

# **Upper Elementary Adventure Books**

Recommended for Grades 4 - 6



## The Last Kids on Earth (J SCI F BRA) by Max Brallier: After a

monster apocalypse hits town, average thirteen-year-old Jack Sullivan builds a team of friends to help slay the eerily intelligent monster known as Blarg. (Series) Also available as <u>eBook</u> and <u>Audiobook</u>



Artemis Fowl (J COL) by Eoin Colfer: When a twelve-year-old evil genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll. (Series) Also available as <u>eBook</u> and <u>Audiobook</u>



<u>96 Miles</u> (J ESP) by J.L. Esplin: During a massive blackout in rural Nevada, two brothers struggle to survive without their self-reliance-obsessed dad and without enough water, cross the desert for help. Also available as <u>eBook</u> and <u>Audiobook</u>



<u>The Outcasts</u> (J FLA) by John Flanagan: Skandian outcasts Hal, Stig, and others do battle at sea against the Wolves and the Sharks, in the ultimate race across icy waters where not everyone thinks of the competition as playing. (Series) Also available as an <u>Audiobook</u>



#### Julie of the Wolves (J GEO and JPB GEO) by Jean Craighead

**George:** While running away from home and an unwanted marriage, a thirteen-year-old Eskimo girl becomes lost on the North Slope of Alaska and is befriended by a wolf pack. Also available as <u>eBook</u> and <u>Audiobook</u>



#### Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library (JM GRA) by Chris

**Grabenstein:** Twelve-year-old Kyle gets to stay overnight in the new town library, designed by his hero (the famous gamemaker Luigi Lemoncello), with other students but finds that come morning he must work with friends to solve puzzles in order to escape.(Series) Also available as <u>eBook</u> and <u>Audiobook</u>



Overboard! (J JOH) by Terry Lynn Johnson: Eleven-year-old Travis and twelve-year-old Marina, separated from their families after being thrown into the Atlantic off the coast of Washington, battle hypothermia as they struggle to survive. Includes Coast Guard-approved cold-water survival tips. (Series) Also available as <u>eBook</u>



Swindle (J KOR) by Gordan Korman: After unscrupulous collector S. Wendell Palamino cons him out of a valuable baseball card, sixth-grader Griffin Bing puts together a band of misfits to break into Palomino's heavily guarded store and steal the card back, planning to use the money to finance his father's failing invention, the SmartPick fruit picker. (Series) Also available as <u>eBook</u> and <u>Audiobook</u>



The Giver (J LOW) by Lois Lowry: Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives. (Series) Also available as <u>eBook</u> and <u>Audiobook</u>



<u>The Apothecary</u> (J MEL) by Maile Meloy: Follows a fourteen-year-old American girl whose life unexpectedly transforms when she moves to London in 1952 and gets swept up in a race to save the world from nuclear war. (Series) Also available as <u>eBook</u> and <u>Audiobook</u>



<u>Rescue on the Oregon Trail</u> (J MES) by Kate Messner: Ranger, a golden retriever, could have been a great search-and-rescue-dog except for the squirrels--but one day he unearths a mysterious box and finds himself transported back to the year 1850 where his faithful service is really needed by a family traveling west along the Oregon Trail. (Series) Also available as <u>eBook</u>



<u>Sky Raiders</u> (J MUL) by Brandon Mull: Whisked through a portal to The Outskirts, an in-between world, sixth-grader Cole must rescue his friends and find his way back home--before his existence is forgotten. (Series) Also available as <u>eBook</u> and <u>Audiobook</u>



<u>Wild Born</u> (J MUL) by Brandon Mull: As a dark force engulfs the land, the fate of Erdas has fallen on the shoulders of four young strangers who each have forged a rare bond with their spirit beasts -- a bond that gives great powers to all of them. (Series) Also available as <u>eBook</u> and <u>Audiobook</u>



<u>Island of the Blue Dolphins</u> (J ODE) by Scott O'Dell: Left alone on a beautiful but isolated island off the coast of California, a young Indian girl spends eighteen years, not only merely surviving through her enormous courage and self-reliance, but also finding a measure of happiness in her solitary life. Also available as <u>eBook</u> and <u>Audiobook</u>



<u>Hatchet</u> (J PAU) by Gary Paulsen: After a plane crash, thirteen-yearold Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce. Also available as <u>eBook</u> and <u>Audiobook</u>



<u>Woodsong</u> (JPB PAU) by Gary Paulsen: The author describes his love for the natural world, his involvement in dogsledding, and his experiences taking part in the Iditarod, the 1,180-mile dogsled race across Alaska. Also available as <u>Audiobook</u>



Where the Red Fern Grows (J RAW) by Wilson Rawls: A young boy living in the Ozarks achieves his heart's desire when he becomes the owner of two redbone hounds and teaches them to be champion hunters. Also available as <u>eBook</u> and <u>Audiobook</u>



<u>Story Thieves</u> (J RIL) by James Riley: Except for reading the Kiel Gnomenfoot magic adventure series, Owen's life is boring until he sees his classmate Bethany climb out of a book in the school library and he learns that Bethany is half-fictional and has been searching every book she can find for her missing father, a fictional character. (Series) Also available as <u>eBook</u> and <u>Audiobook</u>



<u>The Black Dragon</u> (J SED) by Julie Sedgwick: Talented magician Danny, who is half-Chinese, half-British, and dwarf strongman Zamora try to find the connection between the disastrous end of the circus Mysterium, where Danny's performer parents were killed, and the disappearance of his guardian aunt, who is investigating sinister gangs in Hong Kong. (Series)



## <u>Rump: The (Fairly) True Story of Rumpelstiltskin</u> (J SHU) by

**Liesl Shurtliff:** Relates the tale of Rumpelstiltskin's childhood and youth, explaining why his name is so important, how he is able to spin straw into gold, and why a first-born child is his reward for helping the miller's daughter-turned-queen. (Series) Also available as <u>eBook</u> and <u>Audiobook</u>



<u>Storm Runners</u> (J SMI) by Roland Smith: Twelve-year-old Chase Masters travels the country with this father, a "storm runner, "but he is tested in ways he never could have imagined when he and a new friend are caught in a hurricane near St. Petersburg, Florida. Also available as <u>eBook</u> and <u>Audiobook</u>



<u>The Sign of the Beaver</u> (J SPE) by Elizabeth George Speare: Left alone to guard the family's wilderness home in eighteenth-century Maine, a boy is hard-pressed to survive until local Indians teach him their skills. Also available as eBook and Audiobook



<u>The Mysterious Benedict Society</u> (J STE) by Ali Benjamin: After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules. (Series) Also available as <u>eBook</u> and <u>Audiobook</u>



### I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic, 1912 (JPB TAR) by

**Lauren Tarshis:** Excited to board the Titanic with his aunt and little sister, ten-year-old George begins to explore the ill-fated ship's first-class storage cabin when the ship is rocked by a collision with an iceberg and begins to sink. (Series) Also available as <u>eBook</u> and <u>Audiobook</u>



<u>The Maze of Bones</u> (J THI) by Rick Riordan: What would happen if you discovered that your family was one of the most powerful in human history? What if you were told that the source of the family's power was hidden around the world, in the form of 39 clues? What if you were given a choice - take a million dollars and walk away or get the first clue? If you're Amy and Dan Cahill, you take the clue - and begin a very dangerous race. (Series) Also available as <u>eBook</u> and <u>Audiobook</u>



<u>The Swiss Family Robinson</u> (J WYS) by Ali Benjamin: When a Swiss couple and their four sons are shipwrecked on an isolated island, they adapt to their "New Switzerland" using many imaginative methods of farming and animal taming. Also available as eBook and Audiobook