

# Children's Literature Update 2015

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

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

#### [ACL Read-Alikes](#)

[www.bayviews.org/readalikes.html](http://www.bayviews.org/readalikes.html)

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](#)

[www.mymcpl.org/books-movies-music/juvenile-series](http://www.mymcpl.org/books-movies-music/juvenile-series)

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 49<sup>th</sup> 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!*

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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 Everything's Amazing (Sort of)*.

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

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

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