**Popular Reads Collection Read A-likes “Cheat Sheet”**

**If you like PERCY JACKSON try…**

These books contain magical realism and elements of mythology around fast-paced adventure. See the Harry Potter list too. J

1. Rick Riordan has his own imprint of books HE loves! You can recommend….
2. Aru Shah and The End of Time by Roshani Chokshi (Pandava Series)
3. Storm Runner by J.C. Cervantes
4. Dragon Pearl by Yoon Ha Lee
5. Sal and Gabi Break the Universe by Carlos Hernandez
6. Tristan Strong punches a Hole in the Sky by Kwame Mbalia
7. Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer
8. Amari and the Night Brothers by B. B. Alston
9. Loki’s Wolves by Kelly Armstrong
10. Atlantis Rising by T. A. Barron

AR for Percy Jackson is 4.1-4.7/ Lexile 590-680L

**If you LOVE Harry Potter, you might also LOVE…**

It’s good to mention that Harry Potter and Percy Jackson are often the most recommended read a-likes for each other because of the magical realism and “chosen one” themes, so you can really recommend a lot from the Percy Jackson list too. What distinguishes this list from that list is more magic and less mythology.

1. The Alchemist Series by Michael Scott
2. The Trails of Morrigan Crow by Jessica Townsend
3. Magyk by Angie Sage (Septimus Heap series)
4. Wizard for Hire series by Obert Skye
5. The Legend of Greg by Chris Rylander (Epic Series of Failures series)

AR for Harry Potter SERIES is 4.5-6.5/ Lexile 880-940L

**If you enjoy Wings of Fire by Tui Sutherland you might also like….**

These books with dragons and political intrigue

1. Dragonwatch by Brandon Mull
2. The Wearle by Chris D’Lacey (or the Fire Within series by the same author)
3. The Mysteries of Cove by J. Scott Savage
4. The Land of Roar by Jenny McLachlan
5. The Last Dragonslayer by Jasper Fforde

AR for Wings of Fire is 5.0-5.5/ Lexile 710-790L

**If you read ALL of the I Survived books, you should try….**

These are realistic fiction stories that have harrowing acts of survival against the odds.

1. Ranger in Time series by Kate Messenger
2. Alan Gratz historical fiction: Allies, Refugee, Grenade, all amazing, intense and real.
3. Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
4. Wildfire by Rodman Philbrick
5. Survivor Diaries by Terry Johnson
6. For readers of I survived I often also recommend some of the nonfiction history series that read like fiction because there is a set of kids that gravitates to ‘I survived’ because of that. The Split History series (various authors), History Smashers series by Messenger, or Blast Back series by Ohlin are all great choices.

**For Dogman fans, I’d go with…**

Other hilarious graphic novel format series that feature unlikely heroes and some first-rate puns & silly humor.

1. The Bad Guys Series by Aaron Blabley
2. The InvestiGATORS by John Patrick Green
3. Caveboy Dave by Aaron Reynolds
4. Real Pigeons series by Andrew McDonald
5. Lunch Lady by Jarrett J. Krosoczka

AR for Dogman 2.6 Lexile 260-530L

**For Dav Pilkey (Captain Underpants and Ricky Ricotta) super fans that like everything he has done….**

There is a separate Dogman list too. J Read-alikes for Captain Underpants need to be funny, bordering on absurd humor with that graphic element thrown in.

1. Kung Pow Chicken by Cyndi Marko
2. King Flashy Pants by Andy Riley
3. Poop Fountain by Tom Angleberger
4. Roscoe Riley Rules by Katherine Applegate
5. Bad Kitty by Nick Bruel
6. Catwad by Jim Benton (or Franny K Stein series)
7. Chicken Squad by Doreen Cronin
8. Rabbit and Bear by Gough

AR range for Captain Underpants is 4.3-5.3

**For people that enjoyed the Diary of a Wimpy Kid ….**

This is tricky, kids like wimpy kid for lots of different reasons, and it has also spawned an entire genre of read a-likes in the format of “graphic novel novels”. Big Nate and Dork Diaries are two examples that are ALREADY on the Popular Reads collection display. Here are some other realistic fiction graphic novel novels that highlight the absurdity (and find the humor) in the everyday school age struggle to fit in and keep out of trouble.

1. Chunky by Yehudi Mercado
2. The Misadventures of Max Crumbly by Rene Russel
3. Timmy Failure series by Stephan Pastis
4. Ben Yokoyama and the Cookie of Doom by Mathew Swanson
5. Josh Baxter Levels Up by Gavin Brown
6. Middle School the Worst Years of My Life James Patterson (or I funny series)

AR for Diary of a wimpy kid is 5.2-5.8, Lexile 590

**Series that should be on Popular Reads IMO:**

**2nd-3rd Grade**

Magic Tree House by Mary Pope Osborn

My Weird School by Dan Gutman

Owl Diaries by Rebecca Elliot

Geronimo Stilton by Geronimo Stilton

Bad Guys by Blabley

**4th-5th Grade:**

Goosebumps by Stine but shelved as Goosebumps

Ranger’s Apprentice by Johnathan Flanagan

Fablehaven by Brandon Mull

Lemoncello series by Chris Grabbenstien

**Fantastic Stand Alones:**

Funny/Humor:

When Mischief Came to Town by Katrina Nannestad

Flora & Ulysses by Kate DiCamillo

The Great Pet Heist by Emily Ecton (It has a sequel, but it’s not as good.)

Spooky Horror:

Too Bright to See by Kyle Lukoff

The Forgotten Girl by India Hill Brown

Small Spaces by Katherine Arden

The Circus of Stolen Dreams by Lorelei Savaryn

Ophie’s Ghost by Justina Ireland

Scifi Fantasy:

We’re Not From Here by Geoff Rodkey

The Lion of Mars by Jennifer L. Holm

Glitch by Laura Martin

The Care and Feeding of a Pet Black Hole by Michelle Cuevas

Bob by Wendy Mass

It Wasn’t Me by Dana Levy

A Wish in the Dark by Christina Sonntornvat

Realistic:

Just Right Jillian by

How to Find What You’re Not Looking For by Verra Hiranandandi

Caterpillar Summer by Giullian McDunn

Here in the Real World by Sara Pennypacker

Tune It Out by Jamie Sumner