

# CARROLL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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#### **Riordan, Rick: *39 Clues Series: Maze of Bones***

What would happen if you discovered that your family was one of the most powerful in human history? What if you were told that the source of the family's power was hidden around the world in the form of 39 clues? And, what if you were given a choice of taking a million dollars and walking away or getting the first clue to the mystery? If you're Amy and Cahill, you take the clue, and begin a very dangerous race!

#### **Downing-Hahn, Mary: *Deep and Dark and Dangerous***

A 13-year-old girl named Ali finds an old photograph in the attic of her house, she recognizes two of the three children as her Aunt Dulcie & her Mom, Claire. But she finds that a third girl has been torn out of the photo. Ali first asks her Mother, but she denies that there ever was a third child & insists that it was just herself & Dulcie. Ali figures she'll have time to figure out who the girl is while she's with her Aunt & younger cousin, Emma, at a small cottage in Maine, but not long after they arrive, the girls meet Sissy. Sissy is a mean & spiteful 10-year-old girl who is a bad influence on Emma, but Ali believes that Sissy knows about an incident in which a girl named Teresa Abbot Drowned under mysterious circumstances in a lake by the cottage 30 years before on the last summer that Dulcie & Claire were there when they were children, and, strangest of all, Sissy keeps talking about that very incident. At first, Ali suspects that Sissy is trying to scare both her & Emma with a ghost story. However, she soon discovers the reason as to why Sissy is so angry.

#### **Russell, Rachel Renee: *Dork Diaries***

The Dork Diaries series chronicle the not-so-fabulous life of Nikki Maxwell as she navigates the halls of middle school, mean girls, BFF drama, and first crushes. New fans and collectors alike will relish this dose of dorktastic fun!

#### **Lord, Cynthia: *Rules***

A heartfelt and witty debut about feeling different and finding acceptance – beyond the rules. Twelve year old Catherine just wants a normal life. Which is near impossible when you have a brother with autism and a family that revolves around his disability. She's spent years trying to teach David the rule from a "peach is not a funny looking apple" to "keep your pants on in public" in order to stop his embarrassing behaviors. But the summer Catherine meets Jason, a paraplegic boy, and Kristi, the next door friend she's always wished for, it's her own shocking behavior that turns everything upside down and forces her to ask: What is normal?

#### **Hiaasen, Carl: *Scat***

Bunny Starch, the most feared biology teacher ever, is missing. She disappeared after a school field trip to Black Vine Swamp. And, to be honest, the kids in her class are relieved. But when the principal tries to tell the students that Mrs. Starch has been called away on a "family emergency," Nick and Marta just don't buy it. No, they figure the class delinquent, Smoke, has something to do with her disappearance. And he does! But not in the way they think. There's a lot more going on in Black Vine Swamp than any one player in this twisted tale can see. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: WC Summer Reading List Page 2

**Smith, Roland: *Peak***

After Peak Marcello is arrested for scaling a New York City skyscraper, he's left with two choices: wither away in Juvenile Detention or go live with his long lost father, who runs a climbing company in Thailand. But Peak quickly learns that his father's renewed interest in him has strings attached. Big strings. He wants Peak to be the youngest person to reach the Everest Summit – and his motives are selfish at best. Even so, for a climbing addict like Peak, tackling Everest is the challenge of a lifetime. But it's also one that could cost him his life.

**Collins, Suzanne: *Gregor the Overlander***

When Gregor falls through a grate in the laundry room of his apartment building, he hurtles into the dark Underland, where spiders, rats, cockroaches coexist uneasily with humans. This world is on the brink of war, and Gregor's arrival is no accident. A prophecy foretells that Gregor has a role to play in the Underworld's uncertain future. Gregor wants not part of it – until he realizes it's the only way to solve the mystery of his father's disappearance. Reluctantly, Gregor embarks on a dangerous adventure that will change both him and the Underworld forever.

**Draper, Sharon: *Double Dutch***

Three eighth-grade friends preparing for the International Double Dutch Championship jump rope competition in their home town of Cincinnati, Ohio, cope with Randy's missing father, Deia's inability to read, and Yo Yo's encounter with the class bullies.

**Korman, Gordon: *Chasing the Falconers***

Two kids break out of a juvenile detention center and become fugitives in order to clear their convicted parent's names in this heartstopping series from kid-read master Gordon Korman. Aidan and Meg Falconer are their parents' only hope. The Falconers are facing life in prison – unless Aidan and Meg can follow a trail of clues to prove their innocence. The problem? Right now they're trapped in juvenile detention center. Until they escape one night – and find themselves on the run, both from the authorities and from a sinister attacker who has his own reason to stop them. The Falconers must use their wits to make it across the country . . . with plenty of tests along the way. Gordon Korman takes readers into FUGITIVE territory – with thrilling results

**Cooney, Caroline: *They Never Came Back***

In a busy school cafeteria, a teenage girl is confronted by a classmate who questions her identity. He explains to the students who have crowded around that the girl bears an uncanny resemblance to his cousin, who was taken away by social services five years ago after her parents abandoned her, fleeing the country after being accused of embezzling millions of dollars. The students are intrigued, but the girl shrugs off the attention as a case of mistaken identity. As the days pass, however, the boy refuses to relent and even brings his parents in to back him up. But they are not the only adults involved. An FBI agent who has been working the case these past five years believes that whoever this girl is, she can serve to help the FBI capture the fugitives.