

Did you really like *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*? Well, try these read-a-likes!

Mary Amato *Snarf attack, underfoodle, and the secret of life* **J FIC Amato**
Hilarious, gross-out stories featuring Orville and Wilbur Riot. (*series*)

Frank Asch *Star jumper: Journal of a cardboard genius* **J FIC Asch**
Alex builds a spaceship made out of cardboard to escape his evil little brother. (*series*)

Jim Benton *Let's pretend this never happened* **J PB FIC Benton**
In her (Dear Dumb) diary, middle school student Jamie Kelly describes her life at home and at school, including her attempts to triumph over her nemesis, the beautiful and popular Angeline. (*series*)

Jim Benton *Lunch walks among us* **J FIC Benton**
Franny K. Stein is a mad scientist who prefers all things spooky and creepy, but when she has trouble making friends at her new school she "experiments" with fitting in. (*series*)

Tom Birdseye *Attack of the mutant underwear* **J FIC Birdseye**
Fifth-grader Cody Carson keeps a journal of his hopes for a fresh start in a town where nobody knows about his humiliating mistakes of the past, but before school even begins so does his embarrassment.

Lauren Child *Clarice Bean spells trouble* **J FIC Child**
Clarice Bean, aspiring actress and author, unsuccessfully tries to avoid getting into trouble as she attempts to help a friend in need by following the rules of the fictional, "exceptionordinarily" spy, Ruby Redfort. (*series*)

Andrew Clements *Jake Drake bully buster* **J FIC Clements**
It is up to Jake Drake to take matters into his own hands when Link Baxter, SuperBully, moves into the neighborhood. (*series*)

Andrew Clements *Lunch money* **J FIC Clements**
Twelve-year-old Greg, who has always been good at money-making projects, is surprised to find himself teaming up with his lifelong rival, Maura, to create a series of comic books to sell at school.

Esme Raji Codell *Vive la Paris* **J FIC Codell**
Fifth-grader Paris learns some lessons about dealing with bullies of all kinds as she wonders how to stop a classmate from beating up her brother at school and as she learns about the Holocaust from her piano teacher, Mrs. Rosen.

Dan Gutman *Miss Daisy is crazy* **J FIC Gutman**
Miss Daisy's unusual teaching methods surprise her second-grade students, especially reluctant learner A.J. (*series*)

Emmanuel Guibert *Sardine in outer space* **J GN FIC Guibert**
The CEO of the universe, Supermuscleman, is training all children to obey him. Only the space pirates aboard their ship the Huckleberry—Sardine, her cousin Louie, and her Uncle Yellow—can outwit him and his wicked plan.

Margaret P. Haddix *Dexter the tough* **J FIC Haddix**
A sympathetic teacher and her writing assignment help fourth-grader Dexter deal with being the new kid in school after he punches a kid on the first day.

Mary D. Hahn *Stepping on the cracks* **J FIC Hahn**

Selections by Penny Peck

In 1944, while her brother is overseas fighting in World War II, 11-year-old Margaret gets a new view of the school bully Gordy when she finds him hiding his own brother, an army deserter, and decides to help him.

Jennifer Holm *Babymouse: Queen of the world!* **J GN FIC Holm**
An imaginative mouse dreams of being queen of the world, but will settle for an invitation to the most popular girl's slumber party. (*series*)

James Howe *Pinky and Rex and the bully* **J FIC Howe**
Pinky learns the importance of identity as he defends his favorite color (pink) and his friendship with a girl, Rex, from the neighborhood bully. (*series*)

Jessica S. Kerrin *Martin Bridge ready for takeoff!* **J FIC Kerrin**
Meet Martin Bridge, a boy whose plans for a brilliant rocket, a substitute bus driver and a very old hamster go terribly wrong in this lively trio of stories.

Megan McDonald *Stink: The incredible shrinking kid* **J FIC McDonald**
The shortest kid in the second grade, James Moody, also known as Stink, learns all about the shortest president of the United States, James Madison, when they celebrate Presidents' Day at school. (*series*)

Phyllis R. Naylor *Roxie and the hooligans* **J FIC Naylor**
Roxie Warbler, the niece of a famous explorer, follows Uncle Dangerfoot's advice on how to survive any crisis when she becomes stranded on an island with a gang of school bullies and a pair of murderous bank robbers.

Katherine Paterson *The field of the dogs* **J FIC Paterson**
Josh, who has just moved to Vermont with his mother, stepfather, and new baby brother, must deal with the bullying of a neighbor boy and discovers that his dog, who he hears talking with other dogs, is also facing a bully of his own.

David Patneauade *Colder than ice* **J FIC Patneauade**
Josh Showalter, an insecure and overweight sixth-grader, hopes for a new start when he transfers to a school in northern Idaho, but he and his new friends are soon the target of a cold-hearted bully.

Sara Pennypacker *Clementine* **J FIC Pennypacker**
While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, 8-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.

Louis Sachar *Wayside School is falling down* **J FIC Sachar**
Humorous episodes from the classroom on the 30th floor of Wayside School, where students learn to tango, face the cafeteria's dreaded Mushroom Surprise, and study a hobo during Show and Tell. (*series*)

Jerry Spinelli *Wringer* **J FIC Spinelli**
As Palmer comes of age, he must either accept the violence of being a wringer at his town's annual Pigeon Day or find the courage to oppose it.

Doug Wilhelm *The revealers* **YA FIC Wilhelm**
Tired of being bullied and picked on, three seventh-grade outcasts join forces and, using scientific methods and the power of the Internet, begin to create a new atmosphere at Parkland Middle School.

Henry Winkler *Niagara Falls, or does it?* **J FIC Winkler**
Fourth-graders Hank, Ashley, and Frankie are excitedly preparing for a magic show at the Rock 'N Bowl when Hank's creative alternative to an English essay lands him in detention and grounded the week of the show. (*series*)

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