

# Adventure Books



Adventure books take you out of your every day world into other places and other times, where your life is full of action, suspense, mystery, and pursuit.

bees while collecting honey. Local Native Americans save him and teach him the skills he needs to stay alive.

*Reading Level: 3rd – 6th grade*

Sperry, Armstrong, *Call It Courage*.

Tired of being called a coward and shaming his family, a young Polynesian boy who is terrified of water, embarks on a journey in a canoe in the South Seas. Mafutu takes his pets, a dog and an albatross, for company. Their adventures include battles with cannibals and a savage boar.

*Reading Level: 5th – 7th grade*

Stevenson, Robert Louis, *Treasure Island*.

Young Jim Hawkins discovers a treasure map in the chest of an old sailor who dies under mysterious circumstances at his mother's inn. He shows it to Dr. Livesey and Squire Trelawney who agree to outfit a ship and sail to Treasure Island. Hiding among the crew are the pirate Long John Silver and his evil followers who are in pursuit of the same treasure.

*Reading Level: 6th grade and up*

Sutcliff, Rosemary, *The Light Beyond the Forest*.  
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A retelling of the adventures of King Arthur's knights, Sir Lancelot, Sir Galahad, Sir Bors, and Sir Percival as they leave Camelot and go in search of the Holy Grail.

*Reading Level: 5th – 8th grade*

Verne, Jules, *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*.

The adventures of a French Scientist and his companions who travel the seven seas in the mid-19th century as prisoners in Captain Nemo's mysterious electric submarine and his undersea city.

*Reading Level: 6th – 9th grade*

Most of these books can be found in the Fiction section of the Children's Department under the author's last name.

*The exceptions include the call number in their entry.*

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Avi, *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*.

It is 1832, Charlotte Doyle, 13, is returning from school in England to join her family in Rhode Island, is deposited on a seedy ship with a ruthless, mad captain and a mutinous crew, and then is accused of murdering the first mate by Captain Jaggery.

*Reading Level: 5th grade and up*

Baccalario, Pierdomenico, *Ring of Fire*.

Four seemingly unrelated children are brought together in a hotel in Rome where they discover that they are destined to become involved in a deep and ancient mystery involving a briefcase full of artifacts that expose them to great danger.

*Reading Level: 5th grade and up*

Bosch, Pseudonymous, *The Name of This Book is Secret*.

Two 11-year-old misfits try to solve the mystery of a dead magician and stop the evil Dr. L and Ms. Mauvais, who are searching for the secret of immortality.

*Reading Level: 4th – 8th grade*

Eager, Edward, *Seven-Day Magic*.

Just after Fredericka wished on the book for an adventure with wizards and witches, the green-eyed dragon flew over, low enough to scoop her up and disappear with her in a puff of purple smoke.

*Reading Level: 3rd – 6th grade*

Eckert, Allan W. *Incident at Hawk's Hill*

Six-year-old Ben can imitate any animal to perfection, in fact he is more comfortable with them than with people. When he is lost on the prairie during a storm a female badger adopts him and takes care of him as if he were her own baby. Based on a real incident in Saskatchewan, Canada at the turn of the century.

*Reading Level: 6th grade and up*

George, Jean Craighead, *Julie of the Wolves*.

When she is forced into a marriage long before she is ready, Julie runs away from her Alaskan home and is able to survive in the wilderness by learning to communicate with a pack of wolves.

*Reading Level: 5th grade and up*

George, Jean Craighead, *My Side of the Mountain*.

Sam Gribble feels closed in by the city and his large family, so he runs away to the Catskills and the land that had belonged to his grandfather. He tells the story of his year in the wilderness – the loneliness, the struggle to survive, and the need for companionship.

*Reading Level: 5th grade and up*

Hiaasen, Carl, *Chomp*

When the difficult star of the reality television show "Expedition Survival" disappears while filming an episode in the Florida Everglades using animals from the wildlife refuge run by Wahoo Cray's family, Wahoo and classmate Tuna Gordon set out to find him while avoiding Tuna's gun-happy father.

*Reading Level: 5th grade and up*

Lindgren, Astrid, *Ronia, the Robber's Daughter*.

On the night that Ronia was born, a thunderstorm raged over the mountain, but in Matt's castle and among his band of robbers there was only joy, until the day she met and made friends with the son of their enemies.

*Reading Level: 3rd – 6th grade*

O'Dell, Scott, *Black Star, Bright Dawn*.

Bright Dawn takes over for her injured father in the Iditarod Sled Dog Race from Anchorage to Nome. She faces not only the competition but the dangers of the race itself. She proves a resourceful heroine in this fast paced survival tale.

*Reading Levels: 5th – 8th grade*

Paulsen, Gary, *Hatchet*

Brian is going to spend time with his father after the divorce, when the pilot he is riding with suffers a heart attack and dies and the plane crashes. Left only with the clothes on his back and a hatchet, Brian must find a way to stay alive until he is rescued.

*Reading Level: 5th grade and up*

Speare, Elizabeth George, *The Sign of the Beaver*.

Matt is left alone in a newly built cabin while his father leaves to bring the rest of the family into the wilderness. A wanderer steals his rifle, a bear steals his flour and molasses and he is attacked by