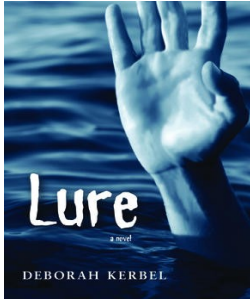


## Reading Circles – Secondary 3



### *Lure*

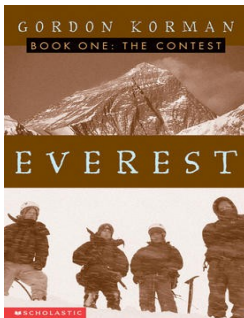
*A Victorian garden, a fishing lure, and a ghost named John ...*

Absolutely nothing is going right for Max Green. His parents have just uprooted their family from Vancouver to the bleak suburbs of Toronto, he has no friends, and everybody at his new high school is ignoring him. To make matters worse, he's in love with an older girl who's completely out of his league.

When Max discovers a local library rumoured to be haunted by ghosts, he's immediately drawn to it. With the help of some cryptic messages, he begins to piece together the identity of the teenage ghost and the mysterious chain of events that have connected its spirit to the building for more than a century. But just who was John, anyway? Why has he chosen to contact Max? And what does an old fishing lure have to do with solving the mystery?

Both Max and John are the narrators of this gripping ghost story. Deborah Kerbel recounts with great historical accuracy both time periods in which the main characters lived, loved and died...

195 pages  
\$12.99



### *The Contest* (book one in the Everest series)

Winners of a contest get to compete to be the youngest to climb Mount Everest.

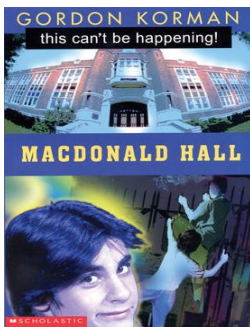
The main characters are girls and boys between 13 and 17 years old. Some are not ready for what they will face. And some will stop at nothing to get to the top.

Filled with action, the reader gets to know personally each character.

137 pages  
\$6.99

**Book 2: *The Climb***

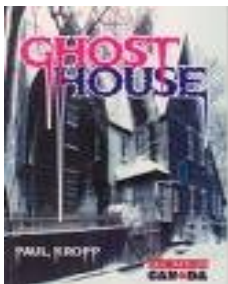
**Book 3: *Summit***



### *This Can't Be Happening*

By the acclaimed Canadian author Gordon Korman, this is the book that started it all. It was written when he was only 12! Best friends Bruno Walton and Melvin “Boots” O’Neal love sharing a dorm room at Macdonald Hall. But their practical jokes get out of hand, and Headmaster Sturgeon — they call him The Fish — separates the buddies. How will Bruno and Boots get back together?

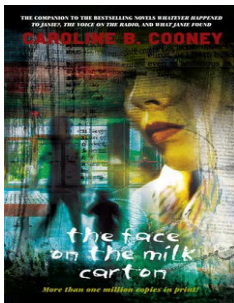
128 pages  
\$6.99



### *Ghost House (HIP books)*

Tyler and Zach didn’t believe in ghosts. So when a friend offers them big money to spend a night in the old Blackwood house, they jump at the chance. There’s no such thing as ghosts, right?

88 pages  
\$10.95

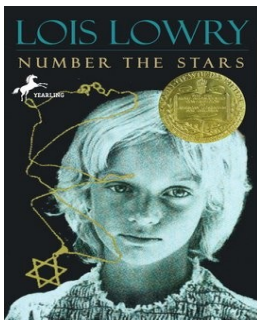


### *The Face on the Milk Carton*

No one ever really paid close attention to the faces of the missing children on the milk cartons. But as Janie Johnson glanced at the face of the ordinary little girl with her hair in tight pigtails, wearing a dress with a narrow white collar--a three-year-old who had been kidnapped twelve years before from a shopping mall in New Jersey--she felt overcome with shock. She recognized that little girl--it was she. How could it possibly be true?

Janie can't believe that her loving parents kidnapped her, but as she begins to piece things together, nothing makes sense. Something is terribly wrong. Are Mr. and Mrs. Johnson really Janie's parents? And if not, who is Janie Johnson, and what really happened?

208 pages  
\$7.99



### *Number the Stars*

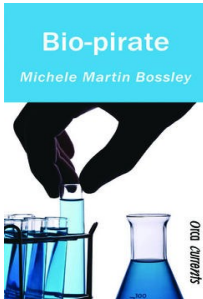
Winner of a Newberry Prize, this novel is by the same author as *The Giver*.

Ten-year-old Annemarie Johansen and her best friend, Ellen Rosen, often think about life before the war. But it's now 1943, and their life in Copenhagen is filled with school, food shortages, and the Nazi soldiers marching in their town.

The Nazis won't stop. The Jews of Denmark are being "relocated," so Ellen moves in with the Johansens and pretends to be part of the family. Then Annemarie is asked to go on a dangerous mission. Somehow she must find the strength and courage to save her best friend's life. There's no turning back now.

137 pages

\$8.99

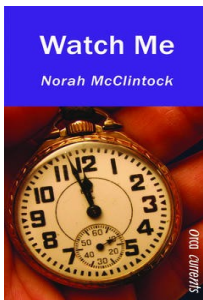


### *Bio-Pirate* (Orca Currents series)

Trevor, Robyn and Nick decide they have a mystery to solve when Trevor discovers a suspicious looking young man snooping around. They learn about missing research involving the use of carob beans to aid in cancer treatment-potentially valuable information. With a shady looking grad student, a bitter activist and an employee of a medical research firm to deal with, our amateur sleuths are faced with their greatest challenge yet.

112 pages

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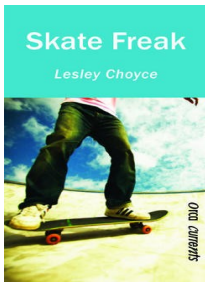


### *Watch Me* (Orca Currents series)

At first Kaz intends to help the old lady who's fallen in the park. But then he starts thinking about how he never gets what he wants. The next thing he knows, he's running away with her purse. The purse contains only five dollars and a battered watch. When Kaz learns who the old woman is and where the watch came from, he begins to understand consequences in a new way.

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### ***Skate Freak (Orca Currents series)***

Dorf is all about skateboarding and so far that's worked out fine. But now that he's in a new city, the terrain has changed. He's no longer free to skateboard where he wishes, school is more difficult, and his passion for skateboarding garners him the nickname and reputation of a freak. With daring stunts he gains the grudging respect of local troublemakers, but he needs to tap into another kind of courage to effect real change.

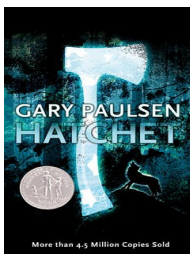
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### ***Stuffed***

When Ian and his classmates watch a documentary about the health concerns of eating fast food, Ian decides to start a boycott and stop everyone he can from eating at Frankie's, a huge fast-food chain with a questionable menu. The boycott takes off and Frankie's gets concerned. The company's lawyers threaten Ian and his friends and try to force them to stop the boycott. Ian must convince others that the boycott is a good idea. Can Ian stand up for what he believes in? Can you take on a corporate behemoth and win?

112 pages  
\$9.95



### ***Hatchet***

Brian Robertson, sole passenger on a Cessna 406, is on his way to visit his father when the tiny bush plane crashes in the Canadian wilderness. With nothing but his clothing, a tattered windbreaker, and the hatchet his mother had given him as a present, Brian finds himself completely alone. Challenged by his fear and despair — and plagued with the weight of a dreadful secret he's been keeping since his parent's divorce — Brian must tame his inner demons in order to survive. It will take all his know-how and determination, and more courage than he knew he possessed.

185 pages  
\$7.99



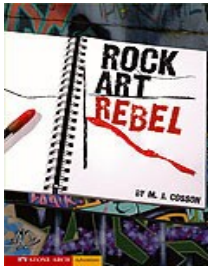
### ***Missing***

Sam's constant lying makes it hard for people to believe him when he claims his dad has been kidnapped. With the help of his best friend, Josh, Sam gets closer and closer to the truth, but also closer to danger.

Part of a collection for reluctant readers, the Vortex books are designed for 10-14 year olds, and the reading level is described as being for grades 2-3 (English first language students).

There are facts on the author and on the illustrator at the end of the book, as well as a glossary, discussion questions, writing prompts and Internet sites that discuss similar subjects.

105 pages  
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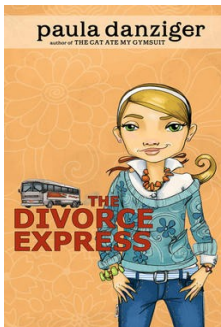


### ***Rock Art Rebel***

What Beto thinks is art, the police think is graffiti. So after running into some big-city trouble, Beto is sent across the country to spend the summer with relatives. Beto's time in the American Southwest is boring, until he stumbles on some cave drawings during a hike with his cousin. This ancient graffiti is real art! It may be against the law to trespass on this desolate land, but Beto has to find a way to protect the art from modern day robbers.

Also part of the Vortex series.

103 pages  
\$7.95



### ***The Divorce Express***

No one wants to ride the Divorce Express. Especially Phoebe. It means leaving her New York City apartment and friends, moving to the country with her dad, and taking the bus every weekend to visit her mom in the city. It means she has to go to ninth grade in a new school and see her father go on dates. It's a hectic life with no time to feel she really belongs with the kids in either place. Then, just when Phoebe gets a handle on juggling the pieces of her life, her mother makes a decision that will change everything again. How can Phoebe be herself and still be part of both of her parents' worlds?

148 pages  
\$7.50