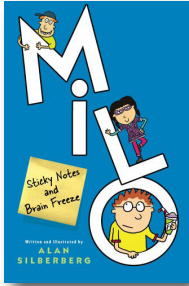


Milo: Sticky Notes and Brain Freeze

By Alan Silberberg



Milo is in love with a girl he sneezed on, and best pals with Marshall, the “One-Eyed Jack” of friends. He also misses his mother, whose death has changed everything. Milo copes with being the new kid again as he struggles to survive a school year

filled with reminders of how his life used to be.

Mockingbird By Kathryn Erskine

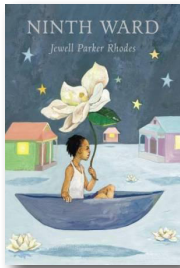
Caitlin has Asperger’s Syndrome and struggles to understand emotions, show empathy, and make friends at school. At home she seeks closure by working on a project with her father.

Moon Over Manifest By Clare Vanderpool

Since her mother left ten years earlier, 12-year-old Abilene and her dad have been alone. Although they are drifters, the two share a strong bond. So Abilene can’t understand why her dad sends her to live with an old friend in his hometown. Over the summer she pieces together her dad’s story.

Ninth Ward By Jewell Parker Rhodes

In New Orleans’ Ninth Ward, Lanessa, who can see spirits, has only the love of her adopted grandmother. When Mama Ya-Ya has a vision of a huge hurricane approaching, it’s up to Lanessa to help them both survive the storm.



Phineas Gage: A Gruesome But True Story About Brain Science By John Fleischman

In 1848 Gage, a foreman of a railroad construction gang, survived having an iron rod blasted through his brain. Subsequent studies of his accident contributed to the modern understanding of the central nervous system.

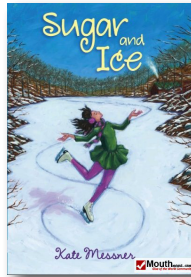
The Reinvention of Moxie Roosevelt

By Elizabeth Cody Kim

Moxie Roosevelt Kipper has endured 13 years of being an ordinary girl with an extraordinary name. Now that she’s entered boarding school, it’s time to reinvent herself. She’ll become unusual, someone worthy of a name like Moxie.



Sugar and Ice By Kate Messner



Claire isn’t sure she’s ready for competitive skating, but a full scholarship to the elite Lake Placid training camp is too great an opportunity to pass up. Making friends, handling bullies and enduring the high standards of her demanding coach are challenges Claire must face alone, far from the comfort of her family’s maple farm and her childhood friends.

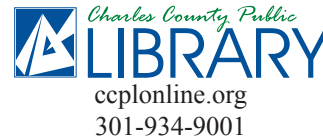
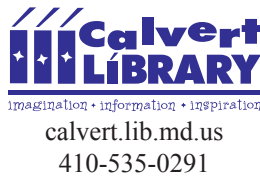
The Talent Show By Dan Gutman

After the small Kansas town of Cape Bluff is hit by a tornado, a new school principal suggests a talent show to raise money and boost the town’s spirits.

Great Reads for Middle School



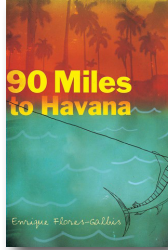
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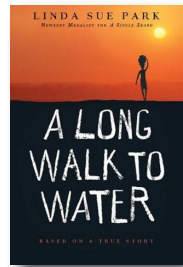
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90 Miles to Havana By Enrique Flores-Galbis

When unrest hits Havana, Cuba, Julian's parents send him and his two brothers away to Miami via the Pedro Pan operation. But when the boys get to Miami, they are thrust into a world where bullies seem to run rampant and it's not always clear how best to protect themselves.



A Long Walk to Water By Linda Sue Park

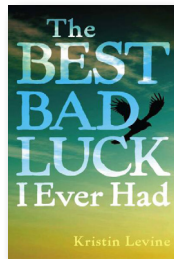


In 1985, 11-year-old Salva escapes the violence in Sudan for a new life in America. In 2008, young Nya walks two hours to get fresh water for her family. This poignant story is told side by side to show how Salva and Nya are connected despite the years.

The Best Bad Luck I Ever Had

By Kristin Levine

In 1917, most of the residents in tiny Moundville, Alabama, are shocked that their new postmaster is African American. Dit is simply surprised that the postmaster's child turns out to be a girl, not the boy his own age he was expecting. The two become friends, but will that friendship survive society's prejudices?

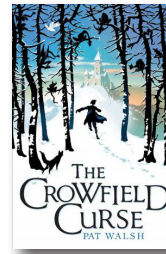


Bloody Horowitz By Anthony Horowitz

These 12 stories are not for the squeamish. Stories so twisted they should only be read in the dark.

Crowfield Curse By Pat Walsh

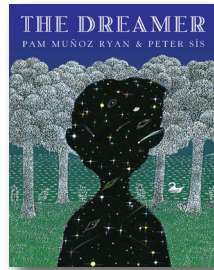
William Paynel is an orphan and a poor servant at Crowfield Abbey. One day he finds a magical creature caught in a trap and discovers he has an ability to see fairies. Now he must solve a mystery involving Old Magic, a bitter feud and ancient secrets.



Departure Time By Truus Matti

This is an amazing journey of a girl in two stories. There is the girl in the hotel with the fox and the rat. And there is the girl with a father who travels a lot and who suggests they write a story together. The two stories slowly start to intertwine and come together in a surprising ending.

The Dreamer By Pam Munoz Ryan



From the time he is a young boy, Neftali hears the call of a mysterious voice and he knows he cannot ignore it. Under the canopy of the rain forest, into the fearsome sea, and through the persistent Chilean rain, he listens and he follows.

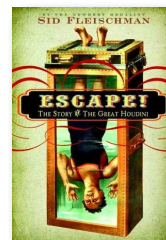
DWEEB: Burgers, Beasts and Brain-Washed Bullies By Aaron Starmer

Strange things are happening at Ho-Ho-Kus Junior High. The cafeteria is covered in a sea of burger wrappers, bullies aren't bullying, and the walls are growling. Denton, Wendell, Eddie, Elijah and Bijay (DWEEB), will solve the mystery!

Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini

By Sid Fleischman

This man could walk through a brick wall and, with a snap of his fingers, make elephants disappear. Meet the great Houdini: magician, ghost chaser, daredevil, pioneer aviator, and king of escape-artists.



Friction: A Novel By E.R. Frank

When a new girl at the private school Alex attends starts rumors about Alex's favorite teacher, Alex and her eighth-grade classmates are not sure how to act around the teacher or with each other.

The Girl Who Could Fly By Victoria Forester

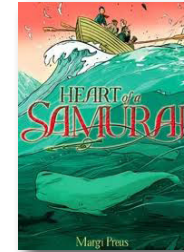
When homeschooled farm girl, Piper McCloud, reveals her ability to fly, she is quickly taken to a secret government facility to be trained with other exceptional children. She soon realizes that something is very wrong and begins working to escape.



The Headless Cupid By Zippa Keatley Snyder

A legend says that a ghost cut the head off a wooden cupid on the stairway of the Stanley house. Has the ghost returned to strike again?

Heart of a Samurai By Margi Preus



In 1841, a Japanese fishing vessel sinks. Its crew swims to a small, unknown island, where they are rescued by an American ship. Japan is closed to all Western nations, so they set off to America, learning English on the way.

London Eye Mystery By Siobhan Dowd

Ted and Kat watched their cousin, Salim, board the London Eye. But after half an hour it landed and everyone got off, except Salim. Where could he have gone? The siblings follow clues across the city to solve the mystery of their missing cousin.

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