

Reading Rocks 2026-27

Bodega Cats

by Hilda Eunice Burgos

Told in alternating voices, this story follows Miguel and his newly adopted street savvy cat Lolo as they build a loving and supportive friendship in Washington Heights.

Far Out!

by Anne Bustard

In 1964 in Totter, Texas, Magnolia Jean Crook – an aspiring detective and a firm believer in UFOs – is desperate to protect her grandmother Mimi against accusations of theft, especially when Mimi's recent memory lapses may signal something serious.

The Area 51 Files

by Julie Buxbaum

When Sky Patel-Baum is sent to live with her mysterious uncle, she never imagines she'll end up in Area 51, a top-secret military base. She also never imagines that it will be full of aliens, many of whom are going missing. Sky must team up with her pizza-obsessed pet hedgehog, Spike, her otherworldly next-door neighbor, Elvis, and his fluffy pup, Pickles, to solve the case!

Sherlock Bones and the Case of the Crown Jewels

by Tim Collins

When the crown jewels go missing from Kennel Palace, it's up to super-sleuth Sherlock Bones and Dr Catson to solve the crime. But with multiple suspects and a trail that's starting to run cold, will they be able to catch the culprit in time?

Undead Fox of Deadwood Forest

by Aubrey Hartman

An undead fox serving as the Usher of souls has his life upended when a mysterious badger soul appears.

Operation Do-Over

by Gordon Korman

Mason and Ty were once the very best of friends, like two nerdy sides of the same coin ... until seventh grade, when Ava Petrakis came along. Now Mason can trace everything bad in his life to that terrible fight they had over the new girl. The one thing he'd give anything for is a do-over. But that can't happen in real life – can it?

The Academy

by T. Z. Layton

Born and raised in a small town, Leo K. Doyle is a star soccer player with big dreams to make the pros one day. He has no idea how to achieve this goal--until a professional scout pays a chance visit to one of Leo's games and extends an invitation to try out for the London Dragons youth squad, known as The Academy.

Escape from Alcatraz

by Andy Marino

In 1962 Chip Carter, son of a guard at Alcatraz, stumbles on to an escape plan and finds himself forced to aid the prisoners, because he is afraid that his father is somehow involved in the plot--and he needs to find out the truth.

Wildlife Rescue: How to Save an Otter

by Kate Messner

Ivy and Ezra are "critter couriers" whose family volunteers to transport injured and orphaned animals to their local wildlife hospital. When they discover a baby river otter with a hurt leg, Ivy worries about the little otter being separated from its family.

Kids in Mrs. Z's Class: Emma McKenna, Full Out

by Kate Messner

Third-grader Emma McKenna's plans to start fresh at a new school are complicated when her former best friend – and now enemy – shows up in Emma's class.

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Trex

by Christyne Morrell

A mystery following Trex, a boy with an experimental implant, Mellie, a reclusive girl training to be a spy, and their adventures together as they're pitted against middle school bullies, their own parents, and an evil, brain-hacking corporation.

Will's Race for Home

by Jewell Parker Rhodes

During the land rush of 1889, African American Will and his father journey from Texas to Oklahoma, racing thousands of others to stake their claim.

A Wolf Called Fire

by Rosanne Parry

When an enemy pack attacks, Warm, the smallest wolf in the pack, is left alone to defend and feed four pups.

Sejal Sinha Battles Superstorms

by Maya Prasad

When a storm threatens Diwali celebrations, eight-year-old Sejal Sinha, a spunky Indian-American girl with an active imagination, tries to use science to save her family's beloved holiday.

Lost at Windy River: A True Story of Survival

by Trina Rathgeber

The true story of how a young Indigenous girl survives nine days lost in a snowstorm in Northern Canada, by relying on Traditional Indigenous Knowledge passed down from her family, and her connection to the land and animals.

Jasper Rabbit's Creepy Tales: Troubling Tonsils

by Aaron Reynolds

Jasper Rabbit tells the eerie tale of Charlie Marmot, whose decision to keep his tonsils after surgery leads to creepy, mysterious events.

The Wildes: The Amazon

by Roland Smith

A research trip to the Amazon rainforest turns into a dangerous mystery when Ring and Asia Wilde's scientist mother goes missing, and in order to rescue her, they must use their skills to survive the jungle.

Nic Blake and the Remarkables: The Manifestor Prophecy

by Angie Thomas

All Nic Blake wants is to be a powerful Manifestor like her dad. But before she has a chance to convince him to teach her the gift, a series of shocking revelations and terrifying events launch Nic and two friends on a hunt for a powerful magic tool she's never heard of...to save her father from imprisonment for a crime she refuses to believe he committed.

Lion Dancers

by Cai Tse

A boy feels his passion for lion dancing re-igniting after the death of his father, and so he decides to join the local junior team, where his ex-best friend becomes his new rival.

Life in the Doghouse: Elmer and the Talent Show

by Crystal Velasquez

Elmer is a special needs Dachshund who lives at Danny and Ron's Rescue, but he longs to be adopted, and when he attracts the attention of a family he is willing to do anything to impress them – including working hard at the agility course for the pet talent show.

A Strange Thing Happened in Cherry Hall

by Jasmine Warga

A painting has been stolen! When Rami sees a floating girl in the museum, he knows he has seen her somewhere before. She looks just like the girl in the painting that has gone missing. But how does her appearance connect to the theft? Will Rami and his classmate, Veda, be able to solve the mystery?