Dreamer, Wisher, Liar- Charise Harper

Call Number: J Fic Harper

Ashley's summer is filled with babysitting, letters to her best friend at camp, and a wish jar filled with secret revelations that help her understand her mother in a whole new way.

One and Only Ivan- Katherine Applegate

Call Number: J Fic Applegate

When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life.

The Boy on the Porch- Sharon Creech

Call Number: J Fic Creech

When a young couple finds a boy asleep on their porch, their lives take a surprising turn. Unable to speak, the boy Jacob can't explain his history. All John and Marta know is that they have been chosen to care for him. And, as their connection and friendship with Jacob grow, they embrace his exuberant spirit and talents. The three of them blossom into an unlikely family and begin to see the world in brand-new ways. The Boy on the Porch is a singular story about opening your heart and discovering home in unexpected places.
Counting by 7’s- Holly Sloan

**Call Number: J Fic Sloan**

Twelve-year-old genius and outsider Willow Chance must figure out how to connect with other people and find a surrogate family for herself after her parents are killed in a car accident.

Zane and the Hurricane- W.R. Philbrick

**Call Number: J Fic Philbrick**

A twelve-year-old boy and his dog become trapped in New Orleans during the horrors of Hurricane Katrina.

Ghosts of Tupelo Landing- Shelia Turnage

**Call Number: J Fic Turnage**

Three Times Lucky Small towns have rules. One is, you got to stay who you are -- no matter how many murders you solve. When Miss Lana makes an Accidental Bid at the Tupelo auction and winds up the mortified owner of an old inn, she doesn't realize there's a ghost in the fine print. Naturally, Desperado Detective Agency (aka Mo and Dale) opens a paranormal division to solve the mystery of the ghost's identity. They've got to figure out who the ghost is so they can interview it for their history assignment (extra credit). But Mo and Dale start to realize that the Inn isn't the only haunted place in Tupelo Landing. People can also be haunted by their own past. As Mo and Dale handily track down the truth about the ghost (with some help from the new kid in town), they discover the truth about a great many other people, too. A laugh out loud, ghostly, Southern mystery that can be enjoyed by readers visiting Tupelo Landing for the first time, as well as those who are old friends of Mo and Dale.
The Sasquatch Escape- Suzanne Selfors (+)

Call Number: J Fic Selfors

Spending the summer in his grandfather's rundown town, ten-year-old Ben meets an adventurous local girl and together they learn that the town's veterinarian runs a secret hospital for imaginary creatures.

Bigger Than a Bread Box- Laurel Snyder

Call Number: J Fic Snyder

Devastated when her parents separate, twelve-year-old Rebecca must move with her mother from Baltimore to Gran's house in Atlanta, where Rebecca discovers an old breadbox with the power to grant any wish--so long as the wished-for thing fits in the breadbox.

Flora & Ulysses- Kate DiCamillo

Call Number: J Fic DiCamillo

Rescuing a squirrel after an accident involving a vacuum cleaner, comic-reading cynic Flora Belle Buckman is astonished when the squirrel, Ulysses, demonstrates astonishing powers of strength and flight after being revived.
The Odd Squad- Michael Fry (+)

Call Number: J Fic Fry

Simone, a new student, seems intent on stealing Molly away from Nick and the only way Nick can think to stop her is by teaming with his old anti-bullying ally, but that will require Nick using himself as bait--both as the bullied and bullier.

The Misadventure of Salem Hyde: Spelling Trouble- Frank Cammuso (+)

Call Number: J Fic Cammuso

Frequently admonished for her impulsive behavior, Salem Hyde, a young witch, ignores long lectures by her dignified animal companion and enters a spelling competition at school only to discover that the "spelling" involves words instead of magic.

The League- Thatcher Heldring

Call Number: J Fic Heldring

Fourteen-year-old Wyatt, hoping to impress a girl and ward off a bully, decides to join his older brother's summer football league, "The League of Pain," against the advice of his parents, who think golf is the right sport for him.
Half a Chance - Cynthia Lord

Call Number: J Fic Lord

Lucy, with her mother and her photographer father, has just moved to a small rural community in New Hampshire, and with her new friend Nate she plans to spend the summer taking photos for a contest, but pictures sometimes reveal more than people are willing to see.

Seaglass Summer - Anjali Banerjee

Call Number: J Fic Banerjee

While spending a month on an island off the coast of Washington helping in her Uncle Sanjay’s veterinary clinic, eleven-year-old Poppy Ray soon questions her decision to follow in her uncle’s footsteps.

Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie - Julie Sternberg

Call Number: J Fic Sternberg

When nine-year-old Eleanor’s beloved babysitter Bibi moves away to care for her ailing father, Eleanor must spend the summer adjusting to a new babysitter while mourning the loss of her old one.
Under the Egg - Laura Marx Fitzgerald

**Call Number: J Fic Fitzgerald**

Her grandfather's dying words lead thirteen-year-old Theodora Tenpenny to a valuable, hidden painting she fears may be stolen, but it is her search for answers in her Greenwich Village neighborhood that brings a real treasure.

Jinx - Sage Blackwood

**Call Number: J Fic Blackwood**

A young boy named Jinx encounters magic and danger as he grows up in the deep, dark forest known as the Urwald and discovers that the world beyond--and within--the Urwald is more complex than he could imagine.

The Name of This Book is Secret - Pseudonymous Bosch (+)

**Call Number: J Fic Bosch**

Two eleven-year-old misfits try to solve the mystery of a dead magician and stop the evil Dr. L and Ms. Mauvais, who are searching for the secret of immortality.
OMG - B.E. Brauner

Call Number: J Fic Brauner

Middle school is far from a fairytale for adorkable misfit Lacey Unger-Ware. When Lacey ends up with popular girl Paige Harrington's smart-mouthed fairy godmother, Katarina, trapped in her hair, life gets more magical—just not in a prince charming kind of way. Katarina's wings are too damaged to continue her fairy duties, and Lacey must take over as Paige's fairy godmother. Distracted by her new responsibilities, Lacey's in danger of losing her best friend, Sunny. Can Lacey get the hang of magic, make Paige's dreams come true, and survive middle school? Barbara Brauner and James Iver Mattson's debut novel is full of heart and charm. Get ready for the Oh My Godmother series to cast a spell on tween girls!

Cartboy and the Time Capsule - L.A. Campbell

Call Number: J Fic Campbell

Sixth-grader Hal gets a year-long journal-keeping assignment in his least favorite class, history, much to the delight of his history buff father.

Popular Clone - M.E. Castle

Call Number: J Fic Castle

Twelve-year-old Fisher Bas, a science-loving bully magnet, clones himself, only to discover that his double is infinitely cooler than himself.
Ghoulfriends forever- Gitty Daneshvari (+)

**Call Number: J Fic Daneshvari**

Rochelle Goyle, Venus McFlytrap, and Robecca Steam become friends at Monster High and uncover a plot to take over the school that involves the new teacher, Miss Flapper.

School of Fear- Gitty Daneshvari (+)

**Call Number: J Fic Daneshvari**

Twelve-year-olds Madeleine, Theo, and Lulu, and thirteen-year-old Garrison, are sent to a remote Massachusetts school to overcome their phobias, but tragedy strikes and the quartet must work together--with no adult assistance--to face their fears.

Spy Camp- Stuart Gibbs

**Call Number: J Fic Gibbs**

As almost thirteen-year-old Ben, a student at the CIA's academy for future intelligence agents, prepares to go to spy summer camp, he receives a death threat from the evil organization SPYDER.
In a Glass Grimmly - Adam Gidwitz (+)

Call Number: J Fic Gidwitz

Frog joins cousins Jack and Jill in leaving their own stories to seek a magic mirror, encountering such creatures as giants, mermaids, and goblins along the way. Based in part on fairy tales from the Brothers Grimm and Hans Christian Andersen.

Tunnels - Roderick Gordon (+)

Call Number: J Fic Gordon

When Will Burrows and his friend Chester embark on a quest to find Will's archaeologist father, who has inexplicably disappeared, they are led to a labyrinthine world underneath London, full of sinister inhabitants with evil intentions toward "Topsoilers" like Will and his father.

A Tangle of Knots - Lisa Graff

Call Number: J Fic Graff

In a slightly magical world where everyone has a Talent, eleven-year-old Cady is an orphan with a phenomenal Talent for cake baking. But little does she know that fate has set her on a journey from the moment she was born. And her destiny leads her to a mysterious address that houses a lost luggage emporium, an old recipe, a family of children searching for their own Talents, and a Talent Thief who will alter her life forever. However, these encounters hold the key to Cady's past and how she became an orphan. If she's lucky, fate may reunite her with her long-lost parent.
13 Story Treehouse- Andy Griffiths (+)

Call Number: 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 games room, self-making beds, vines you can swing on, a vegetable vaporiser and a marshmallow machine that follows you around and automatically shoots your favourite flavoured marshmallows into your mouth whenever it discerns you're hungry. Life would be perfect for Andy and Terry if it wasn't for the fact that they have to write their next book, which is almost impossible because there are just so many distractions, including thirteen flying cats, giant bananas, mermaids, a sea monsters pretending to be mermaids, enormous gorillas, and dangerous burp gas-bubblegum bubbles!

The Year of Billy Miller- Kevin Henkes

Call Number: J Fic Henkes

Seven-year-old Billy Miller starts second grade with a bump on his head and a lot of worries, but by the end of the year he has developed good relationships with his teacher, his little sister, and his parents and learned many important lessons.

Junonia- Kevin Henkes

Call Number: J Fic Henkes

The week of her tenth birthday, Alice and her parents go to Sanibel Island, Florida, just as they do every year, but this time some of the people who are always there are missing and some new people have come, which unsettles Alice, who wants things to be exactly the same as they always are.
Turtle in Paradise - Jennifer Holm

**Call Number: J Fic Holm**

In 1935, when her mother gets a job housekeeping for a woman who does not like children, eleven-year-old Turtle is sent to stay with relatives she has never met in faraway Key West, Florida.

Eight Keys - Suzanne LaFleur

**Call Number: J Fic LaFleur**

When twelve-year-old Elise, orphaned since age nine, becomes disheartened by middle school, with its bullies, changing relationships, and higher expectations, keys to long-locked rooms and messages from her late father help her cope.

Love, Aubrey - Suzanne LaFleur

**Call Number: J Fic LaFleur**

While living with her Gram in Vermont, eleven-year-old Aubrey writes letters as a way of dealing with losing her father and sister in a car accident, and then being abandoned by her grief-stricken mother.
Listening for Lucca- Suzanne LaFleur

Call Number: J Fic LaFleur

Thirteen-year-old Siena's visions of the past intensify when her family moves to the Maine coast hoping her little brother will begin speaking, and she connects with residents of the house from many years earlier who faced a similar problem.

The Colossus Rises- Peter Lerangis (+, Seven Wonders bk 1)

Call Number: J Fic Lerangis

Teens Jack, Marco, Aly, and Cass begin a quest to find seven pieces of Atlantis' power that were hidden long ago and that will, if returned to Atlantis, save them from certain death due to the genetic abnormality that also gives them superior abilities.

Doctor Proctor’s Fart Power- Jo Nesbo (+)

Call Number: J Fic Nesbo

New friends Nilly and Lisa help eccentric professor Doctor Proctor to develop his latest invention, a powder that makes one fart, making them very popular at school, but someone is planning to steal the industrial-strength formula for evil purposes.
Midnight for Charlie Bone - Jenny Nimmo (+)

**Call Number: J Fic Nimmo**

Charlie Bone's life with his widowed mother and two grandmothers undergoes a dramatic change when he discovers that he can hear people in photographs talking.

A Snicker of Magic - Natalie Lloyd

**Call Number: J Fic Lloyd**

The Pickles are new to Midnight Gulch, Tennessee, a town which legend says was once magic - but Felicity is convinced the magic is still there, and with the help of her new friend Jonah the Beedle she hopes to bring the magic back.

Nancy Clancy: Super Sleuth - Jane O'Connor (+)

**Call Number: J Fic O'Connor**

Nancy Clancy is growing up and ready for a whole new adventure . . . in her chapter book debut! Nancy and her best friend, Bree, have everything they need to solve a mystery, from their totally professional trench coats to their top-secret code. But when crime strikes in their classroom, will these super sleuths be able to crack the case?
Timmy Failure: Mistakes Were Made - Stephan Pastis (+)

Call Number: J Fic Pastis

Meet Timmy Failure, the clueless, comically self-confident CEO of the best detective agency in town, perhaps even the nation. Add his impressively lazy business partner, a very large polar bear named Total and throw in the Failuremobile -- Timmy's mom's Segway -- and what you have is Total Failure, Inc., a global enterprise destined to make Timmy so rich his mother won't have to stress out about the bills anymore.

The Summer of the Gypsy Moths - Sara Pennypacker

Call Number: J Fic Pennypacker

A foster child named Angel and twelve-year-old Stella, who are living with Stella's great-aunt Louise at the Linger Longer Cottage Colony on Cape Cod, secretly assume responsibility for the vacation rentals when Louise unexpectedly dies and the girls are afraid of being returned to the foster care system.

The River - Gary Paulsen (+, Brian's Saga bk 2)

Call Number: J Fic Paulsen

Because of his success surviving alone in the wilderness for fifty-four days, fifteen-year-old Brian, profoundly changed by his time in the wild, is asked to undergo a similar experience to help scientists learn more about the psychology of survival.
Rooftoppers- Katherine Rundell

Call Number: J Fic Rundell

When authorities threaten to take Sophie, twelve, from Charles who has been her guardian since she was one and both survived a shipwreck, the pair goes to Paris to try to find Sophie's mother, and they are aided by Matteo and his band of "rooftoppers."

The Whizz Pop Chocolate Shop- Kate Saunders

Call Number: J Fic Saunders

Eleven-year-old twins Oz and Lily are recruited by a talking cat to assist her and M16 in foiling the dastardly plans of their great-great-uncle, a chocolatier who used magic to make a candy that bestows immortality.

The Candymakers- Wendy Mass

Call Number: J Fic Mass

When four twelve-year-olds, including Logan, who has grown up never leaving his parents' Life Is Sweet candy factory, compete in the Confectionary Association's annual contest, they unexpectedly become friends and uncover secrets about themselves during the process.
Pie in the Sky - Jane Smiley

Call Number: J Fic Smiley

Abby Lovitt doesn't realize how unprepared she is when she takes her beloved horse, True Blue, to a clinic led by the most famous equestrian anyone knows. The biggest surprise, though, is that Sophia, the girl who never makes a mistake, suddenly makes so many that she stops riding. Who will ride her horse? Abby's dad seems to think it will be Abby. Pie in the Sky is the most expensive horse Abby has ever ridden, but he is proud and irritable, and he takes Abby's attention away from the continuing mystery that is True Blue. And then there's high school--Abby finds new friends, but also new challenges, and a larger world that sometimes seems strange and intimidating. She begins to wonder if there is another way to look at horses, people, and life itself.

The Egypt Game - Zilpha Snyder

Call Number: J Fic Synder

A group of children, entranced with the study of Egypt, play their own Egypt game, are visited by a secret oracle, become involved in a murder, and befriend the Professor before they move on to new interests, such as Gypsies.

The Mysterious Benedict Society - Trenton Lee Stewart

Call Number: J Fic Stewart

After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules.

Favorites from the Oradell Public Library – Updated July 2014
Ready to Wear- Chloe Taylor (+, Sew Zoey series)

Call Number: J Fic Taylor

Over the summer, fashion-loving Zoey Webber gets the best news ever: Her middle school is getting rid of uniforms! There's just one problem. Zoey has sketchbooks full of fashion designs, but nothing to wear! So with a little help from her best friends Kate and Priti, she learns to make her own clothes. She even begins to post her fashion design sketches online in a blog. That's how the Sew Zoey blog begins, and soon it becomes much more.

Moon Over Manifest- Clare Vanderpool

Call Number: J Fic Vanderpool

Twelve-year-old Abilene Tucker is the daughter of a drifter who, in the summer of 1936, sends her to stay with an old friend in Manifest, Kansas, where he grew up, and where she hopes to find out some things about his past.

Navigating Early- Clare Vanderpool

Call Number: Fic Vanderpool

When Jack Baker's father sends him from his home in Kansas to attend a boys' boarding school in Maine, Jack meets Early Auden, who reads the number pi as a story, and refuses to accept truths others take for granted. Jack and Early become friends and during a break from school, they set out for the Appalachian Trail on a quest for a great black bear. As Jack and Early travel deeper into the mountains, they meet peculiar and dangerous characters, and they make some shocking discoveries.
The Storybook of Legends- Shannon Hale (+, Ever After High series)

**Call Number: J Fic Hale**

At Ever After High, a boarding school for the sons and daughters of famous fairy-tale characters, students Apple White and Raven Queen face the moment when they must choose whether to follow their destinies, or change them.

The Abominables- Eva Ibbotson

**Call Number: J Fic Ibbotson**

A century after a yeti captures Lady Agatha Farlingham and takes her to a hidden valley to raise his motherless children, tourism threatens their peaceful existence and young Con and Ellen take these educated and civilized yetis across Europe to Lady Agatha's home in England.

Game Changers- Mike Lupica

**Call Number: J Fic Lupica**

When the coach's son, Shawn O'Brien, is chosen to play quarterback, eleven-year-old Ben McBain is not surprised--but when he tries to be a good teammate and help the inconsistent Shawn, he is startled to learn that his new friend does not really want the position.
Treasure Hunters- James Patterson

Call Number: J Fic Patterson

The Kidd siblings have grown up diving down to shipwrecks and traveling the world, helping their famous parents recover everything from swords to gold doubloons from the bottom of the ocean. But after their parents disappear on the job, the kids are suddenly thrust into the biggest treasure hunt of their lives. They'll have to work together to defeat dangerous pirates and dodge the hot pursuit of an evil treasure hunting rival, all while following cryptic clues to unravel the mystery of what really happened to their parents--and find out if they're still alive.

Middle School, the Worst Years of My Life- James Patterson (+)

Call Number: J Fic Patterson

When Rafe Kane enters middle school, he teams up with his best friend, "Leo the Silent," to create a game to make school more fun by trying to break every rule in the school's code of conduct.

Escape From Mr. Lemoncello’s Library- Chris Grabenstein

Call Number: J Fic Grabenstein

Kyle Keeley is the class clown, popular with most kids, (if not the teachers), and an ardent fan of all games: board games, word games, and particularly video games. His hero, Luigi Lemoncello, the most notorious and creative gamemaker in the world, just so happens to be the genius behind the building of the new town library. Lucky Kyle wins a coveted spot to be one of the first 12 kids in the library for an overnight of fun, food, and lots and lots of games. But when morning comes, the doors remain locked. Kyle and the other winners must solve every clue and every secret puzzle to find the hidden escape route. And the stakes are very high.
A Hundred Horses- Sara Lean

Call Number: J Fic Lean

Eleven-year-old Nell must spend spring break in the country with an aunt and cousins she has never met, but while there she meets a mysterious, wild girl with a strange connection to horses and an uncanny understanding of Nell.

The Lemonade War- Jacqueline Davies (+)

Call Number: J Fic Davies

Evan and his younger sister, Jesse, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for fourth grade and as the end of summer approaches, they battle it out through lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn 100 dollars.

The Land of Stories: the Wishing Spell- Chris Colfer (+)

Call Number: J Fic Colfer

The Land of Stories tells the tale of twins Alex and Conner. Through the mysterious powers of a cherished book of stories, they leave their world behind and find themselves in a foreign land full of wonder and magic where they come face-to-face with the fairy tale characters they grew up reading about. But after a series of encounters with witches, wolves, goblins, and trolls alike, getting back home is going to be harder than they thought.
**Lunch Walks Among Us - Jim Benton (+)**

*Call Number: J Fic Benton*

Franny K. Stein is a mad scientist who prefers all things spooky and creepy, but when she has trouble making friends at her new school she experiments with fitting in—which works until a monster erupts from the trashcan.

**Spirit Animals: Hunted - Maggie Stiefvater (+)**

*Call Number: J Fic Spirit Animals (book 2)*

Four children have discovered that they have spirit animals, a rare bond between human and animal that has launched them on a quest to save their world. The team heads to the forests of Eura, where another Great Beast is hidden.

**Guys Read: Other Worlds - edited by Jon Scieszka**

*Call Number: J Fic Other*

A challenging labor for a teenage demigod. A world in which shoes shall no longer be trod upon. A scouting trip that turns deadly. Welcome to Other Worlds, the fourth volume in the Guys Read Library of Great Reading. Prepare yourself for ten trips into the unknown, as ten of your favorite writers spin tales of fantasy and science fiction the likes of which you have never imagined.
NERDS: National Espionage, Rescue, and Defense Society - Michael Buckley (+)

Call Number: J Fic Buckley

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.

Allergic to Girls, school, and Other Scary Things - Lenore Look (+)

Call Number: J Fic Look

A young boy in Concord, Massachusetts, who loves superheroes and comes from a long line of brave Chinese farmer-warriors, wants to make friends, but first he must overcome his fear of everything.

Big Nate: In A Class By Himself - Lincoln Peirce (+)

Call Number: J Fic Peirce

Supremely confident middle school student Nate Wright manages make getting detention from every one of his teachers in the same day seem like an achievement.
Calvin Coconut in Trouble Magnet - Graham Salisbury (+)

Call Number: J Fic Salisbury

Nine-year-old Calvin catches the attention of the school bully on the day before he starts fourth grade, while at home, the unfriendly, fifteen-year-old daughter of his mother’s best friend has taken over his room.

Secret Identity - Wendelin Van Draanen (+)

Call Number: J Fic Van Draanen

Bubba has been the bane of Nolan's existence for five long years. So when Mr. Green asks the class to become reporters, Nolan decides he'll write an exposé--on Bubba. He doesn't want to sign his name to it (that'd be suicidal), so Nolan creates a secret identity for himself--on the Internet. He launches Shredderman.com as a place where truth and justice prevail--and bullies get what's coming to them.

Clueless McGee - Jeff Mack (+)

Call Number: J Fic Mack

Through a series of letters to his father, a private investigator, fifth-grader PJ "Clueless" McGee tells of his efforts to discover who stole macaroni and cheese from the school cafeteria.
Lunch Lady and the Cyborg Substitute- Jarrett Krosoczka (+)

Call Number: J Fic Krosoczka

The school lunch lady is a secret crime fighter who uncovers an evil plot to replace all the popular teachers with robots.

Ivy & Bean- Annie Barrows (+)

Call Number: J Eb Barrows

When seven-year-old Bean plays a mean trick on her sister, she finds unexpected support for her antics from Ivy, the new neighbor, who is less boring than Bean first suspected.

Amy and the Missing Puppy- Callie Barkley (+)

Call Number: J Fic Barkley

During Spring Break, mystery lover Amy looks for clues to the disappearance of wealthy Ms. Sullivan's Saint Bernard puppy.
Violet Mackerel’s Brilliant Plot - Anna Branford (+)

Call Number: J Fic Branford

When a creative seven-year-old girl spots a blue china bird that she desperately wants, she forms an imaginative plan for getting it.

Moving Day - Meg Cabot (+)

Call Number: J Fic Cabot

Nine-year-old Allie Finkle has rules for everything and is even writing her own rule book, but her world is turned upside-down when she learns that her family is moving across town, which will mean a new house, school, best friend, and plenty of new rules.

Mallory on the Move - Laurie B. Friedman (+)

Call Number: J Fic Friedman

After moving to a new town, eight-year-old Mallory keeps throwing stones in the "Wishing Pond" but things will not go back to the way they were before, and she remains torn between old and new best friends.
Just Grace- Charise Mericle Harper (+)

Call Number: J Fic Harper

Misnamed by her teacher, seven-year-old Just Grace prides herself on being empathetic, but when she tries to help a neighbor feel better, her good intentions backfire.

The Tail of Emily Windsnap- Liz Kessler (+)

Call Number: J Fic Kessler

After finally convincing her mother that she should take swimming lessons, twelve-year-old Emily discovers a terrible and wonderful secret about herself that opens up a whole new world.

Clementine- Sara Pennypacker (+)

Call Number: J Fic Pennypacker

While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.