

## Survival Stories

**Hatchet by Gary Paulsen** — Headed to Canada to visit his father for the first time since his parents' divorce, 13 year-old Brian, is the sole survivor of a plane crash, with only the clothes on his back and a hatchet to help him live in wilderness.

**Zane and the Hurricane by W. R.**

**Phibric**— A 12 year-old boy and his dog become trapped in New Orleans during the horrors of Hurricane Katrina.

**Hide and Seek by Katy Grant** — In the remote mountains of Arizona where he lives with his mother, stepfather and two sisters, 14 year-old Chase discovers two kidnapped boys and gets caught up in a dangerous adventure when he comes up with a plan to get them to safety.

**Ice Dogs by Terry Lynn Johnson** — In this Alaska survival story, 14 year-old Vicky and her dogsled team find an injured sledder in the wilderness.



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## Tween Genre Spotlight:

### Action/Adventure/Survival

For the reader who enjoys a taste of the courageous, with a hint of the dangerous! These books are available in the Tween section of the library.



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## Action/Adventure Stories

**The Hobbit by J. R. R. Tolkien** — In a hole in the ground there lived a hobbit. Not a nasty, dirty, wet hole, filled with the ends of worms and an oozy smell, nor yet a dry, bare, sandy hole with nothing in it to sit down on or to eat: it was a hobbit-hole, and that means comfort.

**Save Rafe! by James Patterson** — Middle schooler Rafe Khatchadorian faces his greatest challenge yet as he struggles to complete a week-long wilderness survival course to prove his school administrators that he can succeed.

**Inkheart series by Cornelia Funke** — 12 year-old Maggie learns that her father, who repairs and binds books, can “read” fictional characters to life when one of those characters abducts them and tries to force him into service.

**Peter Nimble and His Fantastic Eyes by Johnathan Auxier** — A 10 year-old blind orphan steals a box from a mysterious traveling haberdasher—a box that contains three pairs of magical eyes. Along with his loyal sidekick and the magic eyes, he embarks on an unforgettable adventure to discover his true destiny.

**The Book of Wonders by Jasmine Richards**— Thirteen-year-old Zardi loves to hear stories about fantastical beings, long banned from the kingdom of Arribitha. But anyone caught whispering of their powers will feel the rage of the sultan—a terrifying usurper who, even with his eyes closed, can see all.

**The False Prince by Jennifer A. Nielsen** — In a discontent kingdom, civil war is brewing. To unify the divided people, Conner, a nobleman of the court, devises a cunning plan to find an impersonator of the king's long-lost son and install him as a puppet prince. Four orphans are recruited to compete for the role, including a defiant boy named Sage. As Sage moves from a rundown orphanage to Conner's sumptuous palace, layer upon layer of treachery and deceit unfold.

**The Unwanted by Lisa McMann** — When Alex finds out he is Unwanted, he expects to die. That is the way of the people of Quill. Each year, all the thirteen-year-olds are labeled as Wanted, Necessary, or Unwanted. Wanted get more schooling and train to join the Quillitary. Necessaries keep the farms running. Unwanted are set for elimination.



**Holes by Louis Sachar** — Stanley Yelnats is under a curse. A curse that began with his no-good-dirty-rotten-pig-stealing-great-great-grandfather and has since followed generations of Yelnatses. Now Stanley has been unjustly sent to a boys' detention center, Camp Green Lake, where the boys build character by spending all day, every day digging holes exactly five feet wide and five feet deep. There is no lake at Camp Green Lake. But there are an awful lot of holes.

**Surviving the Applewhites by Stephanie S. Tolan** — Jake Semple is notorious. Rumor has it he burned down his old school and got kicked out of every school in his home state. Only one place will take him now, and that's a home school run by the Applewhites, a chaotic and hilarious family of artists. The only one who doesn't fit the Applewhite mold is E.D.—a smart, sensible girl who immediately clashes with the unruly Jake.

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