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Chase Masters and his father are Storm Runners. They race across America in pursuit of hurricanes, tornadoes and floods. Anywhere bad weather strikes, they won't be far behind. Chase knows he is learning far more on the road than he ever would in a classroom. But when the worst hurricane of the century hits, Chase finds himself tested in ways he could never have imagined. He's alone, with no food and no shelter. Can Chase survive the storm? And will he ever see his father again?

A Newbery Medal winning modern classic about a racially divided small

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town and a boy who runs. Jeffrey Lionel "Maniac" Magee might have lived a normal life if a freak accident hadn't made him an orphan. After living with his unhappy and uptight aunt and uncle for eight years, he decides to run--and not just run away, but run. This is where the myth of Maniac Magee begins, as he changes the lives of a racially divided small town with his amazing and legendary feats.

The text examines literature circles - how to implement, manage and assess -- in today's language arts classroom. Highlights included circles for emergent and independent readers, alternative assessments, and the purposes of literature circles. Who Put That Hair in My Toothbrush? Sibling rivalry at its finest! Whether it's on the hockey ice, at school, or at

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home, Greg and Megin just can't seem to get along. She calls him Grosso, he calls her Megamouth. They battle with donuts, cockroaches, and hair. Will it take a tragedy for them to realize how much they actually care for each other?

*The Stargirl Collection
Stargirl; Love, Stargirl
I Can Be Anything!*

Milkweed

As a student-centered book discussion group, literature circles foster cooperative learning.

Seventh-grader John "Crash" Coogan has always been comfortable with his tough, aggressive behavior, until his relationship with an unusual

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Quaker boy and his grandfather's stroke make him consider the meaning of friendship and the importance of family.

These ready-to-use, reproducible role sheets make literature circle discussions exciting, informative, fun and easy to manage. Literature circles accomodate a wide variety of reading levels and allow for differentiated instruction. In addition to promoting reading, writing and listening skills, literature circles encourage cooperation and courtesy, allow for individual assessment and motivate students to read!

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Updated list of books for text sets is included.

Armpit and X-Ray are living in Austin, Texas. It is three years since they left the confines of Camp Green Lake Detention Centre and Armpit is taking small steps to turn his life around. He is working for a landscape gardener because he is good at digging holes, he is going to school and he is enjoying his first proper romance, but is he going to be able to stay out of trouble when there is so much building up against him? In this exciting novel, Armpit is joined by many vibrant new characters, and is learning

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*what it takes to stay on course,
and that doing the right thing
is never the wrong choice.*

Crash

Knots in My Yo-Yo String

The Library Card

Space Station Seventh Grade

Stargirl

*Shy Megan Kelly cannot forget the
day a gypsy read her palm*

*announcing to all that she would
bring trouble to those around her.*

*Afterward, trouble does follow her,
until she takes the necessary steps to
free herself from the burdens of
fear, loneliness, and superstition*

*Crash Coogan is cool. He's the star of
the school football team...and he's a
bully. Penn Webb is small and weedy.*

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Penn Webb hates violence. He's a 'Peace' badge-wearing vegetarian...and he wants to try out for the cheerleading team. Crash and Penn are not destined to get along. From the day Penn moves into the neighbourhood, Crash torments him mercilessly. But no humiliation seems to bring Penn down. Could it be that in some way he is actually stronger than Crash?

In this story about the perils of popularity, the courage of nonconformity, and the thrill of first love, an eccentric student named Stargirl changes Mica High School forever.

The hardship and cruelty of life in the ghettos of Warsaw during the

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Nazi occupation of World War II is captured through the eyes of a young Jewish orphan who must use all his wit and courage to survive unimaginable circumstances.

Everything You Need for Successful Literature Circles That Get Kids Thinking, Talking, Writing and Loving Literature

Maniac Magee

Love, Stargirl

The Music of Dolphins

Report to the Principals Office

Ever since they were Snotsippers, Jack and the girl have fought, until one day she steals his bike and as he and the Amigos try to recover it, Jack realizes that he is growing up and must eventually leave the "goodlands and

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badlands of Hokey Pokey."

Offers suggestions to stop bullies in the classroom and outlines a program which uses literature as a starting point for discussion of bullying.

Contemporary stories about teamwork and sportsmanship.

Now a seventh grader, Jason finds out the hard way just how different things are where ninth graders are the kings.

Themed Text Literature Circles

Fourth Grade Rats

Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli

Literature Circle Role Sheets (eBook)

Hokey Pokey

A guide to facilitating the discussion of the novel by Jerry Spinelli by students in grades four through eight

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offers suggestions for identifying themes, analyzing vocabulary, and responding to the text.

CrashEmber

Nine-year-old David has recently lost his mother to a freak accident, his salesman father is constantly on the road, and he is letting his anger out on his grandmother. Sarcastic and bossy 13-year-old Primrose lives with her childlike, fortuneteller mother, and a framed picture is the only evidence of the father she never knew. Despite their differences, David and

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Primrose forge a tight yet tumultuous friendship, eventually helping each other deal with what is missing in their lives. This powerful, quirky novel about two very complicated, damaged children has much to say about friendship, loss, and recovery.

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The Mighty Crashman
Storm Runners
Who Put That Hair in My Toothbrush?

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**In The Face of Danger
Wringer**

***What is stargazer,
skateboarder, chess champ,
pepperoni pizza eater, older
brother, sister hater, best
friend, first kisser, science
geek, control freak Will
Tuppence so afraid of in this
great big universe? Jerry
Spinelli knows.***

***The long-awaited prequel to
the bestseller **FOURTH GRADE
RATS** George, aka "Suds," has
just entered third grade, and
he's heard the rhyme about
"first grade babies/second
grade cats/third grade
angels/fourth grade rats," but***

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what does this mean for his school year? It means that his teacher, Mrs. Simms, will hold a competition every month to see which student deserves to be awarded "the halo" - which student is best-behaved, kindest to others, and, in short, perfect. Suds is determined to be the first to earn the halo, but he's finding the challenge of always being good to be more stressful than he had anticipated. Does he have to be good even outside of school? (Does he have to be nice to his annoying little sister?) And if Mrs. Simms doesn't actually see him doing

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a good deed, does it even count? A warm, funny return to elementary school from master storyteller Spinelli. Newbery medalist Jerry Spinelli has penned his early autobiography with all the warmth, humor, and drama of his best-selling fiction. And don't miss the author's highly anticipated new novel, Dead Wednesday! "A master of those embarrassing, gloppy, painful, and suddenly wonderful things that happen on the razor's edge between childhood and full-fledged adolescence" --The Washington Post From first

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memories through high school, including first kiss, first punch, first trip to the principal's office, and first humiliating sports experience, this is not merely an account of a highly unusual childhood. Rather, like Spinelli's fiction, its appeal lies in the accessibility and universality of his life. Entertaining and fast-paced, this is a highly readable memoir-- a must-have for Spinelli fans of all ages.

Andrew wants freckles so badly that he buys Sharon's freckle recipe for fifty cents.
West of the Moon

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Literature Circles

Adventure Literature Circles

Novel Study

The Newbery Award-Winning

Author of Maniac Magee

Newbery Honor Book * ALA

Notable Children's Book

"Deeply felt. Presents a moral question with great care and sensitivity." —The

New York Times "A spellbinding story about rites of passage."

—Publishers Weekly (starred review) "A realistic story with the intensity of a fable."

—The Horn Book (starred review) "Thought-provoking." —School Library

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Journal (starred review) In Palmer LaRue's hometown of Waymer, turning ten is the biggest event of a boy's life. But for Palmer, his tenth birthday is not something to look forward to, but something to dread. Then one day, a visitor appears on his windowsill, and Palmer knows that this, more than anything else, is a sign that his time is up. Somehow, he must learn how to stop being afraid and stand up for what he believes in. *Wringer* is a powerful tour de force from Newbery Medal winner Jerry

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Spinelli.

The New York Times bestselling sequel to Newbery Medalist Jerry Spinelli's modern-day classic *Stargirl*, now an original film on Disney+! And don't miss the author's highly anticipated new novel, *Dead Wednesday!* *Love, Stargirl* picks up a year after *Stargirl* ends and reveals the new life of the beloved character who moved away so suddenly at the end of *Stargirl*. The novel takes the form of "the world's longest letter," in diary form, going from date to date through a

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little more than a year's time. In her writing, Stargirl mixes memories of her bittersweet time in Mica, Arizona, with involvements with new people in her life. In *Love, Stargirl*, we hear the voice of Stargirl herself as she reflects on time, life, Leo, and - of course - love.

“Spinelli is a poet of the prepubescent. . . . No writer guides his young characters, and his readers, past these pitfalls and challenges and toward their futures with more compassion.” —The New York Times

A fast, fun, friendship read

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from the Newbery-award winning author of Maniac Magee. Fourth graders are tough. They aren't afraid of spiders. They say no to their moms. They push first graders off the swings. And they never, ever cry. Suds knows that now that he's in fourth grade, he's supposed to be a rat. But whenever he tries to act like one, something goes wrong. Can Suds's friend Joey teach him to toughen up...or will Suds remain a fourth grade wimp?

In *West of the Moon*, award-winning and New York

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Times bestselling author Margi Preus expertly weaves original fiction with myth and folktale to tell the story of Astri, a young Norwegian girl desperate to join her father in America. After being separated from her sister and sold to a cruel goat farmer, Astri makes a daring escape. She quickly retrieves her little sister, and, armed with a troll treasure, a book of spells and curses, and a possibly magic hairbrush, they set off for America. With a mysterious companion in tow and the malevolent

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“goatman” in pursuit, the girls head over the Norwegian mountains, through field and forest, and in and out of folktales and dreams as they steadily make their way east of the sun and west of the moon.

Praise for *West of the Moon*
FIVE STARRED REVIEWS

"Like dun silk shot thought with gold, Preus interweaves the mesmerizing tale of Astri's treacherous and harrowing mid-nineteenth-century emigration to America with bewitching tales of magic. A fascinating author's note only adds to

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the wonder." --Booklist,
starred review "Norwegian
history, fiction and folklore
intertwine seamlessly in this
lively, fantastical adventure
and moving coming-of-age
story." --Kirkus Reviews,
starred review "Enthralling
and unflinching, this
historical tale resonates with
mythical undertones that
will linger with readers after
the final page is turned."
--School Library Journal,
starred review "Astri is like
a girl out of a fairy tale, and
the native folktales that
Preus weaves through the
narrative serve as guides,

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lessons, and inspiration for her." --Publishers Weekly, starred review "Several Norwegian folktales are seamlessly integrated into the fast-paced, lyrically narrated story, which features a protagonist as stalwart and fearless as any fairy-tale hero." --The Horn Book Magazine, starred review "It's Astri's voice, however, that is most appealing: her direct, no-nonsense narration has a sharp bite, yet it also reveals the vulnerable young girl who's willing to continue to fight but is nonetheless

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exhausted by the weight of her struggle. The chapters have an episodic structure that makes this an ideal choice for readaloud or storytelling adaptations, while the mix of folklore, fact, and fantasy will please fans of Edith Patou's East."

--The Bulletin of The Center
for Children's Books

Third Grade Angels

Dead Wednesday

Maxi's Secrets

Small Steps

The Bully in the Book and in
the Classroom

A stunning novel about a
'wild girl' who is

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discovered swimming with the dolphins, and the story of people's attempts to make her truly human. Mila creates headlines around the world when she is rescued from an unpopulated island off the coast of Florida. Now a teenager, she has been raised by dolphins from the age of four. Researchers teach Mila language and music. She learns, too, about rules and expectations, about locked doors and broken promises, disappointment

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and betrayal. The more Mila finds out what it means to be human, the more deeply she longs for her island home. With a highly original narrative style to mirror its plot, this is an unusual, moving and appealing story which stays in the mind long after it is read.

Can playing dead bring you back to life? Maybe on Dead Wednesday... On this day the worlds of a shy boy and a gone girl collide, and the connection they make

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will change them both forever. A brilliant new novel from the Newbery Medal winner and author of the New York Times bestseller *Stargirl*.

"Jerry Spinelli has created another middle grade masterpiece."

—BookPage, starred review
On Dead

Wednesday, every eighth grader in Amber Springs is assigned the name and identity of a teenager who died a preventable death in the past year. The kids don black shirts and for the whole

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day everyone in town pretends they're invisible—as if they weren't even there. The adults think it will make them contemplate their mortality. The kids know it's a free pass to get away with anything. Worm Tarnauer feels invisible every day. He's perfectly happy being the unnoticed sidekick of his friend Eddie. So he's not expecting Dead Wednesday to feel that different. But he didn't count on being assigned

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Becca Finch (17, car crash). And he certainly didn't count on Becca showing up to boss him around! Letting this girl into his head is about to change everything. This is the story of the unexpected, heartbreaking, hilarious, truly epic day when Worm Tarnauer discovers his own life. When I grow up, what shall I be? This exuberant book offers up everything from a paper plane folder to a puppy dog holder, from a silly

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joke teller to a snowball smoother. Newbery-Award winning author Jerry Spinelli's simple and charming rhymes are accompanied by internationally-renowned illustrator Jimmy Liao's vibrant and fantastical illustrations. This book is an imaginative joyride about hopes and dreams, and a reminder of all the possibilities life has to offer. So, what do you want to be? Remember--you can be anything!

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He wasn't born with the name Maniac Magee. He came into this world named Jeffrey Lionel Magee, but when his parents died and his life changed, so did his name. And Maniac Magee became a legend. Even today kids talk about how fast he could run; about how he hit an inside-the-park "frog" homer; how no knot, no matter how snarled, would stay that way once he began to untie it. But the thing Maniac Magee is best known for

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is what he did for the kids from the East Side and those from the West Side.

Literature Circles: The Way to Go and How to Get There

Smiles to Go

Loser

Role Sheets

Eggs

From renowned Newbery-winning author Jerry Spinelli comes a powerful story about how not fitting in just might lead to an incredible life. This classic book is perfect

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for fans of Gordon Korman and Carl Hiaasen. Just like other kids, Zinkoff rides his bike, hopes for snow days, and wants to be like his dad when he grows up. But Zinkoff also raises his hand with all the wrong answers, trips over his own feet, and falls down with laughter over a word like "Jabip." Other kids have their own word to describe him, but Zinkoff is too busy to hear it. He doesn't know he's not like everyone else. And one winter

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night, Zinkoff's differences show that any name can someday become "hero." With some of his finest writing to date and great wit and humor, Jerry Spinelli creates a story about a boy's individuality surpassing the need to fit in and the genuine importance of failure. As readers follow Zinkoff from first through sixth grade, it becomes impossible not to identify with and root for him through failures and triumphs.

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The perfect classroom read.

This ebook collection contains the complete text of *Stargirl*, Jerry Spinelli's modern classic for young readers, and its acclaimed follow-up, *Love, Stargirl*.

The amazing New York Times bestseller about what you can do when life gives you a second chance. Chase's memory just went out the window. Chase doesn't remember falling off the roof. He doesn't

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remember hitting his head. He doesn't, in fact, remember anything. He wakes up in a hospital room and suddenly has to learn his whole life all over again . . . starting with his own name. He knows he's Chase. But who is Chase? When he gets back to school, he sees that different kids have very different reactions to his return. Some kids treat him like a hero. Some kids are clearly afraid of him. One girl in particular

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is so angry with him that she pours her frozen yogurt on his head the first chance she gets. Pretty soon, it's not only a question of who Chase is -- it's a question of who he was . . . and who he's going to be. From the #1 bestselling author of *Swindle and Slacker*, *Restart* is the spectacular story of a kid with a messy past who has to figure out what it means to get a clean start.

Four completely

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different students at Plumstead Middle School have one thing in common. They are all about to report to the principal's office.

Freckle Juice

Literature Circle Guides

Maniac Magee

Literature Circle Role
Sheets

Restart

(or, What You Can Learn
from a Dog)

**"Fifth-grader Timminy,
who's small for his age
and new in town, isn't
eager to start middle
school--but he gets a**

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great consolation prize
in Maxi, a big, deaf,
lovable dog"--

The lives of four young
people in very different
circumstances are
changed by their
encounters with a
mysterious library card
that introduces them to
the world of books and
reading. Reprint.
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