

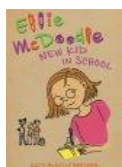
## If You Liked Diary of a Wimpy Kid.....Try These!



### **The Strange Case of Origami Yoda** by Tom Angleberger

J ANG

Sixth-grader Tommy and his friends describe their interactions with a paper finger puppet of Yoda, worn by their weird classmate Dwight, as they try to figure out whether or not the puppet can really predict the future.



### **Ellie McDoodle: New Kid in School** by Ruth McNally Barshaw

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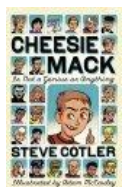
Ellie writes and doodles in a journal of her family's move to a new home and her struggle to make friends, which gets a lot easier as she leads a nonviolent protest about long lunch lines at school.



### **Frindle** by Andrew Clements

J CLE

When he decides to turn his fifth grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.



### **Cheesie Mack is Not a Genius or Anything** by Stephen L. Cotler

J COT

Eleven-year-old Ronald "Cheesie" Mack relates events he and his best friend, Georgie, experience as fifth grade comes to an end and their summer plans are drastically changed, due in part to an old, possibly valuable coin that may belong to the mysterious inhabitant of a place they call The Haunted Toad.



### **How to Survive Middle School** by Donna Gephart

J GEP

When thirteen-year-old David Greenberg's best friend makes the start of middle school even worse than he feared it could be, David becomes friends with Penny, who shares his love of television shows and posts one of their skits on YouTube, making them wildly popular--online, at least.



### **The Homework Machine** by Donna Gephart

J GUT

Four fifth-grade students--a geek, a class clown, a teacher's pet, and a slacker--as well as their teacher and mothers, each relate events surrounding a computer programmed to complete homework assignments.



### **Airball: My Life in Briefs** by Lisa Harkrader

J HAR

Uncoordinated Kansas seventh-grader Kirby Nickel braves his coach's ire and becomes captain of the basketball team in order to help him prove that NBA star Brett McGrew is the father he has never known.



**Middle School is Worse Than Meatloaf: A Year Told Through Stuff** by Jennifer Holm

J HOL

Ginny starts out with ten items on her to-do list for seventh grade, but notes, cartoons, and other "stuff" reveal what seems like a thousand things that go wrong between September and June, both at school and at home.



**The Popularity Papers: Research for the Social Improvement and General Betterment of Lydia Goldblatt & Julie Graham-Chang** by Amy Ignatow

J IGN

Two best friends embark on a project to study the behavior and taste of the popular girls at their elementary school so that by the time they get to middle school they too will be in the right crowd. Novel appears in the form of a scrapbook.



**Schooled** by Gordon Korman

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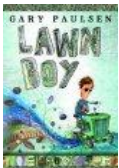
Homeschooled by his hippie grandmother, Capricorn (Cap) Anderson has never watched television, tasted a pizza, or even heard of a wedgie, but when his grandmother lands in the hospital, Cap is forced to move in with a guidance counselor and attend the local middle school. While Cap knows a lot about tie-dyeing and Zen Buddhism, no education could prepare him for the politics of public school.



**Amelia's Most Unforgettable Embarrassing Moments** by Marissa Moss

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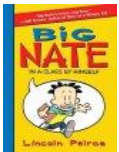
Amelia records in her diary a nightmare come true when her older sister tags along on a sixth-grade class trip, and Amelia must deal with her snoring and disgusting eating habits.



**Lawn Boy** by Gary Paulsen

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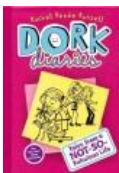
Things get out of hand for a twelve-year-old boy when a neighbor convinces him to expand his summer lawn mowing business.



**Big Nate: In a Class by Himself** by Lincoln Peirce

J PEI

Supremely confident middle-school student Nate Wright manages to make getting detention from every one of his teachers in the same day seem like an achievement.



**Dork Diaries: Tales From a Not-So-Fabulous Life** by Rachel Renee Russell

J RUS

Fourteen-year-old Nikki Maxwell writes in her diary of her struggle to be popular at her exclusive new private school, then of finding her place after she gives up on being part of the elite group.



**Sideways Stories from Wayside School** by Louis Sachar

J SAC

Humorous episodes from the classroom on the thirtieth floor of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story.

