

*tween reads for girls

Ready to make the leap from J to YA? Try some of these crossover titles great for 5th and 6th graders.

Location	Title/Author	Grade	Synopsis
YA CAS	<u>Indigo Blue</u> By Cathy Cassidy	5 – 9	11-year-old Indigo, her mother, and her toddler sister have to move out of their apartment because of troubles with Mum's boyfriend, while Indie is also having best friend problems at school, leaving her stressed, confused, and lonely.
J DEA	<u>Rainy</u> By Sis Deans	4 – 6	Ten-year-old Rainy Tucker, with her restless energy and knack for getting into trouble, leaves her family for the first time to go to sleep-away camp in rural Maine.
J DOW	<u>The Secret Language of Girls</u> By Frances O'Roark Dowell	4 – 7	Marylin and Kate have been friends since nursery school, but when Marylin becomes a middle school cheerleader and Kate begins to develop other interests, their relationship is put to the test.
YA FRE	<u>In the Cards: Love</u> By Mariah Fredericks	5 – 8	Thirteen-year-old Anna hopes that her newly inherited tarot cards will predict an exciting future, including becoming the girlfriend of eighth-grade hottie Declan Kelso.
YA PB H	<u>Shug</u> By Jenny Han	5 – 8	Tall, freckled, gawky seventh-grader Annemarie has a beautiful, popular older sister, a gorgeous, alcoholic mother who doesn't fit in their small Georgia town, and a father who's always away on business. She also has a huge crush on Mark, her best friend.
J HOW	<u>The Misfits</u> By James Howe	5 – 8	Four students who do not fit in at their small-town middle school decide to create a third party for the student council elections to represent all students who have ever been called names.
J LOR	<u>Rules</u> By Cynthia Lord	4 – 7	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.
YA MAZ	<u>Silver</u> By Norma Fox Mazer	6 – 9	Despite their different backgrounds, Sarabeth, a teenager living with her mother in a trailer and transferring to a new school, makes friends with Grant and her affluent friends, including troubled Patty who shares a painful secret about her uncle.
YA MYR	<u>Twelve</u> By Lauren Myracle	4 – 7	Winnie relates the events of her twelfth year and the many changes in her relationships and in her attitude toward growing up.
YA VAN	<u>Flipped</u> By Wendelin Van Draanen	5 – 8	In alternating chapters, two teenagers describe how their feelings about themselves, each other, and their families have changed over the years.
YA WEE	<u>Jumping the Scratch</u> By Sarah Weeks	4 – 7	After moving with his mother to a trailer park to care for an injured aunt, eleven-year-old Jamie Reardon struggles to cope with a deeply buried secret.