

Hi-Lo Reads

These books all have topics with high interest to students in upper elementary grades and middle school, but also have lower reading levels. The target age group listed is provided by the publisher of the book. The Lexiles are provided by lexile.com. Guided Reading Levels provided either by the publishers or by www.fountasandpinnelllevelledbooks.com. The Lexile and GRL provided are for the individual title listed and other titles in the same series may have different Lexiles and GRLs.

The Haunting of Apartment 101 by Megan Atwood (*Paranormalists*)

When popular, pretty classmate asks best friends Jinx and Jackson, high school sophomores, to investigate a haunting at her father's apartment, Jackson is sympathetic and convinces Jinx to trust him, despite her skepticism about Emily's true intentions.

Target Age Group: 8 & up Lexile Level: 580

The Great Snake Swindle by Jürgen Banscherus (*Klooz*)

While celebrating his eleventh birthday with his mother and his friend Olga, Klooz relates the case that started his detective career, which involved magic balls, and a boy named Snake who was his best friend.

Target Age Group: 8 & up Lexile Level: 480 Guided Reading Level: O

The Road to the Majors by Scott Blumenthal

The story of Jimmy Hanks, a fictional minor league baseball player and his story about reaching the majors.

Target Age Group: 10 & up Lexile Level: 590

Kicker by Michele Bossley

Izzy thinks that Julia spends too much time cherry-picking and getting all the credit when they score. But when the team is threatened and their home field is sabotaged, the girls must work together to find the answers.

Target Age Group: 10 & up Lexile Level: 620 Guided Reading Level: T

A Wish in the Woods by Beth Bracken (*Faerieground*)

Lucy and Soledad have been best friends all their lives--until jealousy causes Soli to wish Lucy away.

Target Age Group: 10 & up Lexile Level: 290 Guided Reading Level: K

The Painting that Wasn't There by Steven Brezenoff (*Field Trip Mysteries*)

James "Gum" Shoo's art class heads to the museum. They've been learning about forged art, but they never expected to find a fake in the gallery! Only Gum and his gumshoe friends will be able to solve this museum caper.

Target Age Group: 8 & up Lexile Level: 440 Guided Reading Level: M

The Case of the Stolen Sculpture by Steven Brezenoff (*Museum Mysteries*)

When a priceless sculpture disappears from the Capitol City Art Museum, thirteen-year-old Clementine Wim, daughter of an assistant curator, and her three friends set out to solve the mystery and recover the Statue of Gudea.

Target Age Group: 8 & up Lexile Level: 660 Guided Reading Level: Q

Time Voyage by Steven Brezenoff (*Return to Titanic*)

While unpacking a special collection of Titanic artifacts at the local museum, best friends Tucker and Maya touch a canceled ticket and find themselves transported back to Queenstown, Ireland, where the Titanic is boarding--can they figure out how to save a new friend, and still get back to their own time?

Target Age Group: 8 & up Lexile Level: 490 Guided Reading Level: M

The Case of the Cheese Thief by J. E. Bright (*You Choose Scooby Doo* by Multiple Authors)

On a trip through Europe, Scooby-Doo and the gang encounter the mystery of the missing million-dollar mozzarella--and they need the reader's help to solve the mystery and find the cheese.

Target Age Group: 7 & up Lexile Level: 640 Guided Reading Level: P

Cat Commander by J. E. Bright (*DC Super Heroes Dark Knight* by Multiple Authors)

When Catwoman steals an ancient Egyptian sistrum which enables her to command all of Gotham City's cats, the city is rapidly overrun by rats and mice and it is up to Batman to find the lady and retrieve the artifact.

Target Age Group: 8 & up Lexile Level: 800 Guided Reading Level: N

Chief Honor by Sigmund Brouwer

A female goalie forces Joseph to question his loyalties.

Target Age Group: 10 & up Lexile Level: 550

Maverick Mania by Sigmund Brouwer

The disappearance of his soccer team's leading scorer during the championship finals leads sixteen-year-old Matt to investigate and entangles him in a possible kidnapping.

Target Age Group: 10 & up Lexile Level: 690

Scarlet Thunder by Sigmund Brouwer

Seventeen-year-old Trent is helping his uncle film a television documentary about Scarlet Thunder, a stock car racing team, when he begins to suspect that someone is sabotaging the shoot.

Target Age Group: 8 & up Lexile Level: 650

Cheat by Kristin Butcher

Laurel investigates a cheating scam at her high school.

Target Age Group: 10 & up Lexile Level: 570

Slick by Sara Cassidy

Thirteen-year-old Liza gets involved in activism and takes on the oil industry.

Target Age Group: 10 & up Lexile Level: 620

Two Foot Punch by Anita Daher

Nikki blames her brother, Derek, for their parents' death, but when his involvement in a gang threatens his life, she must use all of her skills at parkour--a sport that involves overcoming obstacles--in an attempt to save him.

Target Age Group: 8 & up Lexile Level: 570 Guided Reading Level: Y

Claws in the Snow by Michael Dahl (*Dragonblood*)

When Will and his mother get caught in a snowdrift during a bad storm, Will wishes that his big brother was there to help them.

Target Age Group: 9 & up Lexile Level: 410 Guided Reading Level: J

The Dragon with the Girl Tattoo by Michael Dahl (*Dragonborn*)

Andy, the new kid at school, has a tattoo on his arm that resembles Lizzie, the school's most popular girl, and he also has one really big secret.

Target Age Group: 8 & up Lexile Level: 390 Guided Reading Level: L

Out the Rear Window by Michael Dahl (*Hocus Pocus Hotel*)

When Charlie Hitchcock, the smartest kid at school, gets a note from the school bully, Tyler Yu, demanding a meeting he fears the worst--but it turns out that Tyler wants him to solve the mystery of the missing magician at the Abracadabra Hotel.

Target Age Group: 8 & up Lexile Level: 530 Guided Reading Level: O

Tome Raider by Michael Dahl (*Library of Doom: The Final Chapters*)

A thief is prowling the Library of Doom, seeking the all important Vowel Stones, and it is up to the Iron Page to stop him before he gets to the I stone and the Library disappears.

Target Age Group: 8 & up Lexile Level: 540 Guided Reading Level: O

The Vampire Chapter By Michael Dahl (*Return to the Library of Doom*)

Someone, or something, is draining all the books of their ink.

Target Age Group: 9 & up Lexile Level: 430 Guided Reading Level: J

Skyfall by Michael Dahl (*Troll Hunters*)

During a meteor shower above the town of Zion Falls, Pablo and his friends discover that some monsters are real when they are attacked by hungry trolls.

Target Age Group: 10 & up Lexile Level: 540 Guided Reading Level: L

New Firsts by Diana Gallagher (*Claudia & Monica, Freshman Girls*)

Claudia and Monica are brand new freshmen at Pine Creek High, and they are finding that relationships sometimes change as you grow up--will high school pull them apart or will they remain best friends?

Target Age Group: 9 & up Lexile Level: 570 Guided Reading Level: N

Dance Trap by Diana Gallagher (*Claudia Cristina Cortez*)

It's the first formal dance at school, but none of the boys want to go. Claudia comes up with a great idea. It won't just be a dance, it'll be an adventure, complete with prizes.

Target Age Group: 9 & up Lexile Level: 470 Guided Reading Level: S

Monica and the School Spirit Meltdown by Diana Gallagher (*Monica*)

Monica has the chance of a lifetime: she's been asked to ride with her friends in a parade! But the problem is, the parade is for the Rock Creek football team, and they're Pine Tree Middle School's rivals in the big game. How can she support her school and her friends from Rock Creek, and still ride in the parade?

Target Age Group: 9 & up Lexile Level: 440 Guided Reading Level: M

Hold the Pickles by Vicki Grant

Fifteen-year-old Dan Hogg gets a job as a hotdog mascot at a food fair and finds himself caught up in another action-packed mystery.

Target Age Group: 10 & up Lexile Level: 580

Maxed Out by Daphne Greer

Twelve-year-old Max struggles to manage a grieving mother, a special-needs brother and a desire to play hockey.

Target Age Group: 10 & up Lexile Level: 450 Guided Reading Level: U

Creature of Chaos by Sarah Hines-Stephens (DC Super Heroes Wonder Woman by Multiple Authors)

Wonder Woman faces super-villain Devastation who is out to destroy her once and for all.

Target Age Group: 8 & up Lexile Level: 650 Guided Reading Level: M

The Riddler's Ransom by B. A. Hoena (You Choose Batman by Multiple Authors)

When the Riddler crashes a charity dinner, Batman, and the reader, must choose which path to follow--some paths will lead to rescue, other paths will prove fatal.

Target Age Group: 7 & up Lexile Level: 730

Warm Up by Sara Leach

Jasmine used to love dance. Now she struggles to hold on to that love as her dance team trains for a big competition. Her teammates are bickering, and when their teacher suggests that Jasmine might not have what it takes to be on the team, Jasmine is ready to quit. But the team is still falling apart, and it's up to Jasmine to figure out a way to get her teammates to work together and celebrate the joy of dance.

Target Age Group: 11 to 14 Lexile Level: 660

Drop In by Donald Lemke (Tony Hawk's 900 Revolution)

Omar Grebes and his friend Tommy Goff are both reckless skateboarders, but when they become involved with a mysterious organization called The Revolution, things get confusing and dangerous.

Target Age Group: 10 & up Lexile Level: 810 Guided Reading Level: N

Off Pointe by Leanne Lieberman

When Meg's summer ballet program is canceled and her teacher encourages her to enroll in Camp Dance, she must learn to try a different form of dance and get along with other dancers.

Target Age Group: 11 & up Lexile Level: 790

Swimming the Distance by Jake Maddox (Jake Maddox JV)

Mason Williams is on his junior high school swim team, and he has always been fast at the short distances, but if he wants to compete in the longer races he will need to work on his endurance--so his best friend suggests that he train in the nearby lake.

Target Age Group: 9 & up Lexile Level: 710 Guided Reading Level: T

Honeycomb by Patricia McCowan

When Nat, her best friend Jess and singing-star wannabe Harper sing together, their harmonies bring down the house. For Nat, the experience sparks a driving new desire to perform. But when the girls form a trio and enter a contest for a chance to play at the Tall Grass Music Festival, Nat finds that harmony--musical and otherwise--is hard to maintain.

Target Age Group: 11 & up Lexile Level: 550

The Case of the Disappearing Daughter by Barbara Mitchelhill (Damian Drooth, Supersleuth)

Damian Drooth puts his detective skills to the test when the daughter of a wealthy movie director is kidnapped from the set.

Target Age Group: 8 & up Lexile Level: 430 Guided Reading Level: N

Above All Else by Jeff Ross

Del tries to figure out who is responsible for injuring his teammate when winning takes priority on the Cardinals soccer team.

Target Age Group: 10 & up Lexile Level: 520 Guided Reading Level: Z

The Drop by Jeff Ross

Alex wants to be a part of the elite Backcountry Patrol of snowboarders, but first he and three other hopefuls-- Dave, Bryce, and Hope--must endure a series of tests that forces them to confront their own fears and the treacherous mountain terrain.

Target Age Group: 10 & up Lexile Level: 540 Guided Reading Level: T

Powerslide by Jeff Ross

Complications arise when Casey gets hired as a skateboarding double and a competitor challenges him to a series of dangerous tricks.

Target Age Group: 10 & up Lexile Level: 570

Big Time by Tom Ryan

At 16, Gerri's finally old enough to try out for a slot on her favorite show, Big Time. When the audition doesn't go as planned, she considers giving up singing, but her personal cheering section--including new friends from the auditions, a teacher, and Gerri's guitar-playing grandfather--help her reignite her passion.

Target Age Group: 11 & up Lexile Level: 850

Captain Cold and the Blizzard Battle by Scott Sonneborn (DC Super-Villains by Multiple Authors)

When Icicle, another supervillain with wintry powers, invades Central City and starts taking credit for all the evil-doing, Captain Cold is seriously annoyed--will he actually help the Flash defeat this competitor to regain his status as the city's main supervillain?

Target Age Group: 8 & up Lexile Level: 650 Guided Reading Level: M

Shell Shocker by Scott Sonneborn (DC Super Heroes Flash by Multiple Authors)

Barry Allen has his hands full. While deactivating an explosive for the bomb squad, the police scientist receives a call, tipping him off about a robbery across town. Luckily, Barry is secretly the fastest man alive - the Flash!

Target Age Group: 8 & up

Strays by Jason Strange (Jason Strange)

When fourteen-year-old Quentin's bike breaks down in the strange town of Ravens Pass, he and his friend Reese find themselves surrounded by feral cats--is this an attack or something else?

Target Age Group: 8 & up Lexile Level: 570 Guided Reading Level: M

The Light King Strikes! by Laurie Sutton (DC Super Heroes Green Lantern by Multiple Authors)

Hal Jordan must put an end to the light king's reign, or it'll be lights out for him as well.

Target Age Group: 8 & up Lexile Level: 660 Guided Reading Level: L

Secrets! The Secret Life of David Mortimore Baxter by Karen Tayleur (David Mortimore Baxter)

David Mortimore Baxter becomes famous for being good at keeping secrets. Big secrets. More and more people confide in him, until David's ready to explode. How can he keep so many secrets, when he knows that blabbing them out loud might actually help his family and friends?

Target Age Group: 9 & up Lexile Level: 480 Guided Reading Level: P

Above by Brandon Terrell (*Tony Hawk Live2Skate* by Multiple Authors)

Things are tough for Dax Ramirez. His dad can't find a job, and the two of them have to live in a homeless shelter. But Dax finds his escape, skating at the area skatepark.

Target Age Group: 8 & up Lexile Level: 730 Guided Reading Level: O

Catboy by Eric Walters

While trying to adjust to his move from a small northern town to the heart of Toronto, Taylor becomes interested in caring for a colony of feral cats in a junkyard, and when development threatens the colony, Taylor wonders how he can help them.

Target Age Group: 9 & up Lexile Level: 620

Living Rough by Cristy Watson

Poe tries his best to keep the fact that he is homeless secret from the other kids at school.

Target Age Group: 10 & up Lexile Level: 550 Guided Reading Level: T

The Man of Gold by Paul Weissburg (*DC Super Heroes Man of Steel* by Multiple Authors)

There is a new superhero in Metropolis, Booster Gold, but he seems more interested in glory and popularity, than in actually doing good, so a suspicious Superman decides to find out just who this person is and where he comes from -and what he is planning for the future.

Target Age Group: 8 & up Lexile Level: 680 Guided Reading Level: N