

Baker, E. D. *Wings : a fairy tale*.  
Bloomsbury Childrens Books, 2008.  
When Tamisin discovers that she is half fairy, she decides to find out more answers directly from the fairies, including her mother, the fairy queen.

**JSF BAKER**

Balliett, Blue. *Chasing Vermeer*.

New York : Scholastic Press, 2004.

When strange events start to happen and a precious Vermeer painting disappears, 11-year-olds Petra and Calder begin to solve an international art scandal.

**JM BALLIETT**

Alcott , Louisa May. *Little Women*.

[various editions]

Chronicles the lives of the four March sisters as they grow into young women in nineteenth-century New England.

**J ALCOTT**

Bartoletti, Susan Campbell.

*The boy who dared*.

New York : Scholastic Press, 2008.

In October, 1942, seventeen-year-old Helmuth Hübener, imprisoned for distributing anti-Nazi leaflets, recalls his past life and how he came to dedicate himself to bring the truth about Hitler and the war to the German people.

**J BARTOLETTI**

Bruchac, Joseph. *The Warriors*.

Darby Creek Pub., c2003. Jake has left the reservation for Weltime Academy and entered a different world. They love lacrosse, but don't understand it the way Jake does, as an Iroquois.

**J BRUCHAC**

Farmer, Nancy. *The house of the scorpion*.

Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2002. In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patrón, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States.

**JF FARMER**

Fisk, Pauline. *Midnight Blue*.

New York : Bloomsbury Children's Books, [c1990], 2003.

Bonnie's newfound happiness in a world beyond the sky is threatened by the cruel Grandbag, and although she is offered help by the ancient, elusive lord and lady of the hill, she alone must meet the challenge in the end.

**J SF FISK**

Gaiman, Neil. *The Graveyard Book*.

New York : HarperCollins Pub., c2008.

Nobody Owens is a normal boy, except that he has been raised by ghosts and other denizens of the graveyard.

**J GAIMAN**

Haddix, Margaret Peterson.

*Among the Hidden*.

NY, Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 1998.

Government regulations limit families to two children each, so Luke, an illegal third-born, must live his life in secret, hidden in his family's farmhouse. Then he joins Jen, for a chance to come out into the light.

**JSF HADDIX**

Hale, Shannon. *The goose girl*.

Bloomsbury, 2003. On her way to marry a prince she's never met, Princess Anidori is betrayed by her guards and must become a goose girl to survive until she can reclaim the crown that is rightfully hers.

**JSF HALE**

Hesse, Karen. *Aleutian Sparrow*.

New York : Margaret K. McElderry Books, c2003.

An Aleutian Islander recounts her suffering during World War II in American internment camps designed to "protect" the population from the invading Japanese.

**J HESSE**

Hilgartner, Beth. *A murder for Her Majesty*.

Houghton Mifflin, 1986. Horrified at witnessing her father's murder and fearing the killers are agents of Queen Elizabeth I, 11-year-old Alice Tuckfield hides in Yorkshire cathedral, disguising herself as one of the choirboys.

**JM HILGARTNER**

Hobbs, Will. *Jason's gold*.

Morrow Junior Books, 1999. When 15-year-old Jason hears of the discovery of gold in Yukon Territory in 1897, he embarks on a 10,000-mile journey to strike it rich.

**JF HOBBS**

Kadohata, Cynthia. *Weedflower*.

New York : Atheneum Books for Young Readers, c2006. After 12-year-old Sumiko and her family are relocated from their flower farm in southern California to an internment camp on a Mojave reservation, she helps her family and neighbors, becomes friends with a local boy, and tries to hold on to her dream of owning a flower shop.

**J KADOHATA**

Korman, Gordon. *Schooled*.

Hyperion Paperbacks for Children, c2007, 2008.

Capricorn (Cap) Anderson has been homeschooled by his hippie grandmother. But when she is hospitalized, he must attend the local middle school. Cap knows a lot about tie-dyeing and Zen Buddhism, but no education could prepare him for the politics of public school.

**J KORMAN**

Larson, Kirby. *Hattie Big Sky*.

New York : Delacorte Press, c2006. After inheriting her uncle's homesteading claim in Montana, 16-year-old orphan Hattie Brooks must make a home for herself and deal with problems related to the war in Europe.

**J LARSON**

Levine, Gail Carson. *Ever*.

New York : HarperCollinsPublishers, 2008.

14-year-old Kezi and Olus, Akkan god of the winds, fall in love and together try to change her fate--to be sacrificed to a Hyte god because of a rash promise her father made--through a series of quests that might make her immortal.

**JSF LEVINE**

Lupica, Mike. *Travel Team*.

New York : Philomel Books, c2004.

12-year-old Danny Walker, the smallest kid on the basketball court is cut from the very travel team his father led to national prominence as a boy.

**J LUPICA**

Miller, Sarah Elizabeth.

*Miss Spitfire : reaching Helen Keller*.

Atheneum Books for Young Readers, c2007. At 21, partially-blind, Annie Sullivan travels from Massachusetts to Alabama to teach 6-year-old Helen Keller, deaf and blind since age 2, self-discipline and communication skills.

**J MILLER**

Nix, Garth. *Abhorsen*.

HarperCollins, c2003. Before she joined Sam and Mogget, Lirael paused to look in the tall silver mirror that hung on the wall of her room. The image that faced her bore little resemblance to the Second Assistant Librarian of the Clay.

**JSF NIX**

Perkins, Mitali. *Rickshaw girl*.

Charlesbridge, c2007. In her Bangladesh village, 10 year-old Naimi paints designs called *alpanas*, but to help her impoverished family financially she would have to be a boy--or disguise herself as one.

**J PERKINS**

Rallison, Janette. *My fair godmother*.

Walker & Co. : Distributed to the trade by Macmillan, 2009. High school sophomore Savannah wants to find the perfect prom date after her boyfriend leaves her for her older sister, but when a godmother becomes involved, Savannah finds herself in trouble in the Middle Ages, along with a boy who would like to be her charming prince.

**JSF RALLISON**

Sanderson, Brandon.

*Alcatraz versus the evil Librarians*.

New York : Scholastic Press, c2007.

On his 13<sup>th</sup> birthday, foster child Alcatraz Smedry receives a bag of sand which is stolen by the evil Librarians who are trying to take over the world. He discovers his own special talent, and told that he must use it to save civilization.

**JSF SANDERSON**

Selznick, Brian. *The invention of Hugo Cabret*.

New York : Scholastic Press, 2007.

When twelve-year-old Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toyseller and his goddaughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized.

**J SELZNICK**

Schmidt, Gary. *Wednesday Wars*.

New York : Clarion Books, c2007.

During the 1967 school year, on Wednesday afternoons when all his classmates go to either Catechism or Hebrew school, 7<sup>th</sup> grader Holling stays in Mrs. Baker's classroom where they read the plays of William Shakespeare.

**J SCHMIDT**

Speare, Elizabeth George. *The bronze bow*.

Boston : Houghton Mifflin, 1989.

After witnessing his father's crucifixion by Roman soldiers, Daniel bar Jamin is fired by a single passion: to avenge his father's death by driving the Roman legions from the land of Israel. Time and again Daniel is drawn to the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth, only to turn away, disappointed and confused by Jesus's lack of action in opposing the Romans. This is a novel about Daniel's tormented journey from a blind, confining hatred to his acceptance and understanding of love.

**J SPEARE**

Stewart, Trenton Lee.

*The mysterious Benedict Society*.

New York : Little, Brown, 2007.

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.

**JSF STEWART**

Tolan, Stephanie S. *Listen!*

New York : HarperCollins, c2006.

During her solitary convalescence from a crippling accident, twelve-year-old Charley finds a wild dog, and the arduous process of training him leads her to explore her feelings about her mother's death two years earlier.

**J TOLAN**

Vande Velde, Vivian. *Heir Apparent*.

San Diego : Harcourt, 2002.

While playing a virtual reality game of kings and intrigue, 14-year-old Giannine learns that demonstrators have damaged the equipment to which she is connected, and she must win the game quickly or be damaged herself.

**JSF VANDE VELDE**

**How to find these books:**

- If the call number starts with "J", the book is on the walls of the east side of the Lower Floor.

# Clean Reads



This list includes books that don't have sex, violence or swearing. People may disagree about what they find objectionable, but librarians generally consider these "clean" titles.

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