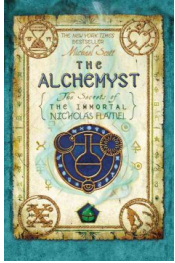


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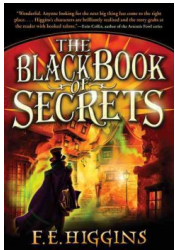


## The Alchemist

by Michael Scott

When the legend that Nicholas Flamel lives due to his ability to make the elixir for life is discovered to be true, Dr. John Dee begins his plot to steal the Book of Abraham the Mage from him in order to rule the world, but knowing that they are the only ones with the power to

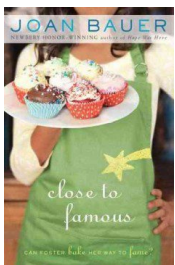
stop him, Josh and Sophie quickly set their own plan in motion to do so.



## The Black Book of Secrets

by F. E. Higgins

After running away from his evil parents in the City, Ludlow Fitch meets Joe Zabbidou, a pawnbroker of secrets who enlists Ludlow as an apprentice to record the confessions of the townspeople of the remote village of Pagus Parvus.

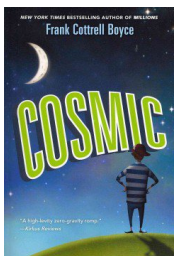


## Close to Famous

by Joan Bauer

Twelve-year-old Foster McFee and her mother escape from her mother's abusive boyfriend and end up in the small town of Culpepper, West Virginia, where they use their strengths and challenge themselves to build a new life, with the help of the friends they

make there.



## Cosmic

by Frank Cottrell Boyce

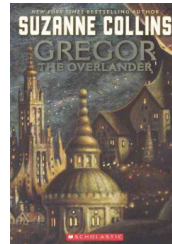
Liam Digby is so unusually tall that people think he should act like an adult, which leads him to compete against adults for a chance to go into space



## The Chronicles of Vladimir Tod : Eighth Grade Bites

by Heather Brewer

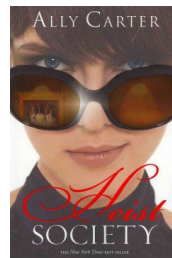
In addition to being harassed by the principals and the bullies at his school, outcast Vlad has to find a way to curb his vampire cravings and hide his enlarged fangs, but when a substitute teacher becomes too inquisitive and he learns that he is being hunted by a vampire killer, Vlad's social life becomes the least of his concerns.



## Gregor the Overlander

by Suzanne Collins

When eleven-year-old Gregor and his two-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving men, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy.



## Heist Society

by Ally Carter

A group of teenagers uses their combined talents to re-steal several priceless paintings and save fifteen-year-old Kat Bishop's father, himself an international art thief, from a vengeful collector.

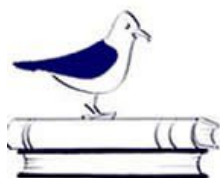


## Revenge of the Witch

by Joseph Delaney

Despite knowing the doomed outcome of the apprentices before him, twelve-year-old Thomas Ward is determined to learn everything he will need to know to stay alive when his time comes to ward off boggarts, witches, ghosts, and other evil-spirited creatures from

the land that he was born to protect.



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