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## *J Fiction Books*

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### **Cowell, Cressida** *How To Train Your Dragon*

Chronicles the adventures and misadventures of Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third as he tries to pass the important initiation test of his Viking clan, the Tribe of the Hairy Hooligans, by catching and training a dragon.

### **Curtis, Christopher Paul** *The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963*

The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African-American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963.

### **DuPrau, Jeanne** *The City of Ember*

In the year 241, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions. (YA FIC)

### **Erdrich, Louise** *The Birchbark House*

Omakayas, a seven-year-old Native American girl of the Ojibwa tribe, lives through the joys of summer and the perils of winter on an island in Lake Superior in 1847.

### **Funke, Cornelia** *Inkheart*

Twelve-year-old Meggie learns that her father Mo, a bookbinder, can "read" fictional characters to life when an evil ruler named Capricorn, freed from the novel "Inkheart" years earlier, tries to force Mo to release an immortal monster from the story. (YA FIC)

### **Juster, Norton** *The Phantom Tollbooth*

A journey through a land where Milo learns the importance of words and numbers provides a cure for his boredom.

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

Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic.

### **Paulsen, Gary** *Hatchet*

After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce. (YA FIC)

### **Rawls, Wilson** *Where the Red Fern Grows*

The adventures of a ten-year-old boy and the two dogs he bought with money he had earned.

### **Stewart, Trenton Lee** *The Mysterious Benedict Society*

After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules.

### **Curtis, Christopher Paul** *Bud, Not Buddy*

Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.