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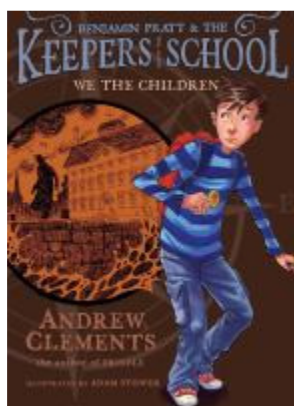


**13 Treasures** - Michelle Harrison

No one else can see the evil fairies that rouse Tanya from her sleep, torturing her at the slightest mention of their existence, but they are as real to the 13-year-old as anything she's ever known. She cannot rid herself of them, nor can she ignore them. But it is her insistence on responding to them that has her banished to her grandmother's secluded countryside manor.

There is much to explore and even more to fear in the woods surrounding the estate. But, the forest isn't the only source of dark secrets, and Tanya soon finds herself entangled in a mystery that could trap her in the fairy realm forever.

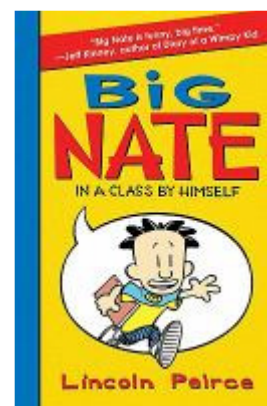
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**Benjamin Pratt & the Keepers of the School, Book One: We the Children** - Andrew Clements

Benjamin Pratt's school is about to become the site of a new amusement park. It sounds like a dream come true, but lately, Ben has been wonder if he's going to like an amusement park in the middle of his town.

Maybe it would be nice if the school just stayed as it is. It's over 200 years old and sits right on the harbor and the classrooms have million dollar views. And after a run-in with the school janitor, Ben starts to discover that these MILLION DOLLAR views have a lot to do with the deal to sell the school property. But, as much as the town wants to believe it, the school does not belong to the local government. It belongs to the CHILDREN and these children have the right to defend it!

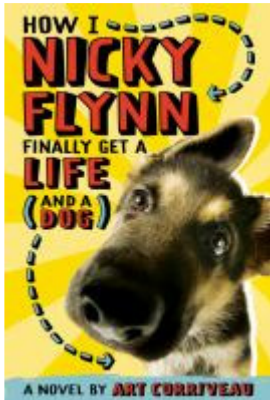


**Big Nate: In a Class By Himself** - Lincoln Pierce

Star of a long-running comic strip, sixth-grader Nate Wright makes the leap to a cartoon-laden chapter book in the smart alecky vein of "Diary of a Wimpy Kid". Nate dissects the horrors of middle school, from vindictive teachers to the popular girls lunch table.

The plot revolves around a fortune cookie that predicts, Today you will surpass all others, launching Nate into actions that indeed cause him to surpass all others with seven detentions. (His ill-conceived plans include speed-eating 148 servings of cafeteria green beans.)

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**How I Nicky Flynn Finally Get a Life (and a Dog)** - Art Corriveau

Nicky Flynn's life just got a whole lot harder. His parents are going through a messy divorce, and as a result he's starting a new life, in a new city, in a new school.

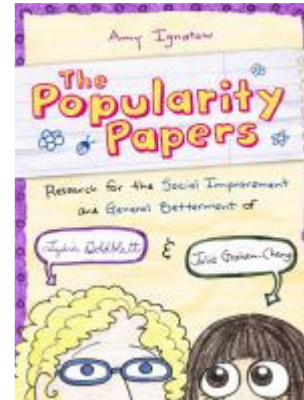
Now his mom has brought home Reggie, an eighty-pound German shepherd fresh from the animal shelter, who used to be a seeing-eye dog. Soon, Nick is on the path to finding out why a seeing-eye dog would be left at an animal shelter, and along the way discovers that Reggie is a true friend. But when he tries to reconnect with his dad, Nick puts everything on the line, including the life of his new best friend.

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**Nature Girl** - Jane Kelly

Megan's parents have dragged her to Vermont for the summer, hoping she will embrace nature and art, but she is furious to be trapped in the country. Nobody cares, Megan tells her friend Lucy, who couldn't come because her mother has Hodgkin's lymphoma.

When Megan gets lost on a hike, she becomes inspired to hike the Appalachian Trail to where Lucy is staying. Along the way she confronts her own insecurities and discovers her inner strength, as well as compassion for Lucy.

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**The Popularity Papers** - Amy Ignatow

Lydia Goldblatt and Julie Graham-Chang are best friends with one goal: to crack the code of popularity. Lydia's the bold one, Julie's the shy one. In a notebook they write down their observations and carry out experiments to try to determine what makes the popular girls tick.

But somehow, when Lydia and Julie try to imitate the popular girls, their efforts don't translate into instant popularity. Worse, they seem to be drifting farther and farther from their goal--and each other.

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