



# READ-ALIKES

## **Origami Yoda series by Tom Angelberger (J FIC ANGLEBERGER)** **The Strange Case of Origami Yoda (book 1)**

Sixth-grader Tommy and his friends describe their interactions with a paper finger puppet of Yoda, worn by their weird classmate Dwight, as they try to figure out whether or not the puppet can really predict the future. Includes instructions for making Origami Yoda.

## **The Worst Class Trip Ever by Dave Barry (J FIC BARRY)**

When the eighth grade civics class of Miami's Culver Middle School goes on a trip to Washington, D.C., Wyatt Palmer finds himself in deep trouble before the plane even lands because his best friend, Matt, has decided the men sitting behind them are terrorists and it is up to the boys to stop them.

## **NERDS series by Michael Buckley (J FIC BUCKLEY)**

### **NERDS : National Espionage, Rescue, and Defense Society (book 1)**

While running a spy network from their elementary school, five unpopular misfits combine their talents and use cutting-edge gadgetry to fight evil around the world.

## **Nothing but Trouble by Jacqueline Davies (J FIC DAVIES)**

Two smart girls in one small town use their combined genius to liven up their world--one prank at a time.

## **Funny Girl: the Funniest Stories Ever - short story collection (J FIC FUNNY)**

Presents a collection of *humorous stories* from over two dozen contemporary female writers, as well as autobiographical essays, comics, poems, and comic strips.

## **13 Story Treehouse series (book 1) by Andy Griffiths (J FIC GRIFFITHS)**

Who wouldn't want to live in a treehouse? Especially a 13-story treehouse that has a bowling alley, a see-through swimming pool, a tank full of sharks, a library full of comics, a secret underground laboratory, a more!

## **Ungifted by Gordon Korman (J FIC KORMAN)**

Due to an administrative mix-up, troublemaker Donovan Curtis is sent to the Academy of Scholastic Distinction, a special program for gifted and talented students, after pulling a major prank at middle school.

## **Timmy Failure series by Stephen Pastis (J FIC PASTIS)** **Mistakes were Made (book 1)**

Meet *Timmy Failure*, the founder, president, and CEO of the best detective agency in town, probably the nation. And his lazy sidekick, Total, a 1,500-pound polar bear.

## **Tapper Twins series by Geoff Rodkey (J FIC RODKEY)**

### **The Tapper Twins Go to War with Each Other (book 1)**

An oral history that reports, through transcribed recordings, text messages, photographs, illustrations, screenshots, and more, an epic prank war between twelve-year-old *twins* Reese and Claudia *Tapper* of New York City.

## **Dork Diaries series by Rachel Renee Russell (J FIC RUSSELL)** **Tales from a Not so Fabulous Life (book 1)**

Fourteen-year-old Nikki Maxwell writes in her diary of her struggle to be popular at her exclusive new private school, then of finding her place after she gives up on being part of the elite group.

## **I Funny series by James Patterson (J FIC PATTERSON)**

### **I Funny (book 1)**

Jamie Grimm is a middle schooler on a mission: he wants to become the world's greatest standup comedian—even if he doesn't have a lot to laugh about these days. He's new in town and stuck living with his aunt, uncle, and their evil son Stevie, a bully who doesn't let Jamie's wheelchair stop him from messing with Jamie as much as possible.

## **Jacky Ha Ha by James Patterson (J FIC PATTERSON)**

Twelve-year-old Jacky "Ha-Ha" Hart is a class clown with a penchant for pranking--and when she's required to act in the school play to appease her frustrated teachers, she must conquer her stutter

## **Middle School Series by James Patterson (J FIC PATTERSON)**

### **Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life (book 1)**

Rafe Khatchadorian has enough problems at home without throwing his first year of middle school into the mix. Luckily, he's got an ace plan for the best year ever, if only he can pull it off: With his best friend Leonardo the Silent awarding him points, Rafe tries to break every rule in his school's oppressive Code of Conduct.

## **Wayside School series by Louis Sachar (J FIC SACHAR)**

### **Sideways Stories from Wayside School (book 1)**

Humorous episodes from the classroom on the thirtieth floor of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story.

## **Frank Einstein series by Jon Scieska (J FIC SCIESKA)**

### **Frank Einstein and the Antimatter Motor (book 1)**

In his Grandpa Al's garage workshop, child genius Frank Einstein tries to invent a robot that can learn on its own, and after an accident brings wisecracking Klink and overly expressive Klank to life, they set about helping Frank perfect his Antimatter Motor.

## **Guys Read: Funny Stories - short story collection (J FIC SCIESZKA)**

A collection of humorous stories featuring a teenaged mummy, a homicidal turkey, and the world's largest pool of chocolate milk.

## **Creature from My Closet series by Obert Skye (J FIC SKYE)** **Wonkenstein (book 1)**

Twelve-year-old Rob has stuffed his closet with old laboratory experiments, unread books, and more, and when a creature emerges from that chaos causing a great deal of trouble, Rob has to do such horrible things as visit a library and speak at a school assembly to set things right again.