

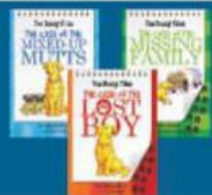


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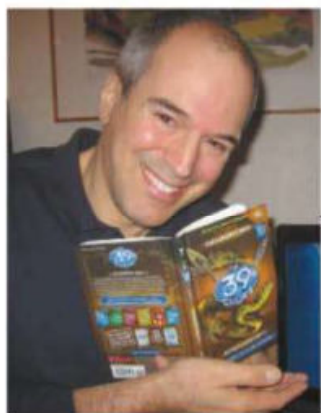
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Children's Series and Tie-ins **Bestsellers**

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Peter Lerangis, author of *The Viper's Nest*, book seven in *The 39 Clues*, recently appeared on Sirius XM Radio Kids Place Live to promote it. The guest host who interviewed Lerangis was a nine-year-old fan of the series, and during the segment (see photo) Lerangis revealed the location in which *The Viper's Nest* takes place. Lerangis is currently on a national tour that is taking him to bookstores in New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Kentucky, and Arizona. Scholastic Media recently launched *The 39 Clues Madrigal Maze App* for the iPhone and iPod Touch. There are more than six million copies in print for the first seven books in the series.

1 Percy Jackson and the Olympians.

Rick Riordan.
Disney-Hyperion

2 Twilight saga.

Stephenie Meyer.
Little, Brown/Tingley

3 Diary of a Wimpy Kid.

Jeff Kinney.
Abrams/Amulet

4 The 39 Clues.

Scholastic

5 House of Night.

PC Cast and Kristin Cast.
St. Martin's Griffin

6 Maximum Ride.

James Patterson.
Little, Brown

7 The Immortals. *Alyson Noël.*

St. Martin's Griffin

8 The Vampire Diaries.

L.J. Smith.
HarperTeen

9 Junie B. Jones.

Barbara Park, illus. by Denise Brunkus.
Random House

10 Magic Tree House.

Mary Pope Osborne, illus. by Sal Murdocca.
Random House

11 Harry Potter.

J.K. Rowling.
Scholastic/Levine

12 Alex Rider.

Anthony Horowitz.
Philomel and Puffin

13 Vampire Academy.

Richelle Mead.
Razorbill

14 Ranger's Apprentice.

John Flanagan.
Philomel and Puffin

15 The Mortal Instruments.

Cassandra Clare.
S&S/McElderry



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Last week J.K. Rowling was added alongside her British publisher, Bloomsbury, to a lawsuit filed by the estate of Adrian Jacobs, alleging that Rowling borrowed ideas from Jacobs' book *The Adventures of Willy the Wizard*. In a statement through her publicist, Rowling said she had never heard of the book or the author before the lawsuit, adding, "I am saddened that yet another claim has been made that I have taken material from another source to write Harry," and described the accusation as "not only unfounded but absurd." Rowling intends to apply to the court to have the plagiarism claim dismissed on the grounds that it is without merit.

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