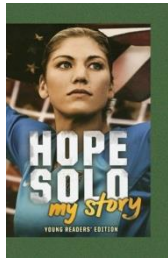
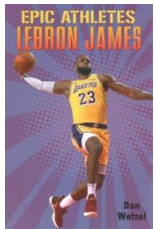




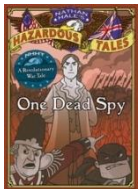
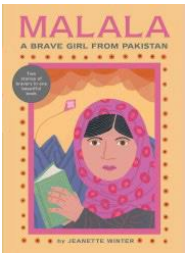
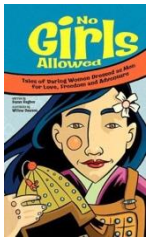

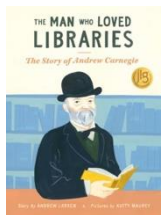
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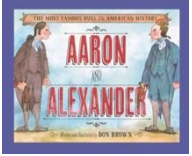
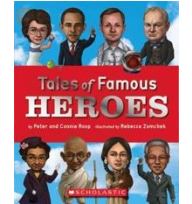
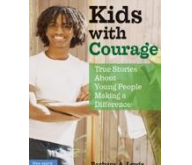
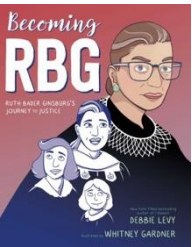
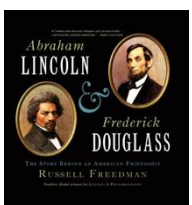
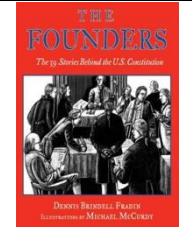
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|   | <b>The Girl Who Ran: Bobbi Gibb, the 1<sup>st</sup> Woman to Run the Boston Marathon</b><br>By Frances Poletti<br><br>921 GIB | AR<br>Level: 3.7<br><br>AR<br>Points: 0.5                                |    | When Bobbi Gibb saw the Boston Marathon her mind was set---she had to be part of it. This picture book tells the true story of how she broke the rules in 1966, and through grit and determination, changed the world.  | Athletes |
|   | <b>There Goes Ted Williams</b><br>By Matt Tavares<br><br>921 WIL  | AR<br>Level: 3.8<br><br>AR<br>Points: 0.5                                |    | Ted Williams was an ordinary kid who wanted one thing: to hit a baseball better than anyone else. So he practiced his swing every chance he got. And then practiced it some more. From his days playing ball in North Park as a kid to his unmatched .406 season in 1941 to his stints as a fighter pilot in World War II and Korea, the story of Teddy Ballgame is the story of an American hero.  |          |
| * | <b>Sports Stars Who Care</b><br>By various authors  | AR<br>Level: 4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup><br><br>AR<br>Points: 0.5-1 |   | Series features: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tom Brady: A Football Star Who Cares (921 BRA)</li> <li>• Dale Earnhardt Jr.: A Car Racer Who Cares (921 EAR)</li> <li>• Dwight Howard: A Basketball Star Who Cares (921 HOW)</li> <li>• LeBron James: A Basketball Star Who Cares (921 JAM)</li> <li>• Derek Jeter: A Baseball Star Who Cares (921 JET)</li> <li>• Eli Manning: A Football Star Who Cares (921 MAN)</li> <li>• Peyton Manning: A Football Star Who Cares (921 MAN)</li> <li>• Lionel Messi: A Soccer Star Who Cares (921 MES)</li> <li>• Tim Tebow: A Football Star Who Cares (921 TEB)</li> </ul> |          |
|   | <b>Hope Solo: My Story</b><br>By Hope Solo<br><br>921 SOL   | AR<br>Level: 5.7<br><br>AR<br>Points: 8                                  |  | Solo, a former goalkeeper for the U.S. women's soccer team, offers a fearless female role model for the next generation, driven to succeed on her own terms. Young fans will truly be inspired by Hope's repeated triumphs over adversity. Her relentless spirit has molded her into the person she is today—one of the most charismatic athletes in America.   |          |
|   | <b>Champion: The Story of Muhammad Ali</b><br>By Jim Haskins<br><br>921 ALI   | AR<br>Level: 5.4<br><br>AR<br>Points: 0.5                                |  | A biography of Muhammad Ali, from his childhood in Louisville, Kentucky, his legendary boxing career, and his conversion to Islam and opposition to the war in Vietnam, to his appearance at the 1996 summer Olympics in Atlanta.   |          |




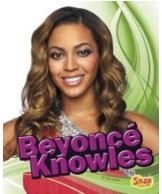
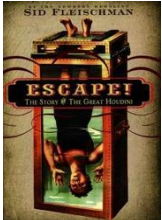
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| * | <b>Epic Athletes Series</b><br>By Dan Wetzel                 | AR Level:<br>6 <sup>th</sup><br><br>AR Points:<br>4 |   | Series features: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stephen Curry (921 CUR)</li> <li>• LeBron James (921 JAM)</li> <li>• Lionel Messi (921 MES)</li> <li>• Alex Morgan (921 MOR)</li> </ul>  |
|   | <b>Serena Williams</b><br>By Matt Christopher<br><br>921 WIL | AR Level:<br><br><br>AR Points:                     |  | Serena Williams has been ranked number one in the world for tennis singles, won twenty-two Grand Slam singles titles, and won four Olympic gold medals. She is a powerful player and a fierce competitor. Learn more about the record-breaking athlete in this comprehensive and action-packed biography, complete with stats and photographs. |


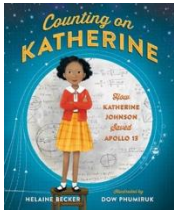
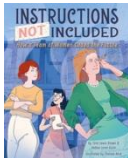
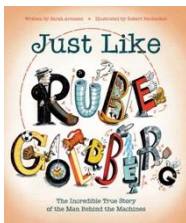

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|  | <b>Dr. Seuss</b><br>By Dana Meachen Rau<br><br>921 SEU                         | AR Level:<br>2.6<br><br>AR Points:<br>0.5 |    | Presents a brief overview of the life of the man who wrote "Green Eggs and Ham" and many other beloved children's books.  |
|  | <b>Just Like Beverly</b><br>By Vicki Conrad<br><br>921 CLE                     | AR Level:<br>4.2<br><br>AR Points:<br>0.5 |   | Offers a picture book biography of children's book author Beverly Cleary, known for her ordinary child characters Ramona Quimby, Henry Huggins, and Leigh Botts. Explains Cleary's childhood difficulties with reading and her desire to reach the "misunderstood" child through her writing. |
|  | <b>The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins</b><br>By Barbara Kerley<br><br>921 HAW | AR Level:<br>5.0<br><br>AR Points:<br>0.5 |  | The true story of Victorian artist Benjamin Waterhouse Hawkins, who built life-sized models of dinosaurs in the hope of educating the world about what these awe-inspiring ancient animals were like.   |
|  | <b>Some Writer! The Story of E.B. White</b><br>By Melissa Sweet<br><br>921 WHI | AR Level:<br>6.5<br><br>AR Points:<br>2   |  | Kid-friendly biography of children's author E.B. White with collage art and illustrations by Caldecott Honor winner Melissa Sweet.  |

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|   | <b>Meghan Markle: Humanitarian</b><br><br>By Rachel Rose<br><br>921 MAR                                 | AR Level: 1.8<br><br>AR Points: 0.5                            |    | From acting, to providing humanitarian aid to those in need, to marrying a prince. Meghan Markle's life may sound like a fairy tale, but it is also filled with a lot of hard work. Find out how this exceptional woman has done it all.  |
| * | <b>Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales</b><br><br>By Nathan Hale<br><br>Various                               | AR Level: 2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup><br><br>AR Points: 2 |    | Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales are graphic novels that tell the thrilling, shocking, gruesome, and TRUE stories of American history. Read them all—if you dare! Each addition features the adventures and feats of a person from history.  |
|   | <b>Malala: A Brave Girl From Pakistan</b><br><br>By Jeanette Winter<br><br>331.3. WIN                   | AR Level: 3.6<br><br>AR Points: 0.5                            |    | One country: Pakistan. Two children: Iqbal Masih and Malala Yousafzai. Each was unafraid to speak out. He, against inhumane child slavery in the carpet trade. She, for the right of girls to attend school. Both were shot by those who disagreed with them—he in 1995, she in 2012. Iqbal was killed instantly; Malala miraculously survived and continues to speak out around the world. The stories of these two courageous children whose bravery transcended their youth are an inspiration to all. |
|   | <b>No Girls Allowed</b><br><br>By Susan Hughes<br><br>GN 921 GIN  | AR Level: 3.9<br><br>AR Points: 1                              |   | Based on legends, poems, letters and first-hand accounts, these seven biographical tales tell of women who disguised themselves as men. From ancient Egypt through the Middle Ages to the 19th century, this historically accurate graphic treatment is perfect to transport readers back to bygone eras. The lives of these daring women were often filled with danger and the fear of discovery.  |
|   | <b>The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read</b><br><br>By Rita Hubbard<br><br>921 WAL        | AR Points: 4.6<br><br>AR Points: 0.5                           |  | A picture book biography sharing the inspiring and incredible true story of the nation's oldest student, Mary Walker, who learned to read at the age of 116   |
|   | <b>The Man Who Loved Libraries: The Story of Andrew Carnegie</b><br><br>By Andrew Larsen<br><br>921 CAR | AR Points: 4.7<br><br>AR Points: 0.5                           |  | Carnegie believed strongly in sharing his wealth, and one of the ways he did this was by funding the construction of over 2,500 public libraries around the world.  |



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|  | <b>Aaron and Alexander:<br/>The Most Famous Duel<br/>in American History</b><br>By Don Brown<br><br>920 BRO                           | AR Level:<br>5.2<br><br>AR Points:<br>0.5 |    | Aaron Burr and Alexander Hamilton were both orphaned at a young age, and they both became successful lawyers. They both fought in the Revolutionary War. But the politics of the young United States of America put these Founding Fathers in constant conflict.   |
|  | <b>Tales of Famous Heroes</b><br>By Peter and Connie Roop<br><br>920 ROO  | AR Level:<br>5.3<br><br>AR Points:<br>2   |    | Profiles influential men and women, including Rosa Parks, Barack Obama, Nelson Mandela, Jane Goodall, Neil Armstrong, and others.  |
|  | <b>Kids With Courage</b><br>By Barbara Lewis<br><br>920 LEW   | AR Level:<br>5.8<br><br>AR Points:<br>6   |    | Relates the stories of kids who made a difference in their neighborhood, community, or the world by helping in such areas as crime, life-saving, and the environment.  |
|  | <b>Becoming RBG</b><br>By Debbie Levy<br><br>GN 921 GIN   | AR Level:<br>6.2<br><br>AR Points:<br>3   |   | Justice Ginsburg is a modern feminist icon - a leader in the fight for equal treatment of girls and women in society and the workplace. She blazed trails to the peaks of the male-centric worlds of education and law, where women had rarely risen before. She has often said that true and lasting change in society and law is accomplished slowly, one step at a time. This is how she has evolved, too: step by step, the shy little girl became a child who questioned unfairness, who became a student who persisted despite obstacles, who became an advocate who resisted injustice, who became a judge who revered the rule of law, who became ... RBG. |
|  | <b>Abraham Lincoln &amp; Frederick Douglass:<br/>The Story Behind an<br/>American Friendship</b><br>By Russel Freedman<br><br>920 FRE | AR Points:<br>8.3<br><br>AR Points:<br>3  |  | Looks at the lives of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, including their friendship and their affect on emancipation and the Civil War.   |
|  | <b>The Founders: The 39<br/>Stories Behind the<br/>U.S. Constitution</b><br>By Dennis Brindell Fradin<br><br>921 FRA                  | AR Points:<br>8.8<br><br>AR Points:<br>6  |  | Presents a collection of stories that explain the formation of the United States Constitution and the men that wrote it.   |

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|  | <p><b>Zendaya: Actor and Singer</b><br/>By Rachel Rose</p> <p>921 ZEN</p>                         | <p>AR Level:<br/>1.8</p> <p>AR Points:<br/>0.5</p> |   | <p>This star is a triple threat. She can sing, dance, and act. And Zendaya's just getting started! Discover how Zendaya became such a success as she makes her way into the future.</p>  |
|  | <p><b>Elvis: The Story of the Rock and Roll King</b><br/>By Bonnie Christensen</p> <p>921 PRE</p> | <p>AR Level:<br/>3.8</p> <p>AR Points:<br/>0.5</p> |   | <p>Presents a picture book biography of Elvis Presley, from his birth in 1935 and his first introduction to music--like gospel and jazz--through his creation of his own musical style and how he became known as the King of Rock and Roll.</p>   |
|  | <p><b>Pharrell Williams</b><br/>By Marie Morreale</p> <p>921 WIL</p>                              | <p>AR Level:<br/>5.1</p> <p>AR Points:<br/>1</p>   |   | <p>Presents a biography of American rap musician Pharrell Williams, covering his early years, his path to success, and his goals for the future. Includes a glossary, a list of additional resources, and an index.</p>  |
|  | <p><b>Beyonce Knowles</b><br/>By Jen Jones</p> <p>921 KNO</p>                                     | <p>AR Level:<br/>5.5</p> <p>AR Points:<br/>0.5</p> |   | <p>Beyonce Knowles has been entertaining audiences since her days as a member of the pop group Destiny's Child. Now she's proving herself as a successful star both in the music world and on the big screen. Learn how this shy girl from Texas has made it big in the R&amp;B world.</p> |
|  | <p><b>Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini</b><br/>By Sid Fleischman</p> <p>921 HOU</p>         | <p>AR Level:<br/>6.6</p> <p>AR Points:<br/>5</p>   |  | <p>A biography of the magician, ghost chaser, aviator, and king of escape artists whose amazing feats are remembered long after his death in 1926.</p>   |

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| <b>Steve Jobs</b><br>By Jane Gould<br><br>GN 921 JOB<br><b>Graphic Novel</b>  | AR Level:<br>4.1<br><br>AR Points:<br>0.5 |     | Briefly presents, in graphic novel format, the life and inventions and innovations of Steve Jobs.  |
| <b>Counting on Katherine: How Katherine Johnson Saved Apollo 13</b><br>By Helaine Becker<br><br>921 JOH                     | AR Level:<br>4.2<br><br>AR Points:<br>0.5 |    | You've likely heard of the historic Apollo 13 moon landing. But do you know about the mathematical genius who made sure that Apollo 13 returned safely home? As a child, Katherine Johnson loved to count. She counted the steps on the road, the number of dishes and spoons she washed in the kitchen sink, everything! From Katherine's early beginnings as a gifted student to her heroic accomplishments as a prominent mathematician at NASA, this is the story of a groundbreaking American woman who not only calculated the course of moon landings but, in turn, saved lives and made enormous contributions to history. |
| <b>Instructions Not Included</b><br>By Tami Lewis Brown<br><br>920 BRO  | AR Level:<br>4.6<br><br>AR Points:<br>0.5 |    | The nonfiction story of a team of women innovators, Jean Jennings Bartik, Kay McNulty Mauchly, and Betty Snyder Holberton, who programmed early computer ENIAC (Electronic Numerical Integrator and Computer).   |
| <b>Just Like Rube Goldberg: The Incredible True Story of the Man Behind the Machines</b><br>By Sarah Aronson<br><br>921 GOL | AR Level:<br>4.7<br><br>AR Points:<br>0.5 |   | Want to become an award-winning cartoonist and inventor? Follow your dreams, just like Rube Goldberg! From a young age, Rube Goldberg had a talent for art. He wanted to follow his passion, so Rube got a low-level job at a newspaper, and from there, he worked his way up, creating cartoons that made people laugh and tickled the imagination. He became known for his fantastic Rube Goldberg machines—complicated contraptions with many parts that performed a simple task in an elaborate and farfetched way.  |
| <b>The Day-Glo Brothers</b><br>By Chris Barton<br><br>921 BAR   | AR Level:<br>5.5<br><br>AR Points:<br>0.5 |  | Illustrations and easy-to-follow text describe how brothers Bob and Joe Switzer invented fluorescent paint and colors; and explains how fluorescence works.  |
| <b>Untamed: The Wild Life of Jane Goodall</b><br>By Anita Silvey<br><br>921 GOO   | AR Level:<br>7.4<br><br>AR Points:<br>2   |  | This biography traces Goodall's life, but each chapter will also focus on two or more of the chimpanzees that she observed, with information in sidebars about these particular animals. Along with biographical details, the book explores the ethical issues that surround Goodall's work and show what changed in our understanding of Great Apes.  |