

## Friendship

### **The Detention Club [6 Books]**

40939 KT  
IJ 299 pce 2011 Balzer & Bray  
Written by David Yoo  
Peter Lee, in a desperate attempt to regain the popularity he had in elementary school, discovers that serving detention can win him important friends – much to the dismay of his over-achieving older sister, Sunny.

Conduct of life–Fiction; Popularity–Fiction; English/Language Arts; School stories; Siblings–Fiction; Korean Americans–Fiction; Middle schools–Fiction

### **Drama [6 books]**

39424 KT  
IJ 233 pce 2012 Scholastic Press  
Raina Telgemeier  
Callie rides an emotional roller coaster while serving on the stage crew for a middle school production of *Moon over Mississippi* as various relationships start and end, and others never quite get going.

Graphic novels; Interpersonal relations–Fiction; Musicals–Fiction; Theatre–Fiction

### **EI Deafo [6 books]**

37796 KT  
IJ 233 pce 2014 Amulet Books  
Cece Bell  
The author recounts in graphic novel format her experiences with hearing loss at a young age, including using a bulky hearing aid, learning how to lip read, and determining her "superpower".

Cartoonists–Biography–Graphic novels; Deaf–Graphic novels; Graphic novels; Women–Biography–Graphic novels

### **Every soul a star [6 books]**

36342 KT  
IJ 322 pce 2010 Little Brown  
Wendy Mass  
Ally, Bree, and Jack meet at the one place the Great Eclipse can be seen in totality, each carrying the burden of their own problems, which become dim when compared to the task they embark upon and the friendship they find.

Bildungsromans; Friendship–Fiction; Reading; Solar eclipses–Fiction

### **Fish face [6 books]**

31420 KT  
PI 75 pce 1984 Scholastic  
Patricia Reilly Giff  
Making friends with the new girl in her class is hard for Emily after she replaces Emily as the fastest runner and steals Emily's lucky unicorn.

Fiction–Study and teaching; Language arts; Reading

### **\*Forever Birchwood [6 Books]**

41245 KT  
IJ 291 pce 2022 HarperCollins  
Publishers  
written by Danielle Daniel  
"Adventurous, trail-blazing Wolf lives in a northern mining town and spends her days exploring the mountains and wilderness with her three best friends: Penny, Ann, and Brandi. The girls' secret refuge is their treehouse hideaway, Birchwood, Wolf's favorite place on earth. After her beloved grandmother tells her that she is the great-granddaughter of a tree talker, Wolf knows that she is destined to protect the birch trees and wildlife that surround her. But Wolf's mother doesn't understand this connection at all. Not only is she reluctant to engage with their family's Indigenous roots, she seems suspiciously on the wrong side of the environmental protection efforts in their hometown. To make matters worse, she's just started dating an annoying new boyfriend named Roger, whose motives, and construction company, seem equally suspect. As summer arrives, though, so do bigger problems. Wolf and her friends discover plastic orange bands wrapped around the trees near their cherished hangout spot, and their once stable friendship seems on the verge of unraveling. Birchwood has given them so much—can they even stay together long enough to save this special place?"—Provided by publisher.

Grandmothers–Fiction; Logging–Fiction; Tree houses–Fiction; English/Language Arts; First Nations–Fiction; Daniel, Danielle,–illustrator; Friendship–Fiction; Mother-daughter relationship–Fiction; Environmentalists–Fiction; Aboriginal

### **Freak the Mighty [6 books]**

37983 KT  
IJ 169 pce 1993 Scholastic Inc.  
Rodman Philbrick  
At the beginning of eighth grade, Max, who has a learning disability, and his new friend Freak, whose birth defect has affected his body but not his brilliant mind, find that when they combine forces they make a powerful team.

Friendship–Fiction; Learning disabilities–Fiction; People with disabilities–Fiction; School stories–Fiction

### **He who dreams [6 books]**

38081 KT  
JS 137 pce 2017 Orca Book  
Publishers  
Melanie Florence  
*Orca limelights Series* - "When John discovers dancing, he finds himself facing ridicule from his soccer teammates and hostility from the dancers at the cultural center. To dance at the Pow Wow, he must learn to balance his responsibilities, confront his fears and embrace both the Irish

and the Cree sides of his heritage"—Back cover.

Bullies–Fiction; Cree (First Nations people) dance–Fiction; First Nations–Fiction; First Nations dance; Self-realization–Fiction; Soccer players–Fiction

### **Hello, Universe [6 Books]**

40677 KT  
IJ 345 pce 2017 Greenwillow Books,  
an imprint of Ha  
Written by Erin Entrada Kelly.  
The lives of four misfits are intertwined when a bully's prank lands shy Virgil at the bottom of a well and Valencia, Kaori, and Gen band together in an epic quest to find and rescue him.

Missing children–Fiction; English/Language Arts; People with disabilities–Fiction; Deaf–Fiction; Self-reliance–Fiction; Psychics–Fiction; Friendship–Fiction; Hearing impaired–Fiction; Sisters–Fiction; Bullies–Fiction

### **Holes [6 books]**

37673 KT  
IJ 233 pce 1998 Yearling  
Louis Sachar  
As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

Buried treasure–Fiction; Friendship–Fiction; Homeless persons–Fiction; Juvenile delinquency–Fiction; Mystery fiction

### **Hoot [6 books]**

37658 KT  
IJ 292 pce 2002 Yearling  
Carl Hiaasen  
Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.

Environmental protection–Fiction; Owls–Fiction

### **How to ruin your life : and other lessons school doesn't teach you [6 books]**

38475 KT  
IJ 111 pce 2010 Red Deer Press  
Carolyn McTighe  
The friendship between nine-year-old Penelope Jane Parker and her schoolmate Katie is threatened when P.J., anxious to show off her running skills at the annual school track meet, slows down to let her non-athletic friend Katie catch up and ends up losing the race.

Competition (Psychology)–Fiction; Friendship–Fiction; Interpersonal relations–Fiction; School stories

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### **The hundred dresses [6 books]**

37641 KT  
PI 80 pce 1944 Houghton Mifflin  
Harcourt  
Eleanor Estes  
In winning a medal she is no longer there to receive, a tight-lipped little Polish girl teaches her classmates a lesson. Includes a note from the author's daughter, Helena Estes.

Friendship–Fiction; English/  
Language Arts

### **Hurt go happy [6 books]**

37806 KT  
IJ 270 pce 2006 Tom Doherty  
Associates, LLC  
Ginny Rorby  
Struggling to make her way through the world in spite of her mother's refusal to let her learn sign language, deaf teen Joey Willis secretly learns to sign while helping a primate scientist and his baby chimpanzee, Sukari.

Chimpanzees–Fiction; Deaf–  
Fiction; Friendship–Fiction; Sign  
language–Fiction

### **Kasey & Ivy [6 Books]**

40990 KT  
IJ 182 pce 2018 Orca Book  
Publishers  
Written by Alison Hughes.  
"Through twenty-six letters to her friend Nina, twelve-year-old Kasey chronicles the often humorous observations and impressions of her unexpected, month-long stay in a geriatric ward for the treatment of a rare but treatable bone disease ("osteosomething-something-itis"). Kasey tries to make her life less dull by wearing her own nightgowns, surrounding herself with her favourite stuffies and developing an unusual exercise routine. Hospital food, insomnia and the gummy communal bath are enduring sources of dread, but some new (and unexpected) friends make her life bearable."—Goodreads.

Letters–Fiction; Hospitals–Fiction;  
Friendship–Fiction; English/  
Language Arts

### **Maddie and Mabel [6 Books]**

40883 KT  
P 80 pce 2022 Kind World  
Publishing  
Written by Kari Allen  
Meet Maddie and Mabel, two spunky sisters who navigate their relationship with humor and heart. Maddie is the big sister. Mabel is the little sister. But who is actually in charge? Mabel, who never stops asking questions? Or Maddie, who can be bossy and demanding? Readers will see that being in charge might not be as important as working together. The first book in this early chapter book series introduces two relatable characters who make mistakes as they learn important life lessons. Friendship between siblings can often be a heart-warming work in progress.

Through joyful storytelling and story-sharing, Maddie and Mabel exemplify the best of what these young years can offer us: imagination, joy, play, forgiveness, and family. In a way that's accessible for new readers and enjoyable for anyone who has also made mistakes and made amends with their own sibling, Maddie and Mabel endears, entertains, and delights.

Friendship–Fiction; Family–Fiction;  
Humorous fiction; English/  
Language Arts; Sisters–Fiction

### **A mango-shaped space [6 books]**

36579 KT  
I 270 pce 2003 Little Brown  
Wendy Mass

Mia, 13, has always seen colors in sounds, numbers, and letters, a fact she has kept secret since the day she discovered that other people don't have this ability. Then she discovers that she has a rare condition called synesthesia, which means that the visual cortex in her brain is activated when she hears something. From then on, she leads a kind of double life—she eagerly attends research gatherings with other synesthetes and devours information about the condition, but continues to struggle at school, where her inadvertent pairing of particular colors with numbers and words makes math and French almost impossible to figure out. Her gradual abandonment of her frustrating school life in favor of the compelling world of fellow synesthetes and the unique things only they can experience seems quite logical, although readers may feel like shaking some sense into her. Finally, and rather abruptly, her extreme guilt at her beloved cat Mango's illness brings her back down to earth and she begins to work on some of the relationships she let crumble.

Cats–Fiction; Death–Fiction; Family  
life–Fiction; Friendship–Fiction;  
Math; Numeracy; Reading;  
Schools–Fiction; Senses and  
sensation–Fiction

### **The miraculous journey of Edward Tulane [6 books]**

38476 KT  
IJ 210 pce 2015 Candlewick Press  
Kate DiCamillo  
Edward Tulane, a cold-hearted and proud toy rabbit, loves only himself until he is separated from the little girl who adores him and travels across the country, acquiring new owners and listening to their hopes, dreams, and histories.

Adventure fiction; Listening–Fiction;  
Rabbits–Fiction; Romance fiction;  
Toys–Fiction

### **Morgan's Got Game [6 Books]**

40377 KT  
PI 55 pce 2014 Formac  
Written by Ted Staunton.  
Morgan is left out of the loop when everyone at school begins bringing their M8Y Game Wizards to school, linking up online with one another and playing at recess and lunch. Charlie lets Morgan use his M8Y every now and then, but clearly you're not cool unless you have one. Poor Morgan is reduced to playing with Aldeen for something to do. Finally his parents relent, but Morgan learns that sometimes gaming is more trouble than it's worth.

School stories–Fiction; Humorous  
fiction; Computer Games–Fiction;  
Reading materials

### **✧ Mr. Wolf's class [6 Books]**

41262 KT  
PI 153 pce 2018 Graphix  
written by Aron Nels Steinke.  
"Mr. Wolf has just started teaching at Hazelwood Elementary. He wants the first day of school to go well, but he's got his hands full with his new class. Some of his students include: Margot, who is new in town and is trying to make friends. Sampson, who brought something special to school for show-and-tell. Aziza, who just wants everyone to be quiet and do their work. And Penny, who is very sleepy because she has a new baby brother at home, goes missing!"—Provided by publisher.

Friendship–Graphic novels;  
Elementary Schools–Graphic  
Novels; Teachers–Graphic Novels;  
First Day of School–Graphic  
Novels; Humorous graphic novels;  
English/Language Arts

### **Orca limelights**

*For descriptions see individual titles:*  
He who dreams [6 books] [38081]

### **✧ The other side of perfect [6 books]**

41437 KT  
IJS 326 pce 2021 Poppy, Little,  
Brown and Company  
written by Mariko Turk.  
"An emotional story about a former ballerina who is thrust back into 'normal' high school after a life-changing injury, and who comes to terms with life without her passion as well as discrimination in the ballet world"—Provided by publisher.

Ballet–Fiction; English/Language  
Arts; Wounds and injuries–Fiction;  
Ballet dancers–Fiction;  
Bildungsromans; High schools–  
Fiction; School stories; Racially  
mixed people–Fiction;  
Theater–Fiction

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### \*-Skunk and badger [6 Books]

41137 KT  
IJ 124 pce 2020 HarperCollins  
Publishers

Written by Amy Timberlake  
Analytical and set-in-his-ways Badger is taken aback when jolly and easygoing Skunk rings the doorbell to announce he's Badger's new roommate. (Badger may have been ignoring his landlord Aunt Lula's letters...) But as Badger begrudgingly opens up his home – and heart – to Skunk and his unconventional ways, the two characters are irrevocably changed by one another, establishing an odd-couple friendship that is timeless and real.

Chickens–Fiction; Badgers–Fiction;  
Klassen, Jon.,–illustrator; English/  
Language Arts; Roommates–  
Fiction; Skunks–Fiction;  
Friendship–Fiction

### Stargazing [6 Books]

40676 KT  
IJ 208 pce 2019 First Second  
Written by Jen Wang.

"Growing up in the same Chinese-American suburb, perfectionist Christine and artistic, confident, impulsive Moon become unlikely best friends, whose friendship is tested by jealousy, social expectations, and illness"—OCLC.

School stories–Fiction;  
Individuality–Graphic novels;  
Friendship–Fiction; Chinese  
Americans–Graphic novels;  
English/Language Arts

### The Used-to-be Best Friend [6 Books]

40884 KT  
IJ 62 pce 2021 Heartdrum, an  
imprint of HarperColl

Written by Dawn Quigley  
"Jo Jo Makoons Azure is a spirited seven-year-old who moves through the world a little differently than anyone else on her Ojibwe reservation. It always seems like her mom, her kokum (grandma), and her teacher have a lot to learn—about how good Jo Jo is at cleaning up, what makes a good rhyme, and what it means to be friendly. Even though Jo Jo loves her #1 best friend Mimi (who is a cat), she's worried that she needs to figure out how to make more friends. Because Fern, her best friend at school, may not want to be friends anymore"

Ojibwa (First Nations people)—  
Fiction; School stories–Fiction;  
Friendship–Fiction; English/  
Language Arts; Audibert,  
Tara.,–1975—illustrator

### The view from Saturday [6 books]

26783 KT  
I 1996 Aladdin

E.L. Konigsburg  
How did Mrs. Olinski, returning to teaching ten years after being paralyzed in an automobile accident, choose these four to be her sixth-grade Academic Bowl team? And how did this unlikely foursome become even unlikelier champions, in far more than just the state middle school competition?

Contests–Fiction; Friendship–  
Fiction; Newbery Medal books;  
People with disabilities–Fiction;  
Reading; School stories; School  
stories; Teacher-student  
relationship–Fiction

### Wishtree [6 books]

37716 KT  
I 215 pce 2017 Feiwel and Friends  
Katherine Applegate

An old red oak tree tells how he and his crow friend, Bongo, help their human neighbors get along after a threat against an immigrant family is carved into the tree's trunk.

Crows–Fiction; Friendship–Fiction;  
Toleration–Fiction; Trees–Fiction;  
Wishes–Fiction

### Wolfie & Fly

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37805 KT  
P 84 pce 2017 Tundra Books  
Cary Fagan

A classic story of imagination, friendship, adventure and speeding through the ocean in a cardboard box.

Adventure fiction; Friendship–  
Fiction; Imagination–Fiction

### Wonder (6 copies)

36339 KT  
I 404 pce 2012 Alfred A. Knopf  
R.J. Palacio

Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails enduring the taunting and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student.

Birth defects–Fiction; Kindness–  
Fiction; Middle schools–Fiction;  
Reading; School stories;  
Self-acceptance–Fiction