

McKeel Reads

Level 5.8 Close Encounters of the Nerd Kind – Jeff Miller 7 pts

Eagerly agreeing to help NASA after tiring of simulated flying games, thirteen-year-old supernerd Neil and his friends head into outer space to reclaim a stolen super-secret spacecraft. Book #2

Level 5.6 Throwing Smoke – Bruce Brooks 3 pts

When his teammates on the Breadhurst Newts baseball team continue their losing ways, Whiz uses an unusual printing press to create several star players in hopes of winning a game.

Level 5.8 The 7 Professors of the Far North – John Fardell 8 pts

Sam and his new friends, Zara and Ben, have just three days to save six professors who were kidnapped by the sinister Professor Murdo.

Level 5.7 The Bone Thief – Alyson Noel 10 pts

A ragtag team of eleven-year olds with otherworldly abilities set out to solve the mystery behind the sudden onset of ordinary events plaguing their very unusual town.

Level 5.6 Clarence Cochran, A Human Boy – William Loizeaux 3 pts

With the threat of extermination looming, a cockroach who has been transformed into a tiny human learns to communicate with his human hosts, leading to an agreement both sides can live with and a friendship between Clarence and ten-year-old Mimi.

Level 5.1 Greetings from Witness Protection! (SSYRA) – Jake Burt 12 pts

Thirteen-year-old Nikki Demere is an orphan and a kleptomaniac, making her the perfect girl to portray the Trevors' daughter in witness protection, but she soon learns that the biggest threat to her new family's security comes from her own past.

Level 5.7 The Adventures Guild (SSYRA) – Zack Loran Clark 11 pts

Conscripted into the dangerous Adventurers Guild, best friends Zed and Brock must defend what is left of humanity against terrible monsters. The coauthor is Nick Eliopoulos. Book #1

Level 5.5 Storm Warriors – Elisa Carbone 6 pts

In 1895, after his mother's death, twelve-year-old Nathan moves with his father and grandfather to Pea Island off the coast of North Carolina, where he hopes to join the all-black crew at the nearby lifesaving station, despite his father's objections.

Level 5.8 The Dragon with a Chocolate Heart - Stephanie Burgis 9 pts

After drinking enchanted hot chocolate, a brave young dragon is transformed into a twelve-year-old human girl with a passion for chocolate. Book #1

Level 5.3 The Hidden Oracle – Rick Riordan 13 pts

After angering his father, Zeus, the god Apollo is cast down from Olympus. He must learn to survive in the modern world until he can somehow find a way to regain Zeus's favor. The plot contains "cartoon" violence. Book #1