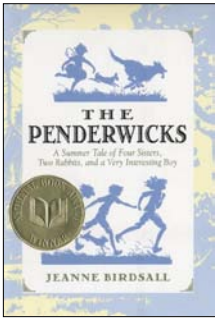




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Great Girl Books

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Birdsall, Jeanne. **The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits and a Very Interesting Boy** (2005; series) *While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters share many adventures.*

Byars, Betsy. **Herculeah Jones Mystery** (Book 1: *The Dark Stairs*; 1994) *The intrepid Herculeah Jones helps her mother, a private investigator, solve a puzzling and frightening case.*

Byars, Betsy. **The Moon and I** (1996) *While describing her humorous adventures with a blacksnake, Betsy Byars recounts childhood anecdotes and explains how she writes a book.*

Byng, Georgia. **Molly Moon** (Book 1: *Molly Moon's Incredible Book of Hypnotism*; 2002) *Living in a dreary orphanage in a small English town, Molly discovers a hidden talent and hypnotizes her way to stardom in New York City.*

Codell, Esme Raji. **Sahara Special** (2003) *Struggling with school and her feelings since her father left, Sahara gets a fresh start with a new and unique teacher who supports her writing talents and the individuality of each of her classmates.*

Creech, Sharon. **Granny Torrelli Makes Soup** (2003) *With the help of her wise grandmother, 12-year-old Rosie manages to work out some problems in her relationship with her best friend, Bailey, the boy next door.*

Creech, Sharon. **Ruby Holler** (2002) *Twins Dallas and Florida have grown up in a terrible orphanage but their lives change when an eccentric but sweet older couple invites them each on a magical adventure.*

DiCamillo, Kate. **Because of Winn-Dixie** (2000) *Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.*

Ellis, Deborah. **The Breadwinner** (2001) *Because the Taliban rulers in Afghanistan impose strict limitations on women's freedom and behavior, 11-year-old Parvana must disguise herself as a boy so that her family can survive.*

Estes, Eleanor. **The Hundred Dresses** (1944) *In winning a medal she is no longer there to receive, a tight-lipped little Polish girl teaches her classmates a lesson.*

Fitzhugh, Louise. **Harriet the Spy** (1964) *Eleven-year-old Harriet keeps notes on her classmates and neighbors in a secret notebook, but when some of the students read the notebook, they seek revenge.*

Freeman, Suzanne. **The Cuckoo's Child** (1996) *Eleven-year-old Mia refuses to believe that her parents are not coming back after they're reported lost at sea.*

Friedman, Laurie. **Mallory** (Book 1: *Mallory on the Move*; 2004) *8-year old Mallory adjusts to a new school, new friends, a new life!*

Fritz, Jean. **Homesick: My Own Story** (1982) *The author's fictionalized version, though all the events are true, of her childhood in China in the 1920's.*

Funke, Cornelia. **Inkheart** (2003; series) *Twelve-year-old Meggie learns that her father, who repairs and binds books for a living, can "read" fictional characters to life when one of those characters abducts them and tries to force him into service.*

Gardner, Sally. **I, Coriander** (2005) *In 17th century London, Coriander, a girl who has inherited magic from her mother, must find a way to use this magic in order to save both herself and an inhabitant of the fairy world where her mother was born.*



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Giff, Patricia Reilly. **Nory Ryan's Song** (2000) *When a terrible blight attacks Ireland's potato crop in 1845, 12-year-old Nory Ryan's courage and ingenuity help her family and neighbors survive.*

Hamilton, Virginia. **Cousins** (1990) *Concerned that her grandmother may die, Cammy is unprepared for the accidental death of another relative.*

Hannigan, Katherine. **Ida B: ... And Her Plans to Maximize Fun, Avoid Disaster, and (Possibly) Save the World** (2004) *In Wisconsin, 4th grader Ida B spends happy hours being at her family's apple orchard, until her mother begins treatment for breast cancer.*

Konigsburg, E.L. **From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler** (1967) *Having run away with her younger brother to live in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, 12-year-old Claudia strives to keep things in order in their new home and to become a changed person and a heroine to herself.*

Levine, Gail Carson. **Two Princesses of Bamarre** (2001) *With her adventurous sister, Meryl, suffering from the Grey death, meek and timid Princess Addie sets out to find a cure.*

Lisle, Janet Taylor. **The Lost Flower Children** (1999) *After their mother's death, Olivia and Nellie go to live with their great aunt, where they slowly bring her overgrown and weedy old garden back to life, enabling them to adjust to a new life as well.*

Lowry, Lois. **Anastasia Krupnik** (1979; series) *Anastasia's tenth year has some good things like falling in love and really getting to know her grandmother and some bad things like finding out about an impending baby brother.*

Martin, Anne M. **Belle Teal** (2001) *Belle Teal lets us enter the life and mind of a smart, kind young girl living in a rural area in the early 1960s where school desegregation is taking place.*

Martin, Ann M. & Laura Godwin. **The Doll People** (2000; series) *A family of porcelain dolls that has lived in the same house for 100 years is taken aback when a new family of plastic dolls arrives and doesn't follow the Code of Honor.*



Naylor, Phyllis Naylor. **The Agony of Alice** (1985; series) *An 11-yr old girl in an all male household seeks a role model.*

Snyder, Zilpha Keatley. **The Egypt Game** (1967) *A group of children, entranced with the study of Egypt, are visited by a secret oracle and become involved in a murder.*

Streatfield, Noel. **Ballet Shoes** (1937; series) *Three plucky girls are sent to London to be trained for the stage.*

Taylor, Sydney. **All-of-a-Kind Family** (1951; series) *Five Jewish immigrant sisters share their adventures growing up in New York City during the turn of the last century.*

Wilder, Laura Ingalls. **Little House on the Prairie** (Book 1: Little House in the Big Woods; 1932) *The author tells of her Wisconsin and Minnesota prairie life in the 1860s.*

Yep, Laurence. **Ribbons** (1996) *A gifted young ballet student can no longer afford lessons when her Chinese grandmother emigrates.*

Yolen, Jane. **The Devil's Arithmetic** (1988) *Hannah resents the traditions of her Jewish heritage until time travel places her in the middle of a small Jewish village in Nazi-occupied Poland.*