

**Winchester Reading  
Rocks!  
2017-2018 List of Titles  
Open to All 4th and 5th Grade  
Students**



<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Grade Level</b>	<b>Genre</b>
Benji Franklin: Kid Zillionaire	Raymond Bean and Matthew Vimislik	Grade 4	Science Fiction
The Case of the Time Capsule Bandit	Octavia Spencer	Grades 4-5	Mystery
Dear Hank Williams	Kimberly Willis Holt	Grades 4-5	Historical Fiction
Detective's Assistant	Kate Hannigan	Grade 5	Historical Fiction
Fizzopolis: The Trouble with Fuzzwonker Fizz	Patrick Carman	Grade 4	Science Fiction
Fog Diver	Joel Ross	Grade 5	Adventure
Ghosts	Raina Telgemeier	Grade 4	Graphic Novel
Handful of Stars	Cynthia Lord	Grades 4-5	Realistic
Honey	Sarah Weeks	Grade 4	Realistic
How to Speak Dolphin	Ginny Rorby	Grades 4-5	Realistic
Jungle of Bones	Ben Mikaelson	Grades 4-5	Adventure
Key Hunters: The Mysterious Moonstone	Eric Luper	Grade 4	Mystery
Lulu's Mysterious Mission	Judith Viorst	Grade 4	Realistic
The Mixed Up Files of Basil E. Frankenweiler	E.L. Konigsburg	Grades 4-5	Classic/Mystery
Stella by Starlight	Sharon M. Draper	Grade 5	Historical Fiction
Took: A Ghost Story	Mary Downing Hahn	Grade 5	Horror
Upside Down Magic	Sarah Mlynowski	Grade 4	Fantasy
Voyagers: Project Alpha	D.J. McHale	Grades 4-5	Science Fiction
The War That Saved My Life	Kimberly Brubaker Bradley	Grade 5	Historical Fiction
Zeus and the Thunderbolt of Doom (Heroes in Training)	Joan Holub and Suzanne Williams	Grade 4	Fantasy



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### **Annotated Bibliography**

**Benji Franklin: Kid Zillionaire** - After inventing a bestselling excuse-generating app, twelve-year-old Benjamin ""Benji"" Franklin became the world's youngest and only ZILLIONAIRE. Unlike other fat cats, this tiny tycoon uses his wealth for the greater good instead of selfish gain - because it's not all about the Benjamin!

**The Case of the Time Capsule Bandit** - Twelve-year-old Randi, unhappy about moving from Brooklyn to Deer Creek, Tennessee, after her mother's death, soon finds new friends and a case to solve surrounding a stolen time capsule and rumors of a centuries-old treasure.

**Dear Hank Williams** - In Rippling Creek, Louisiana, in 1948, eleven-year-old Tate writes letters to her favorite country singer, sharing her dreams of becoming a singer and revealing that her mother is in prison.

**Detective's Assistant** - In 1859, eleven-year-old Nell goes to live with her aunt, the first female detective for Pinkerton's National Detective Agency. Nell helps her aunt solve cases, including a mystery surrounding Abraham Lincoln, and the mystery of what happened to Nell's own father.

**Fog Diver** - In this futuristic high-stakes adventure, humanity clings to cities on the highest mountain peaks above the deadly Fog, and airships transport the pirates of the skies. Daring 13-year-old tetherboy Chess and his salvage crew must face the dark plans of Lord Kodoc and work to save their beloved Mrs. E.

**Ghosts** - Catrina and her family have moved to the coast of Northern California for the sake of her little sister, Maya, who has cystic fibrosis. Cat is even less happy about the move when she is told that her new town is inhabited by ghosts, and Maya sets her heart on meeting one.

**Handful of Stars** - When her blind dog slips his collar, twelve-year old Lily meets Salma Santiago, a young Hispanic girl whose migrant family are in Maine for the blueberry-picking season. Based partly on their mutual love of dogs, the two forge a friendship while painting bee boxes for Lily's grandfather--but as the Blueberry Queen pageant approaches Lily and Selma are confronted with some of the hard truths of prejudice and migrant life.

**Honey** - Melody has lived in Royal, Indiana for as long as she can remember. It's been just Melody and her father, and she's been okay with that. But then she overhears him calling someone Honey-- and suddenly it feels like everyone in Royal has a secret. It's up to Melody and her best friend, Nick, to piece together the clues and discover why Honey is being hidden. Meanwhile, a dog named Mo is new to Royal. He doesn't remember much from when he was a puppy ... but he keeps having dreams of a girl he is bound to meet someday.

**How to Speak Dolphin** - Since her mother died, twelve-year-old Lily has struggled to care for her severely autistic half-brother, Adam, in their Miami home, but she is frustrated and angry because her oncologist stepfather expects her to devote her time to Adam, and is unwilling to admit that Adam needs professional help. When Adam bonds with a young dolphin with cancer Lily is confronted with another dilemma: her family or the dolphin's freedom.

**Jungle of Bones** - When sullen teenager Dylan Barstow is caught joyriding in a stolen car, he is sent to his ex-Marine uncle for the summer. Soon they are on the way to Papua, New Guinea, in search of a World War II fighter plane and Dylan discovers that defiance is not a survival skill when you are lost in a jungle.

**Key Hunters: Mysterious Moonstone** - Neither Cleo nor Evan like the new school librarian, Ms. Crowley, but they are very curious about where she disappears to at the back of the library. One day they follow her--and find a secret door, a magical library full of locked books, and a letter from the previous librarian telling them that she is trapped somewhere between the covers of one of the enchanted books, and they must travel through the stories in order to save her.

**Lulu's Mysterious Mission** - When Lulu's parents go on vacation, the formidable Ms. Sonia Sofia Solinsky comes to babysit and Lulu behaves as badly as possible to get her to leave until Ms. Solinsky reveals her secret.

**The Mixed Up Files of Basil E. Frankenweiler** - Having run away with her younger brother to live in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, twelve-year-old Claudia strives to keep things in order in their new home and to become a changed person and a heroine to herself.

**Stella by Starlight** - When a burning cross set by the Klan causes panic and fear in 1932 Bumblebee, North Carolina, fifth-grader Stella must face prejudice and find the strength to demand change in her segregated town.

**Took** - A witch called Old Auntie is lurking near Dan's family's new home. He doesn't believe in her at first, but is forced to accept that she is real and take action when his little sister, Erica, is 'took' to become Auntie's slave for the next fifty years.

**The Trouble with Fuzzwonker Fizz** - Ten-year-old Harold, the adopted son of a food inventor, discovers that his father's latest invention, soda pop that produces the world's longest burps, also generates furry creatures known as Fizzies.

**Upside Down Magic** - Nory, Elliott, Andres, and Bax find their lives forever changed when they attend the Dunwiddle Magic School's Upside-Down Magic class.

**Voyagers: Project Alpha** - Eight boys and girls compete for a spot on the space voyage that will search for a solution to Earth's energy crisis.

**The War that Saved My Life** - A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother.

**Zeuss and the Thunderbolt of Doom** - When ten-year-old Zeus is kidnapped, he discovers he can defend himself with a magical thunderbolt.