



Fearless Females
Great books for girls in 6th-8th grades
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Poppy by Avi

J AVI

When Poppy, a young mouse, discovers the truth about the owl that rules the Dimwood Forest, she must embark on a terrifying journey in order to convince her family to leave their home.

Turn Homeward Hannalee by Patricia Beatty

J BEA

Hannalee and her family have always worked in the Georgia mills. When General Sherman order the workers arrested, she and her brother are sent north. Will they ever make it back home?

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

J BUR, JP BUR, AUDIO TAPE JF BUR

After her parents' death, Mary is sent to England to live with her reclusive uncle. In the dark manor house, Mary finds many secrets, including the key to a locked garden.

Matilda by Roald Dahl

J DAH. JP DAH

Matilda is an exceptional child with amazing abilities. Once she discovers her unique powers, she uses them to punish the horrible adults in her life and to reward the kind ones.

City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau

J DUP, AUDIO CD JF DUP

On career day, Lina, who dreams of becoming a messenger, is assigned the pipeworks. She trades jobs with Doon and together they discover information about the failing generator which threatens to send their world into darkness.

The Breadwinner by Deborah Ellis

J ELL, AUDIO TAPE JF ELL

Under the Taliban, women were nearly forbidden to leave the house. When Parvana's father is arrested, she dares to dressed as a boy in order to make money for her family

Overboard by Elizabeth Fama

J FAM

When an overcrowded ferry sinks off the coast of Sumatra, Emily, a 14-year old American girl must try to stay alive with no food, no water and no life preserver.

Our Eleanor by Candace Fleming

J B ROO

This unique biography reveals the fascinating life of Eleanor Roosevelt, the woman who redefined the role of the first lady, in the form of a scrapbook containing artifacts from her life.

Coraline by Neil Gaiman

J GAI, J GN GAI, TEEN GAI

There's a door that leads to nowhere in Coraline's new house. When Coraline goes through the door, she finds an unusual world. Should she stay? Can she find her way back?

Running Out of Time by Mary Peterson Haddix

JP HAD

Jessie and her family live in a small village in 1840. When a diphtheria epidemic strikes the town, her mother reveals an amazing secret, forcing Jessie to venture into an unknown world.

Wait Till Helen Comes by Mary Downing Hahn **J HAH, JP HAH**
Molly hates her new stepsister Heather and she hates her new house near an old graveyard. When Heather starts acting strangely, Molly believes that she may be friends with a ghost.

Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg
J KON, JP KON, AUDIO TAPE JF KON

Claudia is tired of her old life and decides to run away from home. But would a persnickety girl like Claudia sleep outdoors? Never! Instead, she runs away to the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine

J LEV, AUDIO CD JF LEV

When Ella is born, she receives a fairy "gift" that forces her to be obedient. After her father remarries, Ella's life is turned upside-down, with ogres, princes, stepsisters and a grand adventure.

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH by Robert C. O'Brien

J OBR, JP OBR, AUDIO CD JF OBR

Summer is coming and Mrs. Frisby must move her little mouse family to safety. When her youngest son becomes ill, Mrs. Frisby has no choice but to seek

First Test by Tamora Pierce

J PIE, AUDIO CD JF PIE

It's just not fair! King Jonathan has declared that girls may become knights, but when Kel applies, she is put on probation. Kel must fight to prove herself so that she can get a shot at her dreams.

The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin

J RAS, AUDIO CD JF RAS

The old Westing mansion has been abandoned for years, but the new residents of Sunset Towers see smoke rising from the chimney. Soon everyone is involved in a wild game of Whodunit as they try to catch the murderer in their midst.

Becoming Naomi Leon by Pam Munoz Ryan

J RYA, AUDIO CD JF RYA

Naomi is happy living with her Gran and her brother Owen in their trailer in California. When her mother and tries to convince Naomi to live with her, Naomi must make some hard choices.

To Dance: A Ballerina's Graphic Novel by Siena Cherson Siegel

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This beautiful graphic novel tells the story of the author, who started studying Ballet at age six and was accepted to the American School of Ballet.

Heir Apparent by Vivian Vande Velde

TEEN VAN

Welcome to Heir Apparent, a virtual reality game set in the Middle Ages. There are a million ways to die. But when the game machine is damaged, it's not only the character's life that's at stake.

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