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A School Bewitched by Naomi Lewis
An evil magician arrives at Miss Fitzroy Robinson’s school for princesses, who makes them disappear when he is told his services are not required.

An Ordinary Day by Libby Gleeson & Armin Greder
As he walks to school, Jack is not very happy, but bit by bit his imagination creates a wonderful world for him.

Apple Orchard Riddle by Margaret McNamara
When students in Mr. Tiffin’s class are invited to solve a riddle during a field trip to an apple orchard, it is Tara’s daydreams that may lead to the answer.

Healing Time of Hickeys by Karen Rivers
Haley Andromeda is 16, and in her last year of high. Haley likes to think she’s just a normal girl, plagued with all the normal doubts of a too-smart-for-her-own-good, slightly hypochondriac, hickey-prone teenager. But part way through the year, disaster strikes: Haley comes down with chickenpox; her best friend Jules won’t speak to her; the object of her affections, a boy named J. T., won’t even look at her; and worst of all, her harmless hippie Dad is in some mysterious trouble with the law. In desperation, Haley turns to the Ouija board and tries to communicate with the Other Side, but this leads to a further, unexpected complication: Why does the dead boy she channels seem more attractive than the real boy who wants to spend time with her?

I Hate School by Jeanne Willis
Honor Brown cannot find a good word to say about her school despite much prompting. She insists that her teacher is a warty toad, the water tray has killer sharks in it, and even her friends are loathsome. But when the time comes to move on to “Big School,” she sits in the corner and sobs! Maybe it wasn’t so bad after all.

Me and the Blondes by Teresa Toten
Sophia, who would like to be known as Sophie, has attended far too many schools over her junior high years. Now, in 1974, stinging from constant rejection because her alcoholic father is doing time for murder (unjustly convicted as Sophie sees it), she is determined to forge a new identity as she begins yet again at a new school. She and her beautiful, dramatic, Bulgarian mother decide to pretend that Sophie’s father has died. If only they can get their story straight, everyone will sympathize with them, but of course, the devil is in the details.

Miss Smith & the Haunted Library by Michael Garland
When Miss Smith brings her students to the public library, they not only meet Virginia Creeper, the librarian, but also a host of frightening creatures that emerge from the pages of the “Incredible Storybook” as Ms. Creeper reads her favorite tales.

On the First Day of Grade School by Emily Brenner
In this cumulative rhyme based on “The Twelve Days of Christmas,” a teacher receives an array of animals from her adoring students.
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On the Fringe by Donald R. Gallo

In every school at every grade, there’s a pecking order among students -- an in crowd and those outside it, who are often ridiculed mercilessly for the ‘crime’ of being different. This powerful anthology explores the teen outsider experience in electrifying, never-before-published stories by eleven of today’s most acclaimed Ya authors.

Sector 7 by David Wiesner

While on a school trip to the Empire State Building, a boy is taken by a friendly cloud to visit Sector 7, where he discovers how clouds are shaped and channeled throughout the country.

Simon Says by Elaine Marie Alphin

An alienated, aspiring young painter who attends high school at a boarding school for the arts discovers that being true to himself means opening the door to both pain and pleasure.

Thank You, Mr. Falker by Patricia Polacco

At first, Trisha loves school, but her difficulty learning to read makes her feel dumb, until, in the fifth grade, a new teacher helps her understand and overcome her problem.

Wemberly Worried by Kevin Henkes

A mouse named Wemberly, who worries about everything, finds that she has a whole list of things to worry about when she faces the first day of nursery school.

When Everything Feels Like the Movies by Raziel Reid

School is just like a film set: there’s The Crew, who make things happen, The Extras who fill the empty desks, and The Movie Stars, whom everyone wants tagged in their Facebook photos. But Jude doesn’t fit in. As the director calls action, Jude is the flamer that lights the set on fire. Before everything turns to ashes from the resulting inferno, Jude drags his best friend Angela off the casting couch and into enough melodrama to incite the paparazzi, all while trying to fend off the haters and win the heart of his favourite co-star Luke Morris.

Find More in Salmon Arm:

Can You Catch Josephine? by Stéphane Poulin

When Daniel’s cat sneaks into school with him he spends a long time trying to capture her from various areas of the school building.

Franklin’s School Treasury by Paulette Bourgeois

Four popular stories are now available in one volume: Franklin Goes to School, Franklin’s School Play, Franklin’s Class Trip, and Franklin’s Neighborhood.

Once Upon An Ordinary School Day by Colin McNaughton

The boy’s breakfast is ordinary, his walk to school is ordinary, even his thoughts are ordinary. But when he goes to his classroom and sits down at his desk, his day begins to change - a new teacher, Mr. Gee, bursts into the classroom with an extraordinary idea that challenges all the children to use their imagination. Suddenly an ordinary day is turned topsy-turvy, and the boy is inspired in a way that will change him forever.