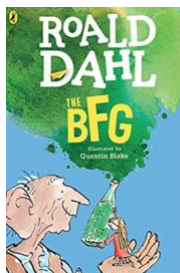


Book Recommendations

Chapter Books for Advanced Readers



The BFG

by Roald Dahl

First, let me say that pretty much anything written by Roald Dahl gets my recommendation (though I would *definitely* hold off on *The Witches* until your kiddos are ready to get spooked). In my opinion, *The BFG* gets way less credit than it deserves. Dahl's humor and gift for the ridiculous is really well displayed in this book and the special connection between the sweet and gentle BFG and the brilliant Sophie make this book a memorable read.



The Lightning Thief (Percy Jackson & the Olympians, book 1)

by Rick Riordan

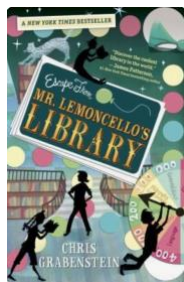
If you (or your kid) loved Harry Potter, this is the next series to dive into. Greek mythology is blended with the modern world in this epic series involving demigods, satyrs, and lots and lots of adventure. A must read in the fantasy genre.



Spy School

by Stuart Gibbs

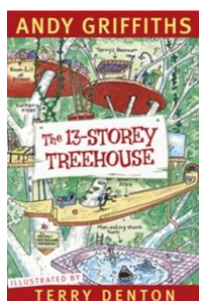
This humorous series explores the idea that in order to become a CIA agent as an adult, one must attend the top secret "spy school" as a kid. Think 007 junior. Full of intrigue and mystery, this series will appeal to both girls and boys.



Mr. Lemoncello's Library

by Chris Grabenstein

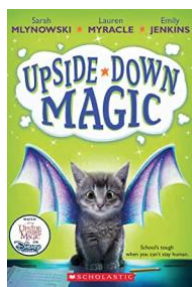
Book lovers will want to inhabit the world that Grabenstein creates in this charming story that is reminiscent of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, if the chocolate factory were the most fantastic library ever. The flamboyantly odd Mr. Lemoncello creates an overnight contest to escape the library for grade school kids that won an essay writing contest. Frequent references to classic literature and random trivia will add to your children's knowledge bank as an added bonus.



The 13-Storey Treehouse

by Andy Griffiths

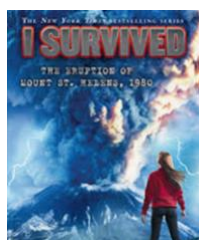
When I volunteered at an elementary school library, boys had a waiting list for this series. Imagine building a treehouse with no limitations of space, money, or realism. That's precisely what Andy & Terry do! Featuring a see-through swimming pool, giant catapults, and a secret underground laboratory, this series will hook your middle grade kids for sure.



Upside Down Magic

by Sarah Mlynowski

In this humorous series, a group of magical friends try to figure out how to navigate the world when their magic goes a little wonky. This series is perfect for third graders.



I Survived...

by Lauren Tarshis

This long-running series takes epic historic events and writes them from the perspective of a hypothetical young survivor. While completely fictional, the realistic descriptions of actual events in history from the perspective of a child are a great way to introduce them to topics they will learn about in school. They tackle major historic events like Hiroshima, 9/11, and D-Day as well as natural disasters like the San Francisco Earthquake, volcanic eruptions, floods, and blizzards.