

# Adventure Stories

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**The cay by Theodore Taylor (860L)** When the freighter on which they are traveling is torpedoed by a German submarine during World War II, a twelve-year boy, blinded by a blow on the head, and an old man are stranded on a small desert island in the Caribbean.

**Escaping the giant wave by Peg Kehret (750L)** When an earthquake creates a tsunami while thirteen-year-old Kyle is babysitting his sister during a family vacation at a Pacific Coast resort, he tries to save himself, his sister, and a boy who has bullied him for years.

**Mission unstoppable by Dan Gutman (730L)** On a cross-country vacation with their parents, twins Coke and Pepsi, soon to be thirteen, 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.

**Jason's gold by Will Hobbs (860L)** When news of the discovery of gold in Canada's Yukon Territory in 1897 reaches fifteen-year-old Jason, he embarks on a 10,000-mile journey to strike it rich.

**Leepike Ridge by N.D. Wilson (780L)** While his widowed mother continues to search for him, eleven-year-old Tom, presumed dead after drifting away down a river, finds himself trapped in a series of underground caves with another survivor and a dog, and pursued by murderous treasure-hunters.

**Moose tracks by Mary Casanova (770L)** Twelve-year-old Seth, the son of a game warden, tries to save an orphaned moose calf from poachers.

**My side of the mountain by Jean Craighead George (810L)** A young boy relates his adventures during the year he spends living alone in the Catskill Mountains including his struggle for survival, his dependence on nature, his animal friends, and his ultimate realization that he needs human companionship.



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**Running out of time by Margaret Peterson Haddix (730L)** When a diphtheria epidemic hits her 1840 village, and it's up to Jessie to escape the village and save the lives of the dying children.

**The scarecrow and his servant by Philip Pullman (850L)** A scarecrow and his boy servant, Jack, set off on a dangerous adventure as they try to outwit the crooked Buffaloni family and stake their claim to valuable Spring Valley.

**The Thief Lord by Cornelia Funke (640L)** Two brothers run away from the aunt who plans to adopt the younger one, are sought by a detective but they have found shelter with--and protection from--Venice's "Thief Lord."

**The true confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi (740L)** As the only passenger, and the only female, on a transatlantic voyage in 1832, thirteen-year-old Charlotte finds herself caught between a murderous captain and a mutinous crew.

**The twenty-one balloons by William Pène Du Bois (1070L)** The fabulous voyage of Professor William Waterman Sherman as he flies from San Francisco in a balloon and encounters strange and wondrous adventures along the way.

**A week in the woods by Andrew Clements (820L)** 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.

