Lucky for some  
Fleur Beale  
When Lacey Turner and her family move from the city to live in the country people say how lucky they are but to Lacey it is a nightmare. She must leave her city life of girlfriends, dancing lessons, school, and hairdressers to live in a ramshackle house, go to a school with only boys in her class and play rugby. What does the country life have to offer a girl like her?

Walking lightly  
Fleur Beale  
Millie is a girl of extreme independence and resourcefulness. The other kids at school think she’s weird, but they are about to find out that sometimes, extreme resourcefulness is exactly what is needed.

Fudge-a-mania  
Judy Blume  
Pete describes the family vacation in Maine with the Tubmans, highlighted by the antics of his younger brother Fudge.

Anthony Browne’s King Kong  
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King Kong, a giant gorilla living on a remote island, becomes the victim of an ambitious film director who traps him and takes him to New York to put on public show.

Henry Huggins  
Beverly Cleary  
When Henry adopts Ribsy, a dog of no particular breed, humorous adventures follow.

Sadako  
Eleanor Coerr  
Hospitalized in Hiroshima with the dreaded atom bomb disease, leukaemia, Sadako Sasaki races against time to fold
one thousand paper cranes to verify the legend that by doing so a sick person will become healthy.

**Chicken feathers**  
_Joy Cowley_  
Josh is a worrier and for a good reason. A brother or sister is about to be born, but his mother is in hospital with something called 'complications'. Grandma has arrived to run the household while Josh's dad is busy with their chicken farm. And then there's Semolina, Josh's cantankerous but extraordinary pet hen who can talk and has warned Josh about a fox on the loose in the chicken house.

**Dunger**  
_Joy Cowley_  
William and Melissa have been roped into helping their old hippie grandparents fix up their holiday home in the middle of the Sounds. They'll have no electricity, no cellphone reception and only each other for company. As far as they are concerned this is not a holiday.

**James and the giant peach**  
_Roald Dahl_  
A young boy escapes from two wicked aunts and embarks on a series of adventures with six giant insects he meets inside a giant peach.

**The tale of Despereaux**  
_Kate DiCamillo_  
The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.

**Joey Pigza swallowed the key**  
_Jack Gantos_  
To the constant disappointment of his mother and his teachers, Joey has trouble paying attention or controlling his
mood swings when his prescription medications wear off and he starts getting worked up and acting wired.

**Dead End in Norvelt**  
Jack Gantos  
In the historic town of Norvelt, Pennsylvania, 12 year old Jack Gantos spends the summer of 1962 grounded for various offenses until he is assigned to help an elderly neighbour with a most unusual chore involving the newly dead, molten wax, twisted promises, Girl Scout cookies, underage driving, lessons from history, typewriting, and countless bloody noses.

**Water wings**  
Morris Gleitzman  
All Pearl wants is a gran, but where do you get a top gran at short notice? It’s not easy, but Pearl’s got Winston to help her, and you can do anything when your best friend is the world’s brainiest guinea pig. Then Pearl meets Gran and gets a whole lot more than she had bargained for. With its brilliant and moving combination of pathos and humour, Water Wings speaks to all generations.

**The dumpster saga**  
Craig Harrison  
When Ben’s younger brother Chesney turns up wearing a plastic helmet, strange things start to happen in Ben’s life. His brother gets the power to see into the future. Some secret agents start poking around, and then a glowing dumpster materialises on the front verge in the middle of the night.

**Black Day**  
David Hill  
Ms Li’s class is preparing for the Science Fair. Chad, Jordan, Zoe and Keisha want to come up with a mind-blowing project. With the help of Chad’s very eccentric Auntie Kym, they try to make a Black Hole. However, every class has its bully and Shaun, whose father always gives him special items for his projects, is bent on ruining the four’s work.
Pagan’s crusade  Catherine Jinks
When sixteen-year-old outcast Pagan is assigned to a Templar knight in twelfth century Jerusalem, he discovers his crusade to kill his unknown father is inextricably linked to his relationship with his new master and the dangerous situation in which he finds himself.

Mouse noses on toast  Daren King
Hiding on the restaurant table, Paul Mouse’s world has just turned upside down. Surely the man is making a joke? Isn't Mouse Noses on Toast just a big myth? Gathering his friends - Sandra the Christmas tree decoration, Rowley Barker Hobbs, the sheepdog, and the Tinby, a kind of monster - Paul becomes determined to find the truth. So begins an adventure involving mouse activists, the prime minister, cheese addicts, and a wildly insane Tinby. Will they survive with their whiskers intact?

Secret friends  Elizabeth Laird
Rafaella doesn't find it easy to make friends. Her name sounds strange. Her ears stick out. She feels different from the others. Lucy is the first to tease, the first to call her 'Earwig'. Until a secret friendship starts, full of warmth and mystery...

Uncle Trev and his whistling bull  Jack Lasenby
Uncle Trev spins outrageous yarns to his bed-ridden niece, creating a world of talking dogs, carnivorous trees, preposterous neighbours, flying bicycles and Old Furry soup. Trev is the sort of uncle whose bull not only whistles but also whistles in Maori.
Socks are not enough  Mark Lowery
...if that’s all you’re wearing. Michael Swarbrick’s life couldn’t get any worse. He’s embroiled in a girls’ changing room scandal; his idiot brother, a self-proclaimed “love god”, is snogging his dream girl and he’s just come home early to discover his parents are having a cup of tea…

The dark blue 100-ride bus ticket  Margaret Mahy
An accidental encounter with an eccentric Mrs Christmas means that Carlos and his mother Jessica are given a free bus ticket to the supermarket at the End of the World. A dark blue bus covered with golden stars appears just when they need it and takes them to a delightfully described supermarket where the shelves are laden with “punnets, pots, pails, panniers, flasks, firkins and flagons.”

The riddle of the frozen phantom  Margaret Mahy
When Sophie finds a white bone pendant in the back of a drawer and puts it on over her head she sets in train a series of wondrous events. The ghost of Captain Cathcardo awakes and calls for help. He is heard by 3 people: Sophie’s father, Bonniface Sapwood, the renowned Antarctic explorer; Corona Wottley, eminent naturalist and one-time colleague of Bonniface; and Rancid Swarthy, a wealthy man with a murky past. With typical Mahy aplomb and humour the plot thickens as the protagonists are drawn into an old story of greed that resulted in the murder of Captain Cathcardo and the disappearance of his ship, The Riddle.

My dad the All Black  Sandy McKay
Poor Will would prefer to blend into the background, but that’s not possible when your dad was an All Black and your mum is a rugby fan. The setting is Dunedin and Moeraki in 1999 as Super 12 fever builds up. All Super 12 fans know the shock
result in store for Will, who is confident the All Blacks will beat France.

The adventures of Miss Petitfour  Anne Michaels
Miss Petitfour enjoys having adventures that are ‘just the right size – fitting into a single magical day’. She is an expert at baking and eating fancy iced cakes, and her favourite mode of travel is ‘par avion’. Join Miss Petitfour and her 16 equally eccentric felines on five magical outings – a search for marmalade, to a spring jumble sale, on a quest for ‘birthday cheddar’, the retrieval of a lost rare stamp, and as they compete in the village’s annual Festooning Festival.

Ribblestrop  Andy Mulligan
Ribblestrop is a boarding school with a difference … or two. There are dormitories left roofless after an arson attack, distracted teachers and a lethal underground labyrinth. With the school motto “Life is Dangerous”, anything could happen!

The book with no pictures  B J Novak
You might think a book with no pictures seems boring and serious. Except … everything written on the page has to be said by the person reading it aloud. Even if the words say BLORK. Or BLUURF. And even if the words include things like BLAGGITY BLAGGITY and MY HEAD IS MADE OF BLUEBERRY PIZZA! That’s the rule.

The pinkish, purplish, bluish egg  Bill Peet
Everyone in the forest is afraid of Zeke the griffin until he does them all a very big favour.

Truckers  Terry Pratchett
Masklin and his ageing companions think they may be the last Nomes, tiny creatures who live fast short lives at the mercy of
the gigantic, slow humans, but when they hitch a ride on a lorry they arrive at a vast new world of Nomes living in a department store with food and comforts but who all firmly believe that the entire world IS the store and ‘outside’ is a myth. First in a trilogy.

**Varjak Paw**  
_S F Said_  
Mesopotamian Blue cat Varjak Paw has never been outside before, but Varjak is forced out into the city when the sinister gentleman and his two menacing cats take over his home. With help from a mystical ancestor, he manages to overcome the challenges of survival, but can he save his family?

**Guys read : funny business**  
_Jon Scieszka (ed)_  
A collection of humorous stories featuring a teenaged mummy, a homicidal turkey, and the world’s largest pool of chocolate milk.

**The silver sword**  
_Ian Serraillier_  
Alone and fending for themselves in a Poland devastated by World War II, Jan and his three homeless friends cling to the silver sword as a symbol of hope. They travel through Europe towards Switzerland, where they believe they will be reunited with their parents.

**Bootleg**  
_Alex Shearer_  
The Good For You Party have come to power, forcing everyone to lead healthier lives and banning anything with sugar in it. Unable to cope without their beloved chocolate, Smudger and Huntly fight back and become bootleggers with local shopkeeper Mrs Bubby. But it's just a matter of time before the Good For You thugs catch them.
Loser
Jerry Spinelli
Even though his classmates from first grade on have considered him strange and a loser, Daniel Zinkoff's optimism and exuberance and the support of his loving family do not allow him to feel that way about himself.

Agnes the sheep
William Taylor
Agnes is a dirty, smelly sheep with a tendency to butt anyone who gets in her way. So when Belinda and Joe have to find her a new home, they know it's not going to be easy. How are they to get a massive, mean-tempered sheep across town without disastrous results?

Demon dentist
David Walliams
Darkness had come to the town. Strange things were happening in the dead of night. Children would put a tooth under their pillow for the tooth fairy, but in the morning they would wake up to find … a dead slug; a live spider; hundreds of earwigs… Evil was at work, but who or what was behind it?

The worry website
Jacqueline Wilson
Lots of the kids in Mr Speed's class have problems to worry about and it's sometimes difficult to discuss them. So Mr Speed sets up the Worry Website on the classroom computer. Anybody in the class can anonymously enter their worry and anyone else can type in advice to help out. A collection of linked short stories.

These books are found in the Junior Fiction section on level 4, shelved alphabetically by the author's last name.