

Intersecting Students' Interests and Experiences with Literacy Instruction

Book Series/Sequel	Reading Grade Level Equivalent/ Book Level	Grade Levels of Interest	Brief Text Description
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English, Karen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dog Days: The Carver Chronicles Book One</i> (December, 2013) 	4.5	2 - 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gavin, a third grader, works to adjust to life at a new school.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Williams-Garcia, Rita. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>One Crazy Summer</i> (December, 2011) ○ <i>P.S. Be Eleven</i> (May, 2013) 	4.0	3 - 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical fiction novel set in 1968 about three sisters who travel cross-country to Oakland, California to find the mother who abandoned them.
	4.6	4 - 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sequel to <i>One Crazy Summer</i>, sisters return to Brooklyn and adjust to their strict grandmother. 2014 Coretta Scott King Author Award winner.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perry-Moore, S. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Alec London Series</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Making the Team</i> (August, 2011) ○ <i>Learning the Rules</i> (August, 2011) ○ <i>Going the Distance</i> (December, 2011) 	4.2	2 - 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written for boys, several moral lessons are provided as readers are introduced to fourth grader, Alec London. Alec overcomes bullying, a mean-spirited older brother, and other challenges facing adolescents. Perry-Moore even has bonus pages which provide practice in punctuation, math skills, etc.
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draper, S. M. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Clubhouse Mysteries</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>The Buried Bones Mystery</i> (July, 2011) ○ <i>Lost in the Tunnel of Time</i> (July, 2011) ○ <i>The Space Mission Adventure</i> (Mar., 2012) 	4.3	3 - 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The boys explore an Underground Railroad tunnel after being trapped.
	3.9	3 - 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In this story of mystery and intrigue, the boys discover a box of bones while building a clubhouse
	4.9	3 - 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The boys go to space camp and learn a great deal about space travel, etc.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flake, S. G. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Money Hungry</i> (July, 2007) ○ <i>Begging for Change</i> (July, 2007) 	4.2	4 - 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thirteen year-old protagonist Raspberry Hill is almost overwhelmed by an obsession with money.
	3.7	4 - 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In this sequel to <i>Money Hungry</i>, Raspberry will do anything to avoid experiencing homelessness once again. After stealing money from a friend wonders whether her life is beginning to mirror her father's, etc.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anderson, L. H. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Seeds of America Trilogy</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chains (Jan. 2010) ○ Forge (April, 2012) 	5.2	5 - 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical fiction novel set at the beginning of the Revolutionary War, 13 year old Isabel is a spy for the rebels, fights for freedom, etc.
	5.4	5 - 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curzon and Isabel fight the brutal cold and other elements which stand in the way of freedom. Curzon grows from a boy into a man.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draper, S. M. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Tears of a Tiger</i> (February, 1996) ○ <i>Forged by Fire</i> (January, 1998) ○ <i>Darkness Before Dawn</i> (July, 2002) 	4.3	7 - 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andy Jackson, protagonist, had an accident while driving after drinking, and his friend was killed as a result. He struggles with feelings of guilt and contemplates suicide.
	4.7	6 - 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gerald perseveres through a myriad of issues: being away from mom, protecting his sister, etc.
	4.8	8 - 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High school senior Keisha struggles with a friend's suicide, relationship with track coach, etc.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draper, S. M. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>The Jericho Trilogy</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>The Battle of Jericho</i> (Jan., 2005) ○ <i>November Blues</i> (May, 2009) ○ <i>Just Another Hero</i> (July, 2010) 	4.7	8 - 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jericho and his cousin join a club then are conflicted with some of the choices.
	4.6	8 - 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November battles to deal with the physical challenges of pregnancy.
	4.3	8 - 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High school seniors November, Jericho, and Arielle come to grips with various life issues.