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Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe

A fascinating new perspective on World War II; a fictitious, personalized take on the real-life rebel German youth group, the Edelweiss Pirates. Karl Friedman is only twelve, but like all boys his age in Germany, he's already playing war games, training to join the Hitler Youth. Stefan, Karl's nonconformist older brother, wants nothing to do with it. Then their father is killed, and what had been a game suddenly becomes deadly serious. Karl's faith in the Fuhrer is shaken: Is Hitler a national hero--or a villain? What is the meaning of the flower symbol stitched inside Stefan's jacket, and what is the mission of the shadow group he belongs to? Karl soon finds out as he joins his brother in a dangerous rebellion against the burgeoning threat of Nazism.

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When Aidan Became a Brother

Winner of the Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction! Perfect for fans of Elizabeth Acevedo, Ibi Zoboi, and Erika L. Sanchez, this gorgeously written and deeply moving own voices novel is the YA debut from the award-winning author of *Inside Out & Back Again*. 4 starred reviews! In the final days of the Việt Nam War, Hằng takes her little brother, Linh, to the airport, determined to find a way to safety in America. In a split second, Linh is ripped from her arms—and Hằng is left behind in the war-torn country. Six years later, Hằng has made the brutal journey from Việt Nam and is now in Texas as a refugee. She doesn't know how she will find the little brother who was taken from her until she meets LeeRoy, a city boy with big rodeo dreams, who decides to help her. Hằng is overjoyed when she reunites with Linh. But when she realizes he doesn't remember her, their family, or Việt Nam, her heart is crushed. Though the distance between them feels greater than ever, Hằng has come so far that she will do anything to bridge the gap.

Ultimate Showdown

Bestselling author James Patterson's most beloved middle grade protagonist, Rafe Khatchadorian, is getting the Hollywood treatment! A film version of *Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life* starring Griffin Gluck, Lauren Graham, Rob Riggle, and Thomas Barbusca smashes into theaters in October 2016. In his acclaimed and number-one bestselling middle-grade comic debut, Children's Choice Award Author of the Year James Patterson has never been more hilarious--or heartwarming. Rafe Khatchadorian has enough problems at home without throwing his first year of middle school into the mix. Luckily, he's got an ace plan for the best year ever, if only he can pull it off: With his best friend Leonardo the Silent awarding him points, Rafe tries to break every rule in his school's oppressive Code of Conduct. Chewing gum in class--5,000 points! Running in the hallway--10,000 points! Pulling the fire alarm--50,000 points! But when Rafe's game starts to catch up with him, he'll have to decide if winning is all that matters, or if he's finally ready to face the rules, bullies, and truths he's been avoiding. James Patterson's debut middle-grade novel addresses some of middle schoolers' biggest issues: bullies, first crushes, and finding out what makes each of us special, all with a hilarious main character and fantastic in-text illustrations that are sure to have young readers begging for more!

Homeroom Diaries

The author of the critically acclaimed *SO FAR FROM THE BAMBOO GROVE* continues her autobiography, describing the hardships, poverty, tragedies, and struggles of life for her and her two older siblings, living as refugees in post-World War II Japan.

Middle School: My Brother Is a Big, Fat Liar

This digital sampler contains excerpts from four books for kids by bestselling author James Patterson, including *Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life*, *I Funny*, *Treasure Hunters*, and a brand new story coming in November, *House of Robots*!

My Brother Sam is Dead

First published in hardback by Viking, 2015.

From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler

Rafe Khatchadorian is getting the Hollywood treatment in a film version of *Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life* starring Griffin Gluck, Lauren Graham, Rob Riggle and Thomas Barbusca. Rafe Khatchadorian is ready for a fun summer at camp "until he finds out it's a summer school camp! Luckily, Rafe easily makes friends with his troublemaking cabin mates and bunkmate, a boy nicknamed Booger Eater, who puts up with endless teasing from the other kids. Rafe soon realises there's more to a person than a nickname, though, and Booger Eater might be the kind of friend you want on your side when the boys from the Cool Cabin attack. This fourth book in the massively popular Middle School series is an unforgettable summer of hi-jinks, new friends, and surprises, all told with the hilarity and honesty readers have come to expect from blockbuster author James Patterson.

James Patterson's Bestselling Kids' Series -- Chapter Sampler

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I Funny TV

In the next book in James Patterson's bestselling Middle School series, Rafe Khatchadorian's hilarious little sister, Georgia, is back for another rollicking adventure! It's not easy being Rafe Khatchadorian's sister. He's got quite a reputation around school, and Georgia's got it hard enough as is! With a super secret crush on her classmate Sam Marks, a Rube Goldberg machine challenge to dominate, and constant confrontations with vicious Missy Trillin and her evil Princess Patrol to look forward to, Georgia can't help but throw all her energy into the one thing that makes her happy: her kick-butt, all-girl rock band, We Stink! When Georgia's favorite rock band, Lulu and the Handbags, advertise a major music competition where the winner gets to jam with Lulu herself, Georgia will pull all the stops to make sure We Stink wins--even if it means asking her annoying older brother, Rafe, for help! Will his crazy ideas work, or land her in serious trouble?

My Brother Martin

"Aidan, a transgender boy, experiences complicated emotions as he and his parents prepare for the arrival of a new baby"--

Middle School: Dog's Best Friend

In the final days of World War II, Koreans were determined to take back control of their country from the Japanese and end the suffering caused by the Japanese occupation. As an eleven-year-old girl living with her Japanese family in northern Korea, Yoko is suddenly fleeing for her life with her mother and older sister, Ko, trying to escape to Japan, a country Yoko hardly knows. Their journey is terrifying—and remarkable. It's a true story of courage and survival that highlights the plight of individual people in wartime. In the midst of suffering, acts of kindness, as exemplified by a family of Koreans who risk their own lives to help Yoko's brother, are inspiring reminders of the strength and resilience of the human spirit.

Letters to a Young Brother

The film and television star draws on personal experiences to present a series of motivational letters that explores such topics as the value of a good education and the media's inappropriate emphasis on material wealth.

My Brother Made Me Do it

What is free speech and why is it so special? Your Voice is Your Superpower tells you why your voice matters and how you can use it and also why we must protect everyone's right to free speech. Everyone loves superheroes. Who doesn't? They're super! Some of them can fly. Some are strong. Some can become invisible. And some wear capes. But the thing that really makes them super is that they help people and change the world. And guess what? You have a superpower inside you. Your VOICE is your superpower. And because of a thing called freedom of speech, with that voice, you can express yourself, you can help people, and you can change the world. Now, more than ever, teaching children the value of free speech is essential to raising smart, engaged citizens. Knowing the value of free speech allows children to courageously share what they think and believe, whether it's with their family, friends, or their elected officials. Learning about the value of free speech also teaches children the importance of being good listeners, even if it means listening to points of view that differ from their own. In Your Voice is Your Superpower, father-daughter duo Jessica and Sandy Bohrer team up to teach children the importance of free speech and why it is essential for maintaining a functioning democracy. Your Voice is Your Superpower provides the perfect stepping-stone for parents looking to teach their children more about their First Amendment rights in an easy, appealing way. This fun, colorful book proves that the first step to raising engaged, courageous children—and in turn, raising a new generation of superheroes—starts at home. A portion of proceeds will be donated to the Committee to Protect Journalists. "The First Amendment gives us superpowers! What a terrific way to help kids understand why they are free to say and write what

they think. This engaging story is perfect for young readers and maybe a few parents, too." --Kathleen Carroll, Chair of the Board of the Committee to Protect Journalists

Middle School: Save Rafe!

Fifteen-year-old Ari Mendoza is an angry loner with a brother in prison, but when he meets Dante and they become friends, Ari starts to ask questions about himself, his parents and his family that he has never asked before.

Middle School: How I Got Lost in London

Run away to the Metropolitan Museum of Art with E. L. Konigsburg's beloved classic and Newbery Medal-winning novel *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*—now available in a deluxe keepsake edition! Claudia knew that she could never pull off the old-fashioned kind of running away...so she decided to run not from somewhere but to somewhere. That was how Claudia and her brother, Jamie, ended up living in the Metropolitan Museum of Art—and right in the middle of a mystery that made headlines. Celebrate the legacy of the Newbery Medal-winning classic with this special edition.

Middle School: Just My Rotten Luck

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My Brother's Shadow

After recovering from an emotional breakdown, a scrappy high school student dares to be happy and disrupt the social scene. Margaret "Cuckoo" Clarke recently had a brief stay in a mental institution following an emotional breakdown, but she's turning over a new leaf with her "Operation Happiness". She's determined to beat down the bad vibes of the Haters, the Terror Teachers, and all of the trials and tribulations of high school by writing and drawing in her diary. And when life gets really tough, she works through her own moments of uncertainty through imaginary conversations with her favorite literary characters. Cuckoo's also got a nearly impossible mission: she, along with her misfit band of self-deprecating friends (who call themselves "the Freakshow") decide to bridge the gap between warring cliques and "bring the Nations together". Not everyone is so willing to join hands and get along, but Cuckoo never stops smiling . . . until one of her closest

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friends, pushed to desperation by a Hater prank, decides that enough is enough. In James Patterson's first highly illustrated "diary fiction" story for teens, the mega-bestselling author's most endearing and original teen heroine ever proves that everyone can use a helping hand once in a while.

Ask a Manager

50 years of an iconic classic! This international bestseller and inspiration for a beloved movie is a heroic story of friendship and belonging. No one ever said life was easy. But Ponyboy is pretty sure that he's got things figured out. He knows that he can count on his brothers, Darry and Sodapop. And he knows that he can count on his friends—true friends who would do anything for him, like Johnny and Two-Bit. But not on much else besides trouble with the Socs, a vicious gang of rich kids whose idea of a good time is beating up on “greasers” like Ponyboy. At least he knows what to expect—until the night someone takes things too far. *The Outsiders* is a dramatic and enduring work of fiction that laid the groundwork for the YA genre. S. E. Hinton's classic story of a boy who finds himself on the outskirts of regular society remains as powerful today as it was the day it was first published. "The Outsiders transformed young-adult fiction from a genre mostly about prom queens, football players and high school crushes to one that portrayed a darker, truer world." —The New York Times "Taut with tension, filled with drama." —The Chicago Tribune "[A] classic coming-of-age book." —Philadelphia Daily News A New York Herald Tribune Best Teenage Book A Chicago Tribune Book World Spring Book Festival Honor Book An ALA Best Book for Young Adults Winner of the Massachusetts Children's Book Award

The Outsiders

The Nightmare Club is not for just ANYBODY. Only the spookiest, scariest stories get told at Annie's Halloween sleepovers—and if you can't take it, well, tough! Jack's older brother Stephen has always been a great friend until he started to change. First it was his smell. Then his face. Then his diet. Stephen's just going through the usual changes that come with being a teenager Or is he?

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Since the death of her husband, Anne Dunne and her three children have struggled in every way. In a last ditch effort to save the family, Anne plans an elaborate sailing vacation to bring everyone together once again. But only an hour out of port, everything is going wrong. The teenage daughter, Carrie, is planning to drown herself. The teenage son, Mark, is high on drugs and ten-year-old Ernie is nearly catatonic. This is the worst vacation ever. Anne manages to pull things together bit by bit, but just as they begin feeling like a family again, something catastrophic happens. Survival may be the least of their concerns. Written with the blistering pace and shocking twists that only James Patterson can master, *SAIL* takes "Lost" and "Survivor" to a new level of terror.

Middle School: Master of Disaster

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Join Rafe as he survives white-water rafting, camp counselors, and rock climbing in this hilarious New York Times bestseller from the Middle School series. After a rough summer, Rafe is heading back to the dreaded Hills Village Middle School, the site of the very worst years of his life. And as if that's not bad enough, he's learned that he's going to be held back a year unless he can prove himself on an outdoor survival excursion-complete with dangerous white-water rafting, dizzying rock climbing, and fanatical counselors. Rafe and the rest of the pack of "delinquent" trainees are forced to cooperate as they prepare for the final test: a solo excursion in the deep woods. Can Rafe come out of the experience in one piece? And if he does, will he go home as the same insecure kid? Both heartwarming and hilarious, *Save Rafe!* is a story of perseverance and courage as only James Patterson could tell it.

My Brother Is a Big, Fat Liar

Rafe Khatchadorian is getting the Hollywood treatment in a film version of *Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life* starring Griffin Gluck, Lauren Graham, Rob Riggle and Thomas Barbusca. Readers get a chance to participate in James Patterson's wildly successful Middle School series in this interactive book featuring more than 80 hilarious anecdotes from dueling siblings Rafe and Georgia Khatchadorian — plus dozens of fun-filled activities! The Khatchadorian kids are an opinionated duo, and as readers of the Middle School stories know, they don't exactly see eye to eye. But when wild-card Rafe and mostly-straight-laced Georgia go at it, the only thing more fun than their ranting is getting to join in! Their back-and-forth banter on a range of topics — from bullying to cafeteria food to school dress codes — introduces more than 40 writing and drawing prompts and other games, along with room for readers to share their own points of view. (Includes over 200 illustrations.)

My Brother, My Sister, and I

From blockbuster author James Patterson comes the third installment in the #1 New York Times bestselling Middle School series! Georgia Khatchadorian—the sister of Rafe, the star of the first two Middle School books—plans to excel at Hills Village Middle School in all the places her troublemaking brother failed. She's even bet him that she'll quickly become one of the most popular girls in school, but no one will give her a chance! Even worse, Rafe has sneakily set her up to embarrass herself in front of the snooty "Princesses" who run the school and the boy who's caught her eye. Will she be able to overcome her fears and win her bet with Rafe? Find out THE TRUTH about Rafe Khatchadorian's sister in the first Middle School story from the point of view of the hilarious Georgia—a girl who's ready to speak her mind!

Help! My Brother's a Zombie

Looks at the early life of Martin Luther King, Jr., as seen through the eyes of his older sister.

Your Voice is Your Superpower

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When Sam Meeker leaves his home in Redding, Connecticut, a town loyal to the king, to fight with the rebel army, he places his family in a very difficult position.

George (Scholastic Gold)

A bright, bold debut about a girl who happens to have been born a boy, but refuses to let that stand in the way of her dream.

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After accidentally going viral, Derek is now on a mission to go viral DELIBERATELY! After all, what's more SUPERCOOL than being an internet hit? The only problem is, none of his ideas are quite working out as he expected. But Derek's not the type to give up. No way! He is determined to achieve VIRAL VICTORY - even if it's the last thing he ever does.

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Eleven-year-old Julie Welsh--who suffers from juvenile arthritis--shares her deepest secrets and feelings with her pen pal--eighty-nine-year-old Mrs. Kaplan who lives in Kansas.

Sail

There's nothing worse than a rotten redheaded older brother who can do everything you can do better! Patricia's brother Richard could run the fastest, climb the highest, and spit the farthest and still smile his extra-rotten, greeny-toothed, weasel-eyed grin. But when little Patricia wishes on a shooting star that she could do something—anything—to show him up, she finds out just what wishes—and rotten redheaded older brothers—can really do. Patricia Polacco's boldly and exuberantly painted pictures tell a lively and warmhearted tale of comic one-upmanship and brotherly love.

So Far from the Bamboo Grove

TOUCHDOWN! James Patterson will have kids busting out laughing as they follow lovable bad-boy Rafe's struggles to score big on the field-and in the social scene! In this seventh Middle School episode, Rafe heads back to the place his misadventures began: the dreaded Hills Village Middle School, where he's now being forced to take "special" classes. He also finds himself joining the school's football team-alongside his main tormenter, Miller the Killer! But Rafe has grand plans for a better year: First, he decides to start a super-secret art project that's sure to rock the school. Then, if Rafe manages to make a play to save his team, he might have to deal with something completely new: popularity!

My Brother's Secret

Fans of David Almond's Skellig and Patrick Ness's A Monster Calls will embrace this

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deeply affecting middle grade novel in which a girl suffering from terrible grief befriends a mysterious wild boy. When I saw him that first time I screamed—a small and silent scream, all inside, in my gut. Eleven-year-old Kaia, who has felt isolated since her older brother committed suicide more than a year before, befriends a wild boy who mysteriously appears at her London school. Though the boy is mute and can only communicate with a flash of his gray eyes, he might be the friend Kaia needs to bring her through her grief. Here's a fascinating story, which offers a fresh and completely original portrayal of loss and renewal. "Readers who love stories of overcoming personal struggles and emotional strife will eat this up." —Booklist "Fans of realistic fiction will surely devour Avery's latest." —School Library Journal "[Kaia's] confessional narration and self-aware observations yield a believable and haunting portrait of grief." —Publishers Weekly From the Hardcover edition.

Middle School, The Worst Years of My Life

Discover the series that inspired the Middle School movie with this hilarious installment of James Patterson's hit series starring everyone's favorite underdog, with non-stop laughs on every page. It's a dog-eat-dog world, and Rafe Khatchadorian is just trying to live in it. Life in middle school is finally starting to seem bearable—until Rafe spots his grandmother standing on the free-meal line at the local soup kitchen. In order to help bring in more money, Rafe concocts a brilliant plan: a dog-walking business that soon turns into a huge money-making neighborhood empire. He'll even have extra cash to buy his own WormHole Deluxe Multi-Platform GameBox! That is, until two terrible twins launch the Great Dog War by sabotaging Rafe's flyers and stealing his customers. Plus, his bratty kid sister Georgia has skipped a grade, so now she's in all of Rafe's classes. Throw a kid a bone!

Love, Zac

Catch a SNEAK PREVIEW of the first 15 chapters from James Patterson third installment in the #1 New York Times bestselling Middle School series! Georgia Khatchadorian plans to excel at Hills Village Middle School in all the places her troublemaking brother failed. She's even bet him that she'll quickly become one of the most popular girls in school. But Rafe left a big mark at HVMS, and no one will give Georgia a chance! Even worse, Rafe has sneakily signed up her band to play at the school dance, and she's terrified to embarrass herself in front of the snooty "Princesses" who run the school and the boy who's caught her eye. Will she be able to overcome her fears and win her bet with Rafe? Find out THE TRUTH about Rafe Khatchadorian's sister in the first Middle School story from the point of view of the hilarious Georgia—a girl who's ready to speak her mind!

Derek Dool Supercool 2: Going Viral

The ideal graduation gift for anyone about to enter the workforce, a witty, practical guide to 200 difficult professional conversations—featuring all-new advice from the creator of the popular website Ask a Manager and New York's work-advice columnist. There's a reason Alison Green has been called "the Dear Abby of the

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work world.” Ten years as a workplace-advice columnist have taught her that people avoid awkward conversations in the office because they simply don’t know what to say. Thankfully, Green does—and in this incredibly helpful book, she tackles the tough discussions you may need to have during your career. You’ll learn what to say when

- coworkers push their work on you—then take credit for it
- you accidentally trash-talk someone in an email then hit “reply all”
- you’re being micromanaged—or not being managed at all
- you catch a colleague in a lie
- your boss seems unhappy with your work
- your cubemate’s loud speakerphone is making you homicidal
- you got drunk at the holiday party

Advance praise for Ask a Manager “A must-read for anyone who works . . . [Alison Green’s] advice boils down to the idea that you should be professional (even when others are not) and that communicating in a straightforward manner with candor and kindness will get you far, no matter where you work.”—Booklist (starred review) “I am a huge fan of Alison Green’s Ask a Manager column. This book is even better. It teaches us how to deal with many of the most vexing big and little problems in our workplaces—and to do so with grace, confidence, and a sense of humor.”—Robert Sutton, Stanford professor and author of *The No Asshole Rule* and *The Asshole Survival Guide* “Clear and concise in its advice and expansive in its scope, Ask a Manager is the book I wish I’d had in my desk drawer when I was starting out (or even, let’s be honest, fifteen years in).”—Sarah Knight, New York Times bestselling author of *The Life-Changing Magic of Not Giving a F*ck*

Middle School: Born to Rock

Jamie Grimm has hit the big time in book four of the #1 bestselling *I Funny* series! Jamie Grimm has finally accomplished his dream of proving himself the Planet’s Funniest Kid Comic, and the sky’s the limit from there. Enter a couple of TV executives with a huge plan for Jamie: a new show about Jamie and his oddball friends! But when Jamie struggles to learn the acting ropes, will it be an early curtain call for the biggest show of the decade?

My Rotten Redheaded Older Brother

The top ten bestselling series comes to London! As school trips go, this one is pretty awesome When I was told we were going to London to study Living History, I thought they were joking. But here I am! Rafe Khatchadorian – global jetsetter! Now all I need to do is find a way of avoiding the school bully, getting Jeanne Galletta to talk to me, and try not to get lost in London. But things are never that simple. So fasten your seatbelts and hold on tight, because this could be a very bumpy flight

Middle School: Get Me out of Here!

James Patterson’s winning follow-up to the #1 New York Times bestseller *Middle School, The Worst Years of My Life* is another riotous and heartwarming story about living large. After sixth grade, the very worst year of his life, Rafe Khatchadorian thinks he has it made in seventh grade. Wrong! His new art school is more competitive than Rafe ever expected, and to score big in class, he needs to find a way to turn his boring life into a work of art. His method? Operation: Get a Life!

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Anything he's never done before, he's going to do it. But when his newest mission uncovers secrets about the family Rafe's never known, he has to decide if he's ready to have his world turned upside down.

How I Survived Bullies, Broccoli, and Snake Hill

In this blockbuster installment of the bestselling Middle School series, Rafe and the other favorite characters from James Patterson's books for kids join forces for the first time in a hilarious adventure! Rafe and Jimmy, two misunderstood "troublemakers", are finally up to something good. They're in charge of a huge celebration of books and reading -- but when a small issue snowballs into a big problem that threatens to derail the whole event, they need to work fast to keep things on track! And the best part? Rafe and Jimmy are joined by the funniest storytellers they know, including Jamie Grimm from I Funny, Jacky Ha-Ha, the Kidd family of Treasure Hunters, and super-genius Max Einstein -- everyone's favorite characters from James Patterson's bestselling series for kids!

My Brother Is a Superhero

“A monumental achievement of deep reporting and expert storytelling.” —Michael Sokolove, author of *The Last Temptation of Rick Pitino* “I just can’t live with this pain anymore,” were among the final words in the diary of Zac Easter, a young man from small-town Iowa. In December 2015, Zac decided to take his own life rather than continue his losing battle against the traumatic brain injuries he had sustained as a no-holds-barred high school football player. In this deeply reported and powerfully moving true story, award-winning sportswriter Reid Forgrave speaks to Zac’s family, friends, and coaches; he explores Zac’s tightly knit, football-obsessed Midwestern community; he interviews cutting-edge brain scientists, psychologists, and sports historians; and he takes a deep dive into the triumphs and sins of the sports entertainment industry. Forgrave shows us how football mirrors America, from the fighting spirit it has helped inscribe in our national character to the problematic side effects of traditional notions of manhood that it affirms. But, above all, this is a story of how one young man’s obsession with football led him and many of those entrusted with his care to ignore the warning signs of CTE until it was too late. What do Zac’s life and death mean for a society addicted to a sport that can be thrilling and character forming but also dangerous and sometimes tragic for those who play it? Eye-opening, important, and ultimately inspiring, *Love, Zac* challenges us to think carefully about the ideals and values we as a nation want to instill in future generations.

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