City Spies
James Ponti
Sara Martinez is facing years in the juvenile detention system for hacking into the foster care computer system to prove that her foster parents are crooks. But then she gets a second chance when a mysterious man offers her a chance to join a group of MI6 affiliated spies.

The Gauntlet
Karuna Riazi
When Farah and her two best friends get sucked into a mechanical board game called The Gauntlet of Blood and Sand, a puzzle game akin to a large Rubik’s cube, they know it is up to them to defeat the game’s diabolical architect in order to save themselves and those who are trapped inside, including her baby brother Ahmed.

The Explorer
Katherine Rundell
Left stranded in the Amazon jungle when their plane crashes on their way back to England from Manaus, Brazil, four children struggle to survive for days until one of them finds a map that leads them to a ruined city and a secret hidden among the vines.

Loot
Jude Watson
When Alfie McQuinn, the notorious jewel thief, is killed on a job, his last words to his son, March, are to “find jewels” and this instruction leads the boy to Jules, the twin sister he never knew he had—and the perfect partner to carry on the family business.

MORE ACTION/ADVENTURE BOOKS:

The Last Kids on Earth  I  J Brallier
Masterminds  I  J Gordon
The Door in the Alley  I  J Kress
Treasure Hunters  I  J Patterson
Addison Cooke and the Treasure of the Incas  I  J Stokes

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I Survived the California Wildfires, 2018
Lauren Tarshis
Traces the story of a boy who moves across the country to rural northern California, where his efforts to adjust are challenged by a fast-moving firestorm that places family homes and lives at risk.

Alone
Megan Freeman
When twelve-year-old Maddie hatches a scheme for a secret sleepover with her two best friends, she ends up waking up to a nightmare. She’s alone—left behind in a town that has been mysteriously evacuated and abandoned.

Distress Signal
Mary E. Lambert
Lavender and the rest of the sixth-graders are on a camping trip to the Chiricahua wilderness, but the trip seems cursed from the start, and when a flash flood splits the group up Lavender finds herself lost, together with her former best friend Mariel, mean-girl Rachelle, and a boy John who has been behaving like a surly jerk since the start.

The Disaster Days
Rebecca Behrens
Thirteen-year-old Hannah’s first real babysitting job turns into a nightmare when a major earthquake knocks out power and phones, cuts off the island, and leaves her stranded with two children.

Young Captain Nemo
Jason Henderson
Twelve-year-old Gabriel Nemo—a descendant of Captain Nemo himself—and his friends embark on a series of worldwide underwater adventures in Nemo’s Nemotech submarine.

Dragon Ops
Mari Mancusi
Twelve-year-old Ian is thrilled to beta test the mixed-reality version of his favorite game, but unless he, his sister, Lilli, and their cousin Derek defeat the dragon, it will be game over.

Storm Blown
Nick Courage
In San Juan, Puerto Rico, Alejandro worries about his great-uncle while helping guests at a resort, and in New Orleans, Emily worries about her sick brother, as a major hurricane rages, changing both their lives forever.

Nikki Tesla and the Ferret-Proof Death Ray
Jess Keating
Nikki Tesla is a genius, so mostly she finds school boring, and amuses herself by inventing things. So she and her ferret are hustled off to the special Genius Academy with classmates who are equally exceptional—but when her death ray disappears she has something bigger to worry about.

Ryan Quinn and the Rebel’s Escape
Ron McGee
When his father disappears and his mother is abducted, Ryan learns that his missing parents are secret agents and that he must undertake a perilous mission to rescue them.

Lola Benko, Treasure Hunter
Beth McMullen
Sent to a private school after multiple brushes with the law, twelve-year-old Lola Benko recruits classmates to help find her archaeologist father, who disappeared while seeking a powerful mythical stone.

96 Miles
J.L. Esplin
During a massive blackout in rural Nevada, two brothers struggle to survive without their self-reliance-obsessed dad and without enough water cross the desert for help.

Lalani of the Distant Sea
Erin Estrada Kelly
Twelve-year-old Lalani Sarita takes on the impossible task of traveling to the legendary Mount Isa, towering on an island to the north. Generations of men and boys have died on the same quest—how can a timid young girl in a tiny boat survive the epic tests of the archipelago?