

Realistic Fiction

for

Middle Readers
9-12 years old

33 minutes by *Todd Hasak-Lowy*
Sam and Morgan's friendship is ending while the boys deal with the daily drama of middle school.



A million miles from Boston by *Karen Day*
Lucy is planning a perfect summer at the family's lake house in Maine. This summer nothing will be the same because of a mean classmate and her father's new girlfriend coming to the lake.

The adventures of Beanboy by *Lisa Harkrader*
Tucker McBean loves everything about comic books. When his favorite comic has a contest to find the perfect sidekick, he hopes to win so he can financially help his family.



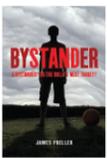
Audition and subtraction by *Amy Fellner Dominy*
Tatum, an eighth grader, is faced with the challenges of competing for a spot in the honor band, losing her best friend and her parents breaking up.

Because of Mr. Terupt by *Rob Buyea*
Seven fifth graders tell stories of how the new teacher changed their lives.



Ben and the sudden too big family by *Colby Rodowsky*
Ten year old Ben thinks that life is made up of all right stuff and not all right stuff. When Ben's family of two starts growing, he has to find his place in a too big family.

Binny for short by *Hilary McKay*
Binny, an eleven year old girl, is dealing with the sudden death of her father, having to find a new home for her dog, and a possible haunting by her mean Aunt Violet.



Bystander by *James Preller*
Eric is the new kid in school, and becomes friends with Griffin until he realizes Griffin is a bully. When he tries to break away, he becomes the target.

Counting by 7's by *Holly Goldberg Sloan*
Willow Chance, a quirky twelve year old genius must figure out how to connect with people, especially after her life changes.



Dear Blue Sky by *Mary Sullivan*
Cass's world is falling apart with her brother fighting in Iraq, and her parents fighting because of it. She becomes pen pals with a girl in Iraq and finds the strength to handle her own life.

Eggs over Evie by *Alison Jackson*
Evie is having a tough time dealing with her parents' divorce, a new baby on the way and losing the family dog. Taking a cooking class and helping an elderly neighbor teaches Evie how to cope with her life.

Jack Strong takes a stand by *Tommy Greenwald*
Jack's life is overflowing with extracurricular activities, and he is tired of it. He decides to sit on the couch until his parents relent.



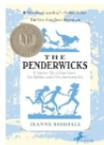
Out of my mind by *Sharon Draper*
Melody has cerebral palsy and is unable to speak or write. Everyone thinks she is unable to learn, but Melody has a photographic memory. Being stuck in her own head is driving her out of her mind until she discovers something to let her speak out.

Pictures of Hollis Woods by *Patricia Reilly Giff*
Twelve year old Hollis has spent all of her life bouncing from one foster home to another as she tries to find the perfect family. It might already exist for her in one of her previous homes.



Soccer chick rules by *Dawn FitzGerald*
Tess loves soccer. When she finds out that all sports will be cut out of school unless the taxpayers vote a tax increase, she decides to get involved.

The homework machine by *Dan Gutman*
The class computer whiz invents a way to have a computer do his homework and shares his invention with other students.



The Penderwicks: a summer tale of four sisters, two rabbits, and a very interesting boy by *Jeanne Birdsall*
Four sisters go on vacation to the Berkshire Mountains and stay in a lovely cottage on the property of a large estate. While there, they befriend the boy who lives in the mansion and have many delightful experiences together.

The view from Saturday by *E. L. Konigsburg*
Four students – Noah, Nadia, Ethan and Julian – get to know each other better when they are chosen to participate in the sixth grade Academic Bowl competition.



The Wednesday wars by *Gary Schmidt*
In the mid-1960's, Holling is the only student at school on Wednesday afternoons when the rest of the class either attend Catechism or Hebrew school. This allows him to spend time with his teacher learning about Shakespeare, which leads to a part in the school play.



Ungifted by *Gordon Korman*
Instead of being expelled after getting into trouble, eighth grader Donovan gets sent to a school for the gifted and talented. Even though he is out of place among the geniuses, he begins to shine in many ways.

Wildfire run by *Dee Garretson*
The president and his family are enjoying time at Camp David when disaster occurs. An earthquake hits and causes havoc locking his son, Luke, and two friends inside the compound behind impenetrable gates.

Wonder by *R.J. Palacio*
Ten- year- old Augie was born with facial abnormalities, and has always been home-schooled. Now he is going into fifth grade at a private school and will have to face challenges from the other students.