

HOOKING RELUCTANT READERS

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FOR THE YOUNGEST READERS

Zoey and Sassafras series, by Asia Citro
Magic Treehouse series, by Mary Pope Osborne
Clark the Shark I-Can-Read books by Bruce Hale
Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel
Dory Phantasmagory by Abbie Hanlon
Super Happy Party Bears by Marcie Colleen
Geronimo Stilton by himself

HUMOR

Dog Man by Dav Pilkey
Time Warp Trio by Jon Scieszka
Al Capone Does My Shirts by Jennifer Choldenko
Bobby Vs. Girls (Accidentally) by Lisa Yee
Whales on Stilts by MT Anderson
The Chet Gecko Mysteries by Bruce Hale
The Terrible Two by Mac Barnett
My Weird School (and My Weirder School) by Dan Gutman

SYMPATHETIC CHARACTERS

Amber Brown by Paula Danziger
The Hank Zipzer series by Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver
Superfudge by Judy Blume
Judy Moody by Megan McDonald
Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis
The Joey Pigza books by Jack Gantos

FANTASY

Harry Potter by J.K. Rowling
Percy Jackson & The Olympians by Rick Riordan
My Teacher Is an Alien by Bruce Coville
Spiderwick Chronicles by Holly Black & Tony DiTerlizzi
Pendragon series by DJ MacHale
The Warriors by Erin Hunter

ACTION

Alex Rider series by Anthony Horowitz

Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer
The Redwall books by Brian Jacques
Wolf Brother by Michelle Paver
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

NON-FICTION

How They Croaked by Georgia Bragg
Almost any joke book, like *Laugh Out Loud Jokes for Kids*
The “Big Head” series – *Who Was...* and *What Was...*
I Survived – though technically fiction, hooks NF fans.
Bark Scorpion by Meish Goldish, and other books about
creepy / scary / gross things like spiders, sharks, etc.

SCARY STUFF

Goosebumps and Fear Street by RL Stine
Tales from Lovecraft Middle School by Charles Gilman
The Monstertown Mysteries by Bruce Hale
Case File 13: Zombie Kid by J. Scott Savage

SUSPENSEFUL STORIES

Animorphs by K.A. Applegate
Holes by Louis Sachar
Matt Christopher Sports Series by Matt Christopher
Goosebumps by R.L. Stine
The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman

SERIES BOOKS

A Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket
Junie B. Jones by Barbara Park
Captain Underpants by Dav Pilkey
The Magic Schoolbus series by Joanna Cole
Shredderman by Wendelin van Draanen

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney
Dork Diaries by Rachel Renee Russell
Babymouse by Jennifer and Matthew Holm
Lunch Lady by Jarrett Krosoczka
BIG NATE by Lincoln Peirce
Bone by Jeff Smith
Sidekicks by Dan Santat
Smile and other Raina Telgemeier books

And of course, graphic novel treatments of novels like *Graveyard Book* and *A Wrinkle in Time*

MULTICULTURAL BOOKS

Calvin Coconut by Graham Salisbury

Bobby vs. Girls (Accidentally) by Lisa Yee

Jasmine Toguchi, Mochi Queen by Debbie Michiko Florence

Make Way for Dyanonde Daniel by Nikki Grimes

Ling and Ting books by Grace Lin

Mr. Chickee's Funny Money by Christopher Paul Curtis

American Born Chinese by Gene Luen

FOR OLDER READERS

Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card

The Crossover by Kwame Alexander

Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian by Sherman Alexie

Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

The Outsiders by SE Hinton

John Green books

And lots of sci-fi and realistic fiction