

WARRIOR GIRL* Carmen Tafolla
This novel-in-verse follows the joys and struggles of a Chicana girl who is a warrior for her name, her history, and her right to choose what she celebrates in life.

PARACHUTE KIDS* Betty C. Tang
After their two-week family tour of Los Angeles, 10-year-old Feng Li Lin and her older brother and sister learn they will remain in California while their parents return to Taiwan, forcing them to navigate a new school, a new language, bullies, racism, and the pressures of running a household.

GREENWILD: THE WORLD BEHIND THE DOOR* Pari Thomson
Eleven-year-old Daisy Thistledown is on the run. Her mother has been keeping big, glittering secrets, and now she has vanished. Daisy knows it's up to her to find Ma—but someone is hunting her across London and is determined to stop her from discovering the truth.

THE MISFITS: A ROYAL CONUNDRUM* Lisa Yee & Dan Santat
An elite group of underdogs trained to fight crime must save their unique school from shutting down.

Lexile	Grade
720L	5–7
HL250L	4–8
870L	4–6
820L	4–7

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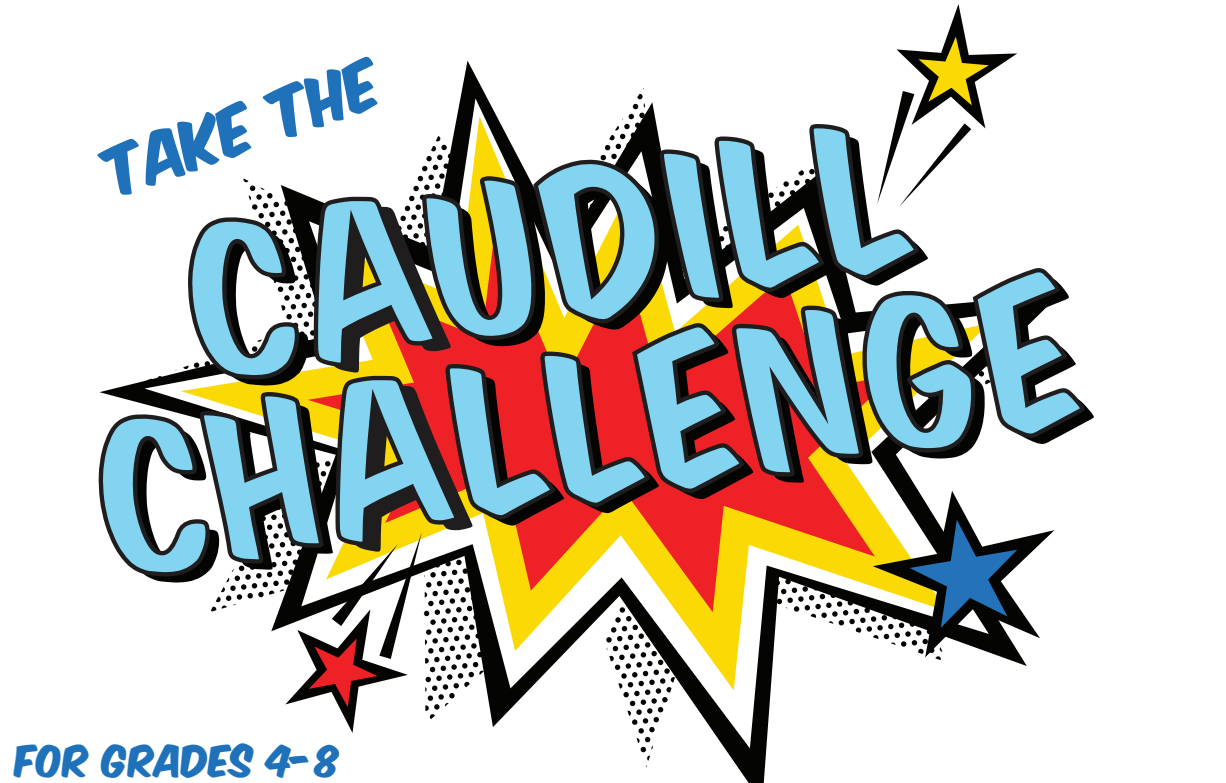


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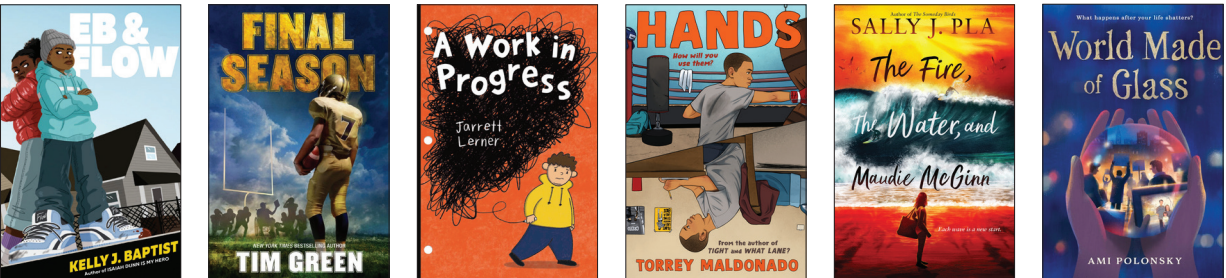
FOR GRADES 4-8

The Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award is an annual award given to the author of the book voted most outstanding by students in grades 4–8 in participating Illinois schools and libraries.

TAKE THE CHALLENGE:

Read or listen to all 20 Caudill books, vote for your favorite in February 2026, and receive a free paperback book from the current list or a past Caudill list. Ask your parent or teacher to put their initials on this flier next to the title of each book you read or listen to. Return your initialed Caudill Challenge form to the 2nd-floor desk by March 16, 2026.

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EB & FLOW* Kelly J. Baptist In this novel-in-verse, tweens De’Kari and Ebony learn to see the world with a fresh new perspective when they are suspended for 10 days after a fight	N/A	5–8	MEDUSA: THE MYTH OF MONSTERS* Katherine Marsh A descendant of Medusa, Ava is sent to the Accademia del Forte in Venice after an altercation with a classmate, where she must learn to control her emotions, especially when she unearths a terrible secret that could change the world forever.	N/A	4–7
SIMON SORT OF SAYS* Erin Bow Two years after surviving a school shooting, 12-year-old Simon moves to the only place in America where the internet is banned, finally getting a chance to spin his own story with the help of a new friend.	N/A	5–8	MEXIKID* Pedro Martín In this graphic novel memoir, Pedro Martín connects with his grandfather and learns more about his own identity during a family road trip to Mexico.	HL530L	5–8
FINAL SEASON* Tim Green When his NFL dad is diagnosed with ALS, middle school quarterback Ben Redd is determined to have a winning season as he watches the heavy toll the incurable disease is taking on his dad.	720L	4–8	DON’T WANT TO BE YOUR MONSTER* Deke Moulton Two vampire brothers must set aside their differences to solve a series of murders in this humorous and spooky novel.	640L	5–8
THE BELLWOODS GAME* Celia Krampien Bailee enters the woods on Halloween night to play the Bellwoods game, a tradition for sixth graders to save the town for another year—so the story goes—but she and two other players discover something sinister is at play.	630L	4–7	D&D DUNGEON CLUB: ROLL CALL* Molly Knox Ostertag & Xanthe Bouma Jess and Olivia play Dungeons & Dragons to trade middle school for an escape into their own imaginations. But when Olivia wants to add new players to their group, Jess finds herself struggling to share their game and her best friend.	N/A	4–8
GHOST BOOK* Remy Lai July Chen pretends ghosts don’t exist, but when she saves a wandering soul from being devoured by a Hungry Ghost, Will becomes her first-ever friend. As they embark on an adventure to return Will to his body, they unearth a ghastly truth—for Will to live, July must die.	GN340L	4–7	THE FIRE, THE WATER, AND MAUDIE MCGINN* Sally J. Pla Follows 13-year-old neurodivergent Maudie during an eventful summer in California with her father, where she struggles with whether to share a terrible secret about life with her mom and stepdad.	N/A	5–8
A WORK IN PROGRESS* Jarrett Lerner Will resorts to increasingly drastic measures to transform his appearance in an effort to win over his crush, hiding himself in baggy jeans and oversized hoodies, until he meets someone who helps him see his body and all it contains as an ever-evolving work in progress.	N/A	4–7	WORLD MADE OF GLASS* Ami Polonsky In 1987, after losing her father to AIDS, Iris navigates her rage and grief, resolving to speak out against the rampant fear, misinformation, and prejudice surrounding the disease, which leads to new friendships and surprising discoveries.	N/A	6–8
THE SWIFTS: A DICTIONARY OF SCOUNDRELS* Beth Lincoln During the Swift Family Reunion, Shenanigan Swift, who has a penchant for mischief, decides to become a detective and solve a deadly case when someone pushes Arch-Aunt Schadenfreude down the stairs.	810L	4–7	IMPOSSIBLE ESCAPE: A TRUE STORY OF SURVIVAL AND HEROISM IN NAZI EUROPE* Steve Sheinkin This true story follows two Jewish teenagers racing against time during the Holocaust—one in hiding in Hungary, and the other in Auschwitz, plotting escape.	850L	7–8
HANDS* Torrey Maldonado When talented artist Trev begins taking boxing lessons to handle his abusive stepdad, which everyone thinks is a bad idea, he must decide whether to use his hands to build or to knock down.	430L	5–8	WHAT HAPPENED TO RACHEL RILEY?* Claire Swinarski New at East Middle School, Anna’s curiosity is piqued when one of the most popular girls in school, Rachel Riley, becomes a social outcast but no one will tell Anna why, compelling her to put her fact-seeking skills to good use.	N/A	6–8

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