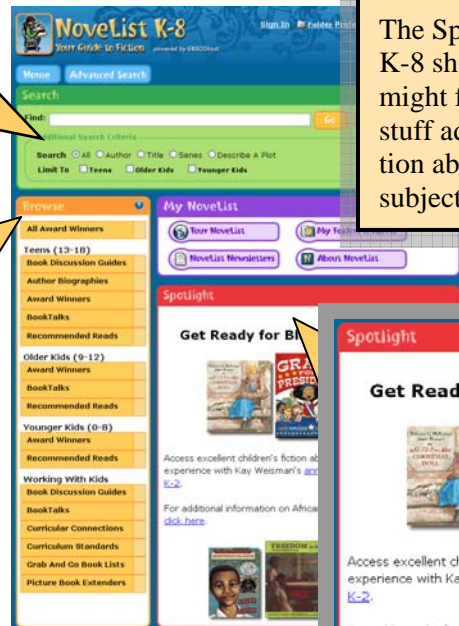


# NoveList K-8 Scavenger Hunt!

Heard about NoveList K-8? If so, this scavenger hunt will be a cake walk! If not, it will help you learn how to use NoveList K-8 to find good books — for school and reading for fun.

Your librarian will help you log in. Follow along with this guide on your computer, and **make sure to be on the lookout for questions in the blue boxes.**

## A. The Homepage



### Spotlight

The Spotlight in how NoveList K-8 shares information that you might find interesting — new stuff added and other information about books on different subjects that you might like.

### The Find Box and Browse Panel

The Find box is where you type in key words, author name, or title information to begin your search to find books. The best part: there are many ways to get the information you need. One way is through this Find box, and another is through the Browse panel.

Can't remember the title of a book you'd like to look up? Just need some ideas for something good to read? On the Browse panel at left, you can do just that—browse for ideas. At the teen level, you'll see several possibilities for information: Book Discussion Guides, Author Biographies, Award Winners, BookTalks, Feature Articles and Recommended Reads.



## B. Searching

Now let's go back to the Find Box and try some searching.

A friend told you about a book, *The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp*, and you're curious to find out more about it.

Type **extraordinary adventures of alfred kropp** (Hint: Search works even if you only type in adventures **Alfred Kropp!**) into the find box, then hit **Search**.

The screenshot shows the Novelist K-8 website interface. The search bar contains the text 'extraordinary adventures of Alfred Kropp'. The search results are displayed under the 'Books' tab. The first result is 'The extraordinary adventures of Alfred Kropp' by Rick Yancey. The book details include: Author: Yancey, Richard; Publisher: Bloomsbury; Pub Date: 2005; Lexile: 810; Popularity: ★★★. The summary states: 'Through a series of dangerous and violent misadventures, teenage loser Alfred Kropp rescues King Arthur's legendary sword Excalibur from the forces of evil.'

You get a result screen that shows several tabs at the top. The default is the Books tab, highlighted in pale yellow. There's the book, *The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp*. Click on the link for **The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp**.

Here, there is a ton of information about this book

You can see whether a book is part of a *Series* and what number in a series a particular book may be.

The *Summary* gives you a brief description of the plot.

*Related Information* includes links to the different kinds of features related to this book.

1. Click on the link for the series, Alfred Kropp adventures. The titles are displayed in reading order. Scroll down to see the number of books in the series, then write down the title of the 3<sup>rd</sup> book in the series here: \_\_\_\_\_

Click on the **Back** button to return to the book information page and scroll to the bottom of the page.

**Booklist Review:** Gr. 9-12. Everyone around Alfred Kropp is dying. And all because the unassuming 15-year-old took something he shouldn't have. Darned kid. Then the big lug goes on to save the world. Sound incredible? Well, not when you learn that what he's taken is Excalibur, King Arthur's sword, the most powerful weapon on earth, which has somehow survived in the custody of despicable knights, the original Knights of the Round Table. Of course, taking the sword is one thing; keeping it is quite another, especially given international forces--for good and evil--are after it, and they will stop at nothing to get it back. Heads literally roll in the ensuing, intergalactic cinematic action, as Alfred discovers enough astonishing things about himself to fire up a sequel, which are sure to follow. For readers willing to suspend disbelief, Yancey's first is a white-knuckle, page-turning read. -- Michael Cart (*BookList*, 08-01-2005, p2019)

*Reviews* will give you a little more detail about what the book is about.

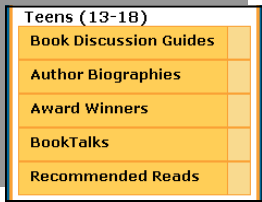
2. Are there any starred reviews?  Yes  No



Click on the **Result List** link to go back to the result screen. Remember that result screen for *Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp*, with all those tabs at the top? Each tab represents a different type of feature that includes this book.

**Hint**  
You can find these same features on the Browse panel too!

Browse

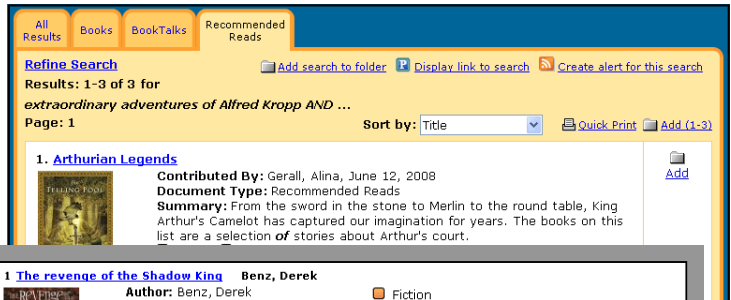


**BookTalks**  
A **BookTalk** is like a commercial telling you about the book so you can decide whether it sounds like something you'd like to read.  
**Click on the BookTalks tab.**  
You'll see that there is information about this BookTalk, including a summary. To see this BookTalk, **click on the *Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp* link.**



3. Scroll down and read the BookTalk, then write the name of Alfred's uncle: \_\_\_\_\_

**Recommended Reads Book Lists**  
Click the browser's **Back** button to return to the results list screen.  
Click on the **Recommended Reads** tab.  
**Recommended Reads** lists are lists chosen by a librarian which contain up to 20 books about a certain subject.  
There are two **Recommended Reads** lists displayed, which means that *Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp* appears on each.  
Click on the link to the first list, called **Arthurian Legends**, and scroll down the list.



4. Write down what number *The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp* is on the list. \_\_\_\_\_

So, accessing **Recommended Reads** lists is a good way to find other books about a certain *subject* you're interested in. You can also use Recommended Reads to find books just like a particular *title* you're interested in.  
**Click on the Result List link to return to the result screen.**

2. **If You Like ... Stormbreaker**



Contributed By  
Document Type  
Summary: If you like these books, these books are also good for you.

Fiction  Teens

1 **Eed Anderson, M. T.**



**Author:** Anderson, M. T. **Fiction**  
**Publisher:** Candlewick Press, **Teens**  
**Pub Date:** 2002. **ISBN:** 0763617261  
**Lexile:** 770  
**Popularity:** ★★★★★

**Summary:** In a future where most people have computer implants in their heads to control their environment, a boy meets an unusual girl who is in serious trouble.

2 **Artemis Fowl Colfer, Eoin**



**Author:** Colfer, Eoin **Fiction**  
**Publisher:** Talk Miramax **Teens**  
**Books/Hyperion Books For Children, ISBN:** 0786808012  
**Pub Date:** 2001.  
**Lexile:** 600  
**Popularity:** ★★★★★

**Summary:** When a twelve-year-old evil genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll.

### Recommended Reads Book Lists

Back on the result list for **Recommended Reads**, you'll see that the 2<sup>nd</sup> **Recommended Reads** list choice is called, *If You Like ... Stormbreaker*.

**Click on this *If You Like* list.**

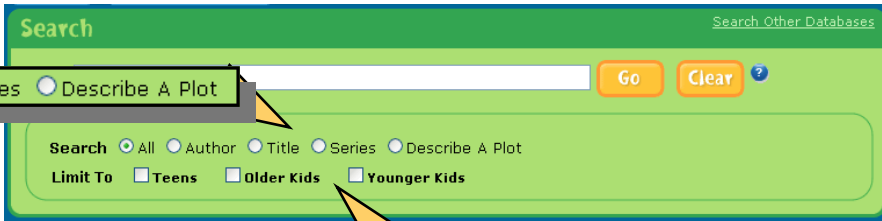
These *If You Like* lists also identify up to 20 read-alikes for a particular title, a ready-made list of books just like one you have read and enjoyed.

5. Write down the name of a title on this list by Scott Westerfield: \_\_\_\_\_

Click on **Home** at the top left of your screen to return to the homepage

## C. Using Limiters and Searching Fields

There are a variety of ways to narrow your search results by using limiters in the **Find** box.



**Author, Title, Series, or Plot**  
If you know the specific Author, Title, or Series you want to search, then you can enter your term and select the appropriate button to search only that field.

**Reading Level**  
You can limit your search to one or more of the four reading levels:  
Adults (ages 19 and up)  
Teens (ages 13-18)  
Older Kids (ages 9-12)  
Younger Kids (ages birth to 8)

Let's practice using these limiters.  
Say you're studying the holocaust for a class at school. **In the Find box on the home page, type Holocaust.** One way to limit is to select a reading level, by checking the **Teens** box.



6. Click Search. Write down the number of results you get: \_\_\_\_\_.

Your results will display all fiction books about the Holocaust, at the Teen reading level.

7. Write the name of the 2<sup>nd</sup> book on the list: \_\_\_\_\_

Refine Search   Add search to folder   Display link to

Results: 1-10 of 113 for  
*Holocaust AND Limit To: Teens AND Automatical...*  
Page: 1 2 3 4 5 Next   Sort by: Relevance   Quick Print   Add (1-10)

Narrow Results by

Subject

- Historical fiction
- The Forties (20th century)
- Holocaust, Jewish (1933-1945)
- Holocaust survivors
- Teenage fiction, Canadian

1. **Jacob's rescue: a Holocaust story**

No Image Available

Author: Drucker, Malka   Teens  
Publisher: Bantam Skylark   Fiction  
Pub Date: 1993   ISBN: 9780553089...  
Popularity: ★★★★★

Summary: In answer to his daughter's questions, a man rec...  
terrifying years of his childhood when a brave Polish couple,  
and Mela Roslan, hid him and other Jewish children from the  
Based on a true story.

8. Scroll down and find the book, *Milkweed* on this result list. What is the publication date of *Milkweed*? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Is there a BookTalk about *Milkweed*? \_\_\_\_\_

**Scroll back to the top of the screen. Find the Sort by: box.**

You can sort by date descending to get the newest title listed first, or by popularity, to get the most asked-for book at the top of your list. If you are looking for a certain author, a sort by author would be the way to go.

Sort by: Popularity

- Relevance
- Author
- Title
- DateDescending
- DateAscending
- Popularity
- Volume

10. Sort this list by popularity and write down the name of the first book displayed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Using Describe a Plot**

If you can't remember the name of a book you liked, there's a nifty NoveList way to find it. Return to the homepage, select the **Describe a Plot** button, and enter in the parts of the plot you remember into the **Find** box. This will search specific fields like subject, description, author, title, and reviews about the book to retrieve titles for you.

Say you want to find a book you read, but can't remember the title. You do remember that it's about a teenage guy who takes a trip on a river, out in the wilderness, so you could type in **river raft teenage boys** and then select the **Describe a Plot** button. You get a results list that includes titles like *Downriver*, which was the book you wanted.

11. Using the strategies you've learned (Hint: Browsing and/or searching!) Locate 3 titles you'd like to read and write them here: \_\_\_\_\_

**Congratulations!**

You've completed the NoveList K-8 Scavenger Hunt. Try out your new NoveList K-8 skills the next time you're looking for a good book to read or working on a homework assignment.