Juvenile Non-Fiction

The Adventures of Odysseus by Hugh Lupton J398.2 LUP
This book introduces highlights of Homer's timeless epic to a new generation of elementary school readers.

The Boys' Book of Survival: How to Survive Anything, Anywhere by Guy Campbell J613.69 CAM
How to survive anything all in one handy book! Inside you’ll find out how to treat a snakebite, send an SOS message, track an animal, make a map, and build a ladder. Find out how to survive a school dance, a shopping trip with your mom, a pop quiz, and a shark attack!

Can You survive the Titanic? an Interactive Survival Adventure by Allison Lassieur J910.916 LAS
You are a passenger on the most spectacular ocean liner ever built the Titanic. When the ship hits an iceberg and begins to sink, its going to take more than luck to survive.

How to Survive in Antarctica by Lucy Jane Bledsoe J919.8 BLE
During her exploratory sojourns to Antarctica, Lucy Jane Bledsoe witnessed many amazing sights, such as mummified seals, and picked up more than a few survival tactics.

I survived….. by Lauren Tarshis J F TAR
Each book tells a a terrifying and thrilling story from history through the eyes of a boy who lived to tell the tale. (660L)

The Japanese Tsunami, 2011 The Eruption of Mount St. Helens, 1980
The Battle of Gettysburg, 1863 The American Revolution, 1776
The Attacks of September 11, 2001 The Hindenburg Disaster, 1937
The Sinking of the Titanic, 1912 The Joplin Tornado, 2011
The Shark Attacks of 1916 The Children’s Blizzard, 1888
Hurricane Katrina, 2005
The Bombing of Pearl Harbor, 1941
The San Francisco Earthquake, 1906
The Nazi Invasion, 1944
The Destruction of Pompeii, AD 79
The Great Chicago Fire, 1871

Maze of Bones (39 Clues Series) J F THI
The novels revolve around Amy and Dan Cahill, orphans who, upon their grandmother's death, discover that they are members of the Cahill family, whose members have shaped world history. (610L)

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A Week in the Woods by Andrew Clements J F CLE
The fifth grade's annual camping trip in the woods tests Mark's survival skills and his ability to relate to a teacher who seems out to get him. (820L)

The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo J F DIC
The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin. (670L)

My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George J F GEO
Terribly unhappy in his family's crowded New York City apartment, Sam Gribley runs away to the solitude and danger of the mountains, where he finds a side of himself he never knew. (810L)

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell J F ODE
Left alone on a beautiful but isolated island off the coast of California, a young Indian girl spends eighteen years, not only merely surviving through her enormous courage and self-reliance, but also finding happiness in her solitary life. (1000L)

Run, Boy, Run by Uri Orlev J F ORL
Based on the true story of a nine-year-old boy who escapes the Warsaw Ghetto and must survive throughout the war in the Nazi-occupied Polish countryside. (570L)

Dogsong by Gary Paulsen J F PAU
A fourteen-year-old Eskimo boy who feels assailed by the modernity of his life takes a 1400-mile journey by dog sled across ice, tundra, and mountains seeking his own "song" of himself. (930L)

The Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare J F SPE
Twelve-year-old Matt is left on his own in the Maine wilderness while his father leaves to bring the rest of the family to their new settlement. When he befriends Attean, an Indian chief's grandson, he is invited to join the Beaver tribe and move north. Should Matt abandon his hopes of ever seeing his family again and go on to a new life? (770L)

Navigating Early by Clare Vanderpool J F VAN
Odyssey-like adventure of two boys' incredible quest on the Appalachian Trail where they deal with pirates, buried secrets, and extraordinary encounters. (790L)

The Forbidden Stone (The Copernicus Legacy) by Tony Abbott J F ABB
Wade, Lily, Darrell, and Becca fly from Texas to Germany for the funeral of an old family friend. But instead of just paying their respects, they wind up on a dangerous, mind-blowing quest to unlock an ancient, guarded secret that could destroy the fate of the world. (680L)

Mission Unstoppable (Genius Files Series) by Dan Gutman J F GUT
On a cross-country vacation with their parents, twins Coke and Pepsi, fend off strange assassins as they try to come to terms with their being part of a top-secret government organization known as The Genius Files. (730L)

Shipwreck (Island Trilogy) by Gordon Korman J F KOR
They didn't want to be on the boat in the first place. They didn't want to be stuck at sea with a bunch of strangers. But when a storm hits, what they want doesn't matter. It's all about survival. (610L)

The Colossus Rises (Seven Wonders Series) by Peter Lerangis J F LER
Teens Jack, Marco, Aly, and Cass begin a quest to find seven pieces of Atlantis' power that were hidden long ago and that will, if returned to Atlantis, save them from certain death. (580L)

The Golden Door (Three Doors Trilogy) by Emily Rodda J F ROD
The city of Weld is under attack from flying creatures that raid in the night, bringing destruction. The Warden calls for Volunteers to find and destroy the Enemy and they answer the call one by one, never to return. (820L)

Wild Born (Spirit Animals Series) J F SPI by Brandon Mull
Four flashes of light erupt, and from them emerge the unmistakable shapes of incredible beasts -- a wolf, a leopard, a panda, a falcon. Suddenly the paths of these children -- and the world -- have been changed forever. (680L)

The Mysterious Benedict Society Bk. 1 by Trenton Lee Stewart J F STE
After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover. (890L)

Game On (Max Flash Series) J F ZUC
There are dangerous monsters to fight, and a perilous plot to foil: does Max have the special skills needed to save the day? (520L)