



# ***ADVENTURE STORIES***

## **The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle** by Avi (M)

Charlotte Doyle leaves England a spoiled thirteen-year-old striving to become a lady, and arrives in America a resourceful young woman and a skilled sailor.

## **Cosmic** by Frank Cottrell Boyce (M)

12-year old Liam looks like he's thirty. So feeling like he's stuck between two worlds, Liam cons his way into being the adult chaperone on the first space ship to take civilians into space. But when the ship is stuck 230,000 miles from home, being mistaken for an adult is not good.

## **The Hunger Games Series** by Suzanne Collins (S)

Book 1: *The Hunger Games*: In a future North America, where the rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual televised survival competition pitting young people from each of the twelve districts against one another, sixteen-year-old Katniss's skills are put to the test when she voluntarily takes her younger sister's place.

## **Hurricane Dancers** by Margarita Engle (M,S)

Quebrado has been a slave on captain Bernadino de Talavera's pirate ship for years, but when a hurricane sinks the ship and kills most of the crew, Quebrado escapes to safety and finds acceptance and refuge in a nearby village.

## **The Matteo Alacran Series** by Nancy Farmer (M,S)

Book 1: *The House of the Scorpion*: In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patrbon, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States.

## **The Mapmaker's Trilogy** by S.E. Grove (M,S)

In 1891, in a world transformed by 1799's Great Disruption--when all of the continents were flung into different time periods--thirteen-year-old Sophia Tims and her friend Theo go in search of Sophia's uncle, Shadrack Elli, Boston's foremost cartographer, who has been kidnapped.

## **Downriver** by Will Hobbs (S)

Problem teens in an outdoor survival program ditch the counselor and head for the Grand Canyon for some unsupervised white-water rafting.

## **Dreamwood** by Heather Mackie (M)

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

## **Tomorrow, When the War Began** by John Marsden (S)

Seven Australian teenagers return from a camping trip in the bush to discover that their country has been invaded and they must hide to stay alive.

## **Touching Spirit Bear** by Ben Mikaelson (M,S)

After his anger erupts into violence, Cole, in order to avoid going to prison, agrees to participate in a sentencing alternative based on the native American Circle Justice, and he is sent to a remote Alaskan Island where an encounter with a huge Spirit Bear changes his life.

## **Fallen Angels** by Walter Dean Myers (S)

Seventeen-year-old Richie Perry, just out of his Harlem high school, enlists in the Army in the summer of 1967 and spends a devastating year on active duty in Vietnam.

**The Matt Cruse Series** by Kenneth Oppel (M,S)

Book 1: *Airborn* : Matt, a young cabin boy aboard an airship, and Kate, a wealthy young girl traveling with her chaperone, team up to search for the existence of mysterious winged creatures reportedly living hundreds of feet above the Earth's surface.

**Hatchet** by Gary Paulsen (M,S)

A hatchet makes the difference between life and death for the lone survivor of a plane crash in remote Canada.

**Freak the Mighty** by Rodman Philbrick (M)

At the beginning of eighth grade, learning disabled Max 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.

**His Dark Materials Series** by Philip Pullman (M,S)

Book 1: *The Golden Compass* :Accompanied by her daemon, Lyra Belacqua sets out to prevent her best friend and other kidnapped children from becoming the subject of gruesome experiments in the Far North.

**Holes** by Louis Sachar (M,S)

Stanley Yelnats is sent to a wretched correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

**The New Policeman** by Kate Thompson (M)

Irish teenager JJ Liddy discovers that time is leaking from his world into Tir na nOg, the land of the fairies, and when he attempts to stop the leak he finds out a lot about his family history, the music that he loves, and a crime his great-grandfather may or may not have committed.

**The Thief** by Megan Whalen Turner (M)

Gen flaunts his ingenuity as a thief and relishes the adventure which takes him to a remote temple of the gods where he will attempt to steal a precious stone.

**The Fifth Wave Series** By Rick Yancey (S)

Book 1: *The 5<sup>th</sup> Wave*: Cassie Sullivan, the survivor of an alien invasion, must rescue her young brother from the enemy with help from a boy who may be one of them.

Grade Level Interest

M  
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Middle School (grades 5-8)  
Senior High (grades 9-12)

