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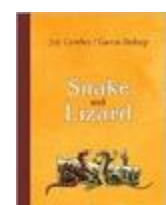
Candace Fleming

Reading Level: Grades 5 - 8

Driving at break-neck speed past a Cook County Forest Preserve after midnight, late for curfew again, Mike nearly hits a girl who is standing in the middle of the road. His decision to give the hapless hitchhiker a ride home turns into a night spent sitting in a graveyard listening to the ghosts of Chicago area teenagers as tell him the stories of their lives, and deaths.

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Snake and Lizard

Author:

Joy Cowley

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Author:

Jon Scieszka

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Cloaked in Red

Author:

Vivian Vande Velde

Reading Level: Grades 6 - 8

"Why would her parents send a young girl alone through a woods that was obviously infested with wolves?" This is one of the questions Vivian Vande Velde asked herself before writing these eight entertaining retellings of the Red Riding Hood tale from various viewpoints and with many surprising twists.

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