

# Children's Literature

*TTGT11 VI: Lick My Love Pump*

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**Subject:** Children's literature, covering works written for the preliterate, the beginning reader, and the early-to-late adolescent.

## Tossups

**1. It meets Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 5:30 to 6:00 on Bradford Court (\*).**

Originally made up of four friends, it eventually grew to seven full-time members. This series eventually reached 197 titles, and has spawned at least three spin-offs. FTP, name this series, written by Ann M. Martin, which inspired young girls all over America to create "Kid Kits" of their own.

**Answer: The Babysitters Club**

**2. In this book, the decline of Western Civilization is blamed on ballpoint pens and the lack of tea, which is always served at four (\*), and "Calligraphy", "the Sargasso Sea", "suffragettes", and "posh & tip" are among the first questions correctly answered by Noah, Nadia, Ethan, and Julian. FTP, identify this Newbery Award-winning novel about sixth grade academic bowl players written by E.L. Konigsburg.**

**Answer: The View from Saturday**

**3. She is the middle child of an ordinary family living in Oregon. As a preschooler, she eats one bite of every apple in the house (\*) because the first bite is the best. Later she squeezes out an entire tube of toothpaste, and gets bluing all over herself and her friend, Howie Kemp. FTP, identify this young resident of Klickitat Street, whose older sister is Beezus, a creation of Beverly Cleary.**

**Answer: Ramona Geraldine Quimby**

**4. This book concerns the apparent death of an eccentric millionaire, and contains the following characters: a dressmaker, an inventor, a judge, a bookie (\*), a burglar, a bomber, and a mistake. The cardinal directions figure prominently in the titular diversion of—FTP—this book by Ellen Raskin, which features as its heroine a young girl named Turtle.**

**Answer: The Westing Game**

**5. With a good friend named George, a prominent attorney for a father, and an on-again/off-again relationship with a fellow sleuth (\*), this crime-solver unraveled many mysteries. Often accompanied by George's cousin Bess, this titian-haired detective has solved everything from *The Secret of the Old Clock* to *The Secret of the Forgotten City*. Looked after by her housekeeper Hannah Gruen, she still appears in new books, despite her original author's death. FTP, name this girl detective, whose adventures are written under the pen name Carolyn Keene.**

**Answer: Nancy Drew**

**6. He wrote the screenplays for *You Only Live Twice* and *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, as well as the screenplay for one of his own books. Born September 13, 1916 in Wales (\*), he spent many years in boarding schools before working for Shell and flying in the Royal Air Force during World War II. After the war, he began writing—first short stories for adults, such as *Lamb to the Slaughter*—later turning to the children's books for which he is better known. Quentin Blake often illustrated the books of—FTP—this British author of *The BFG*, *James and the Giant Peach*, and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.**

**Answer: Roald Dahl**

7. **This book, completed in 1908, was written by the author for his only son. Its cast of characters (some rough and wild, some quiet and genteel) (\*) has many adventures on and around the local river. In addition to that river, action takes place in *The Wild Wood* and on *The Open Road*, the latter memorably involving several shiny motorcars. FTP, name this novel written by Kenneth Grahame that features the characters Badger, Mole, Rat, and—of course—Toad, who resides in the appropriately named Toad Hall.**

**Answer: *The Wind in the Willows***

8. **Though Claudia decides to run away from home, she uses considerable forethought in doing so. Since she doesn't like the outdoors (\*), she chooses to run away to the New York Museum of Science and History, and since she will need company and money, she asks her younger brother Jamie to come along. They earn money during their stay by bathing in the fountain, but when they find an angel statue, Claudia becomes determined to ascertain its creator. FTP, name this Newbery Award-winning debut novel by E.L. Konigsburg.**

**Answer: *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*** (*Editor's note: yes, this question officially makes it an E.L. Konigsburg-heavy packet, but I like both books, so nyah.*)

9. **This is the first name of the pseudonym used by Samuel Youd, under which he wrote the *Tripods* trilogy. The first name of the author of "sports classic" (\*) novels such as *The Kid Who Only Hit Homers* and *Center Court Sting*, this moniker is shared by the teenaged author of the book, *Eragon*. Again, this name also denotes the author of such thrillers as the *Remember Me* and *The Last Vampire* series. FTP, give this eleven-letter name that is shared by all of these authors, as well as the son of A.A. Milne.**

**Answer: Christopher**

10. **This character, who used to be rich last Sunday, is known for his insistence that he is not (Do you hear me? I mean it!) going to move. With brothers Anthony and Nicolas (\*), who constantly drive him crazy, this boy has a life full of exasperations, which in his most famous story include a lack of dessert in his lunchbox, lima beans for dinner and kissing on TV! FTP, name this title character of several Judith Viorst books, who is thinking of moving to Australia after having had a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day.**

**Answer: Alexander**

11. **The main character of this book has a father who wants to be Jewish, a melodramatic stepfather appropriately named Ham, a little sister (\*) called Cootie Head, and an annoying little brother who steals his dinosaurs. Over the course of the novel, he explores his fascination in the Voyager II probe, experiences the death of his friend's little brother Kippy Kim, and eventually befriends the school weirdo, Marceline. FTP, identify this book about the trials and tribulations of starting junior high, written by Jerry Spinelli.**

**Answer: *Space Station Seventh Grade***

12. **Jack's Bean Problem, Little Red Running Shorts, The Tortoise and the Hair (\*), Cinderrumpelstiltskin, Chicken Licken, and the Really Ugly Duckling. FTP, these are all stories in what illustrated children's book by Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith, which parodies many classic fairy tales.**

**Answer: *The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales***

**13. This boy's name imperils his health and well-being, and nearly leads to his death. The reader is informed that it is because of him that eldest Chinese sons (\*) now have shorter names.** FTP name this boy who falls down a well and nearly perishes before his brother Chang can say his long, long name, the star of a favorite childhood read-aloud book.

**Answer: Tikki Tikki Tembo** No Sa Rembo Chari Bari Ruchi Pip Peri Pembo (*Editors note: as long as the boldface is correct, accept the answer; if they give the correct whole name, give them 100 imaginary awesome points.*)

**14. This title character keeps getting into trouble for knocking things over and for ending up in Mrs. Hodgepodge's flower beds. Then (\*), her parents give her the outfit she has since made famous, and they decide to send her to Miss Lilly. There, she is a great help at home, a perfect angel at school, and the lead dancer in her class. Later books would include her cousin Henry, her friend Alice, and a trip to the fair, but the first book is a favorite of little girls everywhere. FTP, name this mouse who is usually seen wearing a pink tutu and ballet slippers.**

**Answer: Angelina Ballerina**

**15. A family portrait, a cleaning frenzy, a bed made out of a matchbox, and a whisker trim (\*) are all included in this charming and extremely popular picture book by Laura Joffe Numeroff. In the book, A little boy is a most accommodating host and provides whatever his rodent visitor asks for, which ranges from a bedtime story to crayons and paper to a powder puff. FTP, a glass of milk, a napkin, and a look in the mirror all directly follow from this hypothetical (and delicious) title.**

**Answer: If You Give a Mouse a Cookie...**

**16. Though his real name is Leroy, only his mother, father, and teachers call him that (\*).** He often helps his father do his work, but has also set up shop for himself, aiding any neighborhood boys and girls who need answers. Though some of his stories have been made into movies, the books remain far more popular for mystery-solving fans of this boy, who has been likened to "a complete library walking around in sneakers". FTP, name this fifth-grade detective, a creation of Donald J. Sobol, who solves most of the crimes committed in his hometown of Idaville.

**Answer: Encyclopedia Brown**

**17. Brian is traveling to Canada to visit his father after his parents' divorce. Unfortunately, the pilot suffers a fatal heart attack, and the small plane (\*) crashes into the Canadian wilderness near an L-shaped lake. Miraculously, Brian is able to swim free of the plane, arriving on a sandy tree-lined shore with only his clothing, a tattered windbreaker, and the titular object, a gift from his mother. FTP, identify this book by Gary Paulsen that chronicles Brian's mistakes, setbacks, and small triumphs as he manages to survive the 54 days alone in the wilderness.**

**Answer: Hatchet**

**18. William Waterman Sherman was a disgruntled math teacher who, upon retirement, decided to travel around the world. However, he was blown off course and crash landed on a volcanic island (\*) where Mr. F, proprietor of the local French restaurant, rescued him. Then, he encounters the island's eccentric inhabitants, their wacky inventions, and their enormous diamond mines. FTP, name this Newbery Award-winning book by William Pene du Bois in which Sherman is found adrift in the Atlantic Ocean with too many balloons after the explosion of Krakatoa.**

**Answer: The Twenty-One Balloons**

**19. He throws a temper-tantrum when his mother tries to buy him new saddle shoes, rather than loafers like his older brother (\*).** He covers his baby sister in stamps. He uses Oil of Olay on his baseball glove. He is—FTP—this turtle-swallowing boy, the brother of Peter, the creation of Judy Blume, and the owner of a sweet-sounding nickname.

**Answer: Fudge** (accept Farley Drexel) Hatcher

20. Throughout his long career, this British author has written articles for *Penthouse*, as well as comic books and a biography of Douglas Adams (\*). He has also written children's books such as *The Day I Swapped My Dad for Two Goldfish*, *The Wolves in the Walls*, and *Coraline*. FTP, name this man, author of the popular *Sandman* series and the collaborator of Terry Pratchett on *Good Omens*.

**Answer: Neil Gaiman**

21. This story within a story, with a sequel called *Pickles to Pittsburgh*, concerns a town where residents never have to worry about where their next meal is coming from. That is, until the weather (\*) takes a turn for the worse, and pea soup fog, an entire day of gorgonzola cheese, and larger-than-usual pancakes run the residents out of town on their stale-bread rafts. FTP, name this book featuring the town of Chewandswallow.

**Answer: Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs**

## Bonuses

1. FTPE, name these characters from a book by Carol Ryrie Brink.

(10) This titular character with fiery red hair is always getting into trouble for not being ladylike. She comes late to dinner when company comes, lets off Indian war whoops at inopportune moments, breaks the circuit rider's clock, and befriends an Indian, which alarms her mother.

**Answer: Caddie Woodlawn (accept Caroline)**

(10) Caddie's little sister, she always wants to tell the latest news and happenings, and can be a bit of a pest sometimes. But Caddie loves her and tries to spend time with her, recognizing how lonely she must be without a playmate close in age.

**Answer: Hetty**

(10) Caddie's cousin, she visits the family from Boston and is determined to do typical country things, which she declares "quaint". Unfortunately for her, Caddie and her brothers play a series of mean practical jokes on her, one of which results in all her buttons being eaten off her very stylish dress by the family sheep.

**Answer: Annabelle**

2. FTPE name these books by Robert McCloskey.

(10) This charming book won a Caldecott Award, and is memorialized by bronze duck statues in Boston.

**Answer: Make Way for Ducklings**

(10) The titular character of this book has many small-town adventures, including dealing with an over-active donut-making machine.

**Answer: Homer Price**

(10) This book, aimed at younger children, tells of the outing a young girl and her mother take, at the same time that a young bear and his mother are making a similar outing. Confusion ensues, but eventually each child ends up with the correct mother, and they all go home full, happy, and with colorful fingers or paws.

**Answer: Blueberries for Sal**

3. FTSNP name these characters from *A Series of Unfortunate Events*.

(5) The author of the series.

**Answer: Lemony Snicket**

(5 each) All three Quagmire triplets, two of whom the Baudelaires first met during their stay at Prufrock Preparatory.

**Answer: Duncan, Isadora, Quigley**

(10) Lemony's lost love, she perished but is often in his thoughts and his dedications.

**Answer: Beatrice**

4. FTPE, name these spunky young girls.

(10) This fearless character lives in an old house in Paris with 11 other girls.

**Answer: Madeline**

(10) Also living without her parents, this character resides in a New York hotel, and seems to know everyone's business.

**Answer: Eloise**

(10) This girl pig, with a younger brother named Ian, can never decide what to wear, but thinks herself a stupendous artist (with good reason!).

**Answer: Olivia**



5. What would a children's lit packet be without a question on Harry Potter? FFPE, given a character, give his or her Hogwarts house affiliation – Ravenclaw, Hufflepuff, Slytherin, or Gryffindor. For example, if I said "Harry Potter," you'd say, "Gryffindor."

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| (5) Justin Finch-Fletchley – <b>Hufflepuff</b> | (5) Padma Patil – <b>Ravenclaw</b>         |
| (5) Blaise Zabini – <b>Slytherin</b>           | (5) Penelope Clearwater – <b>Ravenclaw</b> |
| (5) Ernie MacMillan – <b>Hufflepuff</b>        | (5) Hermione Granger – <b>Gryffindor</b>   |

6. FTPE, name the books in the Wayside School series by Louis Sacchar.

(10) This is the second book in the Wayside School series. It ends with Mrs. Jewels accidentally summoning so many cows that the school becomes infested and must close.

**Answer: Wayside School is Falling Down**

(10) In this third book in the Wayside School series, the school is finally reopened, but Mrs. Jewels goes away on maternity leave. The children get increasingly odd substitute teachers.

**Answer: Wayside Schools Gets a Little Bit Stranger**

(10) Though not technically a book in the Wayside School series, it features a girl from the regular world coming to Wayside School and trying to do their unique math. For fans of this admittedly nerdy book,  $ELF + ELF = FOOL$ .

**Answer: Sideways Arithmetic from Wayside School**

7. FTPE, answer the following about winners of the Caldecott Medal.

(10) He won medals in 1982 and 1986 for his two most famous books, *The Polar Express* and *Jumanji*.

**Answer: Chris van Allsburg**

(10) Virginia Lee Burton won the Caldecott Medal for her book, *The Little House*; however, this work is perhaps her most famous. The story follows the titular characters in their quest to dig the basement of the town hall.

**Answer: Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel**

(10) This co-author of the Little Bear series won the 1964 Caldecott Medal for his book *Where the Wild Things Are*.

**Answer: Maurice Sendak**

8. FTPE, identify these characters from *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott.

(10) This is the eldest March sister. She marries John Brooke and has twin children, Demi and Daisy.

**Answer: Meg or Margaret March**

(10) This is the wealthy boy who lives next door. Though he first proposes to Jo, he falls in love with and marries Amy.

**Answer: Theodore Lawrence (accept either) or Laurie or Teddy**

(10) This third March sister is Jo's favorite. Sadly, she dies.

**Answer: Beth or Elizabeth March**

9. FTSNOP identify these characters from *A Wrinkle in Time* and its sequels, written by Madeline L'Engle.

(10) It was a dark and stormy night when this character showed up at the Murry family's door. They feed her a tuna fish sandwich and send her on her way, but not before she informs Mrs. Murry that there is such a thing as a tesseract.

**Answer: Mrs. Whatsit**

(10) This is the "biological sport" of the Murry family. He is the youngest child, and he accompanies Meg in *A Wrinkle in Time*. In *A Wind in the Door*, Meg enters his mitochondria to save him.

**Answer: Charles Wallace Murry (accept just Charles)**

(10) These are the twin brothers, intermediate in age between Meg and Charles Wallace. In *Many Waters*, they finally go on their own adventure, to Biblical antediluvian times.

**Answer: Sandy (or Alexander) Murry and Dennys Murry**

10. FTPE, identify these books by Laura Ingalls Wilder.

(10) This first book in her famous series covers living in Wisconsin near Lake Pepin with her parents, older sister, and baby sister.

**Answer: Little House in the Big Woods**

(10) This book is the only book in the Little House series that does not involve Laura. Taking place in New York State, it follows the life of Laura's future husband Almanzo Wilder.

**Answer: Farmer Boy**

(10) In this book, Laura and her family deal with a blizzard, the absence of Pa, fireballs down the chimney, and Nelly Olsen at school, who eventually gets her comeuppance when she ends up with leeches all over her legs.

**Answer: By the Banks of Plum Creek**

11. Answer these questions about popular picture books, FTPE.

(10) He wrote and illustrated many books about folk heroes such as Johnny Appleseed, Pecos Bill, and Paul Bunyan, as well as a series of books featuring a dog named Pinkerton.

**Answer: Stephen Kellogg**

(10) This book by Jan Brett is subtitled "A Ukrainian Folktale" and tells what happens when a boy loses the titular object in the snow.

**Answer: The Mitten**

(10) This author/illustrator created the popular world of Busy town in books such as *Busy, Busy Town*; *Best Word Book Ever!*; and *Cars and Trucks and Things That Go*.

**Answer: Richard Scarry**

12. FTPE, identify these books by Katherine Patterson.

(10) This Newbery Award-winning book is about a boy named Jess Aarons who meets and befriends the strange new girl in school named Leslie Burke. Together they create the titular magical location, until Leslie's tragic death, after which Jess learns to go on alone.

**Answer: Bridge to Terabithia**

(10) This other Newbery Award-winning book by Patterson follows the lives of twin sisters growing up in a small Maine island. The younger sister, Caroline, is a beautiful musical prodigy loved by all except for her older sister Louise. It takes its title from a biblical passage.

**Answer: Jacob Have I Loved**

(10) The titular character is an eleven-year-old girl looking for her beautiful mother so she can escape the foster care system.

**Answer: The Great Gilly Hopkins**

13. FTPE, identify these popular, anthropomorphized bears.

(10) This bear lives with the Brown family. He can often be found wearing his trademark toggle coat and bright red hat.

**Answer: Paddington**

(10) This friendly fellow, whose green overalls figure prominently in his books, finds a home the morning after he was found wandering around a department store at night.

**Answer: Corduroy**

(10) This family of bears, each of whom is identified by family title rather than an actual name, lives together in a tree house. Their books teach important lessons about manners, habits, and how to get along with fellow bears.

**Answer: Berenstein Bears**

14. Answer these related questions, FTPE.

(10) In the first book in this series, an alien ship crash lands in a construction site where five teens are walking. Give their collective new name that refers to the powers they gained that night, also the name of this series by K.A. Applegate.

**Answer: Animorphs**

(10) These slug-like aliens, who use their mind-control powers to try and take over the earth, are the Animorphs' main enemies.

**Answer: Yeerks**

(10) The Animorphs have a two-hour time limit on their morphs. What animal does Tobias become trapped as at the end of the first book?

**Answer: Red-tailed hawk**

15. Identify these characters from works by Louise Fitzhugh, FTPE

(10) She is the tomato sandwich-loving character in Fitzhugh's most famous book. This adventurous eleven-year-old sneaks around her Manhattan neighborhood and keeps notebooks on the goings on her friends and neighbors.

**Answer: Harriet M. Welch**

(10) She is Harriet's best friend, a "mad scientist" who idolizes Marie Curie.

**Answer: Janie Gibbs**

(10) He is Harriet's other best friend, who does the housekeeping and budgeting for his absentminded, author father.

**Answer: Sport**

16. FTPE, answer these questions about the series of books that made learning fun and magical – The Magic Schoolbus.

(10) This teacher always wore unusual outfits that correlated to the bizarre and exciting fieldtrips that she took her class on.

**Answer: Ms. Frizzle**

(10) The teacher's pet is this type of animal. At the end of each book, it answers readers' questions about the logic behind the fieldtrip.

**Answer: Lizard OR Iguana**

(10) This unlucky member of the class has an obnoxious cousin named Janet. In *Inside the Human Body*, he unknowingly eats the rest of the class and the school bus and then fears that they have left him behind.

**Answer: Arnold**

17. FTPE, identify these books by Lois Lowry from descriptions.

(10) In this Newbery Award-winning book, set in Denmark during World War II, the narrator helps her Jewish best friend and her family escape to Sweden.

**Answer: Number the Stars**

(10) In this third book about Caroline and J.P. Tate, J.P. falls in love with a new girl and tells her that he is dying of a rare, genetic disease in order to win her affections.

**Answer: Your Move, J.P.**

(10) Jonah lives in a world without crime, pollution, strife, individuality, music, or color. Upon his twelfth "birthday," he discovers that he has a rare gift and must train to become the next receiver of memories.

**Answer: The Giver**



18. FTPE, identify these books by Dr. Seuss from descriptions.

(10) This early Seuss book takes its title from the main character's over-active imagination, which is working over-time as he walks home from school one day. He paints Eskimos, reindeer, a brass band, the mayor, and acrobats into the scenery, but in the end the only thing that was there was a plain horse and wagon.

**Answer: And to Think That I Saw It On Mulberry Street**

(10) The title character of this book is hauled before the king and nearly executed for a strange and uncontrollable haberdashery phenomenon.

**Answer: The Five Hundred Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins**

(10) This book, featuring a caring elephant who continues to do the right thing in the face of strong opposition, carries the strong message that every person matters, no matter how small they are.

**Answer: Horton Hears a Who**

19. FTPE, identify these books by environmental author Jean Craighead George.

(10) In this book, Sam Gribble tires of life in crowded New York, so he runs away from home to the Catskills Mountains. There he trains a falcon to provide his meat and lives under a tree.

**Answer: My Side of the Mountain**

(10) This book, winner of the Newbery Award, features a girl who runs away from home to escape an unhappy marriage. On her way to San Francisco, she befriends a pack of wild animals in order to survive the harsh Alaska winter.

**Answer: Julie of the Wolves**

(10) This book, billed as an Eco Mystery, stars a young girl, Liza, who secretly lives with her mother in a Hammock in the Florida Everglades. It follows the steps Liza takes to protect both Dajun and the beautiful balanced ecosystem she is happy to call home.

**Answer: The Missing 'Gator of Gumbo Limbo**

20. FTPE, identify these characters from books written by E.B. White.

(10) When it is feared that this character will be killed and eaten, his friends decide to convince the farm owners that he is "some pig."

**Answer: Wilbur the Pig**

(10) This rat, Wilbur's neighbor, never did anything for anybody unless there was something in it for him.

**Answer: Templeton**

(10) It is never explained why a normal family would suddenly have a mouse for a son, and when his visiting friend, Margolo, flies away, this titular rodent pursues her.

**Answer: Stuart Little**

21. FTPE, identify these places in the Lands Beyond that Milo and Tock visit in *The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster.

(10) After driving through the tollbooth and beyond Expectations, Milo reaches this land where he meets Tock the watchdog. The Lethargarians live here, and there is a local ordinance in this land that prevents thinking.

**Answer: The Doldrums**

(10) Past the Doldrums lies this city, ruled by King Azaz the Unabridged, where words grow on trees.

**Answer: Dictionopolis**

(10) This mathematical counterpart to Dictionopolis is the home of Mathemagician and is where the numbers are mined. While taking the stairs to infinity, Milo encounters the 0.58 of a child.

**Answer: Digitopolis**

22. FTPE, name these books starring animals.

(10) This book, by George Selden, features a fresh-from-the-country fellow, who has come to the big city in a picnic basket. He is befriended by a cat named Harry, a mouse named Tucker, and a boy named Mario, whose parents' newsstand he begins to call home.

**Answer: The Cricket in Times Square**

(10) In this book, by William Steig, a young donkey transforms himself into a rock when surprised by a lion. His parents are distraught at finding him missing, but eventually try to get on with their lives. On a picnic in the spring, they find themselves wishing their son were back with them and, hey presto! he suddenly is, to the delight of all.

**Answer: Sylvester and the Magic Pebble**

(10) This most famous book of author/illustrator Eric Carle features one apple, two pears, an ice cream cone, several kinds of sausage, and one nice green leaf. With a beautiful (and scientific) ending, this book captivate children and adults alike.

**Answer: The Very Hungry Caterpillar**

23. Identify these A.A. Milne characters based on signs that appear outside their houses, FTPE.

(10) For a while there were two signs on this character's door that read: "Ples ring if an rnser is reqird" and "Plez cnoke if an rnsr is not reqid." However, because the bell-pull turned out to be another character's tail, we can assume that at least one of the signs was removed.

**Answer: Owl**

(10) Next to his house in a beech tree is a large sign that says "Trespassers W," which is his grandfather's name, which was short for "Trespassers Will" and "Trespassers William."

**Answer: Piglet**

(10) Confusion comes to the Hundred Acre Woods when a sign appears outside this person's door, bearing the message:

*GON OUT  
BACKSON  
BISY  
BACKSON*

Later he corrects the sign so that it is more understandable.

**Answer: Christopher Robin**