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Allende **City of the beasts** **Alexander Cold trilogy, book 1**

When fifteen-year-old Alexander Cold accompanies his individualistic grandmother on an expedition to find a humanoid Beast in the Amazon, he experiences ancient wonders and a supernatural world as he tries to avert disaster for the Indians.

Alexander **Westmark**

A boy fleeing from criminal charges falls in with a charlatan, his dwarf attendant, and an urchin girl, travels with them about the kingdom of Westmark, and ultimately arrives at the palace where the king is grieving over the loss of his daughter.

Avi **The Escape from Home** **Beyond the Western sea, book 1, sequel Lord Kirkle's money**

Driven from their impoverished Irish village, fifteen-year-old Maura and her younger brother meet their landlord's runaway son in Liverpool while all three wait for a ship to America.

Bell **Nick of time**

Nick McIver is no ordinary boy, fighting pirates, beating Nazis at their own game, and traveling through time.

Cadnum **Peril on the sea**

In the tense summer of 1588, eighteen-year-old Sherwin Morris, after nearly perishing in a shipwreck, finds himself aboard the privateer Vixen, captained by the notorious and enigmatic Brandon Fletcher who offers him adventure and riches if Sherwin would write and disseminate a flattering account of the captain's exploits.

Colfer **Airman**

In the late nineteenth century, when Conor Broekhart discovers a conspiracy to overthrow the king, he is branded a traitor, imprisoned, and forced to mine for diamonds under brutal conditions while he plans a daring escape from Little Saltee prison by way of a flying machine that he must design, build, and, hardest of all, trust to carry him to safety.

Dumas **The three musketeers**

In seventeenth-century France, young D'Artagnan initially quarrels with, then befriends, three musketeers and joins them in trying to outwit the enemies of the king and queen.

Fagan **Fortune's folly**

Ever since her mother died and her father lost his shoemaking skills, Fortunata has survived by pretending to tell fortunes, but when she is tricked into telling the fortune of a prince, she is faced with the impossible task of fulfilling her wild prophecy to save her father's life.

Farmer **A girl named Disaster**

While journeying to Zimbabwe, eleven-year-old Nhamo struggles to escape drowning and starvation and in so doing comes close to the luminous world of the African spirits.

Freisner **Nobody's prize** **sequel: Nobody's princess**

Still longing for adventure, Princess Helen of Sparta maintains her disguise as a boy to join her unsuspecting brothers as part of the crew of the Argo, the ship commanded by Prince Jason in his quest for the Golden Fleece.

Fukazawa **Witches' forest**

Duan Surk is a Level 2 fighter, and he gets lost in the woods with a beautiful witch. They must fight their way out.

Gardner **The silver blade**

As the Revolution descends into the ferocious Reign of Terror, Yann, now an extraordinary practitioner of magic, uses his skills to confound his enemies and help spirit refugees out of France, but the question of his true identity and the kidnapping of his true love, Sido, expose him to dangers that threaten to destroy him.

Gordon **Tunnels**

When Will Burrows and his friend Chester embark on a quest to find Will's archaeologist father, who has inexplicably disappeared, they are led to a labyrinthine world underneath London, full of sinister inhabitants with evil intentions toward Topsoilers like Will and his father.

Gurney **Dinotopia ;"a land apart from time"** **sequel: Dinotopia; " the World Beneath"**

In 1862, after being shipwrecked in uncharted seas, Professor Arthur Denison and his twelve-year-old son Will find themselves washed up on a strange island where people and dinosaurs live together peacefully.

Haydon **The Floating Island** **The lost journals of Ven Polypheme, book 1 of 3**

Long ago, in the Second Age of history, a young Nain explorer by the name of Ven Polypheme traveled much of the known and unknown world, recording his adventures. Recently discovered by archaeologists, a few fragments of his original journals are reproduced in this book. Great care has been taken to reconstruct the parts of the journal that did not survive, so that a whole story can be told...

Heath **The lab** **Six of hearts, book 1**

When Agent Six, a member of The Deck, a group fighting against their corrupt society, discovers that he is the product of an illegal experiment by the evil Lab, he takes dangerous steps to discover the truth about himself.

Higgins **Sure fire** **Rich and Jade, book 1**

Resentful of having to go and live with their estranged father after the death of their mother, fifteen-year-old twins, Rich and Jade, soon find they have more complicated problems when their father is kidnapped and their attempts to rescue him involve them in an extremely dangerous international plot to control the world's oil.

Higson **SilverFin: a James Bond adventure** **Young Bond; book 1 of 5**

Prequel to the adventures of James Bond, 007, introduces the young James when he is just starting boarding school in England and is about to become involved in his first adventure.

Horowitz **Stormbreaker** **Alex Rider adventure, book 1 of 9**

After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider is coerced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI6.

Humphreys **The fetch** **Runestone saga book 1 of 3**

After exploring a sea chest full of runes and a journal belonging to his deceased grandfather, fifteen-year-old Sky

summons the old man's ghost, who teaches him how to travel through time and space.

Klass **Whirlwind** **Caretaker trilogy, book 2**

Jack finds himself embroiled in another dangerous adventure when, after a six-month absence, he returns to the Hudson River town where he grew up to find his girlfriend PJ only to discover that she is missing and everyone believes him to be responsible for her disappearance and the death of his family.

Langrish **Troll fell** **Troll trilogy, book 1**

Forced to live with his evil identical-twin uncles after his father's death, twelve-year-old Peer tries to find a way to stop their plan to sell the neighbor's children to the trolls

Lisle **Black duck**

Years afterwards, Ruben Hart tells the story of how, in 1929 Newport, Rhode Island, his family and his best friend's family were caught up in the violent competition among groups trying to control the local rum-smuggling trade.

Moran **Bloodline** **Bloodline trilogy, book 1**

While traveling through early seventh-century Britain trying to stop an impending war, Essa, who bears the blood of native British tribes and of the invading English, discovers that his mother is alive and he, himself, is a prince of the northern kingdom, but he has loyalties and loved ones in the south to whom he is compelled to return.

Morgan **The highwayman's footsteps**

In eighteenth-century England, William runs away from his father, only to be captured by an armed highwayman who turns out to be a girl, and together they seek vengeance against William's cruel father and the soldiers who killed the girl's parents. Inspired by Alfred Noyes' poem The Highwayman.

Mowll **Operation Red Jericho** **Guild of Specialists trilogy, book 1**

The posthumous papers of Rebecca MacKenzie document her adventures, along with her brother Doug, in 1920s China as the teenaged siblings are sent to live aboard their uncle's ship where they become involved in the dangerous activities of a mysterious secret society called the Honourable Guild of Specialists.

Muchamore **The recruit** **CHERUB 1 of 13**

James is recruited into CHERUB, a secret division of MI5 which consists of teenage spies. He successfully completes his training and goes on his first mission.

Oppel **Airborn** **Airborn adventures, book 1**

Matt Cruse has the life he has always dreamed of as a cabin boy on the Aurora, a luxury passenger airship that sails hundreds of feet above the ocean. Then one night he meets a dying balloonist who speaks of beautiful creatures drifting through the skies who are completely real and utterly mysterious. This swashbuckling adventure is set in a world where great airships ply the skies-- and where there are unknown lands and strange creatures to be discovered.

Patterson **Maximum Ride the Angel experiment** **Maximum Ride book 1 of 7**

After the mutant Erasers abduct the youngest member of their group, the "birdkids," who are the result of genetic experimentation, take off in pursuit and find themselves struggling to understand their own origins and purpose.

Pullman **Count Karlstein**

In the mountains of Switzerland the wicked Count Karlstein plots to abandon his two orphaned nieces in a

hunting lodge. It's All Souls' Eve and Zamiel the Demon Huntsman has come to claim them! He's headed straight for Castle Karlstein. Can Lucy and Charlotte manage to escape their fate?

Pullman **The Ruby in the smoke** **Sally Lockhart quartet: book 1**

In nineteenth-century London, sixteen-year-old Sally, a recent orphan, becomes involved in a deadly search for a mysterious ruby

Rees **Pirates**

In 1722, after arriving with her brother at the family's Jamaican plantation where she is to be married off, sixteen-year-old Nancy Kington escapes with her slave friend, Minerva Sharpe, and together they become pirates traveling the world in search of treasure.

Richards **Chaos code**

Fifteen-year-old Matt and his new friend Robin search the globe to retrieve an ancient code--rumored to have brought down the ancient civilization of Atlantis--from the hands of a madman who is bent on destroying the modern world.

Stead **First light**

When twelve-year-old Peter and his family arrive in Greenland for his father's research, he stumbles upon a secret his mother has been hiding from him all his life, and begins an adventure he never imagines possible.

Stevenson **Kidnapped**

A sixteen year old orphan is kidnapped by his villainous uncle, but later escapes and becomes involved in the struggle for the Scottish highlanders against English rule.

Strasser **Shark bite** **Against the odds, book 1**

Ian Efron and his sister Talia are invited to sail from Galveston, TX to Cancun, Mexico by Stuart Pokart and his father. Ian doesn't really like Stuart, but Talia wants to go, so he agrees. The sailboat departs amid ominous forecasts of a storm, and soon the boat is disabled, injuring Mr. Pokart. Now Ian is in charge of a slowly sinking boat in dangerously shark-infested waters.

Turner **The Thief** **Queen's thief, book 1 of 4**

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.

Voigt **Jackaroo** **The Kingdom, book 1**

When hard times among the People revive the old stories of the hero Jackaroo, an innkeeper's daughter follows her own quest to unlock the secret reality behind the legend.

Westerfeld **So yesterday**

Hunter Braque, a New York City teenager who is paid by corporations to spot what is "cool," combines his analytical skills with girlfriend Jen's creative talents to find a missing person and thwart a conspiracy directed at the heart of consumer culture.

Withers **Raging river** **Take it to the extreme, book 1**

When Jake gets an opportunity be part of the crew for an eight-day whitewater rafting trip along the Cattibone River, he jumps at it. Not even the news that his kayaking rival, Peter, is coming along as a paying customer can dampen his excitement. Riding down the isolated Cattibone River with its dangerous Class IV rapids will be the perfect opportunity to prove to his boss that he's ready to be promoted from company "gofer" to river guide, even though he's only 15 years old.

Yancey **The extraordinary adventures of Alfred Kropp** **Alfred Kropp Adventures; book 1 of 3**
Through a series of dangerous and violent misadventures, teenage loser Alfred Kropp rescues King Arthur's legendary sword Excalibur from the forces of evil.

Yolen **The Queen's own fool: a novel of Mary queen of Scots** **Stuart quartet, book 1**
Nicola Ambruzzi, a poor traveling player, is an unlikely person to end up "fool" and friend to Mary Queen of Scots. But tumbling and clowning at court, she catches the young queen's eye and heart. As Mary is caught in the winds of fate-running from France to Scotland, confronted by rebellious lords and her unpredictable Scots, Nicola-Le Jardinier-is there, buffeting and aiding the queen with her wit and wiles.

Young **STORM: the infinity code** **S.T.O.R.M. book 1**
In London, the teenaged geniuses of STORM, a secret organization dedicated to eliminating the world's misery through science and technology, uncover plans for a deadly weapon and race to find and dismantle it, then confront the corrupt scientist behind the scheme.

Zahn **Dragon and thief: a dragonback adventure** **Dragonback, book 1 of 6**
Jack Morgan has a dragon on his back--literally. We think of dragons as enormous fire-breathing, flying creatures of myth. But in Jack's universe, dragons--or, more precisely, the dragon like K'da--are big, but they also depend on being in a symbiotic relationship with a humanoid. And when the K'da warrior known as Draycos is the sole survivor of a space battle and must find a new bondmate or die, for better or worse Jack happens to be the only available host.

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