

BIG READ	FICTION	Last revision 03.21.08		
Author	Title	Summary	Series	Books in series
Alcott, Louisa May	Little Women	Chronicles the joys and sorrows of the four March sisters as they grow into young women in the mid-nineteenth century New England.		
Alexi, Sherman	The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian	Semi-autobiographical chronicle of Arnold Spirit, aka Junior, a Spokane Indian who was born with water of the brain, is regularly picked on by bullies, is bright and loves to draw. Explores Indian identity, both self and tribal, filled with "Junior's" cartoons. Junior's attitude and determination delivers a positive message despite tragedy and handicaps.		
Almond, David	Clay	The developing relationship between teenager Davie and a new boy in town morphs into something darker and more sinister when Davie learns first-hand of the boy's supernatural powers.		
Almond, David	Skellig	Unhappy about his baby sister's illness and the chaos of moving, Michael retreats to the garage and finds a mysterious stranger who may be an angel.		
Armstrong, William H.	Souder	Angry and humiliated when his sharecropper father is jailed for stealing food for his family, a young black boy grows in courage and understanding with the help of the devoted dog Souder.		
Avi	Crispin: The Cross of Lead	Falsely accused of theft and murder, an orphaned peasant boy in fourteenth century England flees his village and meets a juggler who holds a dangerous secret.	Crispin	Crispin: At the edge of the world (2)
Avi	True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle, The	Thirteen-year-old Charlotte Doyle, the only passenger on a voyage from England to America in 1832, must take serious matters into her own hands when she learns that the captain is murderous.		
Avi	Who stole the Wizard of Oz	Becky and her brother use some ingenious clues to identify the person who stole five children's books from the town's library.		
Babbitt, Natalie	Tuck Everlasting	The Tuck family is confronted with an agonizing decision when they find that a ten-year-old girl and a malicious stranger have discovered their secret-a spring whose water keeps them from ever growing older.		
Bauer, Joan	Stand Tall	Tree, a six-foot-three-inch twelve-year-old, copes with his parents' divorce and his athletic failures by being helpful to his grandfather, a Vietnam vet and recent amputee, and a new girl at school.		
Bauer, Marion Dane	On My Honor	When his best friend drowns while they are both swimming in a river they had promised never to go near, Joel must deal with the terrible consequences of their disobedience.		
Baum, Frank L	Wizard of Oz, The	The story of Dorothy, a young girl who is transported by cyclone to the magical world of Oz where she makes wonderful friends and battles evil trying to return home to Kansas.	Oz	The Marvelous land of Oz (2), Ozma of Oz (3), Dorothy and the Wizard in Oz (4), The road to Oz (5), Emerald City of Oz (6), The Patchwork girl of Oz (7), Little Wizard Stories of Oz (8), Tik-Tok of Oz (9), Scarecrow of Oz (10), Rinkitink in Oz (11), Lost Princess of Oz (12), Tin Woodman of Oz (13), Magic of Oz (14), Glinda of Oz (15)
Beagle, Peter	Last Unicorn, The	With the assistance of a magician, an immortal unicorn searches for her lost fellows.		
Blackwood, Gary	Shakespeare Stealer, The	A young orphan boy is ordered by his master to infiltrate Shakespeare's acting troupe to steal the script for "Hamlet", instead he discovers the meaning of friendship and loyalty.		
Bloor, Edward	London Calling	Seventh-grader Martin Conway believes his life is dull until the night the antique radio he uses as a night light transports him to the bombing of London in 1940.		
Bloor, Edward	Tangerine	Twelve-year-old Paul, lives in the shadow of his older brother and fights for his right to play soccer despite his near blindness.		
Blume, Judy	Tiger Eyes	Resettled in New Mexico with her mother and brother, Davey Wexler recovers from the shock of her father's death during a holdup of his 7-Eleven in Atlantic City.		
Bradbury, Ray	Dandelion Wine	In a small town in 1928, a twelve-year-old boy savors the magic of childhood and the wonders of summer.		
Bradbury, Ray	Martian Chronicles, The	The first Earth colonists on Mars try to build their new world in the image of the civilization they left behind.		
Bray, Libba	Great and Terrible Beauty, A	After the suspicious death of her mother in 1895, sixteen-year-old Gemma returns to England, after many years in India, to attend a finishing school where she becomes aware of her magical powers and ability to see into the spirit world.	Gemma Doyle Trilogy	Rebel Angels (2), The Sweet Far Thing (3)

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Brink, Carol Ryrie	Caddie Woodlawn	The adventures of an eleven-year-old tomboy growing up on the Wisconsin frontier in the mid-nineteenth century.		
Bronte Charlotte	Jane Eyre	A penniless young orphan girl grows up becomes a governess and falls in love with the brooding father of her charge, facing tragedy as well as romance.		
Bruchac, Joseph	Arrow over the door, The	In the year 1777, a group of Quakers and a party of Indians have a memorable meeting.		
Bruchac, Joseph	Wabi: a hero's tale	After falling in love with an Abenaki Indian woman, a white great horned owl named Wabi transforms into a human being and has several trials and adventures while learning to adapt to his new life.		
Bunting, Eve	Blackwater	When a boy and girl are drowned in the Blackwater River, thirteen-year-old Brodie must decide whether to confess that he may have been to blame.		
Bunting, Eve	Doll baby	A fifteen-year-old pregnant girl decides to keep her baby, not realizing how much harder it will be than caring for her doll.		
Bunting, Eve	Hideout, The	Feeling unloved by his mother and new stepfather, Andy hides out at a hotel and stages his own kidnapping to get the money to go to London and see his father.		
Burnett, Frances Hodgson	Secret Garden, The	A ten-year-old orphan comes to live in a lonely house on the moors where she meets an invalid cousin and discovers the mysteries of a locked garden.		
Byars, Betsy	Summer of the Swans	A teenage girl gains new insight into herself and her family when her mentally retarded brother gets lost.		
Byng, Georgia	Molly Moon's Incredible Book of Hypnotism	Unlucky and unloved, Molly Moon, living in a dreary orphanage in a small English town, discovers a hidden talent for hypnotism and hypnotizes her way to stardom in New York City.		Molly Moon stops the world (2); Molly Moon's Hypnotic time travel adventure (3); Molly Moon, Micky Minus, and the mind machine (4)
Cabot, Meg	Airhead	Sixteen-year-old Emerson Watts, an advanced placement student with a disdain for fashion, is the recipient of a "whole body transplant" and finds herself transformed into one of the world's most famous teen supermodels.		
Cabot, Meg	Princess Diaries, The	Fourteen-year-old Mia, who is trying to lead a normal life as a teenage girl in New York City, is shocked to learn that her father is the Prince of Genovia, a small European principality, and that she is a princess and the heir to the throne.	Princess Diaries	Princess in the spotlight (2), Princess in love (3), Princess in waiting (4), Project princess, Princess in pink (5), Princess in training (6), Party Princess (7), Princess on the Brink (8), Princess Mia (9), Perfect Princess, Princess lessons, Sweet sixteen princess, Valentine princess, Holiday Princess, Princess present
Caletti, Deb	Wild Roses	In Washington State, seventeen-year-old Cassie learns about the good and bad sides of both love and genius while living with her mother and brilliant, yet disturbed, violinist stepfather and falling in love with a gifted young musician.		
Casanova, Mary	Moose tracks	Twelve-year-old Seth, the son of a game warden, tries to save an orphaned moose calf from poachers.		
Christie, Agatha	Murder on the Orient Express, The	Detective Hercule Poirot has a wealth of suspects to choose from when a rich American is stabbed to death on the Orient Express.		
Clark, Ann Nolan	Secret of the Andes	An Indian boy who tends llamas in a hidden valley in Peru learns the traditions and secrets of his Inca ancestors.		
Cleary, Beverly	Dear Mr. Henshaw	In letters to his favorite author, ten-year-old Leigh reveals his problems.		
Clements, Andrew	No Talking	The noisy fifth grade boys of Laketon Elementary School challenge the equally loud fifth grade girls to a "no talking" contest.		
Clements, Andrew	Things not seen	When fifteen-year-old Bobby wakes up and finds himself invisible, he and his parents and his new blind friend Alicia try to find out what caused his condition and how to reverse it.	Things...	Things hoped for (2)
Clements, Andrew	Week in the woods, A	The fifth grade's annual camping trip in the woods tests Mark's survival skills and his ability to relate to a teacher who seems out to get him.		
Colfer, Eoin	Airman	In the 1890s on an island off the Irish coast, Conor Broekhart is falsely imprisoned and passes the solitary time designing flying machines, including a glider with which he dreams of escape.		

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Colfer, Eoin	Artemis Fowl	When a twelve-year-old genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology and a particularly nasty troll.	Artemis Fowl	Artemis Fowl: The Arctic incident (2), Artemis Fowl: The Eternity code (3), Artemis Fowl: The Opal deception (4), Artemis Fowl: The lost colony (5), Artemis Fowl: The time paradox (6)
Colfer, Eoin	Wish List	Orphan Meg Finn's soul becomes the object of a battle between the demonic and the divine when she arrives in the afterlife with her tally of good and evil deeds even.		
Cooney, Caroline	Hit the Road	Sixteen-year-old Brittany acts as chauffeur for her grandmother and three other eighty-plus-year-old women		
Cormier, Robert	I Am the Cheese	A young boy's desperate search for his father leads him to discover secrets of his past that might threaten his life.		
Cormier, Robert	In the Middle of the Night	Sixteen-year-old Denny lives in the shadow of a deadly accident his father was connected with, a disaster for which some of the survivors still blame him.		
Crane, Stephen	Red Badge of Courage, The	A young Civil War soldier's dreams of honor and patriotism are shattered when he flees the field during a battle.		
Craven, Margaret	I Heard the Owl Call My Name	Sent to live with an Indian tribe in British Columbia, a young minister learns not to fear his impending death.		
Creech, Sharon	Castle Corona, The	Two orphaned peasant children find a mysterious pouch, the contents of which lead them to Castle Corona, where their lives are transformed.		
Creech, Sharon	Chasing Redbird	Thirteen-year-old Zinnia Taylor uncovers family secrets and self truths while clearing a mysterious settler trail that begins on her family's farm.		
Creech, Sharon	Love That Dog	A young student, who comes to love poetry, surprises himself by writing his own inspired poem.		
Creech, Sharon	Walk Two Moons	After her mother leaves home suddenly, Sal and her grandparents take a car trip retracing her mother's route. Along the way, Sal recounts the story of her friend Phoebe, whose mother also left.		
Crutcher, Chris	Ironman	While training for a triathlon, seventeen-year-old Bo attends an anger management group at school which leads him to examine his relationship with his father.		
Curtis, Christopher Paul	Bud, Not Buddy	During the Great Depression, ten-year-old Bud, a mother-less boy, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father - renowned bandleader, H. E. Calloway.		
Curtis, Christopher Paul	Elijah of Buxton	Eleven-year-old Elijah Freeman, the first free-born child in Buxton, Canada, a have for slaves fleeing the South in 1859 uses his wits and skills to try to bring a thieving preacher to justice.		
Cushman, Karen	Catherine, Called Birdy	The daughter of an English country knight keeps a journal of the events in her life, particularly her longing for adventures beyond the usual role of women of the time.		
Cushman, Karen	Loud Silence of Francine Green, The	In 1949, thirteen-year-old Francine goes to a Catholic school where her best friend questions authority and is frequently punished, causing Francine to question her own values.		
Cushman, Karen	Midwife's Apprentice, The	In medieval England, a homeless girl is taken in by a sharp-tempered midwife, and works to gain the three things she wants most in the world: a full belly, a contented heart and a place in this world.		
Dahl, Michael	Book That Dripped Blood, The	A fur-covered book entitled Claws is loose in the city, and only the Librarian can stop it from claiming more victims.		
de Saint-Exupery, Antoine	Little Prince, The	An aviator whose plane is forced down in the Sahara Desert encounters a little prince from a small planet who relates his adventures in seeking the secret of what's important in life.		
de Trevino, Elizabeth Borton	Juan de Pareja	Juan de Pareja, a slave, and his master the seventeenth century Spanish court painter, Velazquez, develop a friendship based on equality.		
Defoe, Daniel	Robinson Crusoe	The account of a shipwrecked Englishman and his survival on a desert island.		
Delacre, Lulu	Salsa Stories	A collection of stories within the story of a family celebration where the guests relate their memories of growing up in various Latin American countries.		
DiCamillo, Kate	Because of Winn-Dixie	Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her dog Winn-Dixie.		
DiCamillo, Kate	Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane	Edward Tulane, a cold-hearted and proud toy rabbit, is separated from his adoring owner and travels the country, acquiring new owners and listening to their hopes, dreams and histories.		
DiCamillo, Kate	Tale of Despereaux	The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a mouse of unusual talents, the princess he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.		

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Dorris, Michael	Yellow Raft on Blue Waters	Saga of three generations of Indian women, beset by hardship and torn by angry secrets, yet joined by the bonds of kinship.		
Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan	Hound of the Baskervilles, The	Sherlock Holmes is asked to investigate the tale of a hound that haunts the lonely moors around the Baskervilles' ancestral home.		
Erdrich, Louise	Birchbark House, The	Omakayas, a seven-year-old Native American girl of the Ojibwa tribe, lives through the joys of summer and the perils of winter on an island in Lake Superior in 1847.		
Erskine, Kathryn	Quaking	In a Pennsylvania town where anti-war sentiments are treated with contempt and violence, Matt, a fourteen-year-old girl living with a Quaker family, deals with the demons of her past as she battles bullies of the present, eventually learning to trust in others as well as herself.		
Farmer, Nancy	House of the Scorpion, The	In a future where clones are despised, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patron, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire.		
Farmer, Nancy	Sea of Trolls	After Jack and his little sister Lucy are captured by Viking Berserkers and taken to the home of King Ivar the Boneless and his half-troll queen, Jack must undertake a vital quest to the home of the trolls.		
Flake, Sharon	Broken Bike Boy and the Queen of 33rd Street, The	When Leroy, a new kid in the neighborhood, comes to ten-year-old Queen's school, she learns valuable lessons about how to be a good friend.		
Flake, Sharon	Money Hungry	All thirteen-year-old Raspberry can think of is making money so that she and her mother won't have to live on the streets again.		
Flake, Sharon	Skin I'm In, The	Thirteen-year-old Maleeka Madison, is insecure about her very dark skin and at first rejects the support of a new teacher who has a skin condition, until she learns acceptance for herself and others.		
Fleischman, Paul	Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices	A collection of poems describing the characteristics and activities of a variety of insects.		
Fleischman, Sid	Whipping Boy, The	A bratty prince and his whipping boy have many adventures when they trade places after becoming involved with dangerous outlaws.		
Forbes, Esther	Johnny Tremain	A young boy encounters many historical figures as he works as a horse boy for the local newspaper.		
Fox, Paula	Slave Dancer, The	Kidnapped by the crew of an Africa-bound ship, a thirteen-year-old boy discovers to his horror, that he is on a slaver and his job is to play music for the exercise periods of the human cargo.		
Funke, Cornelia	Dragon Rider	On a quest to find a safe place to live, Firedrake, a silver dragon, is joined by a brownie and an orphan boy. The three encounter friendly and unfriendly creatures along the way to the legendary valley, Rim of Heaven.		
Funke, Cornelia	Ghosthunters and the Incredibly Revolting Ghost	A timid boy named Tom reluctantly agrees to help professional ghostbuster Hetty Hyssop dispel an IRG (Incredibly Revolting Ghost) from an old house.	Ghosthunters	Ghosthunters and the gruesome invincible lightning ghost (2), Ghosthunters and the totally moldy baroness (3), Ghosthunters and the muddy monster of doom (4)
Funke, Cornelia	Inkheart	Twelve-year-old Meggie learns that her father Mo, a bookbinder, can "read" fictional characters to life, when an evil ruler freed from the novel "Inkheart" years earlier, tries to force Mo to release an immortal monster from the story.	Inkheart	Inkspell (2), Inkpot (3)
Funke, Cornelia	Thief Lord	Orphaned brothers Prosper and Bo, having run away from their cruel aunt and uncle, decide to hide out in Venice where they fall in with the Thief Lord, a thirteen-year-old boy who leads a crime ring of children.		
Gantos, Jack	Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key	To the constant disappointment of his mother and his teachers, Joey has trouble paying attention or controlling his mood swings when his prescription medications wear off and he starts getting worked up and acting wired.	Joey Pigza	Joey Pigza loses control, I am not Joey Pigza, What would Joey do?
George, Jean Craighead	Julie of the Wolves	While running away from home and an unwanted marriage, a thirteen-year-old Eskimo girl becomes lost on the North Slope of Alaska and is befriended by a wolf pack.		
George, Jean Craighead	My Side of the Mountain	A young boy relates his adventures during the year he spends living alone in the Catskill Mountains including his struggle for survival, his dependence on nature, his animal friends, and his ultimate realization that he needs human companionship.		
Gibbons, Kaye	Ellen Foster	Having suffered abuse and misfortune for much of her life, a young child searches for a better life and finally gets a break in the home of a loving woman with several foster children.		
Giff, Patricia Reilly	Lily's Crossing	During a summer spent at Rockaway Beach in 1944, Lily's friendship with a young Hungarian refugee causes her to see the war and her own world differently.		

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Giff, Patricia Reilly	Pictures of Hollis Woods	A troublesome twelve-year-old orphan, staying with an elderly artist who needs her, remembers the only other time she was happy in a foster home, with a family that truly seemed to care about her.		
Gilbreth, Frank	Cheaper by the Dozen	No growing pains have ever been more hilarious than those suffered loudly by the riotous Gilbreth clan.		
Gipson, Fred	Old Yeller	At first, Travis couldn't stand the sight of the stray dog, but he sure was clever, and a smart dog could be a big help on the wild Texas frontier, especially with Papa away on a long cattle drive up to Abilene. Old Yeller proved he could protect Travis's family from any sort of danger, but could Travis protect Old Yeller?		
Grahame, Kenneth	Wind in the Willows, The	Telling of the escapades of four animal friends who live along a river in the English countryside--Toad, Mole, Rat, and Badger.		
Greene, Betty	Summer of My German Soldier	When German prisoners of war are brought to her Arkansas town during World War II, twelve-year-old Patty, a Jewish girl, befriends one of them and must deal with the consequences of that friendship.		
Gutman, Dan	Honus and Me: A Baseball Card Adventure	Joey, who loves baseball but is not very good at it, finds a valuable 1909 Honus Wagner card and travels back in time to meet Honus.		
Haddix, Margaret Peterson	Among the Hidden	In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong.	Shadow children	Among the imposters (2), Among the betrayed (3), Among the barons (4), Among the brave (5), Among the enemy (6), Among the free (7)
Haddix, Margaret Peterson	Just Ella	In this continuation of the Cinderella story, fifteen-year-old Ella finds that accepting Prince Charming's proposal ensnares her in a suffocating tangle of palace rules and royal etiquette, so she plots to escape.		
Haddix, Margaret Peterson	Running Out of Time	When a diphtheria epidemic hits her 1840 village, thirteen-year-old Jessie discovers it is actually a 1995 tourist site under unseen observation by heartless scientists, and it's up to Jessie to escape the village and save the lives of the dying children.		
Haugaard, Erik Christian	Boy and the Samurai	Having grown up as an orphan of the streets while sixteenth-century Japan is being ravaged by civil war, Saru seeks to help a samurai rescue his wife from imprisonment by a warlord so they can all flee to a more peaceful life.		
Hawes, Charles	Dark Frigate, The	In seventeenth-century England, orphaned Philip Marsham, forced to flee London after a terrible accident, finds himself in an even more difficult situation when his ship is taken over by pirates and he is forced to become a member of their crew.		
Hesse, Karen	Letters from Rifka	In letters to her cousin, a young Jewish girl chronicles her family's flight from Russia in 1919 and her own experiences when she must be left in Belgium for a while when the others emigrate to America.		
Hesse, Karen	Out of the Dust	In a series of poems, fifteen-year-old Billie Jo relates the hardships of living on her family's wheat farm in Oklahoma during the dust bowl years of the Depression.		
Hesse, Karen	Stowaway	A fictionalized journal relates the experiences of a young stowaway from 1768 to 1771 aboard the Endeavor which sailed around the world under Captain James Cook.		
Hinton, S.E.	Outsiders, The	The struggle of three brothers to stay together after their parent's death and their quest for identity among the conflicting values of their adolescent society.		
Hinton, S.E.	Tex	The love between two teenage brothers helps to alleviate the harshness of their usually parentless life as they struggle to grow up.		
Hobbs, Will	Big Wander	As he searches for his uncle through the rugged Southwest canyon country, fourteen-year-old Clay becomes involved with a group of Navajo Indians who are trying to save some of the last wild mustangs.		
Hobbs, Will	Crossing the Wire	Fifteen-year-old Victor Flores journeys north in a desperate attempt to cross the Arizona border and find work in the United States to support his family in central Mexico.		
Hobbs, Will	Far North	After the destruction of their floatplane, sixteen-year-old Gabe and his Dene friend, Raymond, struggle to survive a winter in the wilderness of the Northwest Territories.		
Holm, Jennifer L.	Middle school is worse than meatloaf : a year told through stuff	The first year of middle school can be exciting, or scary, just ask Ginny.		
Holt, Kimberly Willis	Dancing in Cadillac Light	In 1968, eleven-year-old Jaynell's life in the town of Moon, Texas, is enlivened when her eccentric Grandpap comes to live with her family.		
Holt, Kimberly Willis	My Louisiana Sky	Growing up in Saitter, Louisiana, in the 1950s, twelve-year-old Tiger Ann struggles with her feelings about her stern, but loving grandmother, her mentally slow parents, and her good friend and neighbor, Jesse.		

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Horowitz, Anthony	Raven's Gate	Sent to live in a foster home in a remote Yorkshire village, Matt, a troubled fourteen-year-old English boy, uncovers an evil plot involving witchcraft and the site of an ancient stone circle.	Power of Five	Evil star (2), Nightrise (3)
Horowitz, Anthony	Stormbreaker	After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider is coerced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI6.	Alex Rider	Point blank (2), Skeleton key (3), Eagle strike (4), Scorpio (5), Ark angel (6), Snakehead (7)
Houston, Jeanne	Farewell to Manzanar	A true story of a Japanese-American experience during and after the World War II internment.		
Hurmenec, Belinda	Girl Called Boy, A	A pampered young black girl who has been mysteriously transported back to the days of slavery, struggles to escape her bondage.		
Jacques, Brian	Redwall	When the peaceful life of ancient Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of the evil rat Cluny and his villainous hordes, Matthias, a young mouse, determines to find the legendary sword of Martin the Warrior which, he is convinced, will help Redwall's inhabitants destroy the enemy.	Redwall	Mossflower (2), Mattimeo (3), Mariel of Redwall (4), Salamandastron (5), Martin the warrior (6), The Bellmaker (7), Outcast of Redwall (8), Pearls of Lutra (9), Longpatrol (10), Marfox (11), The legend of Luke (12), Lord Brocktree (13), Taggerung (14), Triss (15), Loamhedge (16), Rakkety Tam (17), High Rhulain (18), Eulalia (19)
Kadohata, Cynthia	Kira-Kira	Chronicles the close friendship between two Japanese-American sisters growing up in rural Georgia during the late 1950s and early 1960s, and the despair when one sister becomes terminally ill.		
Kantor, Melissa	If I have a Wicked Stepmother, Where's My Prince?	When the father of high school sophomore, Lucy Norton, remarries, Lucy finds herself tormented by two bratty stepsisters and a wicked stepmother.		
Karr, Kathleen	Boxer, The	Having learned how to box while in prison, fifteen-year-old Johnny sets out to discover if he can make a decent living as a fighter in late nineteenth-century New York City.		
Karr, Kathleen	Great Turkey Walk, The	In 1860, a somewhat simple-minded fifteen-year-old boy attempts to herd one thousand turkeys from Missouri to Denver, Colorado, in hopes of selling them at a profit.		
Kerr, Jean	When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit	Recounts the adventures of a nine-year-old Jewish girl and her family in the early 1930's as they travel from Germany to England.		
Kerr, M. E.	Dinky Hocker shoots smack	Many things change in a teenage boy's life when he meets the overweight girl who answers his ad for the cat he must give away.		
Kerr, M. E.	Snakes don't miss their mothers	The animals at Critters animal shelter look forward to Christmas as well as the ever-present possibility of adoption.		
Kerr, M. E.	Someone like summer	An upper-middle-class white girl from Long Island and an immigrant worker from Colombia fall in love despite objections from both their families and their community.		
Kidd, Ronald	Monkey Town: The Summer of the Scopes Trial	When her father hatches a plan to bring publicity to their small Tennessee town by arresting a local high school teacher for teaching about evolution, the resulting 1925 Scopes trial prompts fifteen-year-old Frances to rethink many of her beliefs about religion and truth, as well as her relationship with her father		
Kinney, Jeff	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Greg Heffley's journal	Greg records his sixth grade experiences in a middle school where he and his best friend, Rowley, undersized weaklings amid boys who need to shave twice daily, hope just to survive, but when Rowley grows more popular, Greg must take drastic measures to save their friendship.		
Konigsburg, E. L.	From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler	Having run away with her younger brother to live in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, twelve-year-old Claudia strives to keep things in order in their new home and to become a changed person and a heroine to herself.		
Konigsburg, E. L.	Silent to the Bone	When he is wrongly accused of gravely injuring his baby half-sister, thirteen-year-old Branwell loses his power of speech and only his friend Connor is able to reach him and uncover the truth about what really happened.		
Konigsburg, E. L.	View from Saturday, The	Four students, with their own individual stories, develop a special bond and attract the attention of their teacher, a paraplegic, who chooses them to represent their sixth-grade class in the Academic Bowl competition.		

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Krumgold, Joseph	...And Now Miguel	This is the story of a twelve-year-old Miguel Chavez, who yearns in his heart to go with the men of his family on a long and hard sheep drive to the Sangre de Cristo Mountains -- until his prayer is finally answered, with a disturbing and dangerous exchange.		
Krumgold, Joseph	Onion John	His friendship with the town odd-jobs man, Onion John, causes a conflict between Andy and his father.		
LaFevers, R. L.	Theodosia and the Serpents of Chaos	Twelve-year-old Theo uses arcane knowledge and her own special talent when she encounters two secret societies, one sworn to protect the world from ancient Egyptian magic and one planning to harness it to bring chaos to the world, both of which want a valuable artifact stolen from the London museum for which her parents work.		
Lasky, Katherine	Capture, The	When Soren is pushed from his family's nest by his older brother, he is rescued from certain death on the forest floor by agents from a mysterious school for orphaned owls, St. Aggie's. When Soren arrives at St. Aggie's, he suspects there is more to the school than meets the eye. He and his new friend, the clever and scrappy Gylfie, find out that St. Aggie's is actually a training camp where the school's leader can groom young owls to help achieve her goal.	Guardians of Ga'Hoole	The journey (2), The rescue (3), The Siege (4), The shattering (5), The burning (6), The hatchling (7), The outcast (8), The first collier (9), The coming of Hoole (10), To be a king (11), The golden tree (12), The river of wind (13), Exile (14)
Lasky, Katherine	Memoirs of a Bookbat	Fourteen-year-old Harper, an avid reader of fantasy who must hide her books from her fundamentalist parents, comes to realize that their public promotion of censorship threatens her freedom to make her own choices.		
Lasky, Katherine	Night Journey, The	Rache ignores her parents' wishes and persuades her great-grandmother to relate the story of her escape from czarist Russia.		
Latham, Jean Lee	Carry On, Mr. Bowditch	After finding a way to teach the ship's crew members to understand navigation, Nat, a self-taught mathematician and astronomer in eighteenth-century Salem, Massachusetts, writes down his explanations and compiles them into "The American Practical Navigator," also known as the "Sailors' Bible."		
LeGuin, Ursula	Lathe of Heaven	George Orr is a man who discovers he has the peculiar ability to dream things into being -- for better or for worse. In desperation, he consults a psychotherapist who promises to help him -- but who, it soon becomes clear, has his own plans for George and his dreams.		
LeGuin, Ursula	Wizard of Earthsea, The	A boy grows to manhood while attempting to subdue the evil he unleashed on the world as an apprentice to the Master Wizard.		
Lester, Julius	To Be a Slave	A compilation, selected from various sources and arranged chronologically, of the reminiscences of slaves and ex-slaves about their experiences from the leaving of Africa through the Civil War and into the early twentieth century.		
Levine, Gail Carson	Ella Enchanted	In this novel based on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her.		
Levine, Gail Carson	Wish, The	When granted her wish to be the most popular girl in school, Wilma, an eighth grader, forgets that she will graduate in three weeks and her popularity will vanish.		
Levitin, Sonia	Journey to America	A Jewish family fleeing Nazi Germany in 1938 endures innumerable separations before they are once again united.		
Lewis, C.S.	Magician's Nephew, The	Four English school children enter the magic land of Narnia through the back of a wardrobe and assist Aslan, the golden lion, in defeating the White Witch who has cursed the land with eternal winter.	Chronicles of Narnia	The lion, the witch, and the wardrobe (2); The horse and his boy (3); Prince Caspian (4); The voyage of the Dawn Treader (5); The silver chair (6); The last battle (7)
Lipsyte, Robert	Contender, The	A Harlem high school dropout escapes from a gang of punks into a boxing gym, where he learns that being a contender is hard and often discouraging work, but that you don't know anything until you try.		
London, Jack	Call of the Wild, The	The adventures of an unusual dog, part St. Bernard, part Scotch shepherd, that is forcibly taken to the Klondike gold fields where he eventually becomes the leader of a wolf pack.		
Lord, Betty Bao	In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson	In 1947, a Chinese child comes to Brooklyn where she becomes Americanized at school, in her apartment building, and by her love for baseball.		
Lowry, Lois	Anastasia At Your Service	Twelve-year-old Anastasia has a series of disastrous experiences when, expecting to get a job as a lady's companion, she is hired instead to be a maid. Sequel to "Anastasia again."		

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Lowry, Lois	Giver, The	Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives.		
Lowry, Lois	Number the Stars	In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.		
Lupica, Mike	Heat	Pitching prodigy Michael Arroyo is on the run from social services after being banned from playing Little League baseball because rival coaches doubt he is only twelve years old and he has no parents to offer them proof.		
Lynch, Chris	Me, Dead Dad, and Alcatraz	With the arrival of his Uncle Alex, who his mother always said was dead, fourteen-year-old Elvin learns some important truths about his family and himself.		
MacLachlan, Patricia	Edward's Eyes	Edward is one of a large and close family that loves baseball, music, books, and each other, and when he unexpectedly dies and his parents donate his organs, his wonderful eyes go to a perfect recipient.		
Mah, Adeline Yen	Chinese Cinderella : the true story of an unwanted daughter	A riveting memoir of a girl's painful coming-of-age in a wealthy Chinese family during the 1940s.		
Martinez, A. Lee	Gil's All Fright Diner	Duke and Earl are just passing through Rockwood county in their pick-up truck when they stop at the Diner for a quick bite to eat. They aren't planning to stick around-until Loretta, the eatery's owner, offers them \$100 to take care of her zombie problem. Given that Duke is a werewolf and Earl's a vampire, this looks right up their alley		
Martinez, Victor	Parrot in the Oven	Manny relates his coming of age experiences as a member of a poor Mexican American family in which the alcoholic father only adds to everyone's struggle.		
Mass, Wendy	Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life	Just before his thirteenth birthday, Jeremy Fink receives a keyless locked box--set aside by his father before his death five years earlier--that purportedly contains the meaning of life.		
McCaffrey, Anne	Dragonflight	On the planet Pern, after her father forbids her to indulge in music in any way, fifteen-year-old Menolly, runs away and takes shelter with the planet's fire lizards who, along with her music, open a new life for her.	Dragonriders of Pern	Dragonquest (2), The white dragon (3), Dragonsong (4), Dragonsinger (5), Dragondrums (6), Moreta: Dragonlady of Pern (7), Nerilka's story (8), Dragonsdawn (9), Renegades of Pern (10), All the Weyrs of Pern (11), The Chronicles of Pern: First fall (12), The dolphins of Pern (13), Dragonseye (14), Masterharper of Pern (15), Skies of Pern (16), Dragon's kin (17), Dragonsblood (18), Dragon's fire (19)
McKillip, Patricia	Forgotten Beasts of Eld, The	Raised on Eld mountain with only her father's magical menagerie for company, a young wizard is drawn irrevocably into the human world with all its sorrows and delights when a baby comes into her care.		
McKinley, Robin	Beauty	Kind Beauty grows to love the Beast at whose castle she is compelled to stay and through her love releases him from the spell which had turned him from a handsome prince into an ugly beast.		
McKinley, Robin	Hero and the Crown, The	Aerin, with the guidance of the wizard Luthe and the help of the Blue Sword, wins the birthright due her as the daughter of the Damarian king and a witchwoman of the mysterious, demon-haunted North.		
Mead, Alice	Soldier Mom	Eleven-year-old Jasmyn gets a different perspective on life when her mother is sent to Saudi Arabia at the beginning of the Persian Gulf War, leaving her and her baby half brother behind in Maine in the care of her Mother's boyfriend.		
Meltzer, Milton	Underground Man	A courageous young white man aids slaves escaping from Kentucky in pre-Civil War days.		
Meyer, Stephanie	Twilight	When seventeen-year-old Bella leaves Phoenix to live with her father in Forks, Washington, she meets an exquisitely handsome boy at school for whom she feels an overwhelming attraction and who she comes to realize is not wholly human.	Twilight Saga	New Moon (2), Eclipse (3)
Mikaelsen, Ben	Countdown	In two parallel stories, a fourteen-year-old boy who is NASA's first Junior Astronaut and a fourteen-year-old Maasai herder in Kenya both edge into maturity while questioning their family traditions.		
Mikaelsen, Ben	Sparrow Hawk Red	Thirteen-year-old Ricky, the Mexican American son of a former Drug Enforcement Agency man, tries to avenge his mother's murder by crossing over into Mexico to steal a high-tech radar plane from drug smugglers.		

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Mikaelsen, Ben	Touching Spirit Bear	After his anger erupts into violence, Cole, in order to avoid going to prison, agrees to participate in a sentencing alternative based on the native American Circle Justice, and he is sent to a remote Alaskan Island where an encounter with a huge Spirit Bear changes his life.		
Montgomery, L. M.	Anne of Green Gables	Anne, an eleven-year-old orphan, is sent by mistake to live with a lonely, middle-aged brother and sister on a Prince Edward Island farm and proceeds to make an indelible impression on everyone around her.	Chronicles of Avonlea	Anne of Avonlea (2), Anne of the island (3), Anne of Windy Poplars (4), Anne's house of dreams (5), Anne of Ingleside (6), Rainbow valley (7), Rilla of Ingleside (8)
Myers, Walter Dean	Autobiography of my dead brother	Jesse uses his sketchbook and comic strips to make sense of his home in Harlem and the loss of a close friendship.		
Myers, Walter Dean	Game	If Harlem high school senior Drew Lawson is going to realize his dream of playing college, then professional, basketball, he will have to improve at being coached and being a team player, especially after a new--white--student threatens to take the scouts' attention away from him.		
Myers, Walter Dean	Monster	While on trial as an accomplice to a murder, sixteen-year-old Steve Harmon records his experiences in prison and in the courtroom in the form of a film script as he tries to come to terms with the course his life has taken.		
Myracle, Lauren	Ttyl	Chronicles, in "instant message" format, the day-to-day experiences, feelings, and plans of three friends, Zoe, Maddie, and Angela, as they begin tenth grade.	Internet Girls	Ttfn (2); L8r, g8r (3)
Napoli, Donna Jo	Beast	Elaborates on the tale of "Beauty and the Beast," told from the point of view of the beast and set in Persia.		
Napoli, Donna Jo	Three Days	When her father suddenly dies while on a business trip leaving her alone on an Italian highway, eleven-year-old Jackie worries what will happen when she is picked up by two men with unknown motives.		
Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds	Achingly Alice	Thirteen-year-old Alice sets long- and short-term priorities for her life as she experiences the complexities of young love.		
Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds	Shiloh	When he finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, Marty tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner, a mean-spirited man known to shoot deer out of season and to mistreat his dogs.	Shiloh	Shiloh season (2), Saving Shiloh (3)
Nimmo, Jenny	Midnight for Charlie Bone	Charlie Bone's life with his widowed mother and two grandmothers undergoes a dramatic change when he discovers that he can hear people in photographs talking.	Children of the red king	Charlie Bone and the invisible boy (2), Charlie bone and the time twister (3), Charlie Bone and the castle of mirrors (4), Charlie Bone and the hidden kin (5), Charlie Bone and the beast (6)
Nixon, Joan Lowery	Deadly Game of Magic, A	Lisa and her three friends find themselves unwilling players in a cat-and-mouse game with a murderous magician whose identity and motivation baffle them.		
O'Brien, Robert C.	Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH	Having no one to help her with her problems, a widowed mouse visits the rats whose former imprisonment in a laboratory made them wise and long lived.		
O'Dell, Scott	Island of the Blue Dolphins	Left alone on a beautiful but isolated island off the coast of California, a young Indian girl spends eighteen years, not only merely surviving through her enormous courage and self-reliance, but also finding a measure of happiness in her solitary life.		
O'Hara, Mary	My Friend Flicka	More than anything in the world, Ken McLaughlin wants a horse to call his own. When Ken's father finally tells him that he can choose a colt, he firmly decides upon a beautiful young filly. But Flicka, one of the wildest, most unmanageable horses on the ranch, has a questionable bloodline and Ken's father quietly disapproves of his choice. As the boy and horse forge a lasting bond, Ken senses the changes in himself, a young man taking his first steps down the road toward a responsible manhood.		
Oppel, Kenneth	Darkwing	Dusk, the world's first bat, must lead his colony to safety in a time of changing species.		
Oppel, Kenneth	Silverwing	When a newborn bat named Shade but sometimes called "Runt" becomes separated from his colony during migration, he grows in ways that prepare him for even greater journeys.	Silverwing	Sunwing (2), Firewing (3)
Park, Linda Sue	Single Shard, A	Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself.		
Paterson, Katherine	Bridge to Terabithia, A	The life of a ten-year-old boy in rural Virginia expands when he becomes friends with a newcomer who subsequently meets an untimely death trying to reach their hideaway, Terabithia, during a storm.		
Paterson, Katherine	Jacob Have I Loved	Sarah Louise, who lives with her family on a Chesapeake Bay island, grows up feeling less important than her twin sister, until she finally begins to find her own identity.		

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Patterson, James	Maximum ride: The angel experiment	After the mutant Erasers abduct the youngest member of their group, the "bird kids," who are the result of genetic experimentation, take off in pursuit and find themselves struggling to understand their own origins and purpose.	Maximum ride	Maximum ride: School's out-forever (2), Maximum ride: Saving the world and other extreme sports (3), Maximum ride: Final warning (4)
Paulsen, Gary	Hatchet	This Newbery Honor book is a dramatic, heart-stopping story of a boy who, following a plane crash in the Canadian wilderness, must learn to survive with only a hatchet and his own wits.	Brian's Saga	The River (2), Brian's Winter (3), Brian's Return (4), Brian's Hunt (5)
Peck, Richard	Here Lies the Librarian	Peewee idolizes Jake, a big brother whose dreams of auto mechanic glory are fueled by the hard road coming to link their Indiana town and futures with the twentieth century. And motoring down the road comes Irene Ridpath, a young librarian with plans to astonish them all and turn Peewee's life upside down.		
Peck, Richard	Teacher's Funeral, The	Now that Russell's teacher's done passed away, maybe Hominy Ridge School will be shut down for good and he can light out for the endless skies of the Dakotas to join a team of harvesters working the new 1904 all-steel threshing machines. No such luck. Russell and his schoolmates are about to be ruled by a new teacher who is Russell's worst nightmare—his sister. Russell's going to do whatever it takes to sink the school, even if it means resorting to stealing supplies, rustic vandalism, torching a boy's privy, and rustling up more snakes than you can shake a stick at.		
Philbrick, Rodman	Freak the Mighty	At the beginning of eighth grade, learning disabled Max and his new friend Freak, whose birth defect has affected his body but not his brilliant mind, find that when they combine forces they make a powerful team.		
Pinkwater, Daniel	Neddiad: How Neddie took the Train, Went to Hollywood, and Saved Civilization, The	When shoelace heir Neddie Wentworthstein and his family take the train from Chicago to Los Angeles in the 1940s, he winds up in possession of a valuable Indian turtle artifact whose owner is supposed to be able to prevent the impending destruction of the world, but he is not sure exactly how.		
Raskin, Ellen	Westing Game, The	The mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim their inheritance.		
Rawls, Wilson	Where the Red Fern Grows	A young boy living in the Ozarks achieves his heart's desire when he becomes the owner of two redbone hounds and teaches them to be champion hunters.		
Rennison, Louise	Angus thongs and full-frontal snogging	Presents the humorous journal of a year in the life of a fourteen-year-old British girl who tries to reduce the size of her nose, stop her mad cat from terrorizing the neighborhood animals, and win the love of handsome hunk Robbie.	Confessions of Georgia Nicolson	On the bright side, I'm now the girlfriend of a sex god (2), Knocked out by my nunga-nungas (3), Dancing in my nuddy pants (4), Away laughing on a fast camel (5), Then he ate my boy entrancers (6), Startled by his furry shorts (7), Love is a many trousered thing (8)
Riordan, Rick	Lightning Thief, The	After learning that he is the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea, twelve-year-old Percy is sent to a summer camp for demigods like himself, and joins his new friends on a quest to prevent a war between the gods.	Percy Jackson and the Olympians	The Sea of monsters (2), The Titan's Curse (3), The Battle of the Labyrinth (4)
Robertson, Keith	Henry Reed, Inc.	Henry Reed keeps a journal of his summer activities which include setting up a research firm and embarking on a series of usually profitable projects with the aid of his ally and neighbor Midge.		
Rodgers, Mary	Freaky Friday	A thirteen-year-old girl gains a much more sympathetic understanding of her relationship with her mother when she has to spend a day in her mother's body.		
Rosten, Carrie	Chloe Lieberman (Sometimes Wong)	Chloe, an aspiring fashion designer, dreams of going to design school in London, but first has to tell her parents that she does not plan to go to college		

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Rowling, J.K.	Harry Potter and the sorcerer's stone	Follow Harry from his first days at Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry through his many adventures with Hermione and Ron to his confrontations with rival Draco Malfoy, the dreaded Professor Snape and He-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named.	Harry Potter	Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (2), Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (3) Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (4) Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (5), Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (6), Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows (7)
Ryan, Pamela Munoz	Becoming Naomi Leon	When Naomi's absent mother resurfaces to claim her, Naomi runs away to Mexico with her great-grandmother and younger brother in search of her father.		
Ryan, Pamela Munoz	Esperanza Rising	Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression.		
Rylant, Cynthia	Missing May	After the death of the beloved aunt who has raised her, twelve-year-old Summer and her uncle Ob leave their West Virginia trailer in search of the strength to go on living.		
Sachar, Louis	Holes	As further evidence of his family's bad fortune, which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish boys' juvenile detention center in the Texas desert.		
Sachar, Louis	Small Steps	Two years after being released from Camp Green Lake, Armpit is home in Austin, Texas, trying to turn his life around. But it's hard when you have a record, and everyone expects the worst from you. The only person who believes in him is Ginny, his 10-year old disabled neighbor. Together, they are learning to take small steps. And he seems to be on the right path, until X-Ray, a buddy from Camp Green Lake, comes up with a get-rich-quick scheme. This leads to a chance encounter with teen pop sensation, Kaira DeLeon, and suddenly his life spins out of control, with only one thing for certain. He'll never be the same again.		
Salisbury, Graham	Under the Blood Red Sun	Tomikazu Nakaji's biggest concerns are baseball, homework, and a local bully, until life with his Japanese family in Hawaii changes drastically after the bombing of Pearl Harbor in December 1941.		
Schlitz, Laura Amy	Drowned Maiden's Hair: A Melodrama, A	At the Barbary Asylum for Female Orphans, eleven-year-old Maud is adopted by three spinster sisters moonlighting as mediums who take her home and reveal to her the role she will play in their seances.		
Schusterman, Neal	Dark Side of Nowhere, The	Fourteen-year-old Jason faces an identity crisis after discovering that he is the son of aliens who stayed on earth following a botched invasion mission.		
Selden, George	Cricket in Times Square, The	The adventures of a country cricket who unintentionally arrives in New York and is befriended by Tucker Mouse and Harry Cat.		
Sheldon, Dyan	Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen	Mary Elizabeth Cep (or Lola, as she prefers to be called) longs to be in the spotlight. But when she moves to New Jersey with her family and becomes a student at Dellwood "Deadwood" High, Lola finds the role of resident drama queen already filled, by the Born-to-Win, Born-to-Run-Everything Carla Santini. Carla has always gotten everything she wants — until Lola comes along and snags the lead in the school play. Can Lola survive Carla's attempts at retaliation?		
Sheldon, Dyan	Deep and Meaningful Diaries from Planet Janet	Presents two previously-published tales of sixteen-year-old Janet, who keeps a diary of her efforts to find herself during and beyond her "Dark Phase," as she copes with annoying family members, a quirky best friend, school, and romance.		
Shelley, Mary W.	Frankenstein	A monster assembled by a scientist from parts of dead bodies develops a mind of his own as he learns to loathe himself and hate his creator.		
Shusterman, Neal	Everlost	When Nick and Allie are killed in a car crash, they end up in Everlost, or limbo for lost souls, where although Nick is satisfied, Allie will stop at nothing—even skinjacking—to break free.		
Shusterman, Neal	Schwa Was Here, The	They say his clothes blend into the background, no matter where he stands. They say a lot of things about the Schwa, but one thing's for sure: no one ever noticed him.		
Sleator, William	House of Stairs, The	Five sixteen-year-old orphans of widely varying personality characteristics are involuntarily placed in a house of endless stairs as subjects for a psychological experiment on conditioned human response.		

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Snicket, Lemony	Bad Beginning, The	After the sudden death of their parents, the three Baudelaire children must depend on each other and their wits when it turns out that the distant relative who is appointed their guardian is determined to use any means necessary to get their fortune.	A Series of Unfortunate Events	The Reptile room (2), The wide window (3), The miserable mill (4), The austere academy (5), The ersatz elevator (6), The vile village (7), The hostile hospital (8), The carnivorous carnival (9), The slippery slope (10), The grim grotto (11), The penultimate peril (12), The end (13)
Sonnenblick, Jordan	Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie	The life of eighth-grader Steven Alper, already complicated by his friendship with two girls and a prodigious talent for drumming, is turned upside down when his five-year-old brother Jeffrey is diagnosed with leukemia.		
Soto, Gary	Baseball in April and other stories	A collection of eleven short stories focusing on the everyday adventures of Hispanic young people growing up in Fresno, California.		
Soto, Gary	Buried Onions	When nineteen-year-old Eddie drops out of college, he struggles to find a place for himself as a Mexican American living in a violence-infested neighborhood of Fresno, California.		
Speare, Elizabeth George	Witch of Blackbird Pond	In 1687 in Connecticut, Kit Tyler, feeling out of place in the Puritan household of her aunt, befriends an old woman considered a witch by the community and suddenly finds herself standing trial for witchcraft.		
Sperry, Armstrong	Call It Courage	Relates how Mafatu, a young Polynesian boy whose name means Stout Heart, overcomes his terrible fear of the sea and proves his courage to himself and his people.		
Spinelli, Jerry	Love, Stargirl	<i>Love, Stargirl</i> picks up a year after <i>Stargirl</i> ends and reveals the new life of the beloved character who moved away so suddenly at the end of <i>Stargirl</i> . The novel takes the form of "the world's longest letter," in diary form, going from date to date through a little more than a year's time. In her writing, Stargirl mixes memories of her bittersweet time in Mica, Arizona, with involvements with new people in her life.		
Spinelli, Jerry	Milkweed: a novel	A tale of heartbreak, hope, and survival of a young orphan in Nazi-occupied Warsaw of World War II.		
Spinelli, Jerry	Stargirl	In this story about the perils of popularity, the courage of nonconformity, and the thrill of first love, an eccentric student named Stargirl changes Mica High School forever.		
Springer, Nancy	Case of the Missing Marquess, The	Enola Holmes, much younger sister of detective Sherlock Holmes, must travel to London in disguise to unravel the disappearance of her missing mother.	Enola Holmes mysteries	Case of the left-handed lady (2), Case of the Bizarre Bouquets (3)
Steinbeck, John	Red Pony, The	Raised on a ranch in northern California, Jody is well-schooled in the hard work and demands of a rancher's life. He is used to the way of horses, too; but nothing has prepared him for the special connection he will forge with Gabilan, a hot-tempered pony his father gives him. With Billy Buck, the hired hand, Jody tends and trains his horse, restlessly anticipating the moment he will sit high upon Gabilan's saddle. But when Gabilan falls ill, Jody discovers there are still lessons he must learn about the ways of nature and, particularly, the ways of man.		
Stevenson, Robert Louis	Kidnapped	In 1751 in Scotland, cheated out of his inheritance by a greedy uncle who has him kidnapped and put on a ship to the Carolinas, seventeen-year-old David Balfour escapes to the Highlands with the help of the Jacobite Alan Breck Stewart and there encounters further danger and intrigue as he attempts to clear his name and regain his property.		
Stewart, Trenton Lee	Mysterious Benedict Society, The	After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules.		
Synder, Zilphia	Egypt Game, The	The first time Melanie Ross meets April Hall, she's not sure they'll have anything in common. But she soon discovers that they both love anything to do with ancient Egypt. When they stumble upon a deserted storage yard behind the A-Z Antiques and Curio Shop, Melanie and April decide it's the perfect spot for Egypt Game.		
Taylor, Mildred	Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	A black family living in Mississippi during the Depression of the 1930s is faced with prejudice and discrimination which its children do not understand.		
Taylor, Theodore	Cay, The	When the freighter on which they are traveling is torpedoed by a German submarine during World War II, an adolescent white boy, blinded by a blow on the head, and an old black man are stranded on a tiny Caribbean island where the boy acquires a new kind of vision, courage, and love from his old companion.		

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Tolkien, J.R.	Hobbit, The	Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to take part in an adventure from which he may never return.		
Uchida, Yoshiko	Journey to Topaz	Like any 11-year-old, Yuki Sakane is looking forward to Christmas when her peaceful world is suddenly shattered by the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Uprooted from her home and shipped with thousands of West Coast Japanese Americans to a desert concentration camp called Topaz, Yuki and her family face new hardships daily.		
Van Draanen, Wendelin	Sammy Keyes and the hotel thief	Thirteen-year-old Sammy's penchant for speaking her mind gets her in trouble when she involves herself in the investigation of a robbery at the "seedy" hotel across the street from the seniors' building where she is living with her grandmother.	Sammy Keyes	Sammy Keyes and the Skeleton Man (2), Sammy Keyes and the Sisters of Mercy (3), Sammy Keyes and the Runaway Elf (4), Sammy Keyes and the Curse of Moustache Mary (5), Sammy Keyes and the Hollywood Mummy (6), Sammy Keyes and Search for Snake Eyes (7), Sammy Keyes and the Art of Deception (8), Sammy Keyes and Psycho Kitty Queen (9), Sammy Keyes and the Dead Giveaway (10), Sammy Keyes and the Wild Things (11)
Vande Velde, Vivian	Witch Dreams	Sixteen-year-old Nyssa uses her ability to see into people's dreams to discover who murdered her parents six years ago.		
Verne, Jules	Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea	A science fiction story of life under water.		
Voight, Cynthia	Dacey's Song	Now that the four abandoned Tillerman children are settled in with their grandmother, Dacey finds that their new beginnings require love, trust, humor, and courage.		
Voigt, Cynthia	Bad girls	After meeting on the first day in Mrs. Chemsky's fifth-grade class, Margalo and Mikey help each other in and out of trouble, as they try to maintain a friendship while each asserts her independence.	Bad girls	Bad, badder, baddest (2); It's not easy being bad (3); Bad girls in love (4); Bad Girls, bad girls, whatcha gonna do? (5)
Weeks, Sarah	Regular Guy	Because he is so different from his eccentric parents, twelve-year-old Guy is convinced he has been switched at birth with a classmate whose parents seem more normal.	series	Guy Time (2), My Guy (3), Guy Wire (4)
Weeks, Sarah	So B. It	From the bestselling author of "Regular Guy" comes a novel about a young girl living in Reno with her mentally disabled mother who, haunted by a mysterious word in her mother's 23-word vocabulary, embarks on a cross-country journey.		
Wells, H.G.	Time Machine, The	A scientist invents a time machine and uses it to travel hundreds of thousands of years into the future, where he discovers the childlike Eloi and the hideous underground Morlocks.		
Wells, H.G.	War of the Worlds	As life on Mars becomes impossible, Martians and their terrifying machines invade the earth.		
Westerfeld, Scott	Uglies	Tally is about to turn sixteen, and she can't wait. Not for her license -- for turning pretty. In Tally's world, your sixteenth birthday brings an operation that turns you from a repellent ugly into a stunningly attractive pretty and catapults you into a high-tech paradise where your only job is to have a really great time. In just a few weeks Tally will be there. But Tally's new friend Shay isn't sure she wants to be pretty. She'd rather risk life on the outside. When Shay runs away, Tally learns about a whole new side of the pretty world -- and it isn't very pretty. The authorities offer Tally the worst choice she can imagine: find her friend and turn her in, or never turn pretty at all. The choice Tally makes changes her world forever.	Uglies	Pretties (2), Specials (3), Extras (4)
Whelan, Gloria	Homeless Bird	When thirteen-year-old Koly enters into an ill-fated arranged marriage, she must either suffer a destiny dictated by India's tradition or find the courage to oppose it.		
White, Robb	Deathwatch	An exciting novel of suspense, based on a fight to the finish between an honest and courageous young man and a cynical business tycoon who believes that anything can be had for a price.		

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White, Ruth	Belle Prater's Boy	Everyone in Coal Station, Virginia, has a theory about what happened to Belle Prater, but twelve-year-old Gypsy wants the facts, and when her cousin Woodrow, Aunt Belle's son moves next door, she has her chance. Woodrow isn't as forthcoming as Gypsy hopes, yet he becomes more than just a curiosity to her--during their sixth-grade year she finds that they have enough in common to be best friends. Even so, Gypsy is puzzled by Woodrow's calm acceptance of his mother's disappearance, especially since she herself has never gotten over her father's death. When Woodrow finally reveals that he's been keeping a secret about his mother, Gypsy begins to understand that there are different ways of finding the strength to face the truth, no matter how painful it is.		
White, T.H.	Sword in the Stone, The	Set against the background of magnificent pageantry and dark magic that was medieval England, is the story of the education and training of young King Arthur, who was to become the greatest of Britain's legendary rulers.		
Wilder, Laura Ingalls	Little House in the big woods	A year in the life of two young girls growing up on the Wisconsin frontier, as they help their mother with the daily chores, enjoy their father's stories and singing, and share special occasions when they get together with relatives or neighbors.	Little House	Farmer boy (2), Little house on the prairie (3), On the banks of Plum Creek (4), On the shores of Silver Lake (5), The long winter (6), Little town on the prairie (7), These happy golden years (8), The first four years (9)
Wolff, Virginia Euwer	Make Lemonade	LaVaughn needed a part-time job. What she got was a baby-sitting gig with Jolly, an unwed teen mother. With two kids hanging in the balance, they need to make the best out of life - and they can only do it for themselves and each other.	Make Lemonade	True believer (2),
Woodson, Jacqueline	Miracle's Boys	Twelve-year-old Lafayette's close relationship with his older brother Charlie changes after Charlie is released from a detention home and blames Lafayette for the death of their mother.		
Wrede, Patricia	Dealing with Dragons	Bored with traditional palace life, a princess goes off to live with a group of dragons and soon becomes involved with fighting against some disreputable wizards who want to steal away the dragons' kingdom.	Enchanted Forest Chronicles	Searching for Dragons (2), Calling on Dragons (3), Talking to Dragons (4)
Wyss, Johann David	Swiss Family Robinson	Relates the fortunes of a shipwrecked family as they imaginatively adapt to life on an island with abundant animal and plant life.		
Yee, Paul	Bone Collector's Son, The	In 1907 Vancouver, Canada, after helping unearth a skeleton to be returned for burial in China, fourteen-year-old Bing experiences strange events that cause him to confront his fear of both ghosts and of his father.		
Yep, Laurence	Serpent's Children, The	In nineteenth-century China, a young girl struggles to protect her family from the threat of bandits, famine, and an ideological conflict between her father and brother.	Golden Mountain Chronicles	Mountain Light (2), Dragon's Gate (3), The Traitor (4), Dragonwings (5), The red warrior (6), Child of the Owl (7), Sea Glass (8), Thief of hearts (9)
Yolen, Jane	Dragon's Blood	Jakkin, a bond boy who works as a Keeper in a dragon nursery on the planet Austar IV, secretly trains a fighting pit dragon of his own in hopes of winning his freedom.	Pit Dragon Trilogy	Heart's blood (2), A sending of dragons (3)