**Children’s Literature Update 2015**

**Read-Alikes Covered in the Webinar by Penny Peck**

***Where to Find Read-Alikes:***

[ACL Read-Alikes](http://www.bayviews.org/readalikes.html)

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Maintained by the Association of Children’s Librarians of Northern California, their website has a Read-Alikes section that features new lists every month. Popular tween novels are listed, with other books that are similar which you can recommend to a child. They also have a list of books written in the style of emails and text messages, in the style of letters, and other types of books.

[Children’s Series Books](http://www.mymcpl.org/books-movies-music/juvenile-series)

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Maintained by the MidContinent Public Library, MO, you can search for a book title, author, series title, or subject, and find the listing for a book series. Many children want to read a series in order, and this site will list the series in the order it was published.

**Read-Alikes for *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander, the 2015 Newbery Medal Book:**

Abdul-Jabbar, Kareem. *Sasquatch in the Paint.*

Abdul-Jabbar, Kareem. *Stealing the Game.*

Baskin, Nora Raleigh. *Basketball (or Something Like It)*

Coates, Jan. *Rocket Man.*

Feinstein, John. *Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery.*

Gourlay, Candy. *Tall Story.*

Grimes, Nikki. *Planet Middle School.*

Harkrader, Lisa. *Airball: My Life in Briefs.*

Lupica, Mike. *Miracle on 49th Street.*

Lupica, Mike. *Travel Team.*

Mack, W.C. *Athlete vs. Mathlete.*

Myers, Walter Dean. *The* *Dream Bearer.*

Myers, Walter Dean. *Street Love.*

Patneaude, David. *Thin Wood Walls.*

Richardson, Charisse. *The Real Lucky Charm.*

Robinson, Sharon. *Slam Dunk!*

Scieszka, Jon. *Guys Read: The Sports Pages.*

Smith, Hope Anita. *Keeping the Night Watch.*

Soto, Gary. *Taking Sides.*

Stoudemire, Amar’e. *Home Court.*

Volponi, Paul. *Black and White.*

Woodson, Jacqueline. *Hush.*

**Read-Alikes for *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate, the 2014 Newbery Medal Book:**

Boston, L.M. *A Stranger at Green Knowe.*

DiCamillo, Kate. *The Magician’s Elephant.*

Harris, R.P. *Tua and the Elephant.*

Hobbs, Valerie. *Wolf.*

Jennings, Patrick. *We Can’t All Be Rattlesnakes.*

Kehret, Peg. *Saving Lilly.*

Kelly, Lynne. *Chained.*

Latham, Irene. *Don’t Feed the Boy.*

Martin, Ann M. *A Dog’s Life: The Autobiography of a Stray.*

Peck, Richard. *Secrets at Sea.*

Perkins, Lynne Rae. *Nuts To You.*

Selden, George. *The Cricket In Times Square.*

Sewall, Anne. *Black Beauty.*

Vande Velde, Vivian. *8 Class Pets + One Squirrel [divided by] One Dog = Chaos.*

Wallace, Bill. *Goosed!*

Wells, Ken. *Rascal: A Dog and His Boy.*

Wersba, Barbara. *Walter: The Story of a Rat.*

White, E.B. *Charlotte’s Web.*

White, E.B. *The Trumpet of the Swan.*

**Read-Alikes for the “I Funny” series by James Patterson:**

Barnett, Mac. *The Terrible Two.*

Conford, Ellen. *Strictly for Laughs.*

Ferraiolo, Jack C. *The Big Splash.*

Gutman, Dan. *The Talent Show.*

Lennon, Maria T. *Watch Out Hollywood! More Confessions of a So-called Middle Child.*

Levy, Elizabeth. *My Life as a Fifth Grade Comedian.*

Meyerhoff, Jenny. *The Barftastic Life of Louie Burger: Class B.U.R.P.*

Patterson, James. *I Funny: A Middle School Story.*

Patterson, James. *I Even Funnier: A Middle School Story.*

Patterson, James. *I Totally Funniest.*

Pichon, Liz. *Tom Gates Everythings Amazing (Sort of).*

Sachar, Louis. *Dogs Don’t Tell Jokes.*

Scieszka, Jon, editor. *Funny Business (Guys Read).*

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