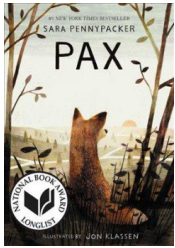


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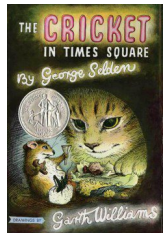


### Pax

by Sara Pennypacker  
When his father enlists in the military and makes him return his beloved pet fox to the wild, Peter, embarks on a journey filled with astonishing discoveries in order to be reunited with his fox. **760 Lexile @**

### Where the Red Fern Grows

by Wilson Rawls  
The story of a young boy's love for two hunting dogs and his coming of age in Oklahoma in the 1930's. **700 Lexile @**

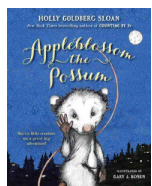
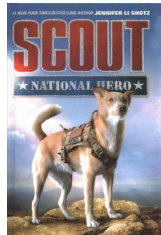


### The Cricket in Times Square

by George Selden  
A musically inclined country cricket unintentionally arrives in NYC and is befriended by Tucker Mouse, Harry Cat, and Mario, a boy who rescues him. **780 Lexile @**

### \* Scout : National Hero

by Jennifer Li Shotz  
When a flash flood endangers their town, Scout and his twelve-year-old owner Matt try to survive the deluge and help others to safety. **690 Lexile @**

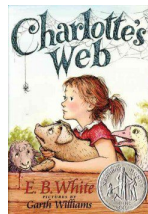


### Appleblossom the Possum

by Holly Goldberg Sloan  
A young possum strikes out on her own and winds up trapped in a human house before her brothers can rescue her. **720 Lexile**

### Charlotte's Web

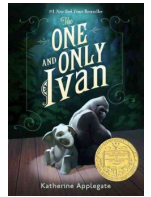
by E. B. White  
Wilbur the pig is going to be slaughtered until his friend, Charlotte, a spider, thinks of a way to save his life. **680 Lexile @**



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### \* The One and Only Ivan

by Katherine Applegate  
When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life. **570 Lexile @**



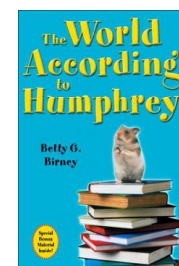
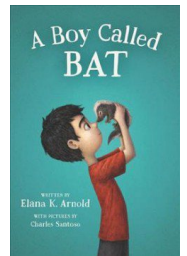
### \* The Last

by Katherine Applegate  
Byx, the youngest member and only survivor of her pack of mythical doglike creatures, dairnes, sets out to find safe haven and, perhaps, more of her kind, aided by allies, both animal and human. **690 Lexile @**



### \* A Boy Called Bat

by Elana K Arnold  
For Bixby, a boy on the autism spectrum who's nicknamed Bat, life tends to be full of surprises. Bat's mom, a veterinarian, brings home a baby skunk. When Bat meets the kit, he knows they belong together. Bat has one month to show his mom that a baby skunk would make a great pet. **760 Lexile @**



### \* The World According to Humphrey

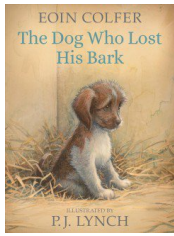
by Betty G. Birney  
Sent to live in Room 26, Humphrey, the class hamster, begins to learn a lot about humans through simple observation from his cage, in an amusing tale about a curious creature who takes full advantage of his educational opportunities. **670 Lexile @**

### Masterpiece

by Elise Broach  
After Marvin, a beetle, makes a miniature drawing for James, a human boy, the two friends work together to help recover a stolen drawing from the Metropolitan Museum of Art. **700 Lexile @**



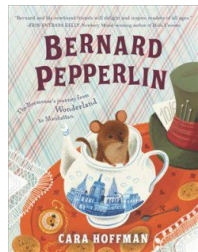
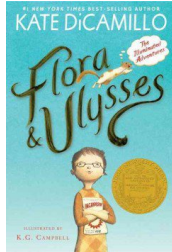
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**The Dog Who Lost His Bark**  
by Eoin Colfer  
A lonely boy and a voiceless dog who find companionship and healing together through music and patience. **700 Lexile @**

**Flora & Ulysses**

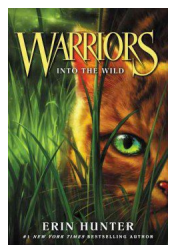
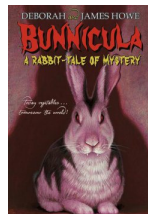
by Kate DiCamillo  
Self-described cynic Flora Belle Buckman draws on comic book inspiration to save a squirrel before discovering the power of hope. **520 Lexile @**



**Bernard Pepperlin**  
by Cara Hoffman  
Bernard Pepperlin, the Dormouse of Wonderland, is transported to Manhattan, a magnificent new world where clocks work. He must save Manhattan by foiling a nefarious plot, recruiting the help of a streetwise cat, escaped pets, and a troupe of cockroach musicians and tap dancers. **800 Lexile @**

**\* Bunnacula**

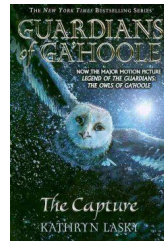
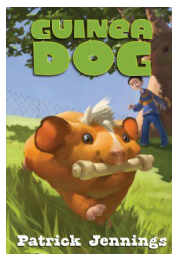
by Deborah Howe  
Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their foundling baby bunny must be a vampire. **700 Lexile @**



**\* Into the Wild**  
by Erin W Hunter  
When Rusty, an ordinary housecat, becomes ThunderClan's new apprentice, he realizes that his past life has not prepared him for the hardships he now faces. **790 Lexile @**

**\* Guinea Dog**

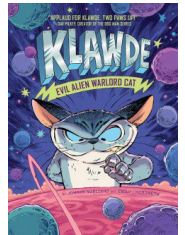
by Patrick Jennings  
When his mother brings home a guinea pig instead of a dog, fifth-grader Rufus is not happy--until the rodent starts acting exactly like a dog. **600 Lexile @**



**\* The Capture**  
by Kathryn Lasky  
When Soren, a barn owl, arrives at St. Aggie's, a school for orphaned owls, he suspects trouble and with his new friend, embarks on a journey to save all owls from the danger. **730 Lexile @**

**\* Klawde**

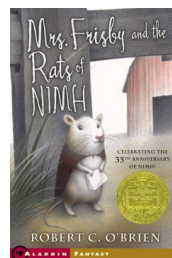
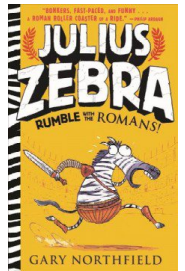
by Johnny Marciano  
Exiled to Earth from the planet where he was once the high commander, Klawde the ferocious alien war cat arrives in the home of reluctant newcomer Raj. **590 Lexile @**



**Scary Stories for Young Foxes**  
by Christian McKay Heidicker  
Seven fox kits, wanting a scarier story than their mother will tell, visit the old storyteller at Bog Cavern in the Antler Wood, but will any be brave enough to stay until the end? **640 Lexile**

**\* Julius Zebra : Rumble with the Romans!**

by Gary Northfield  
Julius Zebra and his friends are captured and transported from Africa to the Roman Colosseum, where they must train to be gladiators and fight to win their freedom. **670 Lexile**



**\* Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh**

by Robert C. O'Brien  
Having no one to help her with her problems, a widowed mouse visits the rats whose former imprisonment in a laboratory made them wise and long lived. **790 Lexile @**

**Silverwing**

by Kenneth Oppel  
When newborn bat Shade, sometimes called "Runt," becomes separated from his colony, he grows in ways preparing him for greater journeys. **660 Lexile**

