



# LEVEL UP

## BOOKS THAT GROW WITH YOUR SKILLS

Tiered  
high school  
bundle

### WHAT TO READ NEXT?

Thematically grouped titles at ascending reading levels to scaffold up as you improve

#### Grade Level

1.4



**Brother No More**  
*Lori Schafer*

An inner-city girl dies. Her big brother feels responsible for it, and begins to question his own life choices as a result. Will his little sister's death lead to his own rebirth?

**Print:** 10.99 9781642611380  
**eBook:** 6.99 9781642610154  
**G.L.E:** 1.4

1.8



**Developing Henry**  
*Mari Sexton*

Henry has a learning disability and may always need help. Luckily, his family and friends are there!

**Print:** 10.99 9798885977524  
**eBook:** 6.99 9798885977562  
**G.L.E:** 1.8

1.5



**Jacob and the Bee Man**  
*Kelly Winters*

Jacob is on a tough path in life, and feeling trapped. But when he commits a petty crime and has to pay for it, he discovers that he doesn't need to let his past define him.

**Print:** 10.99 9781642611595  
**eBook:** 6.99 9781642610369  
**G.L.E:** 1.5

1.9



**The Hike**  
*Jennie Ford*

Three teen boys find an old map and embark on a long hike to find the elusive Bridal Veil Falls. Their misadventure will make you wonder, "Are some things not meant to be seen?"

**Print:** 10.99 9781642611953  
**eBook:** 6.99 9781642610727  
**G.L.E:** 1.9

1.5



**The Heart of a Runner**  
*Deborah Furmanski-Zabek*

This is the story of Max, a boy training for a 15k race with his dad. When tragedy unexpectedly strikes, Max needs more encouragement to keep running than his friends and family alone are able to give. Can a stranger offer him the healing and support he needs?

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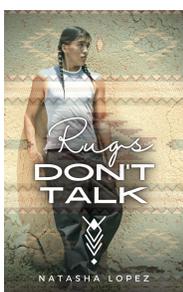


**Just Like That**  
*Janette LaRoche*

All Tom wants to do is impress a girl. When he runs a red light, three lives change forever.

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**eBook:** 6.99 9781642610383  
**G.L.E:** 2.0

1.6



**Rugs Don't Talk**  
*Natasha Lopez*

Kai is a teenager living on the Navajo reservation who wishes he was anywhere else. A scholarship might be his way out. But his Grandmother's illness changes everything. Will Kai ever find a way out of the "Rez life?"

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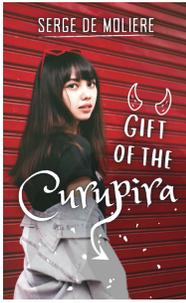


**Jacob's Trouble**  
*Kelly Winters*

Jacob is forced to deal with things that no teenager should, and gets himself into trouble as a result. But will he risk his relationship with the girl of his dreams by getting in with the wrong crowd?

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**eBook:** 6.99 9781642610376  
**G.L.E:** 2.1

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**Gift of the Curupira**  
*Serge De Moliere*

Elena's heart is set on Troy, but does he feel the same way about her? A recipe for a love potion could ensure that he does, but that sort of magic is dark, and her aunt warns her against using it. Will she listen?

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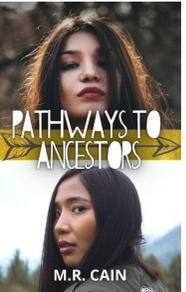


**Girl Power**  
*Kitty Heite*

A war has destroyed most of the country, and a team of young women must go on a dangerous mission to find power cells. Their camp of survivors depends on their success.

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**eBook:** 6.99 9781642610291  
**G.L.E:** 2.3

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**Pathways To Ancestors**  
*M. R. Cain*

Jessie knows most of the graves well. They belong to ancestors of hers—a long line of English, French, and native names. Yet there is one gravestone, right at the beginning of the line, that she knows nothing about. Who were Kimi and Pierre Lascaux?

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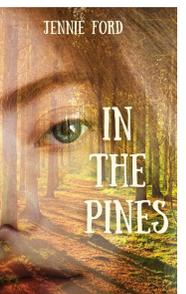


**Different**  
*Jennie Ford*

After revealing a major secret about himself, Caleb is forced to see his world through different eyes. Will things get better? Is it worth it to be honest about who he is?

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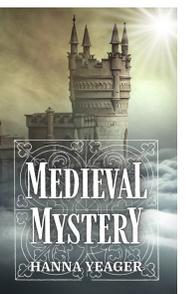


**In The Pines**  
*Jennie Ford*

Caroline grows up on a small farm in North Carolina. She learns that change is inevitable but not always bad; some of the best things in life are completely unexpected.

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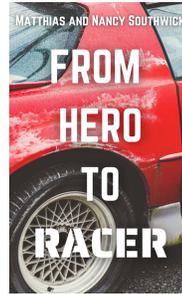


**Medieval Mystery**  
*Hanna Yeager*

Richard Pratt is a heartless old man. But who could hate him enough to kill him?

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**G.L.E:** 2.5

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**From Hero To Racer**  
*Matthias & Nancy Southwick*

A teen boy struggles with his decision to travel through time. With it comes tremendous responsibility and many rules, including to never jump forward. Only the past, the known, is safe. When Eleanor accidentally breaks this rule, she finds herself deep in the future, where she meets Chase. Her mind knows that she can't stay even as her heart urges her to find a way.

**Print:** 10.99 9781642611090  
**eBook:** 6.99 9781642610284  
**G.L.E:** 2.6

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**Leap of Faith**  
*Angela Dell'Isola*

Eleanor has a rare and valuable gift: the ability to travel through time. With it comes tremendous responsibility and many rules, including to never jump forward. Only the past, the known, is safe. When Eleanor accidentally breaks this rule, she finds herself deep in the future, where she meets Chase. Her mind knows that she can't stay even as her heart urges her to find a way.

**Print:** 10.99 9781642611236  
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**G.L.E:** 2.6

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**Walks With Augustus**  
*L.V. Halo*

A teen girl learns lessons of life and love while walking a troublesome terrier.

**Print:** 10.99 9781642612189  
**eBook:** 6.99 9781642610956  
**G.L.E:** 2.6

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**The Secret of the Blue Box**  
*Anna Cole*

Three sisters discover a secret family heirloom in their old vacation home. Questions arise, and they want answers. But they're not the only ones.

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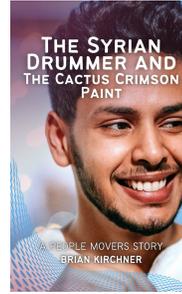


**Accepted**  
*John Smistad*

His goal is to be accepted. But all things come with a price, and he isn't sure this price is worth it.

**Print:** 10.99 9781642615425  
**eBook:** 6.99 9781642615623  
**G.L.E:** 2.8

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**The Syrian Drummer and The Cactus Crimion Paint**  
*Brian Kirchner*

Can three friends put their minds together to save their new band-mate from the prejudices threatening him and his family?

**Print:** 10.99 9781642612097  
**eBook:** 6.99 9781642610864  
**G.L.E:** 2.9

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**Art & Anger**  
*Nolan Yuma*

Noah is angry and getting bullied at his new school doesn't help. But when he befriends the principal's daughter, Noah learns how art, and friendship, can help him heal.

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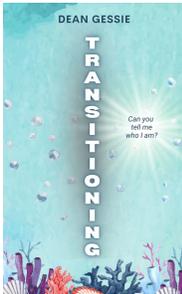


**Becoming Beautiful**  
*Sharon Smalls*

When the Miss Libertyville High Pageant is announced, Brittney is one of the first to sign up. To her surprise, her best friend Beauti signs up too. Brittney is afraid that Beauti will get hurt because she doesn't really "fit the mold" of what Brittney imagines a pageant winner looks like. But is there a "mold?"

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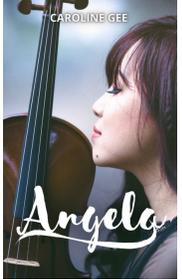


**Transitioning**  
*Dean Gessie*

Mx. Rogers (pronounced MIX Rogers) returns to school following their gender reassignment with a short tale from the ocean that they've written to help explain their new identity to their students.

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**G.L.E:** 3.2

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**Angela**  
*Caroline Gee*

Angela's controlling mother prevents Angela from living her life to the fullest. When Angela makes new friends at school, she begins to learn that abiding by her own rules doesn't necessarily mean disrespecting her mother.

**Print:** 10.99 9781642614633  
**eBook:** 6.99 9781642614640  
**G.L.E:** 3.4

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**Prom Date**  
*Craig Merrow*

"Oh yeah? I'll show you!" hollered Davy over the din of students heading to class. "I can get a prom date JUST LIKE THAT!" The question is...can he?

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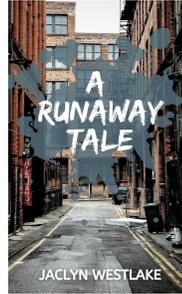


**Refried Dreams**  
*Sarah Haas*

Melanie needs a job, and she needs it now, but the only place hiring is the very last place she would ever want to work.

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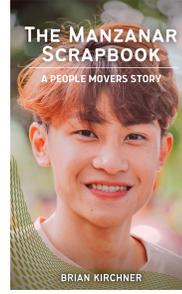


**A Runaway Tale**  
*Jaclyn Westlake*

Zigg, having grown up in captivity, finally makes an escape. But when other captors find him, he wonders whether he'll ever know it's like to live outside of a cage.

**Print:** 10.99 9781642614619  
**eBook:** 6.99 9781642614626  
**G.L.E:** 3.6

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**The Manzanar Scrapbook**  
*Brian Kirchner*

Valuable jewelry is stolen along with a scrapbook containing an old man's memories of being held as a boy in a Japanese-American internment camp in WWII. It's up to the People Movers to investigate.

**Print:** 10.99 9781642611977  
**eBook:** 6.99 9781642610741  
**G.L.E:** 3.6

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**The Palace**  
*Sophie Rathmann*

The Palace is old and sad. People fear it, and for good reason. Follow the story of The Palace as a young hero enter its walls. Survival depends on the strength of one's character, and the ability to counteract the evil that haunts The Palace.

**Print:** 10.99 9781642612004  
**eBook:** 6.99 9781642610772  
**G.L.E:** 3.6

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**The Alternative**  
*Tiffany Jones*

Jade is miserable when she has to transfer to a new high school in order to avoid being held back. But she starts to see things differently after a scare at the school one night.

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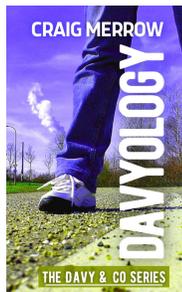


**A Night To Remember**  
*Tara Anders*

When I suggested that we sneak into our rival school and steal their mascot before the game tomorrow night, I didn't think Finn would actually take me up on it. This is sure to be a night to remember.

**Print:** 10.99 9798885979191  
**eBook:** 6.99 9781642619850  
**G.L.E:** 3.8

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**Davyology**  
*Craig Merrow*

Davy is a high school student with an unusual mind and a one-of-a-kind sense of humor. Readers will smile as they watch him navigate the trials of teenage life, from unwanted classes to sibling rivalry to endless, run-down cars.

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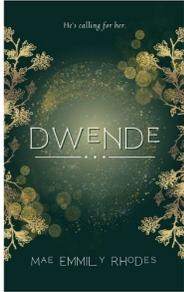


**Something To Prove**  
*Tiffany Jones*

Derek struggles to find a summer job and his stutter doesn't make things any easier. When he meets some unlikely friends at a thrift shop, he finds a new job and develops a new perspective.

**Print:** 10.99 9781642611151  
**eBook:** 6.99 9781642610642  
**G.L.E.:** 3.8

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**Dwende**  
*Mae Emily Rhodes*

Nica's family helper Melvie believes a dwende, a Filipino mythical creature, has fallen in love with her. As Melvie slips further into this belief, Nica is confronted with the fear of losing her.

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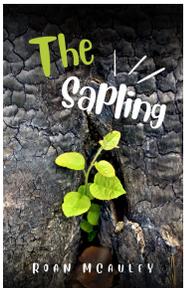


**Out of Time**  
*Vivian Wolkoff*

Emmett is a bright young man with a future full of potential... until people's prejudices get in the way.

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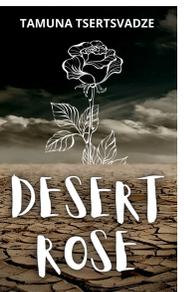


**The Sapling**  
*Roan McAuley*

Colin is shy and desperate to connect with his fellow high school students, but he learns that sometimes fitting in isn't worth the price.

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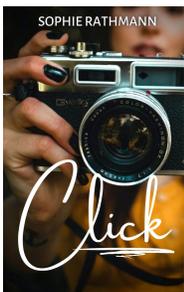


**Desert Rose**  
*Tamuna Tsertsvadze*

They used to play together. They were best friends before they were separated by their countries, their tribes, and the war between them. Will Orchidea's and Roziel's paths ever cross again?

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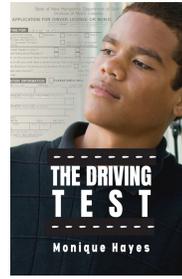


**Click**  
*Sophie Rathmann*

Gwen has a complex relationship with her father, Malcolm. She is hesitant to go on their annual summer hiking trip. However, this time Gwen captures and reflects on some of Malcolm's more tender moments. As Malcolm starts to soften in his old age, they finally start to meet in the middle and form a stronger bond.

**Print:** 10.99 9781642615876  
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**G.L.E.:** 4.1

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**The Driving Test**  
*Monique Hayes*

Taking a driving test is stressful enough for any teenager. But Enrique is up against a particularly difficult barrier, and it has nothing to do with his driving skills.

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**G.L.E.:** 4.1

4.3



**Common Sense**  
*Jamie Todd*

Everyone deserves a place to feel welcome and safe—it's common sense. Perry, Gael, Dawson, Marina, and Valentina fight for the creation of a Gay-Straight Alliance club.

**Print:** 10.99 9781642611427  
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**G.L.E.:** 4.3

4.3



**The Move**  
*Michelle Henry*

Every time she gets used to a place and really starts to like it, to make new friends, Jana's Mom tells her it is time to leave again. Is this really happening again?

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**G.L.E.:** 4.3

4.4



**Lorelei and the White Mare**  
*Jacqueline Kolosov*

Since her mother died last year, time has stood still for Lorelei, although the rest of the world has continued spinning. Confused and alone, she pours herself into her job at the local stable.

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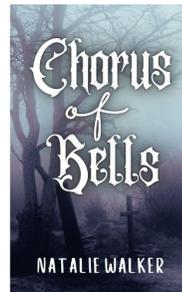


**Carpets**  
*Naila Neymatova*

Intricately intertwined among the carpets of a childhood home, in a country split between two cultures and identities, is an emotional tale of memories and undiscovered truths.

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**G.L.E.:** 4.5

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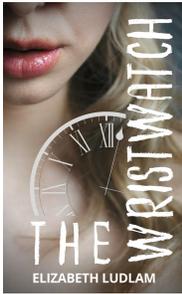
**Chorus of Bells**  
*Natalie Walker*

Based on the legend of Dead Ringers and the origin of the term "graveyard shift," Chorus of Bells is set in the mid-nineteenth century. Lester, a skeptical young man, is patrolling the village cemetery for his first night as the graveyard lookout. He expects a silent night, but it ends up being anything but quiet.

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**Grade Level**

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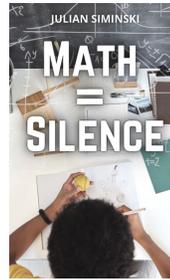


**The Wristwatch**  
*Elizabeth Ludlam*

After the death of Jessica's parents, she was sent to live with her terrible Great-Aunt Genevieve. After her aunt robbed her of almost all her belongings, her only link to her previous life was a beautiful golden wristwatch that once belonged to her mother. After two long years of abuse, Jessica finally decided to take control of her situation. Any minute now, her life will change forever.

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**G.L.E:** 4.6

5.2



**Math = Silence**  
*Julian Siminski*

When doing a project on Leonardo da Vinci for his math class, Tyler learns that fair representation can help people be more confident with their identity.

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**eBook:** 6.99 9781642614763  
**G.L.E:** 5.2

4.9



**The Lilac Lesson**  
*Cat Jenkins*

They finally have a name, a label, for Sandy: autism. Formerly, she'd been "shy" Sandy, "weird" Sandy, "silent" Sandy, "odd" Sandy. With the help of Granny Tess and her lilacs, Sandy comes to realize that she is so much more than any type of label. She realizes that she is different, and different isn't bad; it's beautiful.

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**G.L.E:** 4.9

5.3



**Argentum**  
*Abigail Mitchell*

A centuries-old curse brought down on every girl in the royal family has spurred the King's daughter to take matters into her own hands.

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**G.L.E:** 5.3

4.9



**The Plea**  
*Kaitlyn O'Malley*

"The Plea" wasn't meant to be statement about society. It began as the simple story of a friendship torn apart by the harsh realities of the world. Without intending to, it became infused with the author's own experiences of being born in Russia, living in Saudi Arabia, and traveling abroad—that's when it became more than a story. It became an attempt to make sense of a world plagued by segregation, discrimination, and societal hierarchies—something that could make a difference.

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**G.L.E:** 4.9

5.9



**Keeping Time**  
*Sienna Santer*

Seven strangers are thrust into one another's lives in an unexpected and dangerous turn of events. How they handle themselves in the midst of hunger, fear, and endless fighting will ask readers to consider what is truly important in life.

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