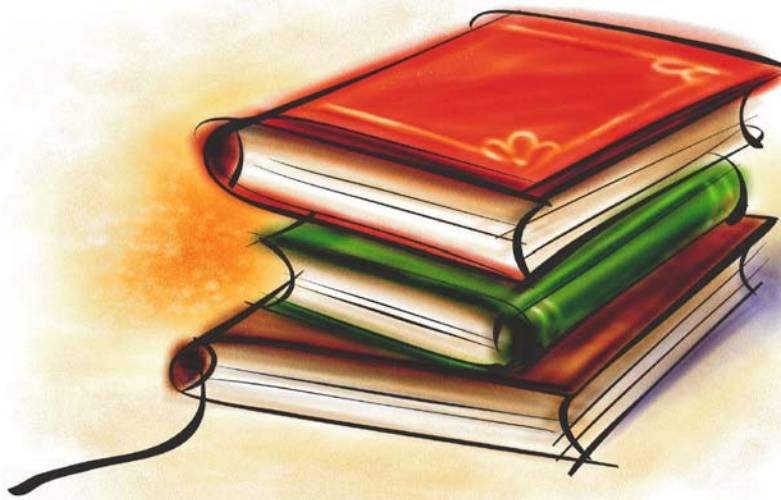




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Recommended Reading List
Grades Pre K - 12

The Recommended Reading List has been prepared by a committee of media coordinators, teachers, literacy coaches and curriculum specialists from the Cumberland County School System. This list suggests many titles appropriate for curriculum content areas and for pleasure reading.

This committee was chaired by Cumberland County Schools' media coordinators Toy Brown, Pam Phelps and Elsa McBride.

Reading is meant to bring pleasure, to develop one's mind, to extend one's knowledge and understanding, and to encourage one's appreciation of a global culture.

Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers.
~ Charles W. Eliot

When I look back, I am so impressed again
with the life-giving power of literature.
If I were a young person today, trying to gain a sense of
myself in the world, I would do that again by reading,
just as I did when I was young.
~ Maya Angelou

Students who score higher on "tests tend to come from schools which have more library resource staff and more books, periodicals and videos, and where the instructional role of the teacher-librarian and involvement in cooperative program planning and teaching is more prominent."

Keith Curry Lance, et. al. *The Impact of School Library Media Centers on Academic Achievement*

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TITLE	AUTHOR	GENRE	GRADE LEVEL	SUMMARY
Alphabet Tree, The	Lionni, Leo	Fantasy	Pre K – 2	A strong wind blows most of the letters off of the alphabet tree and those that are left hide among the branches. Then a bug and a caterpillar come along and teach them how to arrange themselves into words and sentences to form a special message.
Biscuit, Bathtime for Biscuit, Biscuit and the Baby, plus other Biscuit stories	Capucilli, Alyssa Satin	Animal Fiction	Pre K – K	Follow the stories of the little yellow dog, Biscuit.
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?	Martin, Bill	Animal Stories	Pre K – 2	A pictorial representation of a question and answer game played by a teacher and her class.
Cat in the Hat, Horton Hears a Hoo, The Grinch Who Stole Christmas, Dr. Seuss Books	Geisel, Ted	Fiction, Rhyming Stories	Pre K – 3	All of the books by Ted Geisel use rhyme, alliteration, unusual sounds and words plus illustrations to tell marvelous stories to boys and girls of all ages.
Curious George Series	Rey. H. A.	Animal Fiction	Pre K – 3	Curiosity gets George in trouble in these delightful tales of the playful monkey.
Diary of a Worm	Cronin, Doreen	Animal Stories	Pre K – 3	A young worm discovers, day-by-day, that there are some very good things and some not so good things about being a worm in this great, big world.
Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed	Christlelow, Eileen	Animal Fiction	Pre K – 2	A counting book in which one-by-one the little monkeys jump on the bed only to fall off and bump their heads.
Goodnight Moon	Brown, Margaret Wise	Animal Stories	Pre K – 2	Gentle rhythmic lullaby as a little rabbit bids good night to each familiar thing in his moonlight room.

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Leo, the Late Bloomer	Krauss, Robert	Animal Fiction	Pre K - 2	Leo, a young tiger, finally blooms under the eyes of very anxious parents.
Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear	Martin, Bill	Animal Stories	Pre K – 2	Zoo animals from polar bear to walrus make their distinctive sounds for each other, while children imitate the sounds for the zookeeper.
Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf	Ehlert, Lois	Realistic Fiction	Pre K – 2	A child describes the growth of a maple tree from seed to sapling.
Snowy Day, The	Keats, Ezra	Realistic Fiction	Pre K – 2	The adventures of a little boy in the city on a very snowy day.
Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears	Aardema, Vera	Folk Tales	Pre K – 3	A retelling of a West African tale that reveals how the mosquito developed its annoying habit.
All books by Jan Brett	Brett, Jan	Fiction and Folk Tales	K – 4	All of the author's books are highly entertaining and contain colorful illustrations of both animals and humans.
Amazing Grace	Hoffman, Vera	Realistic Fiction	K – 3	Although a classmate says that she cannot play Peter Pan in the school play because she is black, Grace discovers that she can do anything she sets her mind to.
Are We There Yet, Daddy?	Walters, Virginia	Girl/Boy Stories	K – 2	In this easy fiction book a young boy describes the trip that he and his father make to Grandma's house. They measure how many miles are left at various points on the trip. It is an excellent book to use with math and measurement.
Arrow to the Sun: A Pueblo Indian Tale	McDermott, Gerald	Folk Tales	K – 3	A Pueblo Indian boy shunned by his peers, believes that he is the son of the Lord of the Sun and sets out to find his father
Art Lesson, The	De Paola, Tomie	Realistic Fiction	K – 3	Having learned to be creative drawing pictures at home, young Tommy is dismayed when he goes to school and finds the art lesson there more regimented.
Arthur Series, The	Brown, Marc	Animal Fiction	K – 2	In this series follow Arthur the Aardvark, his family, and his friends as they live their lives and solve their problems in a manner similar to human beings.

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Berenstain Bears Series	Berenstain, Stan and Jean	Humorous Fiction, Animal Stories	K – 3	Papa Bear looks to Mama Bear, Sister Bear and Brother Bear to correct his misadventures.
Blue Willow	Conrad, Pam	Historical Fiction	K – 3	Kung Shi Fair's wealthy father gives her everything she requests, but when she requests permission to marry, he learns the value of listening too late.
Books by Eric Carle	Carle, Eric	Animal Fiction	K – 1	Simple text and colorful illustrations tell the stories of animals such as crickets, ladybugs, caterpillars and seahorses.
Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain	Aardema, Verna	Folk Tales 300 – 399	K – 3	A cumulative rhyme relating how Ki-Pat brought rain to the drought-stricken Kapiti Plain
Chair for My Mother, A	Williams, Vera	Realistic Fiction	K – 3	A child, her waitress mother, and her grandmother save dimes to buy a comfortable chair after all their furniture is lost in a fire.
Chicka, Chicka, Boom Boom	Martin, Bill	Fantasy	K – 2	An alphabet rhyme/chant that relates what happens when the whole alphabet tries to climb a coconut tree.
Chicken Sunday	Pollacco, Patricia	Realistic Fiction	K – 3	To thank old Eula for her wonderful Sunday chicken dinners, the children sell decorated eggs and use the money to buy her a beautiful Easter hat.
Clean Your Room, Harvey Moon	Cummings, Pat	Realistic Fiction	K – 3	Harvey tackles a big job—cleaning his room.
Clifford Books	Bridwell, Norman	Animal Fiction	K – 1	Follow Clifford, the big red dog, and his friends as they solve the dilemmas of Clifford's size.
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs	Barrett, Judi	Fantasy	K – 3	The tiny town of Chewandswallow enjoys being served breakfast, lunch and dinner from its benevolent skies until the weather suddenly changes.
Counting Crocodiles	Sierra, Judy	Folk Tales 300 - 399	K – 2	This retelling of an Asian Folktale where a clever monkey uses her ability to count to outwit the hungry crocodiles that stand between her and a banana tree on another island across the sea is a story that can be used with younger children in the area of mathematics.

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Dandelion	Freeman, Don	Animal Fiction	K – 3	Dandelion overdresses for a come-as-you-are party and is turned away because the hostess does not recognize him.
Day Jimmy’s Boa Ate the Wash, The	Kellogg, Steven	Animal Fiction	K – 3	Jimmy’s boa constrictor wrecks havoc on the class field trip to a farm.
Don’t Forget the Bacon	Hutchins, Pat	Folk Tales 300 - 399	K – 3	Another version of the North Carolina Folktale “Soap, Soap, Don’t Forget the Soap”. A little boy tries hard to remember his mother’s instructions in shopping for bacon at the grocery store.
Emperor’s Egg	Jenkins, Martin	Nonfiction 500 - 599	K – 5	Describes the parental behavior of the Emperor Penguins, focusing on how the male keeps the egg warm until it hatches and how the parents care for the chick after it is born.
Everybody Needs a Rock	Baylor, Byrd	Realistic Fiction	K – 3	Baylor sets forth 10 rules for finding a rock, but not just any rock – the special rock.
Funny Little Woman, The	Mosel, Arlene	Folk Tales	K – 3	While chasing a rice dumpling, a little woman is captured by wicked creatures from which she escapes, taking with her the means of becoming the richest woman in Japan.
Girl Who Loved Wild Horses, The	Goble, Paul	Folk Tales 300 – 399	K – 3	Dramatic tale of a Plains’ Indian girl devoted to the care of her tribe’s horses.
Great Gracie Chase: Stop that Dog!, The	Rylant, Cynthia	Realistic Fiction	K – 1	Gracie, a housedog, likes a quiet house. So when the painters arrive she decides to go for a walk. When everyone in town begins to chase her she runs until the people are too tired to follow her.

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Great Kapok Tree, The	Cherry, Lynn	Animal Stories	K – 3	The many different animals that live in a great kapok tree in the Brazilian rainforest try to convince a man with an ax of the importance of not cutting down their home.
Harry the Dirty Dog	Zion, Gene	Animal Fiction	K – 3	When a white dog with black spots runs away from home, he gets so dirty that his family doesn't recognize him as a black dog with white spots.
Hooway for Wodney Wat	Lester, Helen	Cultural Diversity	K – 3	An inspirational story as classmates learn to appreciate differences as a small rodent triumphs over the class bully.
Hurricanes	Seymour, Simon	Nonfiction 500 – 599	K – 3	Discusses where and how hurricanes are formed, the destruction caused by legendary storms, and the precautions to take when a hurricane strikes.
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie	Numeroff, Laura	Animal Fiction	K – 3	Relates the cycle of requests a mouse is likely to make after you give him a cookie.
Ira Says Goodbye and Ira Sleeps Over	Waber, Bernard	Realistic Fiction	K – 1	In the first story Ira must say goodbye to his best friend who moves away; in the second he sleeps over at his friend's home for the very first time.
Johnny Appleseed	Kellogg, Steven	Biography 900 – 999	K – 3	Retells the lively story of a true American hero whose wilderness adventures became larger-than-life folklore.
Keepers of the Animals	Caduto, Michael & Joseph Bruchac	Folk Tales 300 – 399	K – 6	Traditional Native American stories with activities that will help children develop a wildlife conservation ethic.
Legend of the Bluebonnet: an Old Tale of Texas, The	DePaola, Tomie	Folk Tales 300 – 399	K – 3	A retelling of the Comanche legend of how a little girl's sacrifice brought the flower called the bluebonnet to Texas.
Legend of the Indian Paintbrush, The	DePaola, Tomie	Folk Tales 300 - 399	K - 3	Little Gopher follows his destiny of becoming an artist for his people and is eventually able to bring the colors of the sunset down to earth
Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse	Henkes, Kevin	Realistic Fiction	K – 3	Lilly loves everything about school but when asked to wait for sharing time to show off her new purse, she does something she later regrets.

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Love You Forever	Munsch, Robert	Realistic Fiction	K – 3	A young woman tells her son, throughout his childhood, how she loves him, until a time when the son has a daughter of his own and passes along the same message of love.
Madeline	Bemelmans, Ludwig	Realistic Fiction	K – 3	Madeline, smallest and naughtiest of the twelve little charges of Miss Clavel, wakes up one night with an attack of appendicitis
McDuff Series	Wells, Rosemary	Animal Fiction	K – 2	All the books in this series tell the tale of McDuff the dog and his human family, Lucy and Fred.
Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel	Burton, Virginia	Realistic Fiction	K – 2	Although Mike Mulligan's stem shovel is too old fashioned to compete with newer models, the people of Popperville find a way to keep them working.
Miss Bindergarten Celebrates 100 Days of Kindergarten	Slate, Joseph	Fantasy	K – 2	Miss Bindergarten and her kindergarten class celebrate one hundred days in school by bringing one hundred of something to school. Someone brings a one hundred-year-old relative, one hundred candy hearts and one hundred polka dots. Children love looking at this book.
Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten	Slate, Joseph	Animal Stories, School	K	Delightful first day of school ABC, pattern, and concept book in rhyme which uses alliteration of student's names and species.
Miss Nelson Is Missing	Allard, Harry	Humorous Fiction	K - 3	The kids in Room 207 take advantage of their teacher's good nature until she disappears and they are faced with a vile substitute.
Officer Buckle and Gloria	Rathman, Peggy	Realistic Fiction	K – 3	The children at Napville Elementary School always ignore Officer Buckle's safety tips until a police dog named Gloria accompanies him when he gives his safety speeches.
Old MacDonald Had an Apartment House	Barrett, Judi	Fantasy	K – 3	Old MacDonald turns his building into a four-story farm with hot and cold running sweet potato vines, carpets of cabbages, ceiling carrots, and other farm products and animals. This prompts all the tenants to move out.

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One Tiny Turtle	Davies, Nicola	Nonfiction 500-599	K –3	This is the story of the 30-year journey of a loggerhead sea turtle from its beginning as a baby to the hatching of its own eggs. It has beautiful nonfiction pictures that include a simple index at the end.
Owen	Henkes, Kevin	Fantasy	K - 3	Owen the mouse has grown too big for his blanket.
Ox-Cart Man	Hall, Donald	Historical Fiction	K – 3	Describes the day-to-day life of an early nineteenth-century New England family throughout the changing of the seasons.
Patchwork Quilt, The	Flourney, Valerie	Realistic Fiction	K - 3	Using scraps of quilt from the family's old clothing, Tanya helps her grandmother make a beautiful quilt that tells the story of her family's life.
Picture Book of Harriet Tubman	Adler, David	Biography 900 – 999	K – 3	An illustrated book of the escaped slave, Harriet Tubman, who led other slaves to freedom on the Underground Railroad.
Piggy Pie	Palatini, Margie	Humorous Fiction	K – 3	Familiar fairy tale characters in a wacky tale where the pigs prove to be smarter than the witch.
Pigs Aplenty, Pigs Galore!	McPhail, David	Humorous Fiction	K – 3	In a chant-like rhyming form, an unsuspecting narrator is visited one night by a band of raucous pigs.
Pigs Will Be Pigs	Axelrod, Amy E.	Animal Stories	K – 3	The hungry Pig family turns the house upside down looking for enough money to buy dinner at the local restaurant. In their search they learn about money and buying power. Excellent math resource.
Poppleton in Winter	Rylant, Cynthia	Animal Stories	K – 3	Poppleton the pig makes a new friend after an icicle accident, creates a bust of Cherry Sue, and gets a winter birthday surprise from his friends.
Pumpkin, Pumpkin	Titherington ,Jeanne	Realistic Fiction	K – 3	Jamie plants a pumpkin seed and, after watching it grow, carves it, and saves some seeds to plant in the spring.
Puppy Who Wanted a Boy, The	Thayer, Jane	Animal Stories	K - 3	When Petey the puppy decides he wants a boy for Christmas, he discovers he must go out and find one on his own.

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Rainbow Fish, The	Phister, Marcus	Animal Stories	K – 2	The most beautiful fish in the ocean learns the value of friendship.
Riptide	Weller, Frances Ward	Animal Stories	K – 3	Zach's dog Riptide loves the sea and proves himself worthy of being the nineteenth lifeguard on Cape Cod's Nauset Beach.
Ruby Bridges	Coles, Robert	Biography	K – 4	The true story of an African American sent to first grade in an all white school.
Sheep in a Jeep and Sheep Out to Eat	Shaw, Nancy	Animal Fiction	K – 2	Records the misadventures of a group of sheep as they go out to eat in one book and ride in a jeep in the other book
Smoky Night	Bunting, Eve	Realistic Fiction	K – 3	A child's eye view of urban violence in a riot-torn city.
Stellaluna	Cannon, Janell	Animal Fiction	K - 3	A fruit bat's humorous adventures tell of survival and friendship.
Stone Soup	Brown, Marcia	Folk tale 300 – 399	K – 3	When hungry soldiers get a chilly reception in a village, they use a trick to get a meal.
Story About Ping	Flack, Marjorie	Animal Stories	K - 3	The classic story of a little yellow duck's night of adventure on the Yangtze River.
Story of Ferdinand, The	Leaf, Munro	Animal Stories	K – 3	Ferdinand likes to sit quietly and smell the flowers, but one day he gets stung by a bee and his snorting and stomping convinces everyone that he is the fiercest of bulls
Story, A Story, A	Haley, Gail	Folk Tale 300 – 299	K – 3	Recounts the origin of the African "spider" stories.
Sunflower House	Bunting, Eve	Realistic Fiction	K – 3	Three friends plant some fun in their summer garden.
Swimmy	Lionni, Leo	Animal Stories	K – 2	A little black fish in a school of red fish figures out a way of protecting them all from their natural enemies.

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Tacky the Penguin and other Tacky titles	Lester, Helen	Animal Fiction	K – 3	In these stories Tacky the penguin never seems to fit in with his sleek companions, but he always manages to save the day.
Take Me Out of the Bathtub and Other Silly Dilly Songs	Katz, Ann	Nonfiction 800-899	K – 5	Well known songs such as “Take Me Out to the Ballgame” and “Row, Row, Row Your Boat” are re-written with new words such as “Take Me Out of the Bathtub” and “Go, Go, Go to Bed”.
Talking Eggs: a Folktale from the American South	San Souci, Robert	Folk Tales 300 - 399	K – 3	A Southern folktale in which Blanche, following the directions of an old witch, gains riches, while her greedy sister makes fun of the woman and is duly rewarded.
Tar Beach	Ringold, Faith	Realistic Fiction	K – 3	A young girl dreams of flying above her Harlem home, claiming all she sees for herself and her family.
Thunder Cake	Polacco, Patricia	Realistic Fiction	K – 2	Grandma finds a way to dispel her grandchild’s fear of thunderstorms. Includes a cake recipe.
Verdi	Cannon, Jannell	Animal Stories	K – 3	Fun, educational story about a young python trying to outwit his natural destiny to become an adult; includes facts about snakes at the end.
Welcome Comfort	Polacco, Patricia	Fantasy	K – 3	Welcome Comfort, a lonely, teased foster child, is assured by his friend, the school custodian, that there is a Santa Clause, but he does not discover the truth until one wondrous Christmas Eve.
What Do You Do with a Tail Like This	Jenkins, Steve and Page	Nonfiction 500 – 599	K - 3	Explores the many things animals can do with their ears, eyes, noses, mouths, feet and tails.
Where the Wild Things Are	Sendak, Maurice	Fantasy	K – 3	A naughty little boy, sent to bed without his supper, sails to the land of the wild things where he becomes their king.

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Whistle for Willie	Keats, Ezra	Realistic Fiction	K – 2	Recounts Peter's efforts to call his dog, Willie, by whistling.
Wild Christmas Reindeer, The	Brett, Jan	Animal Stories	K - 2	After a few false starts, Teeka discovers how to get Santa's reindeer ready for Christmas Eve.
Wolf Who Cried Boy, The	Hartman, Bob	Animal Stories	K – 3	Little Wolf is tired of eating hamburgers and sloppydoes, but when he tricks his parents into believing there is a boy in the woods, they could all miss a chance for a real feast.
Anansi and the Moss Covered Rock and other Anansi stories	Kimmell, Eric	Folktales 300 – 399	1 – 4	Anansi, a wily, lazy spider is always trying to outwit the other animals in the jungle, and he rarely succeeds.
Black Lagoon Series	Thaler, Mike	Humorous Fiction	1 – 3	Humorous stories about the faculty and staff at school.
Bravest Dog Ever: the True Story of Balto, The	Standiford, Natalie	Nonfiction 600 – 699	1 - 3	Recounts the life of Baldo, the sled dog who saved Nome Alaska in 1925 from a diphtheria epidemic by delivering medicine through a raging snowstorm.
Dinosaur Days	Milton, Joyce	Nonfiction 500 – 599	1 – 3	Brief and simple description of the various kinds of dinosaurs that roamed the earth millions of years ago.
Dr. DeSoto and Dr. DeSoto Goes to Africa	Steig, William	Animal Fiction	1- 3	Dr. DeSoto outsmarts a fox and helps an elephant in the stories of the mouse that is also a dentist.
Family Pictures	Lomas Garza, Carmen	Cultural Diversity	1 – 4	The author describes, in bilingual text and illustrations, her experiences growing up in a Hispanic community in Texas.

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Follow the Drinking Gourd	Winter, Jeanette	Historical Fiction	1 – 4	By following the directions in a song, “The Drinking Gourd,” taught them by an old sailor named Peg-Leg Joe, runaway slaves travel north along the Underground Railroad to freedom in Canada.
Frog and Toad Series	Lobel, Arnold	Animal Stories	1 – 3	These books recount the adventures of two best friends, Frog and Toad.
From Seed to Plant	Gibbons, Gail	Nonfiction 500 – 599	1 – 2	Describes the development of a seed into a plant by means of pollination, fertilization and seed dispersal.
Hershey’s Math Book Series	Pallotta, Jerry	Nonfiction	1 - 4	This series uses the Hershey candy bar to illustrate mathematic principles.
Hungry, Hungry Sharks	Cole, Joanna	Nonfiction 500 – 599	1 – 3	A simple discussion of the different kinds of sharks and their behavior.
Junie B. Jones Series	Park, Barbara	Realistic Fiction	1 – 4	Follow the adventures of June, her family, friends and classmate in this series.
Lon Po Po: a Red Ridinghood Story From China	Young, Edward	Folk Tales 300 – 399	1 - 4	Three sisters staying alone are endangered by a hungry wolf who is disguised as their grandmother.
Magic School Bus Series, The	Cole, Joanne	Nonfiction 500 – 699	1 - 3	Ms. Frizzle and her class explore many science topics in an imaginative and interesting way using a magic school bus.
Make Way for Ducklings	McCloskey, Robert	Animal Stories	1 - 3	The classic tale of a family of ducks that settled in the heart of Boston.
More Than Anything Else	Brady, Marie	Historical Fiction	1 – 4	A picture-book of the young African-American hero Booker T. Washington and how he learned to read.
Mouse Soup	Lobel, Arnold	Animal Stories	1 – 3	A little mouse tells a weasel four different stories in a way that enables him to avoid the weasel’s stewpot.
Napping House, The	Wood, Audrey	Humorous Fiction	1 – 3	A wakeful flea, atop a number of sleeping creatures, causes a commotion with just one bite.
Nate the Great	Sharmat, Marjorie	Mystery	1 – 4	Super-detective Nate tracks down Annie’s missing picture and finds a lost cat in the bargain.

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Paper Bag Princess	Munsch, Robert	Fantasy	1 – 4	Elizabeth, a princess, outwits a dragon to save Ronald, the prince she plans to marry. But when she discovers that Ronald, who looks like a prince, acts like a bum she decides not to marry him after all.
River Ran Wild, A	Cherry, Lynne	Nonfiction 900 – 999	1 – 4	An environmental history of Nashua River, from its discovery by Indians through the pollution years of the industrial revolution to the ambitious clean-up that revitalized it.
Stinky Cheese Man, The	Scieszka, Jon	Short Stories	1 – 4	Madcap revisions of famous fairy tales, including “Jack and the Bean Soup.” “Goldilocks and the Three Elephants” and “Cinderumplestilskin.”
Sylvester and the Magic Pebble	Steig, William	Animal fiction	1 – 2	In a moment of fright, Sylvester the donkey asks his magic pebble to turn him into a rock but then cannot hold the pebble to turn himself back to normal again.
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day	Viorst, Judith	Humorous Fiction	2 – 5	One day when everything goes wrong for him, Alexander is consoled by the thought that other people have bad days too.
American Tall Tales	Osborne, Mary Pope	Tall Tales 300 - 399	2 – 5	A collection of tall tales about American folk heroes such as Sally Ann Thunder Ann Whirlwind, Pecos Bill, John Henry and Paul Bunyan.
Bailey School Kids Series	Dadey, Debbie	Fantasy	2 – 5	Follow the adventures of the students at Bailey School as they encounter monsters and aliens.
Boxcar Children Series	Warner, Gertrude Chandler	Mystery	2 – 5	The resourceful Alden children survive without adult supervision and make a home for themselves in an abandoned boxcar; first book in the series, all of which involve mysteries that the children solve.
Cam Jansen Mystery Series	Adler, David	Mystery	2 – 5	Cam Jansen’s photographic memory comes in very handy when solving mysteries. These books are a great introduction to the mystery genre.
Flat Stanley	Brown, Jeff	Humorous Fiction	2 – 5	Relates the humorous of Stanley after he is flattened by a bulletin board.

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Fourth Grade Rats	Spinelli, Jerry	Realistic Fiction	2 – 5	Suds learns that his best friend is wrong. You don't have to be a tough guy, a "rat", to be a grown up fourth grader.
Freckle Juice	Blume, Judy	Humorous Fiction	2 – 5	Andrew wants freckles more than anything else and uses various recipes with hilarious results.
Horrible Harry Series	Kline, Suzy	Realistic Fiction	2 – 5	Enjoy the adventures of Harry and the students in classroom 2B.
If You Give an Author a Pencil	Numberoff, Laura Joffe	Biography 900-999	2 – 5	Author Laura Numberoff recounts her life and describes how her daily activities and the creative process of writing are interwoven. Excellent story for learning more about becoming an author.
Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie	Roop, Peter	Historical Fiction	2 - 3	In 1856, Abbie Burgess lived with her father in a lighthouse on the coast of Maine. Oil lamps lighted the lights and the keeper had to make sure they were lit in order to guide the ships at sea to safety. While her father was gone for supplies, a sudden storm came up. Abbie had to keep the lights burning in his place.
Meet Danitra Brown	Grimes, Nikki	Poetry 800- 899	2 - 6	Poems by the African-American writer about the friendship of two spirited girls.
Muggie Maggie	Cleary, Beverly	Realistic Fiction	2 – 5	Maggie resists learning cursive writing in third grade, until she learns that knowing how to read and write in cursive promises to open up a whole new world of knowledge for her.
My Father's Dragon	Gannett, Ruth	Fantasy	2 – 5	Elmer goes to the South Seas and rescues an over-worked dragon with the help of chewing gum, toothpaste and lollipops.
Ramona Quimby, Age 8 and other Ramona titles	Cleary, Beverly	Realistic Fiction	2 – 5	Follow the adventures of Ramona and the Quimby family.

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Salt in His Shoes: Michael Jordan in Pursuit of a Dream	Jordan, Deloris	Sport Story	2 – 5	Young Michael Jordan, who is smaller than the other players, learns that determination and hard work are more important than size when playing the game of basketball.
Shoeshine Girl	Bulla, Clyde	Realistic Fiction	2 – 5	Determined to earn some money, ten-year-old Sarah Ida gets a job at a shoeshine stand and learns a great many things besides the shining of shoes.
So You Want to be an Inventor	St. George, Judith	Nonfiction 600 - 699	2 – 5	Presents some characteristics of inventors describing the inventions of such people as Alexander Graham Bell, Thomas Edison, and Eli Whitney
So You Want to Be President		Nonfiction 900 - 999	2 - 5	Presents an assortment of facts about the qualifications and characteristics of U. S. Presidents, from George Washington to Bill Clinton.
Soccer Sam	Marzollo, Jean	Realistic Fiction	2 – 3	Sam's Mexican cousin overcomes the language barrier by teaching soccer to his new friends.
Spiderwick Chronicles	DiTerlizzi, Tony	Fantasy	2 – 5	When the Grace children go to stay at their Great Aunt Lucinda's worn Victorian house, they discover a field guide to fairies and other creatures and begin to have unusual adventures.
Stuart Little	White, E. B.	Animal Stories	2 – 5	Stuart, an inventive and debonair mouse, has a great adventure.
Velveteen Rabbit,	Williams, Margery	Fantasy	2 - 5	Magical fable of a toy rabbit that becomes a real rabbit with the help of the boy who loves him.
The White Stallion,	Shrub, Elizabeth	Historical Fiction	2 - 5	Gretchen would never forget her wonderful friend, a proud white stallion that roamed the plains of Texas.
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Aliens for Lunch	Etra, Jonathan	Science Fiction	3 – 5	A tiny spaceman arrives on Earth in a bag of popcorn. He needs help in preventing an alien nation from attacking Earth.

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Anna on the Farm	Hahn, Mary	Historical Fiction	3 – 6	Anna is thrilled when Aunt Aggie and Uncle George invite her for a visit to their farm during the summer. She will be able to wade in the pond, play in the barn, and drink freshly squeezed lemonade. She doesn't know about her uncle's troublesome nephew, Theodore. Set just before WWI.
Because of Winn Dixie	DiCamillo, Kate	Realistic Fiction	3 – 7	Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen because of her big, ugly dog, Winn Dixie.
Ben and Me	Lawson, Robert	Historical Fiction	3 – 6	Amos Mouse moves into Ben Franklin's hat and serves so successfully as his advisor that Franklin becomes renowned.
Big Wave, The	Buck, Pearl S.	Adventure Fiction	3 – 6	A Japanese boy learns the joy of living after surviving a tragic tidal wave that destroys his family and village.
Biographical Series	Fritz, Jean	Biography	3 – 9	Brief accounts of important events in the lives of famous people of historical significance, written in a humorous style.
Bunnicula: a Rabbit Tale of Mystery and other stories in the series	Howe, Deborah and James	Humorous Fiction	3 - 5	When a newcomer, the bunny, comes to live with the Monroe family, the animals try to communicate to the humans that the rabbit is really a vampire.
Eat Your Poison, Dear	Howe, James	Mystery	3 – 5	After lunch each day, Milo Groot feels sick. One day, he has to be sent to the hospital. Soon dozens of other students come down with the mysterious illness. Could it be that Miss Swille, the lunchroom lady is poisoning the food?
First to Fly	Busby, Peter	Nonfiction 900-999	3 – 6	This oversize volume recounts the Wright Brothers' early interest in flying machines, their first flights at Kitty Hawk, and the international fame that followed. Illustrated with handsome color paintings, photographs, and reproductions, the book also includes a few diagrams that clarify the scientific principles of flight.

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Frindle	Clements, Andrew	Realistic Fiction	3 – 6	Nick gets an idea of how to liven things up around school, which involves some interesting information he has recently learned about how words are created. He calls a “pen” a “frindle”. Soon people all over town are using the new word and Nick is a local hero. Nick’s teacher pretends to be opposed to his project, which makes him all the more determined.
From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler	Konigsburg, E. L.	Mystery	3 – 6	Claudia is bored with everything about her life. She decides to run away for a little while so she will be missed. She takes her younger brother with her because he always has money. They go to the Metropolitan Museum of Art to hide. Little does she know that she will soon be involved in an art mystery.
I, Amber Brown	Danzinger, Paula	Realistic Fiction	3 – 6	Amber’s mom is married to Max. Her dad lives in Paris. Her parents share custody, which means she spent Thanksgiving with her dad. Now it’s Christmas and Hanukkah (Max is Jewish) with her mom. This could be great!
Inkheart	Funke, Cornelia	Fantasy	3 – 9	Twelve-year-old Meggie learns that her father, who repairs books for a living, can “read” fictional characters to life when one of those characters abducts them and tries to force him into service.
Jacket, The	Clements, Andrew	Realistic Fiction	3 – 7	Phil assumes that his brother’s jacket has been stolen when he sees another boy wearing it. It turns out that the jacket is not stolen and Phil has to question his feelings, and those of his family and neighborhood, toward African Americans.
Janitor’s Boy, The	Clements, Andrew	Realistic Fiction	3 – 6	Jack is horrified when he has to go to school where his dad works as a janitor. As punishment for an act of revenge, Jack has to assist the janitor after school for three weeks. The work is hard and humiliating. But Jack soon learns that janitors have keys to secret places.

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Keepers of the Earth Native American Stories and Environmental Activities for Children	Caduto, Michael & Joseph Bruchac	Folk Tales 300 - 399	3 – 5	A collection of Native American tales with related hands-on activities.
Koko's Kitten	Patterson, Francine	Nonfiction 500- 599	3 – 6	Real life experience of Koko, a gorilla in California who uses sign language with a young kitten whom she loves and grieved over when it died.
Landry News, The	Clements, Andrew	Realistic Fiction	3 –6	The new student, Cara Landry, is upset that her teacher, Mr. Larson, reads and drinks coffee rather than teaches the class. Cara starts her own newspaper for him to read. Soon the entire fifth-grade is helping her with the paper. When the principal finds a copy of THE LANDRY NEWS, Mr. Landry's job is in jeopardy.
Light in the Attic, A	Silverstein, Shel	Poetry 800 - 899	3 - 6	A collection of over 100 humorous poems
Little House on the Prairie Series	Wilder, Laura Ingall	Historical Fiction	3 –7	The story of the Ingalls family in its journey to the Midwest by covered wagon.
Misty of Chincoteague	Henry, Marguerite	Historical Fiction	3 – 5	A story of the wild horses that live on an island off the Eastern shore of Virginia.
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH	O'Brien, Robert	Fantasy, Science Fiction	3 - 6	Having no one to help her with her problems, a widowed mouse visits the rats whose former imprisonment in a laboratory make them wise and long lived.

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Mystery of Drear House, The	Hamilton, Virginia	Mystery	3 – 6	Thomas Small's father researches the history behind Dies Drear Mansion while the family resides there. A neighboring family, the Darrows, are trying to find the treasure that legend says is buried close by. Secret passages, walls that lift, fireplaces that revolve and a man living in a cave add to the suspense and tension of the sequel to DIES DREAR.
Niagara Falls, or Does It	Winkler, Henry	Realistic Fiction	3 – 6	Hank Zipser is in 4 th grade. He gets in trouble a lot. Now he has to write five paragraphs about his summer vacation. He isn't good at writing, so he decides to make a model of Niagara Falls and tell the class about it. Neither his teacher nor his parents are pleased, and now he is in detention and grounded. He has to find a way out of all this to join his friends in a special performance.
Rainbow Crow	Van Laan, Nancy	Folktale 300-399	3 – 5	When the weather changes and the ever-falling snow threatens to engulf all the animals, it is Crow who flies up to receive the gift of fire from the Great Sky Spirit.
Sarah, Plain and Tall	MacLachlan, Patricia	Historical Fiction	3 – 6	Jacob is a widower who lives with his children on the prairie. He decides that the children need a new mother so he places an advertisement in newspapers back east in order to find a mail-order bride. Sarah is from Maine, is quite tall, and is not very pretty. After writing back and forth, Sarah agrees to come and visit with Jacob's family for the summer.
School Story, The	Clements, Andrew	Realistic Fiction	3 – 7	Natalie has written a book that her friend Zoe thinks is good enough to be published. Natalie's mother is an editor of children's books but Natalie will not ask her to help. The girls decide to use a pen name and Zoe will act as the literary agent. With the help of two real grown-ups, the girls try to get the novel published.
Sign of the Beaver, The	Speare, Elizabeth	Adventure, Historical Fiction	3 – 5	A father and son during the colonial time travel from Massachusetts to Maine to build a new log cabin for their family that would be moving there. After the home is completed, the father leaves the son to take care of the home while he returns to Massachusetts for the rest of the family.

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Stories to Solve: Folktales from Around the World	Shannon, George	Folk tales 300 – 399	3 - 6	Brief folk tales in which there is a mystery or problem that the reader is invited to solve before the solution is presented.
Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt	Hopkinson, Deborah	Historical Fiction	3 – 6	Clara, a southern slave, longs to escape and go to Canada. While assigned to work in the house, she learns to sew and secretly pieces a quilt with landmarks and directions to freedom.
Week in the Woods, A	Clements, Andrew	Realistic Fiction	3 – 6	Mark is expecting his family to ship him off to an exclusive prep school. The fifth-grade Week in the Woods might be his last chance to prove to Mr. Maxwell that he is not just another of the slacker rich kids the teacher does not like. Mark and Mr. Maxwell must learn to work together to save themselves from great danger.
18 th Emergency, The	Byars, Betsy	Realistic Fiction	4 – 6	Mouse and Ezzie are best friends. Ezzie has solutions to 17 predicaments and has taught Mouse how to get out of some pretty tight situations. Mouse thought he was prepared for school and the bullies, but he wasn't prepared for the 18 th emergency.
Belle Prater's Boy	White, Ruth	Realistic Fiction	4 – 5	When Woodrow's mother disappears he move to a small Virginia town to live with his grandparents, befriends his cousin, and finds the strength to face terrible loss.
Borrowers Series, The	Norton, Mary	Fantasy	4 – 6	The story of tiny people no taller than a pencil who live in a quiet old country house and "borrow" the things they need.
Cay, The	Taylor, Theodore	Historical Fiction	4 – 7	A fine portrayal of how a boy makes his separate peace with racial prejudice.
Chocolate Fever	Smith, Robert K.	Humorous Fiction	4 - 7	Henry eats so much chocolate that he finally comes down with chocolate fever.

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Cricket in Times Square, The	Selden, George	Animal Fiction	4 – 6	Chester, a musical cricket from Connecticut, spends his summer in a New York City subway where he is befriended by a mouse, a cat and a boy.
Dear Mr. Henshaw	Cleary, Beverly	Realistic Fiction	4 – 6	Writing to his favorite author, Leigh Botts, age ten, pours out his frustrations about his parents' divorce and his move to a new school.
Double Life of Pocahontas	Fritz, Jean	Biography 900 – 999	4 – 6	A biography of the famous Indian princess, emphasizing her life long adulation of John Smith and the roles she played in two very different cultures.
Ella Enchanted	Levine, Gail	Fantasy	4 – 7	In this novel based on the fairy tale of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her.
Fledglings, The	Markle, Sandra	N. Carolina Fiction	4 – 5	Orphaned after the death of her mother, fourteen-year-old Kate runs away to live with her grandfather, a Cherokee Native American who is trying to stop poaching of predator birds.
Goblins in the Castle	Coville, Bruce	Fantasy	4 – 5	William came to Toad-in-a-Cage Castle as an orphan. The castle is filled with secrets, including hidden passages, long stairways, a dungeon, and strange creatures that live there. Night noises drift through the halls of the castle and call to William to explore and to be involved in fright-filled adventures.
Grandfather Tales: American-English Folktales	Edited by Chase, Richard	Folk Tales	4 - 8	Contains a collection of folk tales from North Carolina and Virginia.
Holes	Sachar, Louis	Fantasy	4 – 8	As further evidence of his family's bad fortune, which they attribute to a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself
Honus & Me	Gutman, Dan	Historical Fiction, Sports Story	4 – 7	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.

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How to Eat Fried Worms	Rockwell, Thomas	Humorous Fiction	4 - 6	For fifty dollars, Billy takes the bet of eating a worm a day for 15 days, as his family and friends help him invent different ways to cook them to make this repulsive task palatable.
How to Really Fool Yourself: Illusions for All Your Senses	Cobb, Vicki	Nonfiction 600 – 699	4 – 7	Demonstrations accompanied by explanations illustrate how and why the senses can be fooled.
Hundred Dresses, The	Estes, Eleanor	Realistic Fiction	4 – 7	In winning a medal she is no longer there to receive, a little Polish girl teaches her classmates a lesson.
Hundred Penny Box, The	Mathis, Sharon	Realistic Fiction	4 – 6	Michael's love for his great-great-aunt, who lives with them, leads him to intercede with his mother when she wants to throw out all her old things.
Indian in the Cupboard	Banks, Lynne Reid	Fantasy	4 – 7	A young boy discovers that his magic cupboard and key can turn toys into live people and animals.
Island of the Blue Dolphins	O'Dell, Scott	Historical Fiction	4 – 7	Indian girl is left alone on an island for ten years.
Jennifer Murdley's Toad	Coville, Bruce	Fantasy	4 – 6	Jennifer Murdley had no idea what she was getting into the day she bought the big toad from the strange man who ran Elives' Magic Shop. The thing didn't even start talking to her until she had it out of the shop. Jennifer and her friends did not find out about his strange birth or lots of secrets until they were in more trouble than they had every dreamed of.
Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher	Coville, Bruce	Fantasy	4 – 7	Small for his age but artistically talented, twelve-year-old Jeremy Thatcher unknowingly buys a dragon egg.
Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, The	Lewis, C. S.	Fantasy	4 – 7	Four English school children find their way into the back of a magical wardrobe and into the magic land of Narnia, which has been cursed with a never-ending winter without Christmas. These children assist a great golden lion in his battle with the evil white witch to bring peace to the land once again.

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Long Way From Chicago, A	Peck, Richard	Realistic Fiction	4 – 6	A boy recounts his annual summer trips to rural Illinois with his sister during the Great Depression to visit their larger-than-life grandmother.
Loser	Spinelli, Jerry	Realistic Fiction	4 – 7	Even though his classmates from grade one on have considered him strange and a loser, Daniel Zinkoff's exuberance and optimism and support by his loving family do not allow him to feel that way about himself.
Love, Ruby Lavender	Wiles, Deborah	Realistic Fiction	4 – 5	When her quirky grandmother goes to Hawaii for the summer, nine- year-old Ruby learns to survive on her own in Mississippi by writing letters, befriending chickens as well as the new girl in town, and finally coping with her grandfather's death.
Mama Played Baseball	Adler, David	Historical Fiction	4 – 5	During WW II, most professional baseball players went into military service, leaving the country without teams. Women started stepping into men's jobs and it only seemed natural that they play men's games too. This is the story of one woman who was a member of the All-American Girls' Professional Baseball League.
Matilda	Dahl, Roald	Humorous Fiction	4 – 7	Matilda applies her untapped mental powers to rid her school of the evil, child-thing headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, and restore her nice teacher, Miss Honey, to financial security.
Monsters of Morley Manor, The	Coville, Bruce	Fantasy	4 – 6	Anthony, a 6 th grader, and his little sister buy a box of small brass figurines at the estate sale of creepy Morley Manor. Fantastic and hysterical adventures await them when the figurines come alive and turn into a family from Transylvania.
Mystery at Blackbeard's Cove	Penn, Audry	Historical Fiction, N. Carolina	4 – 6	This book magically combines four children, Blackbeard's ghost, secret tunnels, skeletons, hidden treasure, and a very mysterious inheritance

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Number the Stars	Lowry, Lois	Historical Fiction	4 – 5	In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Ann-Marie learns to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis
People Could Fly: American Black , Folktales	Hamilton, Virginia	Folk Tales 300 – 399	4 – 7	Retold African American folk tales of animals, fantasy, the supernatural, and a desire for freedom, born of the sorrow of the slaves, but passed on in hope.
Phantom Tollbooth	Juster, Norton	Fantasy	4 – 7	Milo enters a strange land where he learns the importance of words and numbers, which in turn provides a cure for his boredom.
Pictures of Hollis Woods	Giff, Patricia Reilly	Realistic Fiction	4 – 7	A troublesome twelve-year-old orphan, staying with an elderly artist who needs her, remembers the only other time she was happy in foster care with a family that truly seemed to care for her.
Poppy	Avi	Fable	4 – 7	An animal fable that reflects on human life, whether it is home life or playground life where bullies and the brave take their turns, where rules and free spirits often tangle.
Redwall	Brian, Jacques	Fantasy	4 – 8	When the peaceful life of ancient Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of an evil rat and his villainous hordes, a young mouse is determined to find a legendary sword he is convinced will help Redwall's inhabitants destroy the enemy.
Ruby Holler	Creech, Sharon	Realistic Fiction	4 – 7	Thirteen-year-old fraternal twins Dallas and Florida have grown up in a terrible orphanage, but their lives change forever when an eccentric but sweet older couple invites them each on an adventure, beginning in an almost magical place called Ruby Holler.
Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes	Coerr, Eleanor	Biography	4 - 9	A young victim of the atom bomb dropped on Hiroshima, folds one thousand paper cranes, symbolizing her courageous struggle with her illness.
Scared Stiff	Roberts, Willo	Mystery	4 – 6	When their mother disappears, two brothers go to stay with a great-uncle in a mobile home park next to an abandoned amusement park. They begin a search, which puts them in danger.

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Series of Unfortunate Events, A	Snicket, Lemony	Mystery	4 – 5	This series of books follows the trials and tribulations of the three Baudelaire children and the evil Count Olaf who is trying to gain control of the Baudelaire fortune.
Sideways Arithmetic From Wayside School	Sachar, Louis	Fantasy	4 – 7	Fun to read book with examples of “sideways arithmetic” which is the preferred method of mathematics at Wayside School
Single Shard, A	Park, Linda Sue	Historical Fiction	4 – 7	Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a village of potters. He longs to learn how to make the delicate celadon pottery that the village is famous for.
Skellig	Almond, David	Fantasy	4 – 7	Unhappy about his baby sister’s illness and the chaos of moving to a dilapidated old house, Michael retreats to the garage and finds a mysterious stranger who is something like a bird and something like an angel.
Song of the Trees	Taylor, Mildred	Historical Fiction	4 – 7	Everyday when Cassie opens her windows the sound of the trees greets her; now her mother has been forced to sell the trees.
Stone Fox	Gardiner, John Reynolds	Historical Fiction, Animal Stories	4 – 7	Rooted in Rocky Mountain legend, this is the story of a ten-year-old boy and legendary Indian, each determined to win a race and a prize.
Taffy of Torpedo Junction	Wechter, Nell	N. Carolina Fiction	4 – 5	In 1942, thirteen-year-old Taffy, living with her grandfather on Hatteras Island, inadvertently helps capture Nazi spies responsible for passing information to offshore German submarines engaged in torpedoing American ships.

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Tale of Despereaux	DiCamillo, Kate	Fantasy	4 – 7	The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a very extraordinary mouse who loves and rescues a princess.
Top Secret	Gardiner, John	Humorous Fiction	4 – 7	The humorous story a nine-year-old boy, who as part of a science project, turns himself into a human plant
Trouble River	Byars, Betsy	Historical Fiction	4 – 7	When he build a raft a twelve-year-old boy never dreams that it will serve as the sole means of escape for him as his grandmother when hostile Indians threaten their prairie cabin.
Wait Til Helen Comes	Hahn, Mary	Mystery	4 – 8	Twelve-year-old Molly lives with her mother, brother, stepfather, and stepsister, Heather. Heather, who is considered to be a spoiled brat, finds a new friend, Helen, in a cemetery behind their home. But can this Helen be the same little girl who died in a fire with her whole family 100 years ago? Molly tries to warn her family and save her stepsister from disaster.
Walk Two Moons	Creech, Sharon	Realistic Fiction	4 - 8	After her mother leaves home suddenly, thirteen-year-old 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.
Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963, The	Curtis, Christopher	Historical Fiction	4 –6	Enter the Hilarious world of 10-year-old Kenny and his family, the Weird Watsons of Flint, Michigan. There's Momma, Dad, little sister Joetta, and brother Bryon, who's 13 and an "official juvenile delinquent." When Momma and Dad decide it's time for a visit to Grandma, Dad comes home with the amazing Ultra-Glide, and the Watsons set out on a trip like no other. They're heading south. They're going to Birmingham, Alabama, toward one of the darkest moments in America's history.
Whipping Boy, The	Fleishman, Sid	Historical Fiction	4 – 7	A bratty prince and his whipping boy have many adventures when they inadvertently trade places after becoming involved with dangerous outlaws.

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Amos Fortune, Free Man	Yates, Elizabeth	Biography 900 – 999	5 – 9	The life of the eighteenth-century African prince, who after being captured by slave traders, was brought to Massachusetts where he was a slave until he was able to buy his freedom at the age of sixty.
Beetles, Lightly Toasted	Naylor, Phyllis	Realistic Fiction	5 – 6	Andy learns how to prepare beetles and other creatures and tries out his recipes on unsuspecting friends in his attempt to win the annual fifth grade essay contest. In addition, he wants to finally beat his cousin and archrival, Jack.
Black Pearl, The	O'Dell, Scott	Historical Fiction	5 – 9	In claiming as his own the magnificent black pearl he finds, a sixteen-year-old youth enrages the sea devil whom legend says is its owner.
Bridge to Terabithia	Patterson, Katherine	Realistic Fiction	5 – 7	The life of a ten-year-old in rural Virginia expands when he becomes friends with a newcomer who meets an untimely death trying to reach their hideaway, Terabithia, during a storm.
Bud, Not Buddy	Curtis, Christopher Paul	Historical Fiction	5 – 8	Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan during the Great Depression escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father—the renowned bandleader, H. E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.
Call It Courage	Armstrong, Sperry	Historical Fiction	5 – 9	The story of a youth who overcomes his fear of the sea and proves his courage to himself and his tribe.
Crispin: Cross of Lead	Avi	Historical Fiction	5 – 8	Crispin finds himself with a new master, and the master encourages him to stand up for himself.
Doll People	Martin, Ann	Fantasy	5 – 8	A family of porcelain dolls that has lived in the same house for one-hundred years is taken aback when a new family of plastic dolls move in and do not follow the Doll Code of Honor.
Dragonwings	Yep, Laurence	Historical Fiction	5 – 9	Beautiful story of Moon Shadow and his father Windrider, a Chinese immigrant who made a flying machine in 1909.

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Egypt Game, The	Snyder, Zilpha	Mystery	5 – 9	A group of children, entranced with the subject of Egypt, play their own Egypt game, are visited by a secret oracle, become involved in a murder, and befriend the Professor before moving on to new interests, such as Gypsies.
Energy Alternatives	Snedden, Robert	Nonfiction 600 – 699	5 – 9	Examines whether each energy source is renewable or nonrenewable, and its impact on the environment.
Energy Transfer	Snedden, Robert	Nonfiction 500 – 599	5 - 9	Explores the different forms of essential energy and varieties of energy transfers, including living things.
Esperanza Rising	Ryan, Pam Munoz	Historical Fiction	5 – 7	Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go to work in labor camps in California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression.
Everything on a Waffle	Horvath, Polly	Realistic Fiction	5 – 6	Primrose Squarp is 11. Her parents were lost at sea, but she does not believe they are dead. She moves from home to home, decides to learn to cook, and meets a lot of quirky people in her small fishing village.
Ghost Cadet	Alpin, Elaine	Horror	5 – 6	Benjy Stark and his sister visit their grandmother at New Market, Virginia for the summer. He soon meets a ghost in the form of a cadet who died in the Battle of New Market during the Civil War. The ghost cannot rest until a family heirloom is recovered and returned to his family.
Girl Named Disaster, A	Farmer, Nancy	Adventure	5 – 10	Nhamo, a modern-day Shona girl, flees her village rather than marry a cruel man to placate an avenging spirit. Spirits are master players in this story, and to Nhamo they mean life or death. She holds frequent conversations with her dead mother; and her treacherous escape by boat to Zimbabwe, where her father's family lives, is peppered with visits from water spirits, as well as the spirit of the dead man who owned her craft.
Giver, The	Lowry, Lois	Science Fiction	5 – 8	A young boy's learning about an "ideal" society calls into question the values and beliefs we take for granted.

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Golden Compass, The	Pullman, Philip	Fantasy	5 – 7	Lyra, an English girl, lives in a plane parallel to our world. She embarks on a journey to rescue children who have been stolen. Along the way she is given a golden compass that only tells the truth to those who know how to read it. She must be brave for the risks are great.
Hatchet	Paulsen, Gary	Adventure	5 – 8	After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.
James and the Giant Peach	Dahl, Roald	Fantasy	5 – 9	Madcap adventures as young James enters a peach as big a house and encounters wonderful new friends.
Maniac Magee	Spinelli, Jerry	Realistic Fiction	5 – 9	After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary as he accomplishes athletic and other feats which awe his contemporaries.
Miracle's Boys	Woodson, Jacqueline	Realistic Fiction	5 – 8	Twelve-year-old Lafayette's relationship with his older brother Charlie changes after Charlie is released from a detention home and blames Lafayette for the death of their mother.
My Side of the Mountain	George, Jean C.	Adventure Fiction	5 – 9	Written in the form of a diary, this story relates days of a young boy in the Catskill Mountains.
On My Honor	Bauer, Marion	Realistic Fiction	5 – 6	A twelve-year-old boy must learn to live with fear and grief when his swimming partner drowns in a place he was not supposed to be.
Secret Garden, The	Burnett, Frances	Historical Fiction	5 – 9	Mary, a self-centered girl, and Colin, a pampered invalid boy, learn compassion and generosity within the walls of an abandoned garden.
Sounder	Armstrong, William	Animal Stories	5 – 8	Angry and humiliated when his sharecropper father is jailed for stealing food for his family, a young black boy grows in courage and understanding by learning to read and through his relationship with his devoted dog Sounder.

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Stepping on the Cracks	Hahn, Mary Downing	Historical Fiction	5 – 9	In 1944, while her brother is fighting in WWII, eleven-year-old Margaret gets a new view of the school bully when she finds him hiding his own brother, an army deserter and decides to help him.
Summer of the Swans	Byars, Betsy	Realistic Fiction	5 – 9	A teenage-girl gains insight into herself and her family when her mentally retarded brother becomes lost
Tuck Everlasting	Babbitt, Natalie	Fantasy	5 - 9	The Tuck family is confronted with an agonizing decision when they discover that a ten-year-old girl and a malicious stranger now share their secret about a spring whose water prevents anyone from growing older.
Where the Red Fern Grows	Rawls, Wilson	Classic	5 – 8	A young boy achieves his desire when he becomes the owner of two redbone hounds and teaches them to be champion hunters. He also learns to deal with loss.
Wrinkle in Time	L'Engle, Madeline	Science Fiction	5 – 9	Meg Murray and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers and a search for Meg's father, who has disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.
Year Down Yonder, A	Peck, Richard	Realistic Fiction	5 – 6	During the Depression of 1937, fifteen-year-old Mary Alice is sent to live with her feisty, larger-than-life grandmother in rural Illinois and comes to a better understanding of this fearsome woman.
Yolanda's Genius	Fenner, Carol	Realistic Fiction	5 - 8	Yolanda is smart, tough, and big for her age, and older sister to Andrew who loves to play his harmonica. Yolanda believes he is a real genius even though many people think he is slow. After bullies take Andrew's instrument, Yolanda must find a way to bring him out of his shell and to show other's his genius.
Zlata's Diary: a Child's Life in Sarajevo	Filipovic, Zlata	Autobiography	5 – 9	A young girl's diary recounts the destruction of her city during war in Yugoslavia.
Dark Is Rising, The and additional titles in the series	Cooper, Susan	Fantasy, Supernatural	6 – 12	Adventures in the supernatural as Will Stanton takes part in the eternal conflict between good and evil.

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Cheaper by the Dozen	Gilbreth, Frank	Humorous Fiction	7 – 12	The hilarious adventures of twelve, wonderful redheaded rascals.
Diary of a Young Girl	Frank, Anne	Autobiography 900 - 999	7 +	A precocious young girl is obliged by the encroaching Nazi regime to live in enforced seclusion with family and friends.
Julian Bond: Civil Rights Activist	Jordan, Denise	Biography 900 – 999	7 - 12	Drawing from extensive personal interviews, Jordan reveals a man of grit and determination whose story is filled with the crises and controversies of the civil rights movement.

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Across Five Aprils	Irene Hunt	Historical Fiction United States History Civil War, 1861-1865 Fiction	5-8	Young Jethro Creighton grows from a boy to a man when he is left to take care of the family farm in Illinois during the difficult years of the Civil War.
Adventures of Sherlock Holmes	Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	Classic	6-8	Sherlock Homes is the mastermind detective of the ages.
Adventures of Tom Sawyer, The	Mark Twain	Classic	5-8	The adventures and pranks of a mischievous boy growing up in a Mississippi River town in the early nineteenth century.
Al Capone Does My Shirts	Gennifer Choldenko	United States Penitentiary Alcatraz Island, California Fiction Autism Fiction	6-8	A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.
American Diaries (Series)	Various Authors	Varies	6-8	Various stories about different American adventures.
Among the Hidden (Series)	Margaret Haddix	Science Fiction	3-6	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.
Animal Farm	George Orwell	Animals Fiction. Totalitarianism Fiction	YA	A political satire in which the animals take over running the farm, but find their utopian state turning into a dictatorship.

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Anne of Green Gables	L.M. Montgomery	Classic	5-8	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.
Artemis Fowl (Series)	Eoin Colfer	Science Fiction	5-8	When a twelve-year-old evil genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll.
Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman	Ernest Gaines	Historical Fiction African Americans Fiction	YA	A 110-year-old African-American woman reminisces about her life, which has stretched from the days of slavery to the black militancy and civil rights movements of the 1960s.
Bad Beginnings, The (Series)	Lemony Snicket	Humorous stories	5-8	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.
Bell Prater's Boy	Ruth White	Realistic Fiction	5-8	When Woodrow's mother suddenly disappears, he moves to his grandparents' home in a small Virginia town where he befriends his cousin and together they find the strength to face the terrible losses and fears in their lives.
Black Beauty	Anna Sewell	Classic	5-8	A horse in nineteenth-century England recounts his experiences with both good and bad masters.

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Blue Sword	Robin McKinley	Fantasy	5-8	Harry, bored with her sheltered life in the remote orange-growing colony of Daria, discovers magic in herself when she is kidnapped by a native king with mysterious powers.
Bridge to Terabithia	Katherine Paterson	Realistic Fiction	5-8	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.
Bronx Masquerade	Nikki Grimes	Ethnicity Fiction	YA	While studying the Harlem Renaissance, students at a Bronx high school read aloud poems they've written, revealing their innermost thoughts and fears to their formerly clueless classmates.
Bud not Buddy	Christopher Paul Curtis	Historical Fiction Depressions 1929 Fiction African Americans Fiction	5-8	Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.
Call of the Wild	Jack London	Dog Fiction Yukon Territory Fiction	5-8	The adventures of an unusual dog, part St. Bernard, part Scotch shepherd, that is forcibly taken to the Klondike goldfields where he eventually becomes the leader of a wolf pack.
Changeover: A Supernatural Romance, The	Margaret Mahy	Romance Fiction	5-8	When her baby brother seems to become possessed by an evil spirit, fourteen-year-old Laura seeks the help of the strangely compelling older boy at school who she is convinced has supernatural powers.

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Cat Ate My Gymsuit, The	Paula Danziger	Realistic Fiction	5-8	Thirteen-year-old Marcy Lewis, a ninth grader at Dwight D. Eisenhower Junior High, hates school and life in general until she meets her English teacher, Ms. Finney, who seems to have a new approach to teaching and actually treats kids like human beings.
Catherine Called Birdy	Karen Cushman	Middle Ages Fiction England Fiction	YA	The daughter of an English country knight keeps a journal in which she records the events of her life, particularly her longing for adventures beyond the usual role of women and her efforts to avoid being married off.
Cay, The	Theodore Taylor	Survival Fiction	5-8	Philip, an adolescent white boy who is blinded in a torpedo attack at sea during World War II, acquires a new type of vision, courage, and love when he is stranded on a tiny Caribbean island with Timothy, a kind, elderly black man.
Christmas Carol	Charles Dickens	Classic	5-8	A miser learns the true meaning of Christmas when three ghostly visitors review his past and foretell his future.
Christy	Catherine Marshall	Historical Fiction	YA	In 1912, nineteen-year-old Christy Huddleston leaves her comfortable home to teach in a one-room schoolhouse in an isolated area of the Great Smokies.
Chronicles of Narnia, The (Series)	C.S. Lewis	Fantasy	5-8	Map on endpaper. Digory and Polly, two English children, are sent away by a magician to a place where they witness how Aslan created Narnia and gave the gift of speech to its animals

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Cirque du Freak (Series)	Darren Shan	Horror	5-8	Two boys who are best friends visit an illegal freak show, where an encounter with a vampire and a deadly spider forces them to make life-changing choices.
City of Ember, The	Jeanne DuPrau	Fantasy	5-8	In the city of Ember, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on assignment day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse unknown regions.
Clay Marble	Minfong Ho	Cambodia Historical Fiction	5-8	In the late 1970s twelve-year-old Dara joins a refugee camp in war-torn Cambodia and becomes separated from her family.
Colibri	Ann Cameron	Kidnapping Fiction. Mayas Fiction Indians of Central America Guatemala Fiction	5-8	Kidnapped when she was very young by an unscrupulous man who has forced her to lie and beg to get money, a twelve-year-old Mayan girl endures an abusive life, always wishing she could return to the parents she can hardly remember.
Crazy Lady	Jane Conly	Interpersonal relations Fiction	5-8	As he tries to come to terms with his mother's death, Vernon finds solace in his growing relationship with the neighborhood outcasts, an alcoholic and her retarded son.
Crispin: The Cross of Lead	Avi	Middle Ages Fiction Great Britain History Edward III, 1327-1377 Fiction Historical fiction	5-8	Falsely accused of theft and murder, an orphaned peasant boy in fourteenth-century England flees his village and meets a larger-than-life juggler who holds a dangerous secret.

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Cut	Patricia McCormick	Girl/boy fiction	YA	While confined to a mental hospital, thirteen-year-old Callie slowly comes to understand some of the reasons behind her self-mutilation, and gradually starts to get better.
Dark is Rising (Series)	Susan Cooper	England Fiction Fantasy	5-8	On his eleventh birthday Will Stanton discovers that he is the last of the Old Ones, destined to seek the six magical signs that will enable the Old Ones to triumph over the evil forces of the Dark.
Day No Pigs Would Die, A	Richard Peck	Historical Fiction	5-8	To a thirteen-year-old Vermont farm boy whose father slaughters pigs for a living, maturity comes early as he learns "doing what's got to be done," especially regarding his pet pig who cannot produce a litter.
Dealing with Dragons (Series)	Patricia Wrede	Fantasy	YA	Bored with traditional palace life, a princess goes off to live with a group of dragons.
Deathwatch	Robb White	Adventure-Survival Fiction	YA	Needing money for school, a college student accepts a job as a guide on a desert hunting trip and nearly loses his life.
Devil's Arithmetic	Jane Yolen	Historical Fiction Holocaust	5-8	Hannah resents stories of her Jewish heritage and of the past until, when opening the door during a Passover Seder, she finds herself in Poland during World War II where she experiences the horrors of a concentration camp, and learns why she-- and we--need to remember the past.

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Dacey's Song (Series)	Cynthia Voigt	Realistic Fiction	5-8	Sequel to: Homecoming. 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.
Dragonwings	Lawrence Yep	Chinese Americans Fiction	5-8	In the early twentieth century a young Chinese boy joins his father in San Francisco and helps him realize his dream of making a flying machine.
Ear, the Eye, and the Arm, The	Nancy Farmer	Science Fiction	YA	In 2194 in Zimbabwe, General Matsika's three children are kidnapped and put to work in a plastic mine, while three mutant detectives use their special powers to search for them.
Ella Enchanted	Gail Carson Levine	Fantasy	3-6	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.
Elske	Cynthia Voigt	Fantasy	YA	Thirteen-year-old Elske escapes rape and certain death at the hands of the leaders of her barbaric society and later becomes handmaiden to a rebellious noblewoman whose rightful throne together they reclaim.
Eragon	Christopher Paolini	Fantasy	YA	In Aagaesia, a fifteen-year-old boy of unknown lineage called Eragon finds a mysterious stone that weaves his life into an intricate tapestry of destiny, magic, and power, peopled with dragons, elves, and monsters.

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Esperanza Rising	Pam Munoz Ryan	Mexican Americans California Fiction	5-8	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.
Face on the Milk Carton (Series)	Caroline B. Cooney	Realistic Fiction	5-8	A photograph of a missing girl on a milk carton leads Janie on a search for her real identity.
Fever 1793	Laurie Halse Anderson	Yellow fever Pennsylvania Philadelphia Fiction Adventure Fiction	5-8	Sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of the yellow fever epidemic in Philadelphia in 1793.
First Part Last, The	Angela Johnson	Teenage Father Fiction African American Fiction	YA	Bobby's carefree teenage life changes forever when he becomes a father and must care for his adored baby daughter.
Forged by Fire (Series)	Sharon Draper	Realistic Fiction	YA	Gerald, a teenager who has spent years protecting his fragile half-sister from their abusive father, must face the prospect of one final confrontation before the problem can be solved.
Freak the Mighty (Series)	Rodman Philbrick	Realistic Fiction	5-8	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.

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Giver, The (Series)	Lois Lowry	Science Fiction	5-8	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.
Glory Field, The	Walter Dean Myers	African Americans Fiction	YA	Follows a family's two-hundred year history, from the capture of an African boy in the 1750s through the lives of his descendants, as their dreams and circumstances lead them away from and back to the small plot of land in South Carolina that they call the Glory Field.
Golden Compass, The (Series)	Philip Pullman	Science Fiction	5-8	Accompanied by her daemon, Lyra Belacqua sets out to prevent her best friend and other kidnapped children from becoming the subject of gruesome experiments in the Far North.
Good Night, Mr. Tom	Michelle Magorian	Historical Fiction World War, 1939-1945 England Fiction	5-8	A battered child learns to embrace life when he is adopted by an old man in the English countryside during World War II.
Great Gilly Hopkins	Katherine Paterson	Realistic Fiction	5-8	An eleven-year-old foster child tries to cope with her longings and fears as she schemes against everyone who tries to be friendly.
Gulliver's Travels	Jonathan Swift	Fantasy Size Fiction	5-8	An Englishman's voyages carry him to Lilliput, a land of people six inches high, and to Brobdingnag, a land of giants.
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (Series)	J.K. Rowling	Fantasy	5-8	Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts.

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Hatchet (Series)	Gary Paulsen	Survival Fiction	5-8	After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.
Heaven	Angela Johnson	African Americans Fiction	YA	Fourteen-year-old Marley's seemingly perfect life in the small town of Heaven is disrupted when she discovers that her father and mother are not her real parents.
Heidi	Johanna Spyri	Classic	5-8	A Swiss orphan is heartbroken when she must leave her beloved grandfather and their happy home in the mountains to go to school and to care for an invalid girl in the city.
Hero's Song (Series)	Edith Pattou	Fantasy	YA	On a quest to rescue his kidnapped sister, Collun discovers that he is a key figure in the struggle to save the kingdom of Eirren from conquest by Medb, the Queen of Ghosts.
Hobbit, The	J. R.R. Tolkien	Fantasy	YA	The adventure of Bilbo Baggins, a hobbit, in a land inhabited by dwarfs, elves, goblins, dragons, and humans. He sets off to recover a stolen treasure from a dragon hidden in the Lonely Mountain.
Holes	Louis Sachar	Juvenile delinquency Fiction	5-8	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 correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

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Homecoming	Cynthia Voigt	Survival Fiction	5-8	Thirteen-year-old Dicey takes care of her three siblings over the course of a summer in New England and tries to find a new home for all of them after they are abandoned by their mother.
Honus and Me: a Baseball Card Adventure	Dan Gutman	Sports Fiction	5-8	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.
Hoot	Carl Hiaasen	Realistic Fiction	YA	Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.
Hope Was Here	Joan Bauer	Realistic Fiction	YA	When sixteen-year-old Hope and the aunt who has raised her move from Brooklyn to Mulhoney, Wisconsin, to work as waitress and cook in the Welcome Stairways diner, they become involved with the diner owner's political campaign to oust the town's corrupt mayor.
House of Dies Drear	Virginia Hamilton	Mystery and detective stories African Americans Fiction	5-8	An African-American family moves into a house once used as a hiding place for runaway slaves and soon come to believe that their new home is possessed by the spirit of a murdered abolitionist, Dies Drear.
House of the Scorpion	Nancy Farmer	Science Fiction	5-8	In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patron, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States.

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Hush	Jacqueline Woodson	Witnesses Protection Fiction African Americans Fiction	5-8	Twelve-year-old Toswiah finds her life changed when her family enters the witness protection program.
I, Robot	Isaac Asimov	Science Fiction	YA	Dr. Susan Calvin, the first great practitioner of the new science of robopsychology in 2008, looks back on her career with U.S. Robotics on the occasion of her retirement fifty years later, telling stories of how the mechanical race developed.
Incredible Journey, The	Sheila Burnford	Animals Fiction	5-8	A young Labrador Retriever, an old Bull Terrier and a Siamese cat undertake a 250-mile trek through the Canadian wilderness in order to return to their home.
Inkheart	Cornelia Funke	Fantasy	5-8	Twelve-year-old Meggie learns that her father Mo, a bookbinder, can "read" fictional characters to life when an evil ruler named Capricorn, freed from the novel "Inkheart" years earlier, tries to force Mo to release an immortal monster from the story.
Invitation to the Game	Monica Hughes	Science Fiction	YA	Unemployed after high school in the highly robotic society of 2154, Lisse and seven friends resign themselves to a boring existence in their "Designated Area" until the government invites them to play The Game.

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Island of Blue Dolphins	Scott O'Dell	Indians of North America Fiction	5-8	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.
Jacob Have I Loved	Katherine Paterson	Twins Fiction	5-8	Newbery Medal, 1981 Filled with resentment over the attention showered upon her twin sister, and awaiting the day she can leave her town behind, young Louise meets a wise old sea captain and begins learning how to let go of her anger.
Johnny Tremain	Esther Forbes	Boston (Mass.) History Revolution, 1775-1783 Fiction United States History Revolution, 1775-1783 Fiction	5-8	After injuring his hand, a silversmith's apprentice in Boston becomes a messenger for the Sons of Liberty in the days before the American Revolution.
Journey to Jo'burg	Beverly Naidoo	South African Fiction	3-6	Separated from their mother by the difficult conditions for blacks in South Africa, Naledi and her younger brother travel over 300 kilometers to find her in Johannesburg.
Julie of the Wolves (Series)	Jean C. George	Survival Fiction Alaska Fiction	5-8	Newbery Medal, 1973 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.
Kira-Kira	Cynthia Kadohata	Friendship Fiction Japanese Americans Fiction Death Fiction	5-8	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.

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Land, The	Mildred D. Taylor	Racially mixed people Fiction	5-8	Prequel to: Roll of thunder, hear my cry. Paul-Edward, the son of a part-Indian, part-African slave mother and a White plantation owner father, finds himself caught between the two worlds of his parents as he pursues his dream of owning land in the aftermath of the Civil War.
Let the Circle Be Unbroken (Series)	Mildred D. Taylor	Depressions 1929 Fiction African Americans Fiction	YA	Sequel to: Roll of thunder, hear my cry. Four black children growing up in rural Mississippi during the Depression experience racial antagonisms and hard times, but learn from their parents the pride and self-respect they need.
Letters from Rifka	Karen Hesse	Immigration Fiction	3-6	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.
Light in the Forest	Conrad Richter	Indians of North America Fiction	5-8	After being raised as an Indian for eleven years following his capture at the age of four, John Butler is forcibly returned to his white parents but continues to long for the freedom of Indian life.
Little Women	Louisa May Alcott	Classic	5-8	The classic story of Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy in nineteenth-century New England.
Locked in Time (Series)	Lois Duncan	Mystery and detective stories	YA	Nore arrives at her stepmother's Louisiana plantation to find her new family odd and an aura of evil and mystery about the place.

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Fellowship of the Ring (Series)	J. R.R. Tolkien	Fantasy Fiction Adventure Fiction	YA	Frodo the hobbit and a band of warriors from the different kingdoms set out to destroy the Ring of Power before the evil Sauron grasps control.
Lottery Rose	Irene Hunt	Child abuse Fiction	YA	A young victim of child abuse gradually overcomes his fears and suspicions when placed in a home with other boys.
Lyddie	Katherine Paterson	Historical Fiction	5-8	Impoverished Vermont farm girl Lyddie Worthen is determined to gain her independence by becoming a factory worker in Lowell, Massachusetts, in the 1840s.
Macaroni Boy	Katherine Ayers	Schools Fiction Family life Pennsylvania Fiction Depressions 1929 Fiction	5-8	In Pittsburgh in 1933, sixth-grader Mike Costa notices a connection between several strange occurrences, but the only way he can find out the truth about what's happening is to be nice to the class bully. Includes historical facts.
Mango-Shaped Space	Wendy Mass	Senses and sensation Fiction Cats Fiction Friendship Fiction Death Fiction Schools Fiction Family life Fiction	5-8	Afraid that she is crazy, thirteen-year-old Mia, who sees a special color with every letter, number, and sound, keeps this a secret until she becomes overwhelmed by school, changing relationships, and the death of her beloved cat, Mango.
Maniac Magee	Jerry Spinelli	Death Fiction	3-6	After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary, as he accomplishes athletic and other feats which awe his contemporaries.

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Miracle's Boys	Jacqueline Woodson	Racially mixed people Fiction	5-8	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.
Missing May	Cynthia Rylant	Death Fiction	5-8	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.
Money Hungry	Sharon G. Flake	Girl/Boy Fiction	5-8	All thirteen-year-old Raspberry can think of is making money so that she and her mother never have to worry about living on the streets again
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH	Robert O'Brien	Mice Fiction	3-6	With nowhere else to turn, a field mouse asks the clever escaped lab rats living under the rosebush to help save her son, who lies in the path of the farmer's tractor, too ill to be moved.
My Brother Sam is Dead	James and Christopher Collier	United States History Revolution, 1775-1783 Fiction	5-8	Recounts the tragedy that strikes the Meeker family during the Revolution when one son joins the rebel forces while the rest of the family tries to stay neutral in a Tory town.
National Velvet	Enid Bagnold	Horse Fiction	3-6	A fourteen-year-old English girl wins a horse in a raffle, trains it, and rides it in the Grand National steeplechase.
Number the Stars	Lois Lowry	Historical Fiction Holocaust	5-8	Newbery Medal. 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.

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Old Yeller	Fred Gipson	Dogs Fiction	5-8	In the late-1860s Texas hill country, a fourteen-year-old boy named Travis is reluctant to welcome a stray yellow dog who befriends his family, but they form a fast bond when Old Yeller saves his life.
Once Upon a Marigold	Jean Ferris	Fairy Tales	5-8	A young man with a mysterious past and a penchant for inventing things leaves the troll who raised him, meets an unhappy princess he has loved from afar, and discovers a plot against her and her father.
Out of the Dust	Karen Hesse	Depressions 1929 Fiction Oklahoma Fiction Poetry Fiction	3-6	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.
Outsiders	S. E. Hinton	Family life Fiction	YA	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.
Pearl, The	John Steinbeck	Mystery and Adventure Fiction	YA	Originally published: 1945. Terrible events follow the discovery of a magnificent pearl by a poor Mexican fisherman.
Pigman, The (Series)	Paul Zindel	Friendship Fiction	YA	Two high school sophomores from unhappy homes form a close friendship with a lonely old man who has a terrible secret.
Pinballs	Betsy Byars	Friendship Fiction	3-6	Three lonely foster children learn to care about themselves and each other.

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Play to the Angel	Maurine Dahlberg	Vienna (Austria) History 1918- Fiction Austria History 1918- 1938 Fiction	5-8	In Vienna in 1938, in the shadow of an increasingly dangerous Nazi Germany, twelve-year-old Greta pursues her dream of becoming a concert pianist like her dead brother Kurt, despite a lack of support from her widowed mother.
Ransom of Meri Carter	Caroline Cooney	Deerfield (Mass.) Colonial History period 1600-1775 Indian Captivities Massachusetts Fiction	5-8	In 1704, in the English settlement of Deerfield, Massachusetts, eleven-year-old Mercy and her family and neighbors are captured by Mohawk Indians and their French allies, and forced to march through bitter cold to French Canada, where some adapt to new lives and some still hope to be ransomed.
Red Pony, The	John Steinbeck	Ranch life Fiction	5-8	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.
Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of Cultural Revolution	Ji-Li Jiang	China History Cultural Revolution, 1966-1969 Personal narratives	5-8	The author tells about the happy life she led in China up until she was twelve-years-old when her family became a target of the Cultural Revolution, and discusses the choice she had to make between denouncing her father and breaking with her family, or refusing to speak against him and losing her future in the Communist Party.

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Redwall (Series)	Brian Jacques	Fantasy	5-8	Sequel to: Mossflower. 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.
Rifles for Watie	Harold Keith	Civil War Historical Fiction	5-8	Sixteen-year-old Jefferson Davis Bussey joins the Army to defend the Union against Colonel Watie, leader of the Cherokee Indian rebels, and is assigned to infiltrate the enemy camp where he discovers there is more to war than honor and glory.
Ring of Endless Light	Madeline L'Engle	Death Fiction	5-8	During the summer her grandfather is dying of leukemia and death seems all around, 15-year-old Vicky finds comfort with the pod of dolphins with which she has been doing research.
River Thunder (Series)	Will Hobbs	Rafting (Sports) Fiction	YA	Despite some reservations, sixteen-year-old Jessie joins her companions from the previous year's adventure on the Colorado River for a legal rafting trip through the Grand Canyon.
Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry	Mildred Taylor	African Americans Fiction Depressions 1929 Fiction	5-8	Sequel: Let the circle be unbroken.;Newbery Medal, 1977. An African-American family living in Mississippi during the Depression of the 1930s is faced with prejudice and discrimination which its children do not understand.

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Royal Diaries (Series)	Various Authors	Varies		Each person's diary portrays different country royalties.
Ruby Holler	Sharon Creech	Orphans Fiction	3-6	Thirteen-year-old fraternal twins Dallas and Florida have grown up in a terrible orphanage but their lives change forever when an eccentric but sweet older couple invites them each on an adventure, beginning in an almost magical place called Ruby Holler.
Sabriel (Series)	Garth Nix	Fantasy	YA	Sabriel, daughter of the necromancer Abhorsen, must journey into the mysterious and magical Old Kingdom to rescue her father from the Land of the Dead.
Sacajawea	Joseph Bruchac	Sacagawea, 1786-1884 Fiction Clark, William, 1770-1838 Fiction Shoshoni Indians Fiction Indians of North America Fiction	5-8	A historical novel in which Sacajawea, a Shoshoni Indian interpreter, peacemaker, and guide, and William Clark alternate in describing their experiences on the Lewis and Clark Expedition to the Northwest.
Sarah, Plain and Tall	Patricia MacLachlan	Frontier and pioneer life Fiction	3-6	Caleb and Anna are captivated by the mail-order bride their father has invited to live with them in their prairie home, and hope that she will stay.
Scorpions	Walter Dean Myers	African Americans Fiction	5-8	Newbery Honor book, 1989 After reluctantly taking on the leadership of the Harlem gang, the Scorpions, Jamal finds that his enemies treat him with respect when he acquires a gun--until a tragedy occurs.

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Shiloh (Series)	Phyllis Reynolds Naylor	Dog Fiction	3-6	Marty finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, and 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.
Single Shard, A	Linda Sue Parks	Korea Fiction Historical fiction	5-8	Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge near a potters' village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself.
Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants, The	Ann Brashares	Friendship Fiction	YA	Carmen decides to discard an old pair of jeans, but Tibby, Lena, and Bridget think they are great and decide that whoever the pants fit best will get them. When the jeans fit everyone perfectly, a sisterhood and a memorable summer begin.
Skeleton Man	Joseph Bruchac	Psychopaths Fiction	5-8	After her parents disappear and she is turned over to the care of a strange "great-uncle," Molly must rely on her dreams about an old Mohawk story for her safety and maybe even for her life.
Skin I'm In, The	Sharon Flake	African Americans Fiction	5-8	Thirteen-year-old Maleeka, uncomfortable because her skin is extremely dark, meets a new teacher with a birthmark on her face and makes some discoveries about how to love who she is and what she looks like.
Slam!	Walter Dean Myers	Basketball Fiction African Americans Fiction	YA	Sixteen-year-old "Slam" Harris is counting on his noteworthy basketball talents to get him out of the inner city and give him a chance to succeed in life, but his coach sees things differently.

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Slave Dancer, The	Paula Fox	Slave Trade Fiction Historical Fiction	YA	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.
Something Upstairs: A Tale of Ghosts	Avi	Ghost Fiction	5-8	When he moves from Los Angeles to Providence, Rhode Island, Kenny discovers that his new house is haunted by the spirit of a black slave boy who asks Kenny to return with him to the early nineteenth century and prevent his murder by slave traders.
Stone Fox	John Reynolds Gardiner	Sled Dog Racing Fiction	3-6	Little Willy hopes to pay the back taxes on his grandfather's farm with the purse from a dog sled race he enters.
Storm Warriors	Lisa Carbone	African Americans Fiction Historical Fiction	5-8	In 1895, after his mother's death, twelve-year-old Nathan moves with his father and grandfather to Pea Island off the coast of North Carolina, where he hopes to join the all-black crew at the nearby lifesaving station, despite his father's objections.
Stormbreaker: an Alex Rider Adventure	Anthony Horowitz	Spies Fiction	5-8	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.
Strider	Beverly Cleary	Dogs Fiction	3-6	In a series of diary entries, Leigh tells how he comes to terms with his parents' divorce, acquires joint custody of an abandoned dog, and joins the track team at school.

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Summer of My German Soldier	Betty Green	World War, 1939-1945 United States Fiction. Conduct of life Fiction. Prisoners of war Fiction	YA	Sheltering an escaped German prisoner of war is the beginning of some shattering experiences for a twelve-year-old Jewish girl in Arkansas
Sweetgrass	Jan Hudson	Indians of North America Fiction	5-8	Living on the western Canadian prairie in the nineteenth century, Sweetgrass, a fifteen-year-old Blackfoot Indian girl, saves her family from a smallpox epidemic and proves her maturity to her father.
Taking Sides	Gary Soto	Hispanic Americans Fiction	5-8	Fourteen-year-old Lincoln Mendoza, an aspiring basketball player, must come to terms with his divided loyalties when he moves from the Hispanic inner city to a white suburban neighborhood.
Tangerine	Edward Bloor	Sports Fiction	YA	Twelve-year-old Paul, who lives in the shadow of his football hero brother Erik, fights for the right to play soccer despite his near blindness and slowly begins to remember the incident that damaged his eye sight.
Tarzan of the Apes	Edgar Rice Burroughs	Africa Fiction	YA	Tarzan was raised by a fierce she-ape of the tribe of Kerchak, learned the secrets of the wild, and became Lord of the jungle. When men enter the jungle bringing lust, greed and a white woman, Tarzan must choose between two worlds.
That Was Then, This is Now	S.E. Hinton	Friendship Fiction	YA	Sixteen-year-old Mark and Bryon have been like brothers since childhood, but now, as their involvement with girls, gangs, and drugs increases, their relationship seems to gradually disintegrate.

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There's a Girl in My Hammerlock	Jerry Spinelli	Schools Fiction Wrestling Fiction	5-8	Thirteen-year-old Maisie joins her school's formerly all-male wrestling team and tries to last through the season, despite opposition from other students, her best friend, and her own teammates.
Thief Lord, The	Cornelia Funke	Mystery Fiction	5-8	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 street children.
Thwink	Joan Bauer	Love Fiction	YA	A cupid doll comes to life and offers romantic assistance to A.J., a teenage photographer suffering from unrequited love.
Tiger Eyes	Judy Blume	Death Fiction	YA	"Laurel." 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 store in Atlantic City.
Time Machine, The	H. G. Wells	Science Fiction	AD	A scientist invents a time machine and uses it to travel into the future, where he discovers the childlike Eloi and the hideous underground Morlocks.
To Be a Slave	Julius Lester	Slaves United States Social conditions	YA	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.

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To Kill a Mockingbird	Harper Lee	Southern States Race relations Fiction	YA	Scout Finch, the young daughter of a local attorney in the Deep South during the 1930s, tells of her father's defense of an African-American man charged with the rape of a white girl.
Touching Spirit Bear	Ben Mikaelson	Juvenile delinquents Rehabilitation Fiction	5-8	After his anger erupts into violence, fifteen year-old 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.
Transall Saga, The	Gary Paulsen	Time travel Fiction Survival Fiction	YA	While backpacking in the desert, thirteen-year-old Mark falls into a tube of blue light and is transported into a more primitive world, where he must use his knowledge and skills to survive.
Treasure Island	Robert Louis Stevenson	Adventure Fiction	YA	While going through the possessions of a deceased guest who owed them money, the mistress of the inn and her son find a treasure map that leads to a pirate fortune as well as great danger.
True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle	Avi	Murder Fiction Historical Fiction	5-8	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.

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Tuck Everlasting	Natalie Babbitt	Immortality Fiction	5-8	The Tuck family is confronted with an agonizing situation when they discover that a ten-year-old girl and a malicious stranger now share their secret about a spring whose water prevents one from ever growing any older.
Twenty thousand Leagues Under the Sea	Jules Verne	Underwater exploration Fiction Science Fiction	AD	A French professor and his companions, trapped aboard a fantastic submarine with the mad Captain Nemo, come face to face with exotic ocean creatures and strange sights hidden from the world above.
Under a war-torn sky	Laura Elliott	World War, 1939-1945 Underground movements France Fiction France History German occupation, 1940-1945 Fiction. Air pilots Fiction	YA	After his plane is shot down by Hitler's Luftwaffe, nineteen-year-old Henry Forester of Richmond, Virginia, strives to walk across occupied France, with the help of the French Resistance, in hopes of rejoining his unit.
View from Saturday, The	E. L. Konigsburg	Friendship Fiction	3-6	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.
Walk Two Moons	Sharon Creech	Death Fiction	5-8	After her mother leaves home suddenly, thirteen-year-old 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.

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Wanted	Caroline B. Cooney	Murder Fiction	YA	Alice suspects something is wrong when she gets a call from her father insisting she drive his precious Corvette to meet him, even though she does not have a driver's license, but she realizes someone has set her up when she learns that her father is dead and she is the number one suspect.
Warriors, The	Joseph Bruchac	Girl/boy Fiction	5-8	An Iroquois boy known on the reservation for his talent at the sacred game of lacrosse moves to Washington, D.C., with his mother and grows frustrated with the misleading statements about Native Americans that his new lacrosse coach makes.
Watership Down	Richard Adams	Rabbits Fiction Fantasy Fiction	YA	Chronicles the adventures of a group of rabbits searching for a safe place to establish a new warren where they can live in peace.
Watsons go to Birmingham-1963	Christopher Paul Curtis	African Americans Fiction Historical Fiction	5-8	The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African-American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963.
Weirdo, The	Theodore Taylor	North Carolina Fiction	YA	Seventeen-year-old Chip Clewt fights to save the black bears in the Powhatan National Wildlife Refuge.
Westing Game, The	Ellen Raskin	Mystery and detective stories	5-8	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.

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Where the Lilies Bloom	Vera and Bill Cleaver	Smokey Mountains Fiction Brother-sister Fiction	5-8	In the Great Smoky Mountains region, a fourteen-year-old girl struggles to keep her family together after their father dies.
Where the Red Fern Grows	Wilson Rawls	Dogs Fiction	5-8	The adventures of a ten-year-old boy and the two dogs he bought with money he had earned.
White Fang	Jack London	Dogs Fiction. Wolves Fiction	5-8	The adventures in the northern wilderness of a dog who is part wolf and how he comes to make his peace with man.
Wings of Merlin (Series)	T.A. Barron	Fantasy	5-8	Merlin's fragile home on the isle of Fincayra is threatened by the attack of a mysterious warrior with swords for arms and by the escape of Stangmar from his imprisonment, as Merlin continues to move toward his ultimate destiny.
Wreckers, The	Iain Lawrence	Shipwrecks Fiction Survival Fiction	5-8	Shipwrecked after a vicious storm, fourteen-year-old John Spencer attempts to save his father and himself while also dealing with an evil secret about the Cornish coastal town where they are stranded.
Wrinkle in Time, A (Series)	Madeline L'Engle	Science Fiction	5-8	Three extraterrestrial beings take Meg and her friends to another world.
Yolonda's Genius	Carol Fenner	African Americans Fiction	5-8	Yolonda's little brother Andrew doesn't talk much and he can't read, but he creates unbelievable music. When Yolonda reads the definition of "genius" in the dictionary, she knows it describes Andrew, and she sets out to convince their mother and the world of Andrew's gift. A Newbery Honor Book and ALA Notable Children's Book.

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Non-Fiction titles

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7 habits of highly effective teens: the ultimate teenage success guide, The	Sean Covey	158	YA	Describes seven habits teenagers can cultivate to help them improve their self-images, build friendships, resist peer pressure, achieve goals, get along with parents, and make other positive changes in their lives.
After the last dog died: the true-life, hair-raising adventure of Douglas Mawson and his 1912 Antarctic expedition	Carmen Bredeson	919	5-8	Describes the life and career of the Australian explorer, Sir Douglas Mawson, focusing on his 1912 scientific expedition to Antarctica.
American plague: the true and terrifying story of the yellow fever epidemic of 1793, An	Jim Murphy	614	5-8	Provides an account of the yellow fever epidemic that swept through Philadelphia in 1793, discussing the chaos that erupted when people began evacuating in droves, leaving the city without government, goods, or services, and examining efforts by physicians, the Free African Society, and others to cure and care for the sick.
Anne Frank: the diary of a young girl	Anne Frank	Biography	YA	The journal of a Jewish girl in her early teens describing both the joys and torments of daily life, as well as typical adolescent thoughts, throughout two years spent in hiding with her family during the Nazi occupation of Holland. Includes review questions.
Archers, alchemists, and 98 other medieval jobs you might have loved or loathed	Priscilla Galloway	940	6-8	Describes a wide range of occupations in the Middle Ages in a humorous manner.

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Ask the bones: scary stories from around the world	Arielle North Olson	398	6-8	A collection of scary folktales from countries around the world including China, Russia, Spain, and the United States.
Beauty: A retelling of the story of Beauty and the beast	Robin McKinley	398	YA	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.
Brainstorms!: the stories of twenty American kid inventors	Tom Tucker	609	5-8	Stories about kid inventors.
Burp! : the most interesting book you'll ever read about eating	Diane Swanson	612	5-8	Text and illustrations provide a variety of information about food, eating, and the workings of the digestive system.
Career ideas for kids who like music and dance	Diane Lindsey Reeves	780	5-8	A career planning guide for young people interested in music and dance, featuring activities designed to help them discover their individual traits and abilities, descriptions of various careers in music and dance, a look at career planning resources, and profiles of people working in the field.
Cheaper by the dozen	Frank Gilbreth & Ernestine Gilbreth Carey	920	YA	Reveals the family life of the twelve Gilbreth children and their engineer father who runs the household with his unique methodology.
Chicken soup (Series)	Various Authors	100's	AD	A collection of life-affirming anecdotes on the experiences of love, parenting, death, dreams, and learning.

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Chocolate: riches from the rainforest	Robert Burleigh	641	3-6	Traces the history of chocolate from a drink of the Olmec and Maya and later in Europe to its popularity around the world today.
Civil War recipes: adding and subtracting simple fractions	Lynn George	513	3-6	Gives several examples of recipes used during the Civil War, such as gingerbread, groundnut soup, gumbo, and hardtack, and shows how to add and subtract fractions to double, triple, or halve the ingredients.
Cool math: math tricks, amazing math activities, cool calculations, awesome math factoids and more	Christy Maganzini	510	5-8	Math activities.
Cool salsa: bilingual poems on growing up Latino in the United States	1 st Ballantine Books ed.	811	5-8	Celebrates the tones, rhythms, sounds, and experiences of growing up Latino in America. Includes works by poets such as Sandra Cisneros, Martin Espada, Gary Soto, Ed Vega, and others.
Discovering the universe: an inside look	Stuart Clark	520	3-6	Offers young readers a close look at the planets and other celestial bodies of the Universe, explains their relationships to each other and describes the equipment scientists have developed to study these phenomena.
Dorling Kindersley DK eyewitness books	Each book has different authors	Varies	6-8	Varies with different book selection.
Dressed for the occasion: what Americans wore 1620-1970	Brandon Marie Miller	391	5-8	Examines the history, manufacture, and care of American clothing from colonial times to the 1970s and discusses its relationship to the social milieu.

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Escape from slavery	Doreen Rappaport	973	3-6	Five accounts of black slaves who managed to escape to freedom during the period preceding the Civil War.
Fields of fury: the American Civil War	James M. McPherson	973	3-6	Richly illustrated with photographs, paintings, and maps, this book examines the causes, events and effects of the American Civil War.
Fight on! Mary Church Terrell's battle for integration	Dennis Brindell Fradin & Judith Bloom Fradin	Biography	5-8	Profiles the first black Washington, D.C. Board of Education member, who helped to found the NAACP and organized pickets and boycotts that led to the 1953 Supreme Court decision to integrate D.C. area restaurants.
Find where the wind goes: moments from my life	Mae Jemison	921	5-8	Mae Jemison recounts her life story, describing her struggle to overcome the doubts of those around her and become an astronaut--the first woman of color in space
Fingerprints and talking bones: how real-life crimes are solved	Charlotte Foltz Jones	363	3-6	Describes the many different methods used to solve crimes including skeletal and facial reconstruction, botanical or geological information, voiceprints, and hypnosis.
G is for googol: A math alphabet book	David M. Schwartz	510	5-8	Explains the meaning of mathematical terms which begin with the different letters of the alphabet from abacus, binary, and cubit to zillion
Greatest: Muhammed Ali, The	Walter Dean Myers	921	5-8	The story of Muhammed Ali.

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Hana's suitcase: a true story	Karen Levine	Biography	5-8	A biography of a Czech girl who died in the Holocaust, told in alternating chapters with an account of how the curator of a Japanese Holocaust center learned about her life after Hana's suitcase was sent to her.
Hippos in the night: autobiographical adventures in Africa	Christina M. Allen	591	4-8	Breathless with excitement, a young biologist describes her close encounters in the wild with animals and people (in that order) on a five-week camping trip to Kenya and Tanzania.
In the line of fire: president's lives at stake	Judith St. George	Biography	5-8	The true lives of the presidents.
Jackie's nine	Sharon Robinson	Biography	5-8	Baseball hero Jackie Robinson's daughter discusses nine values that her father held dear, shares memories from her life and her father's that illustrate those values, and profiles individuals whom she considers heroes, including Christopher Reeve and Oprah Winfrey.
Lincoln: a photobiography	Russell Freedman	Biography	5-8	Photographs and text trace the life of the Civil War President.
Lord of the flies	William Golding	823 or 813, and Fiction Survival fiction	YA	After a plane crash strands them on a tropical island while the rest of the world is ravaged by war, a group of British schoolboys attempts to form a civilized society but descends into brutal anarchy.

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Lost Colony of Roanoke, The	Jean Fritz & Hudson Talbott	975	3-6	Chronicles the history of the colony of Roanoke and speculates as to why the colony was deserted when its founder returned three years after it was first settled.
Man Who Went to the Far Side of the Moon, The	Bea Uusma Schyffert	629	5-8	Describes the experiences of Apollo 11 astronaut Michael Collins as he circled the moon while Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin walked on it; and explains what everyday life was like on "Columbia," presents background on the three astronauts, and includes photos of Collins and his family.
Martin Luther King Jr.	Adele Q. Brown	Biography	3-6	Describes the life and career of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., including his accomplishments in the civil rights movement and his impact on American history.
My dog Skip	Willie Morris	Biography	YA	The story of a dog and his closest companion, the author, during their growing years in a small town in Mississippi
National government	Ernestine Giesecke	320	3-6	Introduces the purpose and function of national government, the significance of the Constitution, the three branches of government, how the government raises money, and how a bill becomes a law.
Nature and science of numbers, The	Jane Burton and Kim Taylor	513	3-6	Shows how numbers can be used to understand nature.

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Open government: an American tradition faces national security, privacy, and other challenges	David L. Hudson	323	YA	Presents a review of the open government policies set forth in the Constitution by James Madison and other framers and examines its role in post September 11 society, controversies concerning it, and federal mandates regarding the overall security of the nation.
Outbreak: disease detectives at work	Mark Friedlander	614	5-8	Describes the field of epidemiology and its history, presenting historical and modern case studies and biological explanations of some diseases and a discussion of the microbes most likely to be used by bioterrorists.
Percents and ratios: Math success (Series)	Lucille Caron, and Phillip M. St. Jacques	513	5-8	The book focuses on math success.
Phineas Gage: a gruesome but true story about brain science	John Fleischman	Biography	5-8	The true story of Phineas Gage, whose brain had been pierced by an iron rod in 1848, and who survived and became a case study in how the brain functions.
Poems	Robert Frost	811	AD	A collection of poems by nineteenth-century American poet Robert Frost.
Rascal	Sterling North	813	5-8	The author recalls his carefree life in a small midwestern town at the close of World War I, and his adventures with his pet raccoon, Rascal.
Rats! : the good, the bad, and the ugly	Richard Conniff	599	3-6	Discusses the physical characteristics, behavior, origins, various types, interaction with humans, and more of rats.

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Revenge of the whale: The true story of the whaleship Essex	Nathaniel Philbrick	910	5-8	Recounts the 1820 sinking of the whaleship "Essex" by an enraged sperm whale and how the crew of young men survived against impossible odds. Based on the author's adult book "In the Heart of the Sea."
Secrets in stone: all about Maya hieroglyphs	Laurie Coulter	497	3-6	Describes the Maya and their language, and examines how the Mayan writing system was deciphered. Includes a selection of related activities.
Sir Cumference and the dragon of Pi: a math adventure (Series)	Cindy Neuschwander	516	3-6	Radius, son of Sir Cumference, embarks on a quest to find the magic number known as pi in order to restore his father--who has been turned into a dragon--to his original shape.
Strong right arm: the story of Mamie "Peanut" Johnson	Michelle Y. Green	Biography	5-8	Tells the story of Mamie "Peanut" Johnson, a woman who had to overcome the obstacles of gender and race to pursue her dream of playing baseball, and who finally got her chance when she and other African-American women were invited to play in the Negro Leagues after male players were allowed on major league teams.
Story of My Life	Helen Keller	Biography	YA	Helen Keller tells of her early life, her relationship with her teacher Anne Sullivan, and her struggles to triumph over blindness and deafness.
Surviving Hitler	Andrea Warren	Biography	5-8	A biography of Jack Mandelbaum, who survived Nazi concentration camps when he was a teenager.

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Tarantula in my purse: and 172 other wild pets, The	Jean Craighead George	Autobiography	5-8	A collection of autobiographical stories about raising a houseful of children and wild pets including crows, skunks, and raccoons.
Tell all the children our story: memories and mementos of being young and black in America	Tonya Bolden	973	3-6	Photographs, illustrations, and text describe the experiences of African-American children growing up in the United States from the first African-American baby born in the Jamestown colony through the children growing up in the middle of gang wars at the dawn of the twenty-first century.
This land was made for you and me: the life and songs of Woody Guthrie	Elizabeth Partridge	Biography	5-8	An illustrated biography of Woody Guthrie, composer of "This Land Is Your Land," and over three thousand other folk songs and ballads, telling about his travels throughout the U.S. in the first half of the twentieth century, and discussing how his experiences influenced his music.
Time capsule (short stories)	Edited by Donald R. Gallo	808	YA	Ten stories by such notable authors as Richard Peck, Chris Crutcher, and Chris Lynch, each of which presents the life of a teenager in a different decade of the twentieth century, accompanied by a brief description of the historical and cultural highlights of that decade.
Traitor: the case of Benedict Arnold	Jean Fritz	Biography	5-8	A study of the life and character of the brilliant Revolutionary War general who deserted to the British for money.

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We shall overcome: the history of the American civil rights movement	Reggie Finlayson	323	5-8	Uses the words of spirituals and other music of the time to frame a discussion of the civil rights movement in the United States, focusing on specific people, incidents, and court cases.
What's cooking?: the history of American food	Sylvia Whitman	394	5-8	A look at food in the United States from colonial times to the present, describing what we have eaten, where it came from, and how it reflected events in American history.
When objects talk: solving a crime with science	Mark P. Friedlander	363	5-8	This book explains the latest techniques and technology for DNA testing, ballistics, autopsies, bloodstain-pattern interpretation, and much more, but combines it with "The Case," a fictional account of how forensics is used to solve a hypothetical murder.
Wildlife detectives: how forensic scientists fight crimes against nature, The	Donna Jackson Kallner	363	3-6	Describes how the wildlife detectives at the National Fish and Wildlife Forensics Laboratory in Ashland, Oregon, analyze clues to catch and convict people responsible for crimes against animals.
World according to horses: how they run, see, and think, The	Stephen Budiansky	363	5-8	Discusses the interaction between people and horses, the horse as a social animal, its intelligence, abilities to communicate, athletic abilities, and physical evolution.

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World at her fingertips: the story of Helen Keller	Joan Dash	921	YA	Biography of Helen Keller who, despite being both deaf and blind, thrived under the tutelage of Annie Sullivan, graduated cum laude from Radcliffe college, and became famous for remaining strong and successful through adversity.
Wright Brothers	Russell Freedman	Biography	5-8	Follows the lives of the Wright brothers and describes how they developed the first airplane.
Wright sister, The	Richard Maurer	Biography	5-8	Presents a brief biography of the sister of Orville and Wilbur Wright.

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- Barry, Dave. Big Trouble. New York : G.P. Putnam's Sons, c1999. Chaos reigns when a couple of hit men decide to make their strike against embezzler Arthur Herk at the same time that teenagers Matt and Andrew set out to "shoot" Arthur's stepdaughter Jenny in a high school squirt gun game called Killer.
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- Hemingway, Ernest, 1899-1961. For Whom The Bell Tolls. 1st Scribner Paperback Fiction ed. New York : Scribner Paperback Fiction, 1995. The story of Robert Jordan, an American fighting during the Spanish Civil War with the anti-fascist guerillas in the mountains of Spain.
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- Herriot, James. All Creatures Great And Small. 20th anniversary ed. New York : St. Martin's Press, 1992. An English veterinarian reminisces about his life, career, and animal patients in a small village.
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- Homer. Iliad. Indianapolis : Hackett Pub. Co., c1997. Homer's classic account of the war between the Greeks and the Trojans from Agamemnon's visit by the priest Chryses to the burial of Hector.
- Hugo, Victor, 1802-1885. Les Miserables. Abridged ed. New York: Pocket, c1964. In nineteenth-century France a reformed ex-convict, Jean Valjean, finds himself threatened by events and people from his past.
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- Hurston, Zora Neale. Their Eyes Were Watching God : A Novel. 1st Perennial Classics ed. New York : Perennial Library, 1990. Married to a man she did not love, Janie was not yet forty when Joe died. Then she found true happiness.
- Hutchinson, Emily. The Time Machine. Costa Mesa, CA : Saddleback Pub., c1999. A scientist invents a time machine and uses it to travel to the year 802,701 A.D., where he discovers the childlike Eloi and the hideous underground Morlocks
- Huxley, Aldous, 1894-1963. Brave New World. 1st Perennial Classics ed. New York : Perennial Classics, 1998. A satirical novel about the utopia of the future, a world in which babies are decanted from bottles and the great Ford is worshipped.
- Huxley, Aldous, 1894-1963. Brave New World Revisited. 1st Perennial Classics ed. New York : HarperPerennial, 2000. The author discusses some of the concerns addressed in his novel "Brave New World," covering such issues as brainwashing, overpopulation, and the use of propaganda in democratic societies.
- Ionesco, Eugène. The Bald Soprano And Other Plays. 1st Evergreen ed. New York : Grove Press, 1982. The bald soprano -- The lesson -- Jack; or, The submission -- The chairs. A collection of four plays by French playwright Eugène Ionesco.
- Ionesco, Eugène. Rhinoceros and Other Plays. New York : Grove Press, c1960. Rhinoceros -- The leader -- The future is in eggs, or, It takes all sorts to make a world. A collection of three modern plays by the master of the absurd and member of the French Academy.
- Irving, John, 1942-. The World According To Garp. New York : Modern Library, 1998. The son of a famous radical feminist spends his life struggling with his diverse personal relationships and with his ambition to be a writer.
- Jakes, John. North and South. New York : Signet, [2000], c1982. A novel of two families during twenty turbulent, troubled years that culminate in the shattering Civil War.
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- Jones, James, 1921-1977. From Here to Eternity. New York : Delta Trade Paperbacks, 1998, c1991. A story of army life in Hawaii in 1941 during the second World War. Private Robert Lee Prewitt is a champion welterweight and a fine bugler who refuses to join the company's boxing team. He gets "the treatment" which may break him or kill him.
- Joyce, James, 1882-1941. A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man. New York : Knopf, c1991. An autobiographical novel depicting the childhood, adolescence, and early manhood of Stephen Dedalus.
- Juby, Susan, 1969-. Alice, I Think. 1st pbk. ed. New York : HarperTempest, 2004, c2003. Fifteen-year-old Alice keeps a diary as she struggles to cope with the embarrassments and trials of family, dating, school, work, small town life, and a serious case of "outcastitis."
- Kafka, Franz, 1883-1924. Amerika. New York : Schocken Books, c1996. Young immigrant Karl Rossmann, packed off to America to redeem himself after an embarrassing sexual incident, is instead swept up in a series of dizzying reversals, odd escapades, and adventures.
- Kafka, Franz, 1883-1924. The Metamorphosis. Bantam classic ed. New York : Bantam, 1986. A young man wakes up one morning to find himself transformed into a giant beetle-like insect. He becomes an object of disgrace to his family and an alienated man.
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- Keller, Helen. The Story of My Life. Unabridged ed. Mahwah, NJ : Watermill, c1980. Helen Keller tells how she learned to read, write, and speak despite the fact that she was blind and deaf.
- Kellogg, Marjorie. Tell Me That You Love Me, Junie Moon. 2nd ed. New York : Farrar, Straus, Giroux, c1984. Three extraordinary people decide to live together after being discharged from the hospital.

Kelly, Susan S. How Close We Come. 1st ed. Wilmington, N.C. For ten years, Pril Henderson and Ruth Campbell have been closer than sisters—inseparable companions and next-door neighbors whose children are also best friends. Then, without warning, Ruth leaves for vacation with her children and never returns. Nor does she call or write to explain. Pril is hurt, angry, and lonely. Worse, Ruth's husband soon names Pril as his witness in custody proceedings, and she is faced with a terrible choice. Does she testify against her closest friend? Or does she side with this woman she loves but who has inexplicably shattered her family?

Kennedy, John F. (John Fitzgerald), 1917-1963. Profiles In Courage. 1st Perennial Classics ed. New York : Perennial Classics, 2000. Presents John F. Kennedy's Pulitzer Prize-winning study of men who, at a risk to themselves, stood fast for a principle, covering John Quincy Adams, Daniel Webster, Sam Houston, Robert Taft, and others.

Kidder, Tracy. The Soul Of A New Machine. Modern Library ed. New York : Modern Library, 1997. Recounts the behind-the-scenes drama which took place in a computer company while creating a "32-bit supermini" computer for the market.

King, Stephen, 1947-. Hearts In Atlantis. New York : Scribner, c1999. Five brilliant, disturbing tales of an America shadowed by the Vietnam War.

Kingston, Maxine Hong. The Woman Warrior : Memoirs Of A Girlhood Among Ghosts. Vintage International ed. New York : Vintage International, 1989. A memoir of the American born daughter of Chinese immigrants who lived within the traditions and fears of the Chinese past as well as the realities of the alien modern American culture.

Knowles, John, 1926-. A Separate Peace. Toronto ; New York :Bantam, 1986, c1959. Gene Forrester looks back fifteen years to a World War II year in which he and his best friend Phineas were roommates in a New Hampshire boarding school. Their friendship is marred by Finny's crippling fall, an event for which Gene is responsible and one that eventually leads to tragedy.

Kozol, Jonathan. Rachel and Her Children : Homeless Families in America. 1st ed. New York : Crown Publishers, 1988. Reveals what it means to be homeless, the causes, and the economic consequences.

Kuralt, Charles, 1934-. A Life on the Road. Thorndike, Me. : Thorndike Press, 1991. A television journalist chronicles his travels and memoirs--the people, places, and events encountered in his life.

LaHaye, Tim F. Left Behind : a novel of the earth's last days. Wheaton, Ill. : Tyndale House Publishers, c1995. This fictional account of life after the Rapture delivers an urgent call to today's readers to prepare their own hearts and to minister to others.

LaHaye, Tim F. Nicolae : the Rise of Antichrist. Wheaton, Ill. : Tyndale House Publishers, c1997. The third book in the saga of those left behind, "Nicolae" follows the adventures

of The Tribulation Force, made up of pilot Rayford Steele, Chloe, his daughter, and reporter Buck Williams, as they wander the Earth after the Rapture.

LaHaye, Tim F. Tribulation Force : the continuing drama of those left behind. Wheaton, IL : Tyndale House Publishers, c1996. In this sequel to *Left Behind*, Rayford Steele and Buck Williams find themselves pressed into service for the man they believe could be the Antichrist.

LaHaye, Tim F. Soul Harvest : the world takes sides. Wheaton, IL : Tyndale House Publishers, c1998. As Nicolae Carpathia begins a worldwide rebuilding campaign, his rage is fueled by an evangelistic effort resulting in the greatest harvest of souls the world has ever seen.

LaHaye, Tim F. Apollyon : The Destroyer Is Unleashed. Wheaton, IL : Tyndale House Publishers, c1999. The truth about Amanda is revealed, both Hattie's and Chloe's pregnancies are resolved, and the chief demon of the Abyss (Apollyon) leads the greatest plague so far upon survivors of the Tribulation.

LaHaye, Tim F. Assassins : Assignment, Jerusalem; Target Antichrist. Wheaton, Ill. : Tyndale House Publishers, c1999. The Tribulation Force, a group of people who came to believe in God after being left behind on Earth after God's Rapture, ready themselves to fulfill Holy Scripture by setting up the assassination of the Antichrist.

Larson, Erik. Isaac's Storm : A man, A time, And The Deadliest Hurricane In History. 1st ed. New York : Crown Publishers, c1999. Tells the story of Isaac Cline, a weather scientist in Galveston, Texas in 1900, discussing his belief and assertion that nothing in the way of weather could destroy the coastal city; and looks at how Cline dealt with the aftermath of the hurricane that hit Galveston on September 8, claiming the lives of thousands of people.

Lawrence, D. H. (David Herbert), 1885-1930. Sons And Lovers. Bantam Classic ed. New York: Bantam, 1985. The story of the emotional crises of Paul Morel, a painter growing to manhood in the Nottingham coalfields. He is caught in a conflict between his possessive mother of middle class aspirations and the love of two young, beautiful women.

Lee, Harper To Kill A Mockingbird. Philadelphia : Chelsea House, c1999. A collection of critical essays about Harper Lee's novel "To Kill a Mockingbird" that demonstrate the different views that exist about the book's themes.

Le Guin, Ursula K., 1929-. The Tombs of Atuan. 1st Simon Pulse ed. New York : Simon Pulse, 2003, c1970. Arha's isolated existence as high priestess in the tombs of Atuan is jarred by a thief who seeks a special treasure.

Le Guin, Ursula K., 1929-. A Wizard of Earthsea. New York : [Toronto : New York : Atheneum Books for Young Readers ; Collier Macmillan Canada ; Maxwell Macmillan International Pub. Group], c1991. A boy grows to manhood while attempting to subdue the evil he unleashed on the world as an apprentice to the Master Wizard.

- Lermontov, Mikhail Ur'evich, 1814-1841. A Hero of Our Time. Modern Library pbk. ed. New York : Modern Library, 2004. A collection of five linked stories in which Pechorin struggles to deal with the social conflicts of nineteenth-century Russia.
- Lester, Julius. To Be A Slave. 30th anniversary ed. New York :Dial Books, c1998. 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.
- Lewin, Roger. Bones of Contention : Controversies in the Search for Human Origins. 2nd ed., with a new afterword. Chicago, Ill. : University of Chicago Press, 1997. Explores the nature of the debate over the findings of paleoanthropologists, looking at how the biases and preconceptions of scientists in the field shape their work, and telling the stories of some of the world's major fossil finds.
- Lewis, C. S. (Clive Staples), 1898-1963. The Screwtape Letters :With, Screwtape Proposes A Toast. HarperCollins ed. [San Francisco, Calif.] : HarperSanFrancisco, 2001. The Screwtape letters -- Screwtape proposes a toast. A series of congenial letters from Screwtape, an elderly devil, advising his nephew Wormwood, an apprentice devil, how to corrupt his earthly "patient."
- Lewis, Sinclair, 1885-1951. Elmer Gantry. New York : Signet Classic, [1980]. The portrait of a golden-tongued evangelist who rises to power within his church while living a life of hypocrisy, sensuality, and ruthless self-indulgence.
- Lewis, Sinclair, 1885-1951. Main Street. New York : Signet Classic, [1998]. A young woman has difficulty adjusting to life in a small town in Minnesota.
- Locke, John, 1632-1704. Two Treatises of Government. Student ed. Cambridge [England] ; New York : Cambridge University Press, 1988. Presents John Locke's seventeenth-century classic work on political and social theory; and includes a history of the text, as well as notes and a bibliography.
- London, Jack, 1876-1916. The Call Of The Wild. Norman : University of Oklahoma Press, c1995. Duplicates the original first book edition of Jack London's novel about the Klondike Gold Rush of 1896, and includes photographs from the Gold Rush years and line-by-line annotations on the text.
- London, Jack, 1876-1916. The Sea-Wolf and Selected Stories. New York : Signet, [1981], c1964. The sea-wolf--The law of life--The one thousand dozen-- All gold canyon-- Moon-face. A collection of five stories by nineteenth-century author Jack London, including the title work in which a wealthy young man is rescued after a shipwreck by the brutal, ruthless captain of a tramp steamer.
- London, Jack, 1876-1916. White Fang. New York : Scholastic, c2001. The adventures in the northern wilderness of a dog who is part wolf and how he comes to make his peace with man.

Lott, Bret. Fathers, Sons, and Brothers : the Men in My Family. 1st ed. New York : Harcourt Brace, c1997. In this brief memoir, novelist and short story writer Lott ruminates on the relationships between fathers, sons, and brothers as he examines the lives of three generations of Lott males. Work plays an important role in these lives, specifically the RC Cola company, which at one time employed a father and two sons in the story.

Lott, Bret. Jewel : A Novel. New York, NY : Washington Square Press, [1992], c1991. The life of Jewel Hilburn, a mother living with her husband and children in the backwoods of Mississippi in 1943, undergoes a drastic change when her sixth child, Brenda Kay, is born without the gift of common sense.

Lott, Bret. The Man Who Owned Vermont. New York, N.Y. : Pocket Books, [1988]. When his wife, Paige, walks out on him, Rick Wheeler, an RC Cola salesman, throws himself into his work and struggles to understand what went wrong with his marriage and whether there is any hope for the future.

Ludlum, Robert, 1927-. The Bourne Identity. Toronto ; New York: Bantam Books, 1981, c1980. A man has been shot and now has no memory and as he searches for his origins he comes to fear he may have been an international assassin.

Ludlum, Robert, 1927-. The Gemini Contenders. Bantam ed. New York : Bantam, 1989. In December of 1939 a clandestine order of monks, entrusted with the keeping of a secret that could rip apart the Christian world, takes desperate measures to hide a mysterious vault from the invading Nazis, setting off a decades-long struggle that could forever change the world.

Ludlum, Robert, 1927-. The Road to Omaha. Bantam ed. New York : Bantam Books, 1993, c1992. General MacKenzie Hawkins and his friend, legal wizard Sam Devereaux, find an 1878 treaty between the government and the obscure Wopotami tribe and hatch a plot to sue, for the return of Nebraska.

Macaulay, David. City : a Story Of Roman Planning And Construction. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, 1974. Text and black and white illustrations show how the Romans planned and constructed their cities for the people who lived within them.

Machiavelli, Niccolò, 1469-1527. Discourses on Livy. Chicago : University of Chicago Press, c1996. Translates sixteenth-century political thinker Niccolò Machiavelli's examination of the writings of Roman historian Livy in which Machiavelli calls for republican governance and decries political corruption. Includes extensive explanatory notes, a glossary of key words with occurrences and alternate translations, and an annotated biographical and geographical index.

Machiavelli, Niccolò, 1469-1527. The Prince. New York : Knopf : distributed by Random House, c1992. Treatise on political power, statecraft, and the qualities of the ideal ruler.

Mailer, Norman. The Naked And The Dead. 50th anniversary ed. New York : H. Holt, 1998. The members of an American platoon react to their part in the invasion and occupation of a Japanese-held island in 1944.

Malamud, Bernard. The Assistant. Farrar, Straus and Giroux pbk. ed. New York : Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2003, c1957. Frank, a troubled, somewhat desperate, Italian American, works long hours in the grocery store of a struggling Jewish family in a Brooklyn neighborhood where he develops a secret passion for his employer's attractive daughter.

X, Malcolm., 1925-1965. The Autobiography Of Malcolm X. 1st Ballantine Books ed. New York : Ballantine, 1973, c1965. The personal story of the man who rose from hoodlum, thief, dope peddler, and pimp to become a leader of the Black Revolution of the 1960s.

Manchester, William Raymond, 1922-. The Death of a President, November 20-November 25, 1963. 1st Perennial Library ed. New York : Perennial Library, 1988, c1967. An account of the six days surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy.

Mann, Thomas, 1875-1955. Death In Venice And Other Stories. New York : Signet Classic, 1999. Tobias Mindernickel -- Tristan-- Tonio Kröger -- The child prodigy -- Hour of hardship -- Death in Venice -- Man and dog.

Markandaya, Kamala, 1924-. Nectar in a Sieve. New York : Signet Classic, [2002], c1954. Tells of a simple peasant woman in a primitive village in India whose whole life was a gallant and persistent battle to care for those she loved.

Marlowe, Christopher, 1564-1593. Doctor Faustus. New York : Signet Classic, c2001. Presents the script of the sixteenth-century drama about a scholar who sells his soul to the devil in exchange for knowledge and power; and includes an introduction, a history of the play on stage, and a bibliography.

Marquand, John P. The Late George Apley : A Novel in the Form of a Memoir. Boston : Little Brown, c1965. A "memoir" prepared at the request of the family of George Apley (1866-1933), a gentleman of Boston.

Masters, Edgar Lee, 1868-1950. Spoon River Anthology. New York : Tor, c1996. A series of dramatic monologues, in which inhabitants of the cemetery on the hill overlooking the fictional midwestern town of Spoon River reveal the shocking scandals and tragic secrets of their lives.

Mathabane, Mark. Kaffir boy : The True Story Of A Black Youth's Coming Of Age In Apartheid South Africa. 1st Touchstone ed. New York : Simon & Schuster, 1998. Recreates the author's boyhood experiences in South Africa.

Maupin, Armistead. Tales of the City. 1st ed. New York : Harper & Row, c1978. Sequels: More tales of the city and Further tales of the city. A naive young secretary forsakes

Cleveland for San Francisco, tumbling headlong into a brave new world of laundromat lotharios and cutthroat debutantes.

McBride, James, 1957-. The Color of Water : a Black man's Tribute to his White Mother. 1st Riverhead trade pbk. ed. New York : Riverhead Books, 1997. An African-American male tells of his mother, a white woman, who refused to admit her true identity.

McCain, John, 1936-. Faith of My Fathers. 1st Perennial ed. New York : Perennial, 2000, c1999. Congressman John McCain explains how he learned about life and honor from his grandfather and father, both four-star admirals in the U.S. Navy.

McCorkle, Jill, 1958-. Crash Diet : Stories. 1st ed. Chapel Hill, N.C. : Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, 1992. Crash diet -- Man watcher -- Gold mine -- First Union blues -- Departures -- Comparison shopping -- Migration of the love bugs -- Waiting for hard times to end -- Words gone bad -- Sleeping Beauty, revised -- Carnival lights.

McCorkle, Jill. Ferris Beach. New York : Fawcett Crest, c1990. Kate, a young Southern girl in the 70s, is caught in a tug-of-war between a prim and sensitive mother and a beautiful and reckless cousin.

McCorkle, Jill, 1958-. The Cheer Leader : A Novel. 1st Front Porch paperbacks ed. Chapel Hill, N.C. : Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, 1992. Jo is popular, a cheer leader, an A student, and a "good girl." During a summer in North Carolina she meets Red, who is daring, and older, and plays by a different set of rules; as she becomes involved with him, she begins to lose her grip on herself.

McCorkle, Jill, 1958-. July 7th : A Novel. 1st Front Porch paperbacks ed. Chapel Hill, N.C. : Algonquin Books, 1992. When a clerk at the local Quik-Pik is found murdered, the townspeople work together to find his murderer before he can strike again.

McCourt, Frank. Angela's Ashes : A Memoir. New York : Scribner, c1996. Presents a memoir of the author's miserable childhood growing up in the perpetually damp country of Ireland, with the stereotypically long-suffering mother and drunken father who nurtures in his son an appetite for stories.

McCourt, Frank. 'Tis : A Memoir. New York : Scribner, c1999. Frank McCourt, author of the childhood memoir "Angela's Ashes," shares the story of his life as an American immigrant, discussing his experiences from the age of nineteen when he landed in New York, to his eventual success as a teacher and writer.

McCullers, Carson, 1917-1967. The Heart Is A Lonely Hunter. New York : Modern Library, 1993. A deaf-mute who has lost his only friend to a hospital for the insane becomes the recipient of the confidences of several other town residents.

McCullers, Carson, 1917-1967. The Member Of The Wedding. New York : Bantam, c1973. Frankie Addams, a motherless twelve-year-old raised by her father and the family's

African-American cook, struggles with conflicting feelings about her brother's upcoming wedding.

McLaurin, Tim. Cured by Fire. New York : Putnam, c1995. Lewis Calhoun and Elbridge Snipes have been physically and emotionally scarred by the deaths of their loved ones. We hear their story over one long night, as Lewis waits for Elbridge to die and tries to come to some sort of understanding with God or fate or whatever has cast the dice in his universe. Throughout the night's deathwatch, each man reflects on his life. Elbridge, the grandson of a sharecropper, had managed a large tobacco farm before losing his children and everything he owned in a fire set by his alcoholic wife; the fire damaged his lungs so badly that he knows that this is his night to die. Lewis, who had been a successful real-estate developer, accidentally killed his wife with a hunting rifle, then badly disfigured himself in a fire caused by his drinking. Through different and very circuitous routes, the two men, both homeless, meet and develop a friendship in a Seattle charity hospital.

McMurtry, Larry. Terms Of Endearment. New York : Pocket, (1992). A mother and daughter find courage and humor to live through life's troubles.

McMurtry, Larry. Lonesome Dove. New York, NY : Pocket Books, [1986], c1985. Two former Texas Rangers, Augustus McCrae and Woodrow Call, leave their Texas ranch to lead a cattle drive to Montana, encountering outlaws, Native Americans, and ex-loves along the way.

Medea. The classic Greek tragedy in which Medea, betrayed by her husband and banished from her home, plots insane and violent revenge.

Melville, Herman, 1819-1891. Moby-Dick. New York : American Masterpiece Library, 1981. Captain Ahab's determination to find and kill the great white whale becomes an obsession driving him to disaster

Melville, Herman, 1819-1891. Billy Budd And Other Tales. New York : Signet Classic, [1998]. Billy Budd -- The piazza -- Bartleby -- Benito Cereno -- The lightning-rod man -- The Encantadas, or, Enchanted Isles -- The bell-tower -- The town-ho story from Moby Dick. A collection of eight short stories by the author of "Moby Dick."

Michener, James A. (James Albert). Chesapeake. New York : Fawcett Crest, 1983, c1978. Chronicles four centuries of life on Maryland's Eastern Shore through the interwoven stories of three families and the Indians, Blacks, and Irish immigrants with whom they interact.

Michener, James A. (James Albert), 1907-. Hawaii. 1st Ballantine Books ed. New York : Fawcett Crest, 1982. A novel that chronicles the history of the Hawaiian people, dramatizing the interactions of Hawaii's original Polynesians, the first missionaries who arrived there, and the Chinese, Japanese, and Filipinos who intermarried with the Hawaiians and helped shape their culture.

Michener, James A. (James Albert), 1907-. Sayonara. New York : Fawcett Crest, 1987. Major Lloyd Gruver, an Army man, could not understand the sort of guy who falls in love with Japanese girls. Then he met Hana-ogi and after that nothing else mattered, but her.

Michener, James A. (James Albert). Texas. New York : Fawcett Crest, 1989, c1985. This saga of Texas history spans four and a half centuries, beginning in the early 1500s.

Miller, Arthur, 1915-. Death Of A Salesman : Certain Private Conversations in Two Acts and a Requiem. 50th anniversary ed. New York : Penguin Books, 1999. Presents the script of the Pulitzer Prize-winning play in which Willy Loman, a sixty-three-year-old traveling salesman, is forced to face the reality he has avoided all his life.

Miller, Arthur, 1915-. The Crucible : a play in four acts. New York : Penguin Books, c1982. 17th Century witchcraft trials in Salem.

Millhauser, Steven. Edwin Mullhouse : The Life and Death of an American Writer, 1943-1954, by Jeffrey Cartwright : a novel. 1st Vintage Contemporaries ed. New York : Vintage Books, 1996, c1972. Jeffrey Cartwright, best friend and biographer of young genius Edwin Mullhouse, chronicles every stage of Edwin's brief life, from his preverbal experiments with language, to his early demise at age eleven.

Milton, John, 1608-1674. Paradise Lost : And, Paradise Regained. New York : Signet Classic, [2001], c1968. Paradise lost -- Paradise regained. Presents seventeenth-century British poet John Milton's classic epic poems "Paradise Lost" and "Paradise Regained," along with a scholarly introduction, a Milton chronology, and a selected bibliography.

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- Moore, Brian, 1921-. The Lonely Passion of Judith Hearne. [1st American ed.]. Boston, : Little, Brown, [1956, c1955]. Judith Hearn is a middle aged spinster earning a living by giving piano lessons in the Dublin of the 1950's. She falls in love with a shady hotel owner who, in turn, decides to exploit her as far as he can.
- Morrison, Toni. The Bluest Eye. New York : Plume, 2000, c1970. An eleven-year-old African-American girl in Ohio, in the early 1940s, prays for her eyes to turn blue so that she will be beautiful.
- Morrison, Toni. Song Of Solomon. New York, N.Y. : New American Library, 1987. After meeting his mysterious aunt Pilate, whom his father warns is a bad influence, a young African-American man named Macon "Milkman" Dead III leaves his rich, cold home in 1950s Michigan in search of his roots.
- Morrison, Toni. Tar Baby. New York ; Knopf : distributed by Random House, 1981. A beautiful African-American woman of privilege finds herself attracted to the kind of man she has dreaded since childhood: uneducated, violent, and contemptuous of her.
- Morrison, Toni. Beloved : A Novel. New York, N.Y. : Alfred A. Knopf, 1998. Sethe, an escaped slave who now lives in post-Civil War Ohio, has borne the unthinkable and works hard at "beating back the past." She struggles to keep Beloved, an intruder, from gaining possession of her present while throwing off the legacy of her past.
- Mortimer, John Clifford, 1923-. Rumpole of the Bailey. Hampton, N.H. : Eagle Large Print, [1993], c1978. Horace Rumpole, the claret-drinking, cigar-smoking barrister who finds "in British justice a lifelong subject of harmless fun" doesn't become head of chambers, nor does he always win his case, but he's prized and justly prized by the criminal class. He is not terribly fond of the law as found in the courts or as laid down at home by his

wife, She-Who-Must-Be-Obeyed Hilda. Rumpole is linked in these stories with the Younger Generation, the Alternative Society, the Honourable Member, the Married Lady, the Learned Friends, and the Heavy Brigade.

Nabokov, Vladimir Vladimirovich, 1899-1977. Lolita. 2nd Vintage International ed. New York : Vintage Books, 1997, c1955. Aging intellectual Humbert Humbert's obsession for twelve-year-old Dolores Haze, whom he nicknames Lolita, leads him to marry her mother just so he can be closer to her, but soon his love drives him to madness.

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Nietzsche, Friedrich Wilhelm, 1844-1900. Beyond Good and Evil. Amherst, New York, USA : Prometheus Books, 1989. Translation of the work, written in 1885-1886, in which the nineteenth-century German philosopher ponders how cultures lose their creative drive and become decadent.

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Niven, Larry. The Mote In God's Eye. New York : Pocket Books, c1974. In the distant future, when man has conquered space and colonized the planets, a space ship arrives from an alien world that threatens the future of man.

Nordhoff, Charles, 1887-1947. Mutiny on the Bounty. Boston : Little, Brown, 2003, c1932. Fictionalizes the mutiny of the British war vessel "Bounty" in 1789.

Norris, Frank, 1870-1902. Novels and Essays. New York : Literary Classics of the United States : Distributed by Viking Press, c1986. Vandover and the brute -- McTeague -- The octopus -- Essays.

Oates, Joyce Carol, 1938-. Because It is Bitter, and because It is My Heart. New York, N.Y. : Plume, [1991]. In a small New York town divided by race in the 1950s, a young African-American basketball player risks his life to protect Iris Courtney, a white girl pursued by a malicious classmate, and, in doing so, forms a bond of secrecy that will stay with them both through adulthood.

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- O'Neill, Eugene, 1888-1953. Long Day's Journey Into Night. Corrected ed. New Haven : Yale University Press, c1989. Restoration of several missing lines of dialogue and stage direction, recently discovered by scholars, makes this edition of a classic play and essential resource
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- Paretsky, Sara. Hard Time : A V.I. Warshawski Novel. 1st large print pbk. ed. New York : Random House Large Print, 2000, c1999. Chicago private investigator V. I. Warshawski plunges into the darkest and most emotionally shattering case of her career when she tries to unravel the mystery of a battered and discarded woman she finds lying in the street.
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- Patterson, James, 1947-. Along Came A Spider. Warner Books ed. New York : Warner Books, 2001, c1992. Homicide detective Alex Cross tracks down a serial killer/kidnapper who cannot be outsmarted even after he's captured.
- Patterson, James, 1947-. Jack & Jill. Warner books ed. New York : Warner Books, [2003], c1996. Two seemingly unrelated murders of a powerful senator and an African American girl in Washington D.C. lead homicide detective Alex Cross on the hunt for one killer, and his motives, before he finds another victim.
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- Paton, Alan. Cry, The Beloved Country. 1st Scribner Paperback Fiction ed. New York : Scribner Paperback Fiction, 1995. Accused of murdering a white man, a young black South African turns to his minister father and a white attorney for help, but the racial problems of the country prevent justice from being served.

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- Percy, Walker, 1916-. The Moviegoer. New York : Knopf : Distributed by Random House, 2000. Binx Bolling is a moviegoer who lives for the bright, fleeting moments of celluloid fantasy he experiences at the movies. But real life butts in and soon he is more involved than he would like to be with a beauty who is drifting toward disaster.
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- Peters, Thomas J. In Search of Excellence : Lessons from America's Best-run Companies. Warner Books ed. New York : Warner Books, [1984]. Successful American companies – The rational model -- Man waiting for motivation – Managing ambiguity and paradox - - A bias for action -- Close to the customer -- Autonomy and entrepreneurship – Productivity through people -- Hands-on, value-driven -- Stick to the knitting -- Simple form, lean staff – Simultaneous loose-tight properties. Discusses eight basic practices characteristic of successfully-managed companies.
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- Pilcher, Rosamunde. Coming Home. St. Martin's Paperbacks ed. New York : St. Martin's Paperbacks, 1996, c1995. Judith Dunbar is sent off to boarding school in pre-war England when her parents move to the Orient but she is befriended by the wealthy Loveday Carly-Lewis, spending many happy holidays at the Carly-Lewis estate until World War II erupts and changes all their lives.
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- Pilcher, Rosamunde. Wild Mountain Thyme. New York : Dell, 1989, c1978. Victoria fell in love with London playwright Oliver Dobbs but he left her and disappeared. Now, years later, he is a widower standing on her doorstep with his two-year-old son in his arms.
- Pirandello, Luigi, 1867-1936. Six characters in Search of an Author. New York : Signet Classic Book, 1998. Presents the text of the early twentieth-century play in which six characters, family members caught up in their own human drama, come to a theater and demand that the manager and his actors perform their life story.
- Plain, Belva. Crescent City. New York : Dell, [1987], c1984. Miriam Raphael, raised in the lap of luxury in antebellum New Orleans, is unhappily married and in the midst of the Civil War must reconcile her wifely duties and a forbidden passion.

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- Plath, Sylvia. The Bell Jar. New York : A.A. Knopf : Distributed by Random House, 1998. Chronicles the mental breakdown of Esther Greenwood--a brilliant, beautiful, talented, and successful young woman.
- Plato. The Trial and Death of Socrates : Four Dialogues. Dover ed. New York : Dover Publications, 1992. A collection of four dialogues by Plato that reflect on the trial and death of Socrates.
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Powers, J. F. (James Farl), 1917-. Wheat That Springeth Green. 1st ed. New York : A.A. Knopf, 1988. The story of Joe Hackett, a priest who wanted to become a saint but instead became an alcoholic with a suburban parish. He is wrong to consider himself a flop.

Proust, Marcel, 1871-1922. Swann's Way. Modern Library ed. New York : Modern Library, 1992. English translation of the first installment of the French author's multi-volume autobiographical novel, published in 1913.

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- Shakespeare, William, 1564-1616. Romeo And Juliet. Fair Oaks, Calif. : Swan Books, c1979. Includes explanations and descriptions in the manner of modern plays, moderately abridged and printed in running style.
- Shakespeare, William, 1564-1616. Twelfth Night. Oxford ; New York : Oxford University Press, 1997, c1986. The arrival of shipwrecked twins in the land of Illyria creates havoc in this comical story of love in disguise.
- Shakespeare, William, 1564-1616. The Tempest. New York : Oxford University Press, c1988. An outcast duke has a chance to avenge himself and his daughter in this tale of love and sorcery. 822 SHA

- Shaw, Bernard, 1856-1950. Major Barbara : Definitive Text. London ; New York : Penguin Books, 2000, c1907. A play about poverty and society, dramatized in the struggle between a wealthy man and his daughter, Barbara, who works with the Salvation Army.
- Shaw, Bernard, 1856-1950. Man and Superman. Mattituck, N.Y. : Amereon House, [19--]. Presents the text of Irish playwright George Bernard Shaw's early twentieth-century play about John Tanner, a wealthy, parlor socialist who finds himself helpless against Ann Whitefield's campaign to bring him to the altar.
- Shaw, Bernard, 1856-1950. Mrs. Warren's Profession. Studio City, CA : Players Press, c1991. The third play by George Bernard Shaw in which he exposes the social hypocrisy of the nineteenth century through a sarcastic comedy about Mrs. Kitty Warren, a successful prostitute, and her daughter Vivie, who, upon learning the truth about Kitty's career, walks out of her mother's life and wealth.
- Shaw, Bernard, 1856-1950. Pygmalion : A Romance In Five Acts. Harmondsworth, Eng. : Penguin Books, 1941, c1913. A professor of phonetics takes on the challenge of turning a London flower girl into a lady.
- Shelley, Mary Wollstonecraft, 1797-1851. Frankenstein, Or, The Modern Prometheus. New York : Modern Library, 1993. Victor Frankenstein has discovered the secret of generating life from lifeless matter, and has created a monster being by using this terrible power.
- Siddons, Anne Rivers. Colony: A Novel. 1st ed. New York, NY : HarperCollins Publishers, c1992. While waiting for her granddaughter to arrive at her summer home in Retreat, Maine, ninety-year-old Maude Chambliss looks back on her life.
- Siddons, Anne Rivers. Downtown: A Novel. 1st ed. New York : HarperCollins, c1994. The story of a young woman hired by an Atlanta magazine in 1966, a time when the country's great social movements were about to take a militant turn.
- Siddons, Anne Rivers. Fox's Earth. Hampton Falls, N.H. : Beeler Large Print, 1998. Ever since she first saw the huge, sprawling house they called "Fox's Earth," little Ruth Yancey knew she wanted it for herself. The poor daughter of an insane hell-fire preacher and his battered wife, Ruth discovered her sexuality was her only ticket out of poverty and abuse. Quickly snaring the love of the ugly, dim-witted young Paul Fox, Ruth ingratiated her way into the hearts of his sweet parents as well. With an incredible degree of determination and will power, Ruth slowly transforms herself from an uneducated mill town waif, into a Southern belle of proper breeding and manners. Cleverly manipulating her tractable husband and unsuspecting in-laws, Ruth begins a lifelong campaign to gain complete dominance over all who live in Fox's Earth. Ruth knew the key to her grasp on the estate lay in her ability to control the females of Fox's Earth, her own offspring included. She turns her only child, Hebe, into a frightened, clingy woman desperate for her mother's affection, and then attempts to manipulate her grandchildren as well. Ruth is strangely aided and abetted, by her servant, Rip, who quietly and carefully watches Ruth spin out her web of domination over the household. Rip remains her mute assistant in all

of her machinations in a desperate attempt to protect the young children of Fox's Earth from Ruth's direst schemes. But as the grandchildren grow older, Ruth finds her control slipping away from her, and her dangerous plans must escalate in order to maintain power. It is the youngest grandchild, Nell, Ruth's chosen successor, that initiates the collapse of Ruth's carefully laid plans. Faced with a disappointing marriage and a stifled writing career, Nell slowly learns how to break free from her grandmother's domination, and chart a life of her own making.

Siddons, Anne Rivers. Heartbreak Hotel. New York : HarperTorch, [2001], c1976. College senior Maggie Deloach, a typical Southern belle in 1956, seems to have her life and future in order, but everything changes when she meets two people who open her eyes to the racial and social injustices lurking

Siddons, Anne Rivers. Homeplace: A Novel. 1st ed. New York : Harper & Row, c1987. Living an apparently successful life in New York City, Micah (Mike) returns to her hometown in Georgia due to the illness of her father. There she learns that by embracing the past, she has a chance at the happiness that has eluded her for so long.

Siddons, Anne Rivers. The House Next Door. New York : Harper Paperbacks, [1995], c1978. The camaraderie shared by the people in Colquitt and Walter Kennedy's neighborhood is marred when construction begins on a beautiful new home that seems, unbelievably, to be haunted.

Siddons, Anne Rivers. King's Oak: A Novel. 1st ed. New York : Harper & Row, c1990. Fleeing a disastrous marriage and an abusive husband, Andy Calhoun and her frightened young daughter, Hillary, head for the small town of Pemberton, Georgia, "in search of banality" and calm. Instead, she finds herself caught up in the intrigues of the elite old families of Pemberton. Just as she begins to assimilate to her new world of horse racing and society dinners, she meets Tom Dabney, the wild prodigal son of Pemberton society who lives in a magical house out in the woods. An exuberant poet who worships the wilderness, Tom both fascinates and repels Andy. Rumors about Tom's strange pagan rites hint at possible madness, and Andy resolves to keep herself and her daughter away from him. Nevertheless, against her better judgment, Andy finds herself becoming immersed in his life and his strange, mystical world. He and his house at Goat's Creek prove to have a profound healing effect on the traumatized Hillary, who longs to learn all the ways of the forest from Tom. As Hillary develops into a woodland nymph, adept at deer tracking and archery, her mother, Andy, is slowly pulled into Tom's charismatic orbit. But when the fauna of Goat's Creek begin to suddenly develop mysterious tumors, however, Tom truly becomes a madman. When he discovers his precious woods are being threatened by the wastes from a nearby nuclear power plant Tom declares open war on the enemy and Andy must choose between her life with Tom and the more sane one she left behind, if Pemberton society will take her back.

Siddons, Anne Rivers. Outer Banks. New York : HarperCollins, c1991. Three ex-college roommates find out if their friendship has survived into adulthood when they come together for an informal reunion.

- Siddons, Anne Rivers. Peachtree Road. 10th anniversary ed. New York : HarperPaperbacks, [1998]. The story of two star-crossed cousins who rebel against the narrow and privileged aristocracy of Atlanta between 1940 and 1960.
- Siddons, Anne Rivers. Up island: A Novel. 1st ed. New York : HarperCollinsPublishers, c1997. Molly Bell Redwine, shattered when her husband deserts her, her mother dies, and her grown children leave to make their own lives, seeks refuge with friends in Martha's Vineyard where she decides to stay and try to come to grips with her changing identity.
- Silverstein, Shel. Where the Sidewalk Ends : the poems & Drawings of Shel Silverstein. 1st ed. New York : HarperCollins, [1974]. A boy who turns into a TV set and a girl who eats a whale are only two of the characters in a collection of humorous poetry illustrated with the author's own drawings.
- Silverstein, Shel. A Giraffe and a Half. New York : HarperCollins, c1964. Cumulative rhymed text explains what might happen if you had a giraffe that stretched another half, put on a hat in which lived a rat that looked cute in a suit, and so on.
- Silverstein, Shel. The Missing Piece. 1st ed. New York : Harper & Row, c1976. A circle has difficulty finding its missing piece but has a good time looking for it.
- Silverstein, Shel. The Missing Piece Meets the Big O. 1st ed. New York : Harper & Row, c1981. A missing piece, looking for someone to carry it along, finally develops its own momentum.
- Silverstein, Shel. A Light In the Attic. New York : HarperCollins, c1981. A collection of humorous poems and drawings.
- Silverstein, Shel. The Giving Tree. New York : HarperCollins, c1964. A young boy grows to manhood and old age experiencing the love and generosity of a tree which gives to him without thought of return.
- Sinclair, Upton, 1878-1968. The Jungle. New York : Signet Classic, [2001]. Describes the conditions of the Chicago stockyards through the eyes of a young immigrant struggling in America
- Smith, Betty, 1896-1972. Maggie-Now. Boston : G.K. Hall, 1982, c1966. Maggie Moore (her childhood reprimand, "Maggie, now," becomes her nickname) is a simple Irish-Catholic girl who wants only to marry a good man and have children. But along comes Claude Basset, a Protestant-agnostic college graduate with an ironic wit that goes over her head and a wanderlust she doesn't find out about until after she marries him.
- Smith, Betty, 1896-1972. A Tree Grows in Brooklyn. 1st Perennial Classics ed. New York : Perennial Classics, 1998. Young Francie Nolan experiences the problems of growing up in a Brooklyn, New York slum.

Smith, Lee, 1944-. Family Linen. 1st Ballentine Books trade ed. New York : Ballentine Books, 1996. The long-hidden secrets of the Hess family of Virginia all come to light when Sybill, an extremely organized forty-seven-year-old single woman, decides to visit a hypnotist to learn the cause of her migraine headaches.

Smith, Lee, 1944-. Cakewalk. New York : Putnam, c1981. Between the lines -- Georgia Rose -
- All the days of our lives -- The seven deadly sins -- Gulfport -- Artists – Heat lightning -
- Dear Phil Donahue -- Mrs. Darcy meets the blue-eyed stranger at the beach -- Not
pictured – Saint Paul -- Horses -- The French Revolution : a love story -- Cakewalk.

Solzhenitsyn, Aleksandr Isaevich, 1918-. One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich. New York : Knopf : Distributed by Random House, 1995. Recounts the experiences of Shukhov, a prisoner at a Soviet work camp in Siberia, as he struggles for survival.

Sophocles. Antigone. New York : HarperCollins, c1962. Story of a young girl who defies her uncle, the king, by attempting to bury her dead brother.

Sophocles. Oedipus Rex. Studio City, CA : Players Press, c1992. Contains the unabridged text of the classic Greek tragedy about Oedipus, a king who inadvertently kills his father and marries his mother.

Southern, Terry. The Magic Christian. 1st Grove Press pbk. ed. New York : [Emeryville, CA] : Grove Press ; Distributed by Publishers Group West, 1996. Comic tale of Guy Grand, a billionaire who amuses himself by staging elaborate pranks that cause people to reveal how much they're willing to degrade themselves for money.

Soyinka, Wole. Aké : The Years of Childhood. 1st Vintage International ed. New York : Random International, 1989. This autobiography covers the first eleven years in the life of the Nigerian dramatist and poet.

Sparks, Nicholas. The Notebook. New York : Warner Books, 1996. Noah Calhoun, recently returned from World War II in 1946, buys an old plantation home in rural North Carolina, where he contents himself with memories of his first love, a girl he met fourteen years earlier, but then she unexpectedly arrives at his door.

Sparks, Nicholas. Message in a Bottle. New York, NY : Warner Books, c1998. Divorcée Theresa Osborne, on a vacation at the seaside, finds a love message in a bottle and becomes obsessed with learning the story behind the note.

Sparks, Nicholas. A Walk to Remember. New York : Warner Books, c1999. When a twist of fate makes Jamie Sullivan his date at the homecoming dance, Landon Carter never dreamed they would fall in love, but as he comes to realize his true feelings for Jamie, he learns of a terrible secret that will take his love away from him forever.

Stafford, Jean, 1915-. The Mountain Lion. 1st University of Texas Press ed. Austin : University of Texas Press, 1992. Two children are torn between the opposing worlds of

gentility and cowboy masculinity as they come of age before World War II in the U.S. West.

- Stegner, Wallace Earle, 1909-. Angle of Repose. Modern Library ed. New York : Modern Library, 2000, 1971. Story of four generations in the life of the Ward family, from America's western frontier to today.
- Steinbeck, John, 1902-1968. Of Mice and Men. New York, N.Y. : Penguin Books, 1993. Sustained by the hope of someday owning a farm of their own, two migrant laborers arrive to work on a ranch in central California.
- Steinbeck, John. Cannery Row. New York : Penguin, 1992. Recounts the adventures and misadventures of cannery workers living in the run-down waterfront section of Monterey, California.
- Stewart, Mary, 1916-. The Hollow Hills. 1st Eos trade pbk. ed. New York : Eos, 2003, c1973. The second novel in the Arthurian Saga finds prophet and enchanter Merlin Ambrosius keeping watch over his orphaned charge, young Arthur Pendragon, until the fateful day when Arthur fulfills his destiny by pulling a fabled sword from a stone to claim the throne of Britain.
- Stone, Irving, 1903-. The Agony and the Ecstasy : A Biographical Novel of Michelangelo. New York, N.Y., U.S.A. : Signet, c1961. Michelangelo's career as a sculptor, painter, architect, and poet is traced from his promising boyhood apprenticeships to the painter Ghirlandaio and the sculptor Bertoldo through all the years of his genius.
- Stone, Robert. A Flag for Sunrise : A Novel. 1st ed. New York : Knopf : Distributed by Random House, 1981. A priest, a nun, an anthropologist with CIA connections, a soldier of fortune and the contraband runners he joins are all drawn into events in a Central American country on the brink of revolution.
- Stone, Irving, 1903-. The Origin : A Biographical Novel of Charles Darwin. New York : New American Library, 1982, c1980. Details the life of Charles Darwin from his notable trip as a naturalist on the Beagle through his mature career as a widely respected but still controversial scientist.
- Stoppard, Tom. Rosencrantz & Guildenstern are Dead. New York : Grove Weidenfeld, c1967. A revision of Shakespeare's Hamlet as seen through the lowly eyes of the two title characters.
- Stowe, Harriet Beecher, 1811-1896. Uncle Tom's Cabin. New York : Pocket Books, [2004]. Presents Harriet Beecher Stowe's 1852 novel about an elderly slave who maintains his human dignity in the face of cruelty, suffering, and death; and includes a Stowe time line, a historical time line, critical excerpts, discussion questions, and other study tools.

Strindberg, August, 1849-1912. Miss Julie. Studio City, CA : Players Press, c1996. Presents an unabridged republication of the late nineteenth-century Swedish play about a young aristocrat who seduces her father's valet.

Stuart, Jesse, 1906-1984. The Thread That Runs So True. 1st Touchstone ed. New York : Touchstone Book, 1998, c1949. Describes Stuart's experiences as a school teacher for twenty years, until he became a sheep farmer.

Stevenson, Robert Louis, 1850-1894. Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. 1st TOR ed. New York : TOR, c1991, c1988. A London physician leads a double life when he discovers a drug that alters his appearance and disposition.

Stevenson, Robert Louis, 1850-1894. Treasure Island. New York : Knopf : Distributed by Random House, c1992. While going through the possessions of a deceased guest who owed them money, the mistress of the inn and her son find a treasure map that leads them to a pirate's fortune.

Stevenson, Robert Louis, 1850-1894. Kidnapped. New York : A.A. Knopf : Distributed by Random House, c1994. After being kidnapped by his villainous uncle, sixteen-year-old David Balfour escapes and becomes involved in the struggle of the Scottish highlanders against English rule.

Stoker, Bram, 1847-1912. Dracula. New York : Bantam, 1981, c1897. Having discovered the double identity of the wealthy Transylvanian nobleman Count Dracula, a small group of people vow to rid the world of the evil vampire.

Swift, Jonathan 1667-1745. Gulliver's Travels. 1st American ed. New York : Dorling Kindersley Limited, 2000. The voyages of an eighteenth-century Englishman carry him to such strange places as Lilliput, where people are six inches tall, and Brobdingnag, a land peopled by giants. Illustrated notes throughout the text explain the historical background of the story.

Styron, William, 1925-. Lie Down in Darkness. 1st Vintage International ed. New York : Vintage Books, 1992. Story of the Loftis family living in the South, haunted by infidelity and driven by a vengeful love.

Tan, Amy. The Joy Luck Club. New York : Putnam's, c1989. In 1949 four Chinese women began meeting in San Francisco to play mah-jong. They called their gathering the Joy Luck Club. Forty years later they look back and remember.

Tan, Amy. The Hundred Secret Senses. 1st Ballantine Books domestic ed. New York : Ivy Books, 1996. Kwan moves from China to live with her family in San Francisco and develops a relationship with her half sister Olivia, confiding in Olivia about the ghosts who advise her about love and relationships.

- Taylor, Mildred D. Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry. New York : Puffin Books, 1997. An African-American family living in the South during the 1930s is faced with prejudice and discrimination which its children do not understand.
- Taylor, Mildred D. Let the Circle Be Unbroken. New York : Puffin, 1991, c1981. Four black children growing up in rural Mississippi during the Depression experience racial antagonisms and hard times, but learn from their parents the pride and self-respect they need.
- Thoreau, Henry David, 1817-1862. Walden. Boston : Beacon Press, [1997], 1854. Presents an annotated version of the 1854 edition of "Walden," in which Thoreau offers his philosophy of life and observations of nature gleaned from two years of solitude living in a cabin on Walden Pond in Massachusetts.
- Tocqueville, Alexis de, 1805-1859. Democracy in America. New York : Literary Classics : Distributed to the trade in the U.S. by Penguin Putnam, c2004. Based partly on the author's observations of American political and social conditions during a visit in 1831-1832.
- Tolkien, J. R. R. (John Ronald Reuel), 1892-1973. The Hobbit, or, There and Back Again. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, [1997]. 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.
- Tolkien, J. R. R. (John Ronald Reuel), 1892-1973. The Lord of the Rings. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, 1999, c1991. The fellowship of the ring -- The two towers -- The return of the king.
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- Tolkien, J. R. R. (John Ronald Reuel), 1892-1973. The Return of the King : being the third part of The lord of the rings. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, [2001]. As the Shadow of Mordor grows, the companions find their way through danger and mystery as they defeat the Dark Lord and celebrate Aragorn's ascent to become King of the West. Includes appendices containing genealogical and historical information that form the background of the story.
- Tolstoy, Leo, graf, 1828-1910. Ana Karenina. Madrid : Edimat Libros, [2003]. In nineteenth-century Russia, the wife of an important government official loses her family and social status when she chooses the love of Count Vronsky over a passionless marriage.
- Tolstoy, Leo, graf, 1828-1910. War and Peace. New York : Signet Classic, c1968. An epic novel featuring the Russian role in the Napoleonic wars and providing a complex panorama of the life of the time.

- Truss, Lynne. Eats, Shoots & Leaves : The Zero Tolerance Approach to Punctuation. New York : Gotham Books, [2004]. Lynne Truss, a self-proclaimed stickler, presents a humorous look at the history of punctuation, discussing the use and misuse of commas, apostrophes, semi-colons, and other punctuation marks.
- Tryon, Thomas. Harvest Home. New York : Dell, 1987, c1973. The village of Cornwall Coombe seemed like the kind of crime-free place where New Yorker Ned Constantine and his family could live safely. Then something about the town's eccentric people began to make him uneasy.
- Turow, Scott. Personal Injuries. 1st trade ed. New York : Farrar, Straus, Giroux, 1999. Successful personal injury lawyer Robbie Feaver, caught trying to influence the decisions of the court, is granted leniency by the FBI in exchange for his help in a sting operation against judges.
- Twain, Mark, 1835-1910. The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn. New York : Bantam Books, c1993. Huck Finn, a Mississippi River boy, takes a trip down the river on a raft. During his travels he has a narrow escape from a gang of murderers.
- Twain, Mark, 1835-1910. A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court. New York : Books of Wonder : Morrow, c1988. A blow on the head transports a Yankee to 528 A.D. where he proceeds to modernize King Arthur's kingdom by organizing a school system, constructing telephone lines, and inventing the printing press.
- Tyler, Anne. The Accidental Tourist. New York : Berkley Books, 1998, c1985. An author of guidebooks for traveling businessmen goes through life "accidentally". It is an accident tinged with purpose when he gets involved with the astonishing Muriel and her talent for finding adventure.
- Uchida, Yoshiko. Journey Home. 1st ed. New York : Atheneum, 1978. After their release from an American concentration camp, a Japanese-American girl and her family try to reconstruct their lives amidst strong anti-Japanese feelings which breed fear, distrust, and violence.
- Vanzant, Iyanla. Yesterday, I Cried : Celebrating the Lessons of Living and Loving. 1st Fireside mass market ed. New York : Simon & Schuster, 2001, c1998. The author shares the story of her personal life, discussing what she has learned from the hardships she has experienced, and offers advice to readers on how to leave the pain of the past behind and move toward a brighter future.
- Vidal, Gore, 1925-. Burr. Modern Library ed. New York : Modern Library, 1998. A fictional memoir based on actual facts describing the early struggles and intrigues of the United States and of Aaron Burr.
- Virgil. The Aeneid. New York : Knopf : Distributed by Random House, c1992. Virgil's epic poem describing the fall of Troy and the legendary origin of Rome in English prose.

- Voltaire, 1694-1778. Candide and Other Stories. Oxford ; New York : Oxford University Press, 1998. 1759 story of a simple man who, though pummeled by fate, holds to his belief that he lives in the best of all possible worlds.
- Vogel, Malvina G. The Three Musketeers. New York, N.Y. : Baronet, c1990. During the reign of France's King Louis XIII, D'Artagnan and three musketeers unite to defend the honor of Anne of Austria against the plots of Cardinal Richelieu.
- Vonnegut, Kurt. Cat's cradle. Large print ed. Thorndike, Me. : G.K. Hall, 2000, c1963. In the year 2000, a young man discovers ice-nine, a dangerous substance which can set off a chain reaction more deadly than a nuclear bomb, and discovers a new prophet whose teachings sweep the world.
- Vonnegut, Kurt. Slaughterhouse-five, or, The Children's Crusade: A Duty-dance with Death. New York : Bantam Doubleday Dell, 1991, c1969. A fourth-generation German-American is tortured by his memories of the firebombing of Dresden in 1944 which he witnessed while a prisoner of war.
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- Walker, Alice, 1944-. The Color Purple. New York : Pocket Books, c1982. Tells the story of two sisters: Nettie, a missionary in Africa, and Celie, a child-wife living in the South, in the medium of their letters to each other and in Celie's case, the desperate letters she begins, "Dear God."
- Wallace, Irving, 1916-. The Miracle. Large print ed. Thorndike, Me. : Thorndike Press, c1984. The announcement from the Vatican that the Virgin Mary is returning to Lourdes this very year to perform another miracle cure holds the world enthralled.
- Wallace, Irving, 1916-. The Prize. New York, : Simon and Schuster, 1962. the lives of a group of Nobel Prize winners - a French husband-and-wife team of chemists, an American heart surgeon, and a German-born physicist sought after by the Communists of East Germany.
- Wallace, Irving, 1916-. The R Document : A Novel. New York : Simon and Schuster, c1976. political thriller about Christopher Collins, the Attorney General, who fights with the director of the FBI over the proposed 35th Amendment to the Constitution.

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- Warren, Robert Penn, 1905-. All the King's Men. New York : Harcourt, Brace, 1946. The story of Willie Stark and how he becomes the governor of a state depicts the rise of an honest, small-time politician and his corruption by success.
- Waugh, Evelyn, 1903-1966. The Loved One : An Anglo-American Tragedy. Boston : Little Brown, 1999, c1976. Mr. Joyboy, an embalmer, and Aimee Thanatogenos, crematorium cosmetician, find their romance complicated by the appearance of a young English poet.
- Wells, Bertram Whittier, b. 1884. The Natural Gardens of North Carolina. Rev. ed. Chapel Hill : University of North Carolina Press, c2002.
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- Wells, Rebecca. Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood : A Novel. 1st ed. New York, NY : Harper Collins Publishers, c1996. Siddalee Walker, a successful theater director, is thrown into a void of uncertainty when she has a falling out with her mother over a New York Times article in which Vivi is characterized as an abusive parent, and the Ya-Yas, Vivi's gang of lifelong girlfriends, conspire to restore the mother-daughter relationship.
- Wells, Rebecca. Little Altars Everywhere : A Novel. 1st Harper Perennial ed. New York : HarperPerennial, 1996. The Walker clan, Vivi and Big Shep; their children Sidda, Little Shep, Lulu, and Baylor; Vivi's long-time girlfriends the Ya-Yas; and neighbors Cheney and Willetta, live out their lives in flamboyant and secretive style in the bayou of Thornton, Louisiana.
- Welty, Eudora, 1909-. Complete Novels. New York : Library of America : Distributed to the trade in the U.S. by Penguin, c1998. The robber bridegroom -- Delta wedding -- The Ponder heart -- Losing battles -- The optimist's daughter. A collection of fiction stories by Eudora Welty that portray life in the southern Mississippi area.
- West, Nathanael, 1903-1940. The Day of the Locust. New York : Penguin Putnam, 1983, c1966. Describes the seedy world of Hollywood and its people--some hopeful, and some despairing, from a romantic artist narrator to a macho movie cowboy, and the hard-as-nails call girl/would-be-movie star for whom they all lust.
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- White, Theodore Harold, 1915-. The Making of the President, 1964. New York : Atheneum, [c1965]. Documents the 1964 Presidential campaign which resulted in the election of Lyndon B. Johnson over Republican conservative Barry M. Goldwater.
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- Wiesel, Elie, 1928-. The Jews of Silence : A Personal Report on Soviet Jewry. 1st Schocken paperback ed. New York : Schocken Books, 1987. "Originally written as a series of articles for the Israeli newspaper, Yediot Aharanot."
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- Williams, Tennessee, 1911-1983. Cat on a Hot Tin Roof. New York : New American Library, c1955. Dying Southern patriarch clashes with alcoholic son in emotion-charged drama of greed, guilt, and frustration.
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