
Realistic Fiction

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Al Abdullah, Rania Her Majesty Queen. *The Sandwich Swap*. New York: Hyperion, 2010. ISBN: 978-1-4131-1484-9. PB & J v. hummas on a pita. The difference of opinion on these lunches causes a friendship to split apart and vicious lines to be drawn at school. The two characters come together and recognize that differences are not so bad!

Di Camillo, Kate and McGhee, Alison. *Bink and Gollie*. Somerville: Candlewick, 2010. ISBN: 978-0-7636-3266-3. Two friends, one tall, one short, love to roller skate, but have oh so many others things to disagree about! In the end, they help one another and learn about compromise. The three short stories contain lots of pancake and peanut butter eating, Gollie's amazing vocabulary and the lovely imaginations of both characters!

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Greene, Stephanie. *Happy Birthday, Sophie Hartley*. Boston: Clarion, 2010. ISBN: 978-0-547-25128-8. Sophie has a big birthday coming up, her first in the double digits! All she longs for is one small thing, a pet gorilla! Sophie's just not sure her birthday will be everything she is dreaming of, with trouble from her busy family and their tight budget, her sister and the mean girls at school.

O'Connor, Barbara. *The Fantastic Secret of Owen Jester*. Harrisonburg: RR Donnelley, 2010. ISBN: 978-0-374-36850-0. Owen Jester has finally caught the most beautiful, slimiest bullfrog in Carter, Georgia. While pondering the bullfrog's happiness, he hears something fall off of the nightly train. With his good buddies and the annoying, know-it-all girl next door, he goes on a quest to find the mysterious object from the train and have a glorious underwater adventure.

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Connor, Leslie. *Crunch*. New York: Katherine Tegan, 2010. ISBN: 978-0-06-169229-1. Dewey Marriss' parents are stranded far away due to the gasoline shortage. The Mariss family bicycle repair shop is suddenly extremely busy. Dewey and the other Marriss kids struggle to keep the family together, the shop running and find the thief who is stealing from them.

Klise, Kate. *Grounded*. New York: Fiewel and Friends, 2010. ISBN: 978-0-312-57039-2. Daralyn's siblings and father have just died in a plane crash. Now, alone with her stony mother, she never gets to do anything, except help out at her mother's beauty parlor (styling the hair of the recently deceased and currently living). When a crematorium comes to town, a mystery is revealed and Daralyn sets about to make things right in her little town.