

Book Ideas for **Suzette Who Set to Sea**

By Finegan Kruckemeyer

In a small seaside village where men build boats and women do not, young Suzette knows she is different – she longs for the sea and believes she is meant for something greater than a life on land. So when a mysterious event occurs, Suzette is forced to do that most difficult thing – prove herself worthy of her destiny. Loading her loved ones onto a boat she has secretly built, Suzette, she sets to sea. What follows is an adventurous, imaginative tale exploring courage, community and the possibility that sometimes it only takes the actions of single person to change everything.

BIG IDEA: Courage and Adventure

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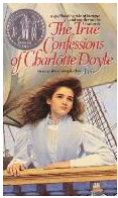


[Giants Beware](#) (2012)

By Jorge Augusto Aguire

Claudette's fondest wish is to slay a giant. But her village is so safe and quiet! With her best friend Marie and her brother Gaston, Claudette embarks on a super-secret quest to find a giant-without parental permission. Can they find and defeat the giant before their parents find them and drag them back home?

Grades 3-6

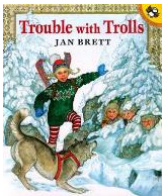


[The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle](#) (1990)

By Avi

On a long, grueling journey from England to Rhode Island in 1802, a 12 year old changes from a prim and proper girl to a swashbuckling mate of a mutinous crew and is accused of murder by the captain. The story is a throwback to good old-fashioned adventure yarns on the high seas.

Grades 5-9

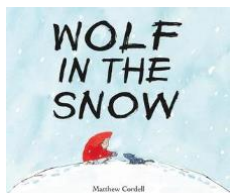


[Trouble with Trolls](#) (1992)

By Jan Brett

Treva's trouble with trolls begins when she climbs Mount Baldy with her dog Tuffi. The trolls who live there long for a dog, and they try to kidnap him. But Treva outwits one troll after another until she reaches the very top of the mountain, where five trolls are waiting--and they want her dog!

Grades K-3

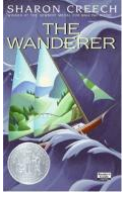


[Wolf in the Snow](#) (2017)

By Matthew Cordell

When a wolf cub and little girl are lost in a snowstorm they must find their way home.

Grades K-2

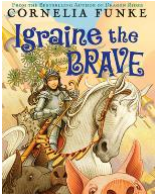


[The Wanderer](#) (2005)

By Sharon Creech

Thirteen-year-old Sophie is the only girl amongst the surly crew of The Wanderer. They sail across the Atlantic toward England. The sea calls to Sophie -- promising adventure and the chance to explore and discover.

Grades 5-8

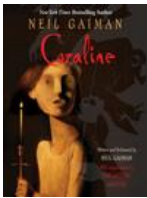


[Igraine the Brave](#) (2007)

By Cornelia Funke

Princess Igraine dreams of becoming a famous knight, but the truth is, life at the family castle is rather boring. Until a young nobleman shows up with a dastardly plan to capture her family's castle. Aided by a Gentle Giant and a Sorrowful Knight, it's up to Igraine to be brave and save the day.

Grades 3-6



[Coraline](#) (2002)

By Neil Gaiman

When Coraline explores her new home, she steps through a door and into another house just like her own . . . except that it's different. It's a marvelous adventure until Coraline discovers that there's also another mother and another father in the house. Coraline must use all of her wits and courage in order to save herself.

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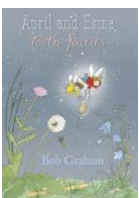


[Some Kind of Courage](#) (2016)

By Dan Gemeinhart

Joseph Johnson has lost just about everyone he's ever loved, both of his parents and his little sister. And now, he's lost his pony, taken away by a man who had no right to take her. Joseph is determined to get her back. He will face deadly animals, dangerous men, and the fury of nature on his quest to be reunited with the only family he has left.

Grades 2-6



[April and Esme, Tooth Fairies](#) (2010)

By Bob Graham

April Underhill is a 7-year-old tooth fairy. She and her tiny sister fly off into the night, over a highway of thundering eighteen-wheelers, eager to prove how grown up they can be. A tale of adventure and magic.

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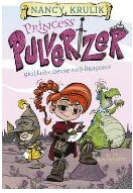


[Little Robot](#) (2015)

By Ben Hatke

When a little girl finds a robot in the woods, she presses a button and accidentally activates him for the first time. Now, she finally has a friend. But the big, bad robots are coming to collect the little guy for nefarious purposes, and it's up to a 5-year-old to save the day and her friend!

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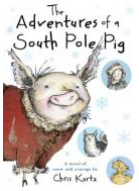


[Grilled Cheese and Dragons](#) (2018)

By Nancy E. Krulik

Princess Serena doesn't want to be a princess--she wants to be knight! But her father thinks she still has a lot to learn. So he presents a challenge: the princess must first go on a Quest of Kindness and perform good deeds to prove that she truly deserves to go to knight school. With help from a friendly dragon and a knight-in-training named Lucas, can she complete her quest and discover what it really takes to be a hero?

Grades 1-3



[The Adventures of a South Pole Pig: A Novel of Snow and Courage](#) (2013)

By Chris Kurtz

Flora the pig was born for adventure: "If it's unexplored and needs to get dug up, call me. I'm your pig," she says. The day Flora spots a team of sled dogs is the day she sets her heart on becoming a sled pig. She sets off for an adventure in Antarctica.

Grades 3-5



[Baba Yaga's Assistant](#) (2015)

By Marika McCoola

Most children think twice before braving a haunted wood filled with terrifying beasties to match wits with a witch, but not Masha. The fearsome witch of folklore needs an assistant, and Masha needs an adventure. To earn her place, Masha must pass a series of tests, outfox a territorial bear, and make dinner for her host.

Grades 4-7



[Wildwood](#) (2011)

By Colin Meloy

Prue McNeel lives an ordinary life with her parents and brother in Portland, Oregon - until the day her brother is taken by crows and led into the Impassible Wilderness. Prue sets out to rescue her brother in the the country known as Wildwood. She will have to make friends with a menagerie of people and talking animals to save her brother.

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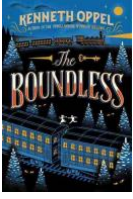


[Roxie and the Hooligans](#) (2006)

By Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Roxie Warbler knows what to do in all kinds of situations, but she doesn't know how to deal with Helvetia's Hooligans, the meanest band of bullies in school. Then Roxie and the hooligans are stranded together on a desert island, the hideout of a couple of criminals on the lam. Can five kids, armed with only a load of survival tactics and a little bit of teamwork, vanquish the villains and find their way home?

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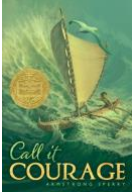


[The Boundless](#) (2014)

By Kenneth Oppel

Will Everett has always wished for an adventure. Little does he know his adventure starts the moment he boards the Boundless. There is a murder, and now Will protects a key that can unlock the train's hidden treasures. Villains are fast on his heels and strange creatures are lurking outside the windows, as the Boundless hurtles across the country.

Grades 4-7



[Call it Courage](#) (1940)

By Armstrong Sperry

This is a tale of a boy named Mafatu that is terrified of the sea. After being made fun of by all of the other boys, he decides to face his fear and take on the sea. He ends up going on a big adventure and does things he never dreamed he would do like kill a wild pig, a shark, and an octopus. He is able to return home and prove to his father that his father should be proud of Mafatu.

Grades 4-6



[Brave Irene](#) (1986)

By William Steig

A dressmaker's daughter braves a fierce snowstorm to deliver a new gown to the duchess in time for the ball. She must defy the wiles of the wicked wind, her most formidable opponent, and overcome many obstacles before she completes her mission.

Grades 1-4



[The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Perilous Journey](#) (2008)

By Trenton Lee Stewart

The Mysterious Benedict Society is up against a new mission. After reuniting for a celebratory scavenger hunt, Reynie, Kate, Sticky, and Constance are forced to go on an unexpected search--a search to find Mr. Benedict. It seems that while he was preparing the kids' adventure, he stepped right into a trap orchestrated by his evil twin Mr. Curtain.

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