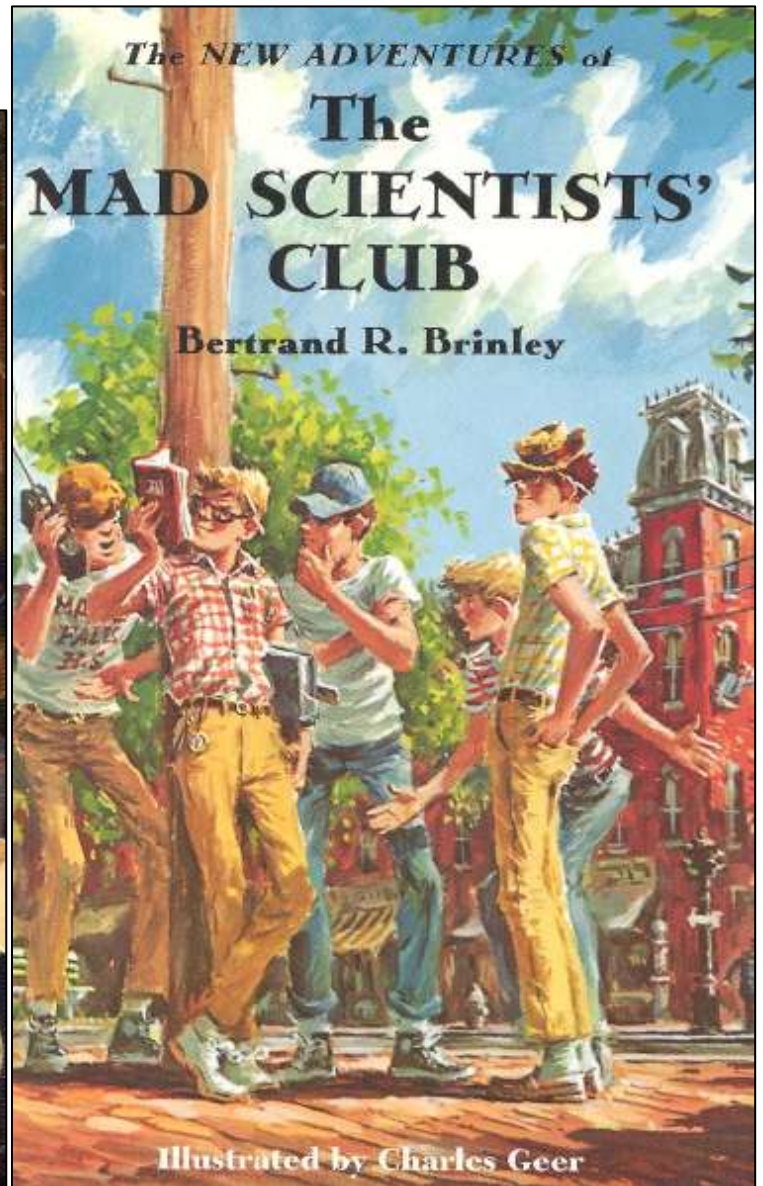
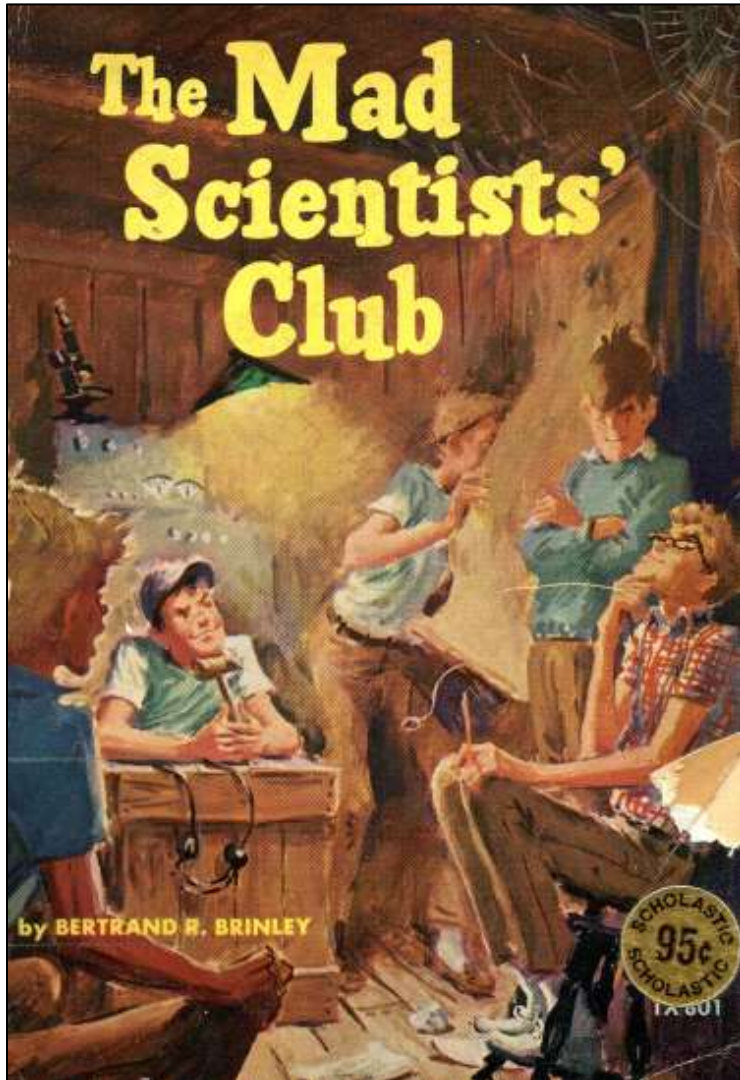


The best books that I read in sixth grade:



I found the first book in this series in the Pine Middle School library. Each chapter told the story of these seven bright boys playing some sort of scientific prank on the town, or using their knowledge of science to solve a mystery. I read and re-read the first book dozens of times. When I discovered there was a second book in the series, I actually rode Citifare to the downtown library to check it out since my school library didn't have a copy. My hands were shaking as I checked it out—I had never been so excited to have a new book to read. Eventually, I ordered copies of both books from the bookstore so that I could read them whenever I wanted; I still own those original paperbacks.

One of the best things about these books was that each chapter was its own separate adventure. You could read them out-of-order, and it didn't matter. That meant I could re-read just my favorite chapters when I only had a short amount of time. My favorite chapter from the first book is the one where the boys make a mannequin fly across town square and everyone thinks it's a real person. My favorite chapter from the second book is where the boys buy and fix-up a army surplus mini-submarine to explore the local lake with.

I still love the characters' names in this book. My favorite character remains Mortimer Dalrymple.