



RECOMMENDED READING LIST

[Did Flemming Rescue Churchill?](#) by James Cross Giblin

Description*

Jason is stuck with the most boring subject for a research paper— Alexander Fleming, the scientist who invented penicillin. Then he comes across the story about how Fleming rescued Winston Churchill from drowning. But the story circulating on the Internet might not be true. Jason must learn everything he can about Fleming and Churchill in order to solve this puzzle. Readers will learn various research tips, including how to tell fact from fiction on the Internet.

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[The Case of the Digital Deception \(Club CSI\)](#) by Ellie O'Ryan

Description*

When there's a mystery surrounding a popular online game, the Club CSI: kids use digital forensics to solve a case of foul play. Ben, Corey, and Hannah have their work cut out for them when Whitney, the most popular girl in school, comes to Club CSI: for help. At first her case seems easy to crack— someone has been tampering with Whitney's locker, and since her best friend Alyssa has the combination, she is a likely suspect. But nothing is as simple as it seems, especially once the team learns that other strange things are happening around Whitney. Mysterious charges from a popular Internet drawing game have shown up on Whitney's parents' credit card. Whitney swears she didn't authorize the charges, so who did? The digital drama increases when Club CSI: launches an online investigation—and to uncover the culprit, they'll have to go undercover as players of the game!

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[But I Read It on the Internet! \(Mrs. Skorupski Story\)](#) by Toni Buzzeo and Sachiko Yoshikawa

Description*

From Library School Journal: Gr 3-5-Mr. Dickinson's students have opposing ideas on how to do proper research. Hunter relies on "true books" from the school library and Carmen believes that everything she reads on the Internet is true. Super librarian Mrs. Skorupski bounds in to save the day. She helps the fourth graders on their presidential fact-finding mission by teaching them how to evaluate and cite their resources, providing them with a terrific research tool, her "Website Evaluation Gizmo." The girls and boys record a number of the facts on a Know/Want to Know/Learn chart. Hunter and Carmen disagree over whether George Washington actually had wooden teeth. For homework, they are assigned the task of verifying the story. To Hunter's dismay, Mrs. Skorupski wants them to use Internet sources, no books. She advises him to visit the public library, where he and the librarian search the Internet for "George Washington" "wooden teeth" and then use Mrs. Skorupski's Gizmo to evaluate the website. At school the next day, Hunter is surprised when Carmen suddenly agrees with him. She changed her mind because thanks to her teacher she "knew how to make sure the Internet was right!"

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[The Pirates of Plagiarism](#) by Lisa Downey and Kathleen Fox

Description†

Gr 2-3-While the librarian shelves books, a gang of pirates lurks outside the peaceful Clearview School Library. Spying a treasure chest through the window, Captain Bumbo sneaks into the building along with his disreputable mates. They capture Mrs. Finch and refuse to believe her protestations that the chest is empty. Before the scoundrels can escape with their loot, several children arrive to finish their reports on sharks. When they ask for help, they are told to cut and paste, copy word-for-word, and plunder someone else's report, which is "exactly what Mrs. Finch had taught them NOT to do." Only the parrot reiterates the rules for proper research. The pirates are delighted to learn the definition of plagiarism, "stealing another person's work and pretending it's yours," and dub themselves the "Pirates of Plagiarism." Finally, Mrs. Finch escapes and confronts them. They make their escape with the empty treasure chest while the librarian tells her students, "Real treasure can only be found in your brain." The bright cartoon illustrations add humor to this lighthearted take on an important issue. Young researchers will appreciate the appended list of "Plagiarism Dos and Don'ts."

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Operation Redwood by Terrel S. French

Description*

Clandestine e-mail exchanges, secret trips, fake press releases, and a tree-house standoff are among the clever stunts and pranks the kid heroes pull in this exciting ecological adventure. "Sibley Carter is a moron and a world-class jerk," reads Julian Carter-Li in an angry e-mail message meant for his greedy, high-powered uncle. The fateful message sets him on the course to stop an environmental crime! His uncle's company plans to cut down some of the oldest California redwood trees, and it's up to Julian and a ragtag group of friends to figure out a way to stop them. This thrilling, thoughtful debut novel shows the power of determined individuals, no matter what their age, to stand up to wrongdoing.

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Bully by Patricia Polacco

Description*

Lyla finds a great friend in Jamie on her first day of school, but when Lyla makes the cheerleading squad and a clique of popular girls invites her to join them, Jamie is left behind. Lyla knows bullying when she sees it, though, and when she sees the girls viciously teasing classmates on Facebook, including Jamie, she is smart enough to get out. But no one dumps these girls, and now they're out for revenge. Patricia Polacco has taken up the cause against bullies ever since Thank You, Mr. Falker, and her passion shines through in this powerful story of a girl who stands up for a friend.

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Journal of a Schoolyard Bully: Cyberbully by Farley Katz

Description*

In the tradition of the mega successful DIARY OF A WIMPY KID and DORK DIARIES, JOURNAL OF A SCHOOLYARD BULLY: Cyberbully by Farley Katz chronicles the life of Niko Taylor, habitual trouble-maker. For the second time in the series, Niko Kayler makes a triumphant return from bully rehab and must once again right his wrongs—but what happens when the tables are turned? After his mom transfers jobs and towns, Niko Kayler, notorious calculating bully, gets a second chance to be good, or be evil. Though he tries to contain himself, Niko stumbles onto the world of cyber bullying, harnessing the power of cell phones, Facebook, and some technology he invents to covertly torture his fellow classmates. Things seem to be going well for Niko until the technology is turned against him and Niko learns what it's like to be on the wrong side of the cyber bullying.

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[The Truth about Truman School](#) by Dor Hillestad Butler

Description*

They just wanted to tell the truth. When Zebby and Amr create the website [thetruthabouttruman.com](#), they want it to be honest. They want it to be about the real Truman Middle School, to say things that the school newspaper would never say, and to give everyone a chance to say what they want to say, too. But given the chance, some people will say anything—anything to hurt someone else. And when rumors about one popular student escalate to cruel new levels, it's clear the truth about Truman School is more harrowing than anyone ever imagined.

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[Shredderman: Secret Identity](#) by Wendelin Van Draanen

Description*

Alvin Bixby: Hulking, knuckles of steel, hideous breath, foul temper. Kids call him: Bubba. Nolan Byrd: Puny, power walker, math genius, can't keep shoes tied. Kids call him: Nerd. 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.

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[Chrissa Stands Strong](#) by Mary Casanova

Description*

Chrissa's had a good summer, practicing for swim team try-outs. Then her world is shaken when she and her friends get mean text messages and there's an accident at the pool. Can one girl put an end to the bullying?

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