

Books by Wendelin Van Draanen

Best for	Stand-Alone Titles
7 th to Adult	The Peach Rebellion ~“ <i>The Grapes of Wrath</i> meets <i>Grease</i> the movie.” Set in California shortly after WWII, this story of sisterhood, breaking rules, and blossoming courage intertwines the lives of three very different young women as they come together to right an old wrong and take a stand against the patriarchy.
7 th to Adult	Hope in the Mail, Reflections on Writing and Life ~ Non-fiction. A funny, practical, encouraging guide to writing, and living the creative life. Perfect for emerging writers. "Will inspire writers of all ages." ~ SLJ
7 th up	Wild Bird ~ 14-year-old Wren Clemmens is running with a bad crowd and failing in school. In a desperate move, her parents send her to wilderness therapy camp where she must face off with the desert and her demons. <i>“Riveting. A memorable book about family, friendship, forgiveness, and second chances .”</i> ~ Kirkus
4 th up	The Secret Life of Lincoln Jones ~ It’s hard being the new kid at school, especially when you have secrets to hide. Themes: <i>Tolerance, Compassion, Writing as therapy.</i> Winner Bank Street College of Education Josette Frank Award.
6 th up	The Running Dream ~ When Jessica’s leg is damaged beyond repair in a bus accident, she thinks her life is over. Winner of ALA’s Schneider Award, state award nominee in 25 states; an Amazon Top 10 book.
5 th up	Flipped ~ Told in alternating boy/girl chapters, this is a story about seeing people for who they are, not what they look like. An SLJ “Top 100 Children’s Novels for the 21st Century,” an IRA/CBC Children’s Choice and Teacher’s Choice; a NYPL Best Book for Teen Age; Became a Rob Reiner-directed Warner Brothers feature film.
7 th up	Confessions of a Serial Kisser ~ A comedy of kissing errors. When Evangeline reads one of her mother’s romance novels, she becomes convinced that the perfect “crimson kiss” will solve all her problems.
6 th up	Swear to Howdy ~ Described as “Tom Sawyer with consequences,” this is a story of story of the power and boundaries of friendship. Outstanding Achievement Award, Parent’s Guide.
5 th up	Runaway ~ 12 year old Holly begins her escape across the country believing the journal her teacher gave her is dumb and useless, but it ends up becoming her lifeline. Journal format with some poetry.
	Shredderman Series — “Bullies beware!” <i>“A ‘superhero’ who speaks wonderfully to all the underdogs Kids will devour these books.”</i> Kirkus
2 nd – 5 th	Shredderman : Secret Identity ~ Bullies beware! Christopher Award Winner, Disney Magazine Book Award Nominee, Child Magazine “Book of the Year”, made into Nickelodeon movie Shredderman Rules .
2 nd – 5 th	Shredderman : Attack of the Tagger ~ Someone’s spraying graffiti and the police don’t seem to be able to stop them. In the name of truth and justice, it’s Shredderman to the rescue!
2 nd – 5 th	Shredderman : Meet the Gecko ~ A sneaky reporter, a television star, and a new sidekick—word is spreading across the nation about Shredderman. Will Nolan keep his secret identity?
2 nd – 5 th	Shredderman : Enemy Spy ~ The final installment in the Shredderman series. Nolan helps the police break up an international spy ring and gains self confidence, but at what cost?
	The Gecko & Sticky — “Fast and funny!” <i>“Kids who want fast and funny will want to get their sticky fingers on [this series].”</i> Booklist
4 th – 7 th	The Gecko & Sticky: Villain’s Lair ~ <i>“A dastardly good read that benefits from its quirky drawings...may well become a can't-wait-for-the-next-one series.”</i> ~ Kirkus
4 th – 7 th	The Gecko & Sticky: Greatest Power ~ <i>“Written with gleeful wit, rapid-fire pacing and snappy dialogue.”</i> ~ Kirkus A 2010 Chicago Public Library Best of the Best Book
4 th – 7 th	The Gecko & Sticky: Sinister Substitute ~ <i>“Damien Black kidnaps a teacher, disguises himself as a substitute, and takes charge...reaching a frenetic level of energy and comedy...consistently entertaining.”</i> ~ Booklist
4 th – 7 th	The Gecko & Sticky: Power Potion ~ Dave & Sticky, the diabolical Damien Black, & the Java Junkie Monkey are back! <i>“My son loves this series. I struggled to get him to pick up a chapter book, but now he’s hooked!”</i>

More titles by Wendelin Van Draanen

Best for Grades...	Sammy Keyes—the “modern-day Nancy Drew” “She’s feisty, fearless, and funny!” <i>Sue Grafton, A is for Alibi, etc.</i> (Series is complete. First 15 titles may be read in any order. Enjoyed by boys, girls, and adults alike.)
4 th – 7 th	Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief ~ <i>Introduces 7th grade super-sleuth Sammy Keyes in a race to catch a thief before he finds her!</i> Winner of the Edgar for Best Juvenile Mystery
4 th – 7 th	Sammy Keyes and the Skeleton Man ~ <i>Sammy discovers that the secrets inside a spooky house aren’t as scary as the skeleton man outside.</i> “Mystery sensation of the year” Buffalo News
4 th – 7 th	Sammy Keyes and the Sisters of Mercy ~ <i>What do singing nuns in purple Spandex pants, a homeless girl, and an out-of-control motor home have in common? Why Sammy Keyes, of course!</i> CYRM nominee
4 th – 7 th	Sammy Keyes and the Runaway Elf ~ <i>A dognapper, a bitter old lady, and a grumpy cop help show Sammy the merits of forgiveness.</i> “The smartest, feistiest, bravest, most endearing 7 th grade sleuth in fiction” ~ Teacher Magazine.
5 th – 8 th	Sammy Keyes and the Curse of Moustache Mary ~ <i>Non-stop action as Sammy tangles with a big pig, an old feud, a treasure of gold, and her archenemy.</i> Edgar award nominee; YALSA Quick Pick title
5 th – 8 th	Sammy Keyes and the Hollywood Mummy ~ <i>Sammy and her best friend hop the bus to Hollywood to tackle the biggest mystery of Sammy’s life...her mother!</i> YALSA Quick Pick title
5 th – 8 th	Sammy Keyes and the Search for Snake Eyes ~ Kirkus: “An explosive combination of high-stakes sleuthing, hilarity, and breathlessly paced action...[you can’t] turn the pages fast enough.” Edgar nominee
5 th – 8 th	Sammy Keyes and the Art of Deception ~ <i>Who knew art could be so funny...or so dangerous?</i> Edgar nominee; Disney Adventures’ Mystery Book of the Year Winner.
5 th – 8 th	Sammy Keyes and the Psycho Kitty Queen ~ <i>Sammy’s mother comes to town to break some very bad news, Heather turns out to be more than just an archenemy, and El Gato (the creepy student at Slammin’ Dave’s Pro Wrestling School) keeps hissing at Sammy to scat. Will Casey’s gift bring Sammy good luck?</i>
5 th – 8 th	Sammy Keyes and the Dead Giveaway ~ <i>This time Sammy’s committed the crime, but everyone thinks Heather’s to blame. Should she confess? Or let her archenemy walk the plank!</i>
5 th – 8 th	Sammy Keyes and the Wild Things ~ <i>Sammy and friends go camping and get lost amidst snakes, scorpions, ticks, wild boars and a high-stakes condor poacher. S’mores, anyone?</i> Edgar nominee.
5 th – 8 th	Sammy Keyes and the Cold Hard Cash ~ “An exceptionally good entry in an already remarkable series.” Starred review, Booklist
5 th – 8 th	Sammy Keyes and the Wedding Crasher ~ <i>Blends mystery, comedy, and a dusting of fairy tale magic as Sammy takes off her high-tops, puts on some party shoes, and steps into a whole lot of trouble.</i> “Another rollicking addition to the series!” ~ Booklist
5 th – 8 th	Sammy Keyes and the Night of Skulls ~ <i>Sammy & friends dress up as zombies for Halloween and before they know it they’re hiding from gravediggers, ghoulish embalmers and shady undertakers.</i> “The action is crisp and smartly plotted ...upbeat, spooky, entertaining, and heartwarming.” ~ Booklist
5 th – 8 th	Sammy Keyes and the Power of Justice Jack ~ <i>In a town with crazy fortune tellers, Elvis impersonators, cockeyed taxidermists, & pro-wrestling nuts, Sammy thought she’d seen it all. Enter Justice Jack.</i>
5 th – 8 th	Sammy Keyes and the Showdown in Sin City ~ <i>Gives the answers we’ve been waiting for: Why is Heather so evil? Who is Sammy’s dad? But after these are revealed the question becomes, Now what?!</i>
5 th – 8 th	Sammy Keyes and the Killer Cruise ~ <i>A classic whodunit on the high seas, where Sammy and her dad find themselves in some seriously shark-infested waters.</i>
5 th – 8 th	Sammy Keyes and the Kiss Goodbye ~ <i>Sammy has always managed to stay one step ahead of the bad guys. Until now. The breathtaking conclusion to this 18-book series.</i>