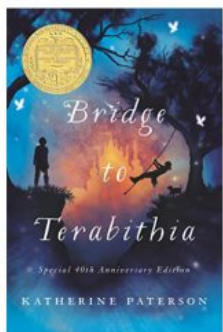


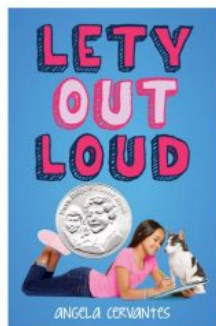


Middle Grade Books about Friendship



Bridge to Terabithia **By Katherine Paterson**

Jess Aarons is the fastest runner in the fifth grade until new girl Leslie outpaces him. They quickly become friends and spend most of their free time in the woods, inventing a magical land called Terabithia. When tragedy strikes, Jess is left grieving and draws on the strength that Leslie gave him to get through it.



Lety Out Loud **By Angela Cervantes**

Lety volunteers at the local animal shelter, primarily because the animals do not judge her for struggling with English. Her classmate Hunter strikes up a competition with her to become the shelter's primary animal profile writer, but this contest could lead to them being kicked out of the program.



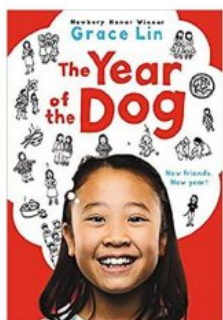
Wonder **By R.J. Palacio**

This award-winning novel centers on August Pullman who was born with a facial disability that prevented him from attending public schools until now. He is nervous to start fifth grade and just wants his peers to like him. Due to his disability, the entire community struggles with empathy and acceptance, which makes Augie's life difficult.



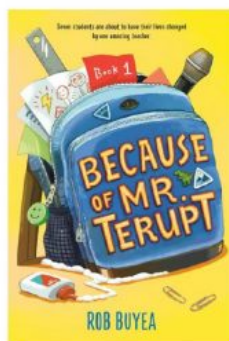
The Cardboard Kingdom **By Chad Sell**

This graphic novel centers on a group of neighborhood kids who come together to create all sorts of creative costumes out of cardboard boxes to become robots, knights, monsters and more while undergoing conflicts with friends, family and discovering who they are.



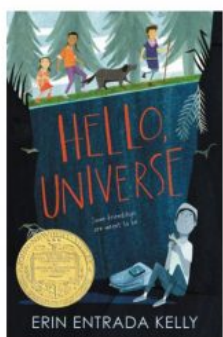
The Year of the Dog **By Grace Lin**

A new year begins and Pacy's mom tells her this will be a good year for making friends and finding herself. Pacy starts at once but realizes that good luck is harder to come by than she thought. Over the next couple of months, Pacy manages to make a new best friend and find out why this year is lucky for her after all.



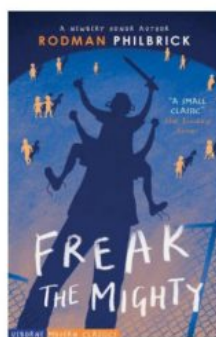
Because of Mr. Terupt **By Rob Buyea**

A group of students who seem to have nothing in common are thrown together in Mr. Terupt's fifth grade class. When tragedy strikes, they must remember all of Mr. Terupt's lessons and advice to get them through the year.



Hello Universe **By Erin Entrada Kelly**

In just one day, the lives of four children become intertwined when they join together for an epic journey to rescue their classmate who is stuck at the bottom of a well after a cruel prank.



Freak the Mighty **By Rodman Philbrick**

Two boys dealing with disabilities both physical and mental form a unique and strong friendship to survive school and all the frequent bullying that comes with it.