, and the pollution it is causing--but one day he finds a strange creature by his creek that eats plastic, and soon the animal he calls Marvin Gardens becomes his personal secret, which he believes needs to be protected from pretty much everybody.

Korman, Gordon

**Masterminds**

A group of kids discovers they were cloned from the DNA of some of the greatest criminal masterminds in history for a sociological experiment.

Lawrence, Iain

**The Skeleton Tree**

When Chris and Frank's sailing vessel sinks and they are stranded alone in the wilds of Alaska, they must overcome their dislike and mistrust of each other to survive.

McGee, Ron

**Ryan Quinn and the Rebel's Escape**

When his father disappears and his mother is abducted, Ryan learns that his missing parents are secret agents and that he must undertake a perilous mission to rescue them.

Milford, Kate

**Greenglass House**

At Greenglass House, a smuggler's inn, twelve-year-old Milo, the innkeepers' adopted son, plans to spend his winter holidays relaxing but soon guests are arriving with strange stories about the house, sending Milo and Meddy, the cook's daughter, on an adventure.

Morpugo, Michael

**An Eagle in the Snow**

In 1940 England, stuck in a train tunnel while German fighter jets fly overhead, Barney hears an unlikely story of a highly decorated World War I soldier who once had a chance to kill young Adolf Hitler.

Nesbet, Anne

**Cloud and Wallfish**

Noah Keller has a pretty normal life, until one wild afternoon when his parents pick him up from school, change his name and head behind the Iron Curtain into East Berlin, where the rules and secrets begin to pile up so quickly that he can hardly keep track of the questions bubbling up inside him.

Nielsen, Jennifer A.

**The False Prince**

In the country of Carthya, a devious nobleman engages four orphans in a brutal competition to be selected to impersonate the king's long-missing son in an effort to avoid a civil war.

Oppel, Kenneth

**Boundless**

Accidentally acquiring the key to a train car containing a priceless treasure, young Will Everett is targeted by sinister figures from his past and must enlist the help of members of a traveling circus in order to survive.

Pearce, Jackson

**The Doublecross (and Other Skills I Learned As a Superspy)**

Overweight and non-athletic, twelve-year-old Hale may have been born and raised to be a spy for the Sub Rosa Society but it seems he is unlikely to become a Field Agent until his parents are captured by the evil League and Hale sets out on a solo mission to save them.

Pennypacker, Sara

**Pax**

Peter is forced to abandon his pet fox in the woods when he temporarily moves in with his grandfather, but he decides to leave home and get him back.

Reynolds, Jason

**As Brave as You**

When two brothers decide to prove how brave they are, everything backfires--literally.

Roy, Carter

**The Blood Guard**

Thirteen-year-old Ronan Truelove's mom, a member of an ancient order of knights, disappears while searching for his kidnapped father, and Ronan, with the help of two friends, must rely on his wits to save them both.

Sachar, Louis                      **Fuzzy Mud**

Two middle-grade kids take a shortcut home from school and discover what looks like fuzzy mud but is actually a substance with the potential to wreak havoc on the entire world.

Salerni, Diane K.                **The Eighth Day**

Orphan Jax Aubrey doesn't expect much on his thirteenth birthday, but when he discovers there's an extra day squeezed between Wednesday and Thursday whose origins are rooted in Arthurian legend, it's clear his life will never be the same.

Sands, Kevin                      **The Blackthorn Key**

In 1665 London, fourteen-year-old Christopher Rowe, apprentice to an apothecary, and his best friend, Tom, try to decipher codes and solve puzzles to find a secret with the power to tear the world apart and to stop the mysterious cult that wants to use it.

Sherman, Delia                    **Evil Wizard Smallbone**

When twelve-year-old Nick runs away from his uncle's house in the middle of a blizzard, he stumbles onto a bookstore owned by the self-proclaimed Evil Wizard Smallbone, and gets involved in trying to thwart Smallbone's nemesis--the Evil Wizard Fidelou--and his pack of shape-shifting bikers.

Smith, Dan                         **Boy X**

When twelve-year-old Ash McCarthy wakes up after his father's funeral, he finds that he has been kidnapped to an island off the coast of Costa Rica, caught in the middle of a secret and deadly project named Kronos, in which his mother is somehow involved.

Smith, Roland                      **Hoodoo**

In 1930s Alabama, twelve-year-old Hoodoo Hatcher is the only member of his family who seems unable to practice folk magic, but when a mysterious man called the Stranger puts the entire town at risk from his black magic, Hoodoo must learn to conjure to defeat him.

Stewart, Trenton                 **The Secret Keepers**

When Reuben discovers an antique watch that was mortared into a wall, he soon learns it has a secret power. Now he is on a dangerous adventure to outwit the sly villain called The Smoke and his devious defenders in order to save the city from a terrible fate.

Van Draanen, Wendelin        **The Secret Life of Lincoln Jones**

Lincoln Jones is always working on his latest story in his notebook and keeps to himself until a nosy girl at this new school starts prying into his private business. She wants to know what he's writing, where he disappears to after school, and why he never talks to anybody.

Vanderpool, Claire                **Navigating Early**

Abruptly placed in a boy's boarding school in Maine after his mother's death at the end of World War II, Kansas youth Jack Baker befriends Early Auden, an unusual boy with whom Jack embarks on a quest along the Appalachian Trail in search of a legendary great black bear.

Williams-Garcia, Rita            **Clayton Byrd Goes Underground**

Feeling most alive when he's playing the blues with his grandfather, Clayton is devastated when his grandfather dies and his mother forbids him from playing music, losses that compel him to run away and join bluesmen on the road.

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