

# Books, Movies & More

## Hardy Boys & Nancy Drew Readalikes

Bellairs, John / [The Johnny Dixon Series](#) / Grades 4 & up

In his first adventure, Johnny is plunged into a terrifying mystery when he removes a blue figurine, called an ushabt, from a church.

Byars, Betsy / [The Herculeah Jones Series](#) / Grades 3 & up

Sleuth Herculeah, and her friend, Meat, solve a number of mysteries together, including the discovery of a long-dead body in a decaying mansion known as Dead Oaks.

Eager, Edgar / [The Magic Series](#) / Gr. 3 & up

Extraordinary adventures begin when a girl discovers an ordinary-looking coin that grants wishes.

Finney, Patricia / [The Lady Grace Series](#) / Grades 4 & up

Lady Grace Cavendish, a favorite maid of honor of Elizabeth I, must solve a murder mystery and clear the name of her betrothed.

Hale, Chet / [The Chet Gecko Series](#) / Grades 3 & up

Chet, the best lizard detective in his elementary school, is hired by a classmate to find her missing brother, and uncovers a plot involving a Gila monster's revenge upon the school's football team.

Higson, Charles / [The Young James Bond Series](#) / Grades 5 & up

Thirteen-year-old James Bond arrives at Eton College in the 1930s, and must battle against an insane arms dealer and his plan to create a race of indestructible soldiers.

Horowitz, Anthony / [The Alex Rider Series](#) / Grades 4 & up

After his uncle's death, fourteen-year-old Alex is forced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI6.

Klise, Kate / [The Regarding Series](#) / Grades 3 & up

In the first adventure, a middle school principal asks a fifth-grader to write a letter regarding the purchase of a new drinking fountain for their school, and much chaos follows.

Roy, Ron / [The A to Z Mystery Series](#) / Grades 3 & up

As the series begins, Dink Duncan and his two friends investigate the apparent kidnapping of famous mystery author Wallis Wallace.

Simon, Seymour / [The Einstein Anderson Series](#) / Grades 3 & up

Adam "Einstein" Anderson uses his knowledge of science to solve a series of scientific riddles.

Warner, Gertrude Chandler / [The Boxcar Children Series](#) / Grades 3 & up

Four orphaned children run away and live in a boxcar, until they are found by their grandfather.



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Van Draanen, Wendelin / [The Sammy Keyes Series](#) / Grades 4 & up

In her first adventure, Sammy's habit of speaking her mind gets her into trouble when she investigates a robbery at a seedy hotel across the street from the seniors' building where she is living with her grandmother.

DiTerlizzi, Tony / [The Spiderwick Chronicles](#) / Gr. 3 & up

The Grace children discover a field guide to fairies and other creatures and begin to have some unusual experiences.

Hunter, Erin / [The Warriors Series](#) / Gr. 4 & up

For generations, four clans of warrior cats have shared the forest, but trouble begins when their warrior code is threatened by mysterious deaths.

Jones, Dianna Wynne / [The Chrestomanci Series](#) / Gr. 5 & up

Chrestomanci, an enchanter with nine lives, must control the practice of magic in the Twelve Related Worlds.

Lasky, Kathryn / [The Guardians of Ga'Hoole Series](#) / Gr. 4 & up

Evil lurks in the Forest of Tyto and Soren, with his fellow barn owls, must journey to the Great Ga'Hoole Tree to join other owls and boldly face a series of dangers.

Nix, Garth / [The Keys to the Kingdom Series](#) / Gr. 5 & up

A young hero, given a key shaped like a minute hand of a clock, enters a strange house only he can see, and finds himself in a battle for possession of the key.

Pullman, Phillip / [The Golden Compass Series](#) / Gr. 5 & up

Lyra Belacqua, with her daemon, sets out to prevent her best friend and other kidnapped children from becoming the subject of gruesome experiments in the Far North.

Sage, Angie / [The Septimus Heap Series](#) / Gr. 4 & up

Septimus, the seventh son of a seventh son, is destined to be a powerful wizard, but is carried off by a midwife who claims he was born dead.

Shan, Darren / [The Cirque du Freak Series](#) / Gr. 4 & up

Two boys, who are best friends, visit an illegal freak show, where an encounter with a vampire and a deadly spider forces them to make life-changing choices.

Wrede, Patricia / [The Enchanted Forest Series](#) / Gr. 4 & up

Bored with traditional palace life, a princess goes off to live with a group of dragons and soon becomes involved with fighting wizards who wish to steal away the dragons' kingdom.



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