

HAISLN RECOMMENDED READING LIST 2014
PreSchool, PreKindergarten, Kindergarten

Any available unabridged edition of a title is acceptable.

- Adler, David A. ***Things That Float and Things That Don't***. Holiday House, 2013. The concept of density is explained to children using examples of why some objects float and others sink.
- Allen, Jonathan. ***Don't Copy Me!*** Boxer Books, 2012. Little Puffin is distressed when some cheeky gull chicks begin to follow him around and copy his every move, but the more he protests, the more gulls join the game.
- Andreae, Giles. ***I Love My Daddy***. Disney Hyperion, 2012. A father and child enjoy special time together playing on the swings, singing and dancing, having snacks, and cuddling.
- Ashman, Linda. ***Rain!*** Houghton Mifflin, 2013. As an old man grumbles his way through a rainy morning spreading gloom, his neighbor, a young child, spreads cheer while hopping through puddles in frog-themed rainwear.
- Bennett, Kelly. ***Not Norman: a Goldfish Story***. Candlewick, 2005. As a boy attempts to convince someone else to take his disappointing pet, he learns to love Norman the goldfish himself.
- Bloom, Suzanne. ***The Bus for Us***. Boyds Mills, 2001. Eagerly awaiting the bus on her first day of school, Tess learns the names of different vehicles from her older friend, Gus.
- Boldt, Mike. ***123 Versus ABC***. Harper, 2013. While numbers and letters may disagree about who is the real star of the book, the reader is the real winner due to the rollicking illustrations and fast-paced fun.
- Boyd, Lizi. ***Inside Outside***. Chronicle Books, 2013. In this story without words, a boy and his dog play inside and outside while the images from succeeding pages appear through die-cut holes.
- Brown, Peter. ***Mr. Tiger Goes Wild***. Little, Brown, 2013. Bored with city life and the proper behavior it requires, Mr. Tiger has a wild idea that leads him to discover his true nature.
- Bunting, Eve. ***Have You Seen My New Blue Socks?*** Clarion, 2013. The reader is invited to help Duck and his animal friends find a missing item.
- Butterworth, Christine. ***See What a Seal Can Do***. Candlewick, 2013. This portrait of seal characteristics and life explains that they are slow and sleepy on land, but powerful and graceful under the water.
- Cole, Joanna. ***When You Were Inside Mommy***. HarperCollins, 2001. A mother and father tell their young son the fascinating story of his gestation and birth, and advice for parents on talking to their children about this subject is included.
- DaCosta, Barbara. ***Nighttime Ninja***. Little, Brown, 2012. Readers follow a ninja creeping quietly through the house in search of treasure.
- Davick, Linda. ***I Love You, Nose! I Love You, Toes!*** Beach Lane Books, 2013. In rhyming verse, children celebrate each body part.
- Davies, Nicola. ***What Happens Next?*** Candlewick, 2012. Flip the flaps to discover all kinds of amazing things that animals do.

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- DePaola, Tomie. ***Pancakes for Breakfast***. Harcourt Brace, 1978. In this wordless book, a little old lady's attempts to have pancakes for breakfast are hindered by a scarcity of supplies and the participation of her pets.
- Dotlich, Rebecca Kai. ***What Can a Crane Pick Up?*** Alfred A. Knopf, 2012. Illustrations and rhyming text show that a crane can lift anything, from a cow to a load of steel.
- Dudley, Rebecca. ***Hank Finds an Egg***. Peter Pauper Press, 2013. Hank finds an egg on the ground while walking through the woods, discovers the nest from which it fell, and tries his best to return it.
- Dunrea, Olivier. ***Little Cub***. Philomel, 2012. A young bear cub, who is alone in the world, and Old Bear, who is grumpy and tired of living alone, meet and discover what they have been missing.
- Eastman, Peter. ***Fred and Ted Go Camping***. Random House, 2005. Even though they do things very differently, Fred and Ted are friends and enjoy going camping together in the woods.
- Elliott, David. ***In the Sea***. Candlewick, 2012. This collection of poems for children features woodcut illustrations and rhyming text about the characteristics and behaviors of sea horses, sharks, urchins, whales, and other sea creatures.
- Feiffer, Kate. ***No Go Sleep!*** Simon & Schuster, 2012. It's time for bed, but a baby does not want to go to sleep and is determined to stay awake as long as possible.
- Fisher, Valorie. ***Everything I Need to Know Before I'm Five***. Schwartz and Wade, 2011. Bright photos illustrate the concepts a child needs to know by the age of five, including numbers, letters, colors, shapes, opposites, and seasons.
- Fleming, Candace. ***Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!*** Atheneum, 2002. After planting the garden he has dreamed of for years, Mr. McGreely tries to find a way to keep some persistent bunnies from eating all his vegetables.
- Foley, Greg E. ***Don't Worry, Bear***. Viking, 2008. A caterpillar reassures a worried bear that they will see each other again when the caterpillar emerges from its cocoon.
- Formento, Alison. ***These Bees Count!*** Whitman, 2012. Mr. Tate's class visits a bee and honey farm where Farmer Ellen teaches the children how to listen to the bees talk.
- Fox, Mem. ***Hello Baby!*** Beach Lane Books, 2009. A baby encounters a variety of young animals, including a clever monkey, a hairy warthog, and a dusty lion cub, before discovering the most precious creature of all.
- George, Kristine O'Connell. ***Little Dog and Duncan: Poems***. Clarion, 2002. This illustrated collection of poems describes, from a little girl's point of view, what happens when a large dog and a small dog are friends.
- Gibson, Ginger Foglesong. ***Tiptoe Joe***. Greenwillow, 2013. A bear invites all the animals to follow him through the forest, on tiptoe, to see a special surprise that requires utmost silence.
- Griffith, Helen V. ***Moonlight***. Greenwillow, 2012. On a cloudy night, the moon comes out, covering the countryside like butter and awakening Rabbit to come out and dance.

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- Guiberson, Brenda Z. **Frog Song**. Holt, 2013. The songs of frogs from around the world are discussed.
- Harris, Robie H. **Maybe a Bear Ate It!** Orchard Books, 2008. At bedtime, a young boy who cannot find his favorite book imagines the various creatures that might have taken it from him.
- Henkes, Kevin. **Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse**. Greenwillow, 1996. Lilly loves everything about school, especially her teacher, but when he asks her to wait a while before showing the class her new purse, she does something for which she is very sorry later.
- Hodgkinson, Leigh. **Goldilocks and Just One Bear**. Nosy Crow, 2012. Little Bear, all grown up, finds himself lost in a noisy, busy city where he happens to bump into someone with golden hair who remembers exactly how he likes his porridge.
- Horse, Harry. **Little Rabbit Goes to School**. Peachtree, 2004. Little Rabbit takes his favorite toy, Charlie Horse, along for his first day of school, and when there is trouble he blames it all on Charlie.
- Hort, Lenny. **The Seals on the Bus**. Holt, 2000. Different animals -- including seals, tigers, geese, rabbits, monkeys and more -- make their own sounds as they ride all around the town on a bus.
- Hudson, Cheryl Willis. **Hands Can**. Candlewick, 2003. Photographs and simple, rhyming text present different ways that hands can be used, including holding or mixing things and waving goodbye.
- Idle, Molly. **Tea Rex**. Viking, 2013. With Tea Rex as her guest, Cordelia demonstrates how to host a proper tea party.
- Janni, Rebecca. **Every Cowgirl Needs a Horse**. Dutton, 2010. Nellie Sue, who fancies herself to be a real cowgirl, wants a horse for her birthday, but she discovers that a brand new bicycle -- her first -- takes almost as much taming as a filly.
- Jenkins, Steve. **Move!** Houghton Mifflin, 2006. A variety of animals that swing, walk, dive, swim, leap, slither, climb, fly, run, dance, float, slide, and waddle are introduced.
- Karas, G. Brian. **On Earth**. Putnam's, 2005. The motions of the Earth are described as they relate to time, such as the year, seasons, and days.
- Katz, Karen. **Now I'm Big!** McElderry Books, 2013. A little girl contrasts all of the amazing things she can do for herself that had to be done for her when she was a baby.
- Ketteman, Helen. **Señorita Gordita**. Whitman, 2012. In this reset to the Southwest of the familiar tale of the gingerbread boy, the scrumptious Gordita, a little corn cake, escapes her pursuers until she meets a clever owl.
- Klausmeier, Jesse. **Open This Little Book**. Chronicle Books, 2013. Pages of decreasing size, then increasing size, reveal various animals, each opening a book of a different color and reading about the next.
- Komiya, Teruyuki. **Life-size Zoo: from Tiny Rodents to Gigantic Elephants, an Actual-Sized Animal Encyclopedia**. Seven Footer Kids, 2009. Twenty-one different types of animals found in Japan's premiere zoos are depicted using close-up wildlife photographs accompanied by detailed descriptions.

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- Konagaya, Kiyomi. ***Beach Feet***. Enchanted Lion Books, 2012. This cheerful book follows a free and independent child as he explores the beach, focusing on his feet as he feels the sand, shells, and water.
- LaRochelle, David. ***Moo!*** Walker, 2013. When Cow gets her hooves on the farmer's car, she takes it for a wild ride through the country.
- London, Jonathan. ***A Truck Goes Rattley-bumpa***. Holt, 2005. This book uses simple text with illustrations to describe different types of trucks doing a variety of tasks.
- Long, Ethan. ***Up, Tall and High!*** Putnam's, 2012. Through illustrations and simple text, birds demonstrate the meanings of the words up, tall, and high.
- Lord, Cynthia. ***Hot Rod Hamster***. Scholastic, 2010. A hamster, with the help of a canine junkyard dealer and his mouse assistants, builds a hot rod and drives it in a race against some very large dogs.
- Lord, Janet. ***Here Comes Grandma!*** Holt, 2005. Grandma is coming to visit her grandchild and she will use any possible method of transport, including a horse and a hot air balloon, to get there.
- Lyons, Shelly. ***Signs in My Neighborhood***. Capstone, 2013. Simple text and photographs describe basic signs found in any neighborhood and explain why they are important.
- Magoon, Scott. ***The Boy Who Cried Bigfoot!*** Simon & Schuster, 2013. Ben has so often tried to convince people he has seen Bigfoot that when a real yeti arrives and borrows his bicycle, no one comes to see if Ben is telling the truth.
- Markes, Julie. ***Shhhhh! Everybody's Sleeping***. HarperCollins, 2005. A young child is encouraged to go to sleep by the thought of everyone else sleeping, from teacher to baker to postman.
- Masurel, Claire. ***Two Homes***. Candlewick, 2001. A young boy named Alex enjoys the homes of both his parents who live apart but love him very much.
- Mavor, Salley. ***Pocketful of Posies: A Treasury of Nursery Rhymes***. Houghton Mifflin, 2010. This collection of familiar nursery rhymes is illustrated with scenes made from fabric and cloth.
- McLeod, Bob. ***SuperHero ABC***. HarperCollins, 2006. Humorously-named superheroes such as Goo Girl and The Volcano represent the letters of the alphabet from A to Z.
- McMullan, Kate. ***I'm Big!*** Balzer + Bray, 2010. A young Sauropod encounters friends and foes while searching for his pack, who left while he was oversleeping.
- Melling, David. ***The Kiss That Missed***. Barron's, 2002. When a goodnight kiss from the King to his son goes astray and escapes to the forest, the bravest knight is sent to find it and bring it back.
- Meshon, Aaron. ***Take Me Out to the Yakuyu***. Atheneum, 2013. A little boy's grandfathers, one in America and one in Japan, teach him about baseball and its rich, varying cultural traditions.
- Milgrim, David. ***Some Monsters Are Different***. Holt, 2013. Monsters can be different and unique, but they are all perfect and wonderful "just the way they are."

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- Miranda, Anne. **To Market, To Market.** Harcourt Brace, 1997. Starting with the nursery rhyme about buying a fat pig at the market, this humorous tale goes on to describe a series of unruly animals that run amok, evading capture, and preventing the narrator from cooking lunch.
- Moore, Eva. **Lucky Ducklings.** Orchard Books, 2013. While following their mother through town, five little ducklings fall into a storm drain and are eventually saved in this true rescue story.
- Most, Bernard. **ABC T-Rex.** Harcourt, 2000. A young T-Rex loves his ABC's so much that he eats them up, experiencing on each letter a word that begins with that letter.
- Munro, Roxie. **Rodeo.** Bright Sky Press, 2007. Colorful rodeo events are depicted in this lift-the-flap, fold-out book.
- Murguia, Bethanie Deeney. **Snippet the Early Riser.** Alfred A. Knopf, 2013. Snippet, the early-rising snail, has trouble waking up his sleepy-headed family.
- Murphy, Stuart J. **Monster Musical Chairs.** HarperCollins, 2000. As six monsters play a wild game of musical chairs, readers learn to subtract - one chair at a time.
- Murray, Alison. **One Two That's My Shoe!** Disney-Hyperion, 2012. Using illustrations and rhyming text, the reader is encouraged to count from one to ten when a mischievous puppy runs off with his owner's shoe.
- Museum ABC.** Little, Brown, 2002. This picture book features works of art from different cultures and different periods to illustrate the letters of the alphabet.
- Pinkney, Jerry. **The Tortoise & the Hare.** Little, Brown, 2013. Illustrations and minimal text relate the familiar fable of the race between a slow tortoise and a quick but foolish hare.
- Raposa, Joe. **Sing.** Holt, 2013. The classic Sesame Street song about self-expression and the celebration of music is presented in an illustrated version.
- Raschka, Chris. **Everyone Can Learn to Ride a Bicycle.** Schwartz & Wade, 2013. A father teaches his daughter all about bicycle riding, from selecting the right bike to trying again after a fall.
- Rash, Andy. **Are You a Horse?** Arthur A. Levine, 2009. When Roy receives a saddle for his birthday, he goes in search of a horse to use it on, with humorous results.
- Rathmann, Peggy. **Good Night, Gorilla.** Putnam's, 1994. An unobservant zookeeper is followed home by all the animals he thinks he has left behind in the zoo.
- Ray, Mary Lyn. **Boom! Big, Big Thunder & One Small Dog.** Disney-Hyperion, 2013. Rosie, a little dog, is afraid of nothing except thunder, and during one very bad storm she discovers that the boy with whom she lives is frightened too.
- Reid, Barbara. **Picture a Tree.** Whitman, 2011. Using creative artwork, the reader is invited to look at shapes, colors, and textures of trees during their various stages of life.
- Robinson, Michelle. **What to Do If an Elephant Stands on Your Foot.** Dial Books, 2012. The reader receives advice on how to handle encounters with various animals in the jungle, where a mistake while avoiding one can attract the attention of another.

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- Rosenthal, Eileen. ***I'll Save You, Bobo!*** Atheneum, 2012. Willy is writing a story about Bobo in order to act out his revenge fantasies on Earl, who retaliates by wrecking Willy's stories until they both realize that they have something in common.
- Rotner, Shelley. ***Senses on the Farm.*** Millbrook, 2009. Photographs show children using their five senses to find out what life is like on a farm.
- Rueda, Claudia. ***Is It Big or Is It Little?*** Eerdmans Books, 2013. A cat and mouse chase demonstrates such concepts as deep and shallow, scary and scared, and beginning and end.
- Rylant, Cynthia. ***Brownie & Pearl Grab a Bite.*** Beach Lane Books, 2011. A little girl named Brownie and her cat, Pearl, enjoy their healthy lunch of cheese, apples, crackers and milk in different ways.
- Salas, Laura Purdie. ***A Leaf Can Be...*** Millbrook, 2012. With rhyming text and illustrations, this story explores some of the many things a leaf can be, from tree topper to rain stopper. Facts about leaves and a glossary are included.
- Sayre, April Pulley. ***Go, Go, Grapes!: A Fruit Chant.*** Beach Lane Books, 2012. Rhyming text and colorful illustrations describe various aspects of different fruits, such as taste, scent and appearance.
- Seeger, Laura Vaccaro. ***Bully.*** Roaring Brook, 2013. A little bull sadly discovers that he has been a big bully.
- Shaskan, Stephen. ***A Dog Is a Dog.*** Chronicle Books, 2011. Using various animals as examples, this rhyming picture book explores what makes them the same and what makes them different.
- Slate, Joseph. ***Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten.*** Dutton, 1996. The reader is introduced to the letters of the alphabet as Miss Bindergarten and her students get ready for kindergarten.
- Spinelli, Eileen. ***When No One Is Watching.*** Eerdmans Books, 2013. When alone, a young girl enjoys dancing, singing, growling, and cheering, but when anyone other than her best friend is watching, she is quiet and shy.
- Springstubb, Tricia. ***Phoebe and Digger.*** Candlewick, 2013. When the new baby arrives, Phoebe gets a new Digger to play with when Mama is busy, but during a trip to the park, Phoebe realizes that her mother is still there when she needs her.
- Stead, Philip C. ***A Home for Bird.*** Roaring Brook, 2012. A silent Bird goes on a journey with Vernon, the toad, in hopes of finding Bird's home.
- Stein, Peter. ***Cars Galore.*** Candlewick, 2011. Cars of all shapes, colors, and sizes, including an igloo ice-fueled polar car and an eco-friendly car that runs on air, are presented in illustrations and rhyme.
- Taback, Simms. ***Simms Taback's Dinosaurs: A Giant Fold-out Book.*** Blue Apple Books, 2012. Clues are given to readers who are asked to guess which kind of dinosaur is on the next fold-out page.
- Thomas, Jan. ***Can You Make a Scary Face?*** Beach Lane Books, 2009. A ladybug invites the reader to play a game of "let's pretend."

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- Tierney, Fiona. ***Lion's Lunch?*** Chicken House, 2010. When Lion comes upon Sarah walking in the jungle, he threatens to eat her unless she shows that she can do something none of the other animals can do.
- Viva, Frank. ***A Trip to the Bottom of the World with Mouse.*** Toon Books, 2012. A boy and a mouse take a bumpy sea journey to the majestic expanses of Antarctica where they see the sights and meet new friends.
- Wells, Rosemary. ***Time-out for Sophie.*** Viking, 2013. Although Sophie wants to be helpful and good, sometimes she ignores her mother, father, and grandmother and must have a time-out.
- Wheeler, Lisa. ***Dino-Soccer.*** Carolrhoda Books, 2009. Plant-eating dinosaurs face meat-eating dinosaurs in a fast-moving, exciting soccer match.
- Willems, Mo. ***The Pigeon Wants a Puppy!*** Hyperion, 2008. The pigeon really, really wants a puppy, but he changes his mind when a puppy finally arrives.
- Wood, Audrey. ***Ten Little Fish.*** Blue Sky Press, 2004. Ten little fish swim along an ocean reef, but each finds a reason to leave until there is only one left.
- Yates, Louise. ***Dog Loves Counting.*** Alfred A. Knopf, 2013. When Dog has trouble putting down his books at bedtime, his friends help him find fun things to count so he can fall asleep.
- Young, Amy. ***Don't Eat the Baby!*** Viking, 2013. Tom is not entirely sure how he feels about his new baby brother, Nathaniel, but he is very concerned that all of their relatives say they want to eat Nate!

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- Adderson, Caroline. ***Left Behind***. Kids Can Press, 2013. When Jasper John's Nan leaves for a week-long cruise to Alaska, he can only think about how he will miss her and all the fun things they do together. *Series*
- Adler, David A. ***A Picture Book of Sam Houston***. Holiday House, 2012. A brief overview of the life and accomplishments of Texas politician Sam Houston.
- Adler, David A. ***Young Cam Jansen and the Speedy Car Mystery***. Viking, 2010. At her school's Green Fair, Cam and her friends are learning to keep the earth green when a student's remote controlled car goes missing! Was it stolen? It's up to Cam and her photographic memory to figure it out! *Series*
- Applegate, Katherine. ***Never Race a Runaway Pumpkin***. HarperCollins, 2009. Roscoe is determined to guess the weight of a giant pumpkin in order to win books for his school library and candy for himself, but he is overwhelmed by superstitions, especially about a certain black kitten. *Series*
- Archer, Peggy. ***Name That Dog! Puppy Poems from A to Z***. Dial Books, 2010. A collection of humorously illustrated poems about dogs, their names and their unique personalities.
- Barrows, Annie. ***Ivy + Bean***. Chronicle Books, 2006. When seven-year-old Bean plays a mean trick on her sister, she finds unexpected support for her antics from Ivy, the new neighbor, who is less boring than Bean first suspected. *Series*
- Beard, Alex. ***The Jungle Grapevine***. Abrams Books, 2009. Reminiscent of *Chicken Little*, this cleverly illustrated book demonstrates how rumors get started and quickly get out of hand.
- Best, Cari. ***Beatrice Spells Some Lulus and Learns to Write a Letter***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2013. Beatrice enjoys learning to spell, and gets really excited about it after some encouragement from her grandmother, but she has trouble convincing her classmates that spelling is not boring.
- Bell, Cece. ***Rabbit and Robot: The Sleepover***. Candlewick, 2012. Rabbit has his best friend Robot coming to spend the night. Rabbit has everything planned out, but Robot has different ideas about his friend's plans which ultimately result in an enjoyable time together.
- Branford, Anna. ***Violet Mackerel's Natural Habitat***. Atheneum, 2013. As the youngest in her family, seven year old Violet identifies with small creatures in the natural world, but when she tries to help a special ladybug, she learns an important lesson about animal habitats. *Series*
- Brendler, Carol. ***Winnie Finn, Worm Farmer***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2009. Zany and whimsical drawings bring this story about Winnie, the worm farmer, to life. Winnie needs a new wagon, so she looks for ways to win first prize at the county fair; however, there are no prizes for worm farmers.

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- Burleigh, Robert. ***One Giant Leap***. Philomel, 2009. An illustrated retelling of Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin's lunar landing in 1969.
- Byars, Betsy. ***Boo's Dinosaur***. Holt, 2006. When young Boo is followed home by a dinosaur that only she can see, it causes a bit of trouble for her older brother, Sammy.
- Chabon, Michael. ***The Astonishing Secret of Awesome Man***. Balzer + Bray 2011. A young superhero describes his awesome powers, which he then demonstrates as various foes arrive on the scene.
- Chaconas, Dori. ***Cork & Fuzz: The Swimming Lesson***. Viking, 2011. Cork the muskrat wants his best friend Fuzz, a possum, to visit his home, but first he must teach Fuzz to swim and not be afraid of the water. *Series*
- Cocca-Leffler, Maryann. ***Princess K.I.M. and the Lie That Grew***. Whitman, 2009. In an attempt to impress her new classmates, Kim lies about her name and claims that she comes from a royal family, but she gets herself into real trouble after her classmates beg to meet Kim's grandmother--the Queen.
- Collins, Ross. ***Dear Vampa***. Katherine Tegen, 2009. A young vampire writes a letter to his grandfather bemoaning his new neighbors.
- Coy, John. ***Hoop Genius: How a Desperate Teacher and Rowdy Gym Class Invented Basketball***. Carolrhoda Books, 2013. In 1891 James Naismith invented basketball as a game of skill to keep the unruly students in his gym class engaged.
- Cronin, Doreen. ***Diary of a Fly***. Joanna Cotler, 2007. A young fly discovers, day by day, that there is a lot to learn about being an insect, including the dangers of flyswatters and that heroes come in all shapes and sizes.
- Davis, Jill. ***Orangutans Are Ticklish: Fun Facts From an Animal Photographer***. Schwartz & Wade, 2010. Provides interesting facts about animals and explores what it takes to photograph them, with animal photographer Steve Grubman sharing some of his favorite, and scariest, encounters.
- dePaola, Tomie. ***26 Fairmount Avenue***. Putnam's, 1999. Children's author and illustrator Tomie De Paola describes his experiences at home and in school when he was a boy. Newbery Honor 2000. *Series*
- DiCamillo, Kate. ***Bink & Gollie: Best Friends Forever***. Candlewick Press, 2013. Bink & Gollie are back with three new adventures. *Series*
- DiCamillo, Kate. ***Mercy Watson Thinks Like a Pig***. Candlewick, 2008. Two sisters move in next door to where Mercy the pig lives and, frustrated when Mercy continues to eat their flowers, they decide to call for the help of an Animal Control Officer, Francine Poulet, to handle the case. *Series*
- DiPucchio, Kelly S. ***Grace for President***. Hyperion, 2008. After finding out there has never been a female U.S. president, Grace decides to run in her school's mock election where she learns about the American electoral system and sets out to be the best person for the job even though her opponent, Thomas, seems to be winning all the boys' votes.

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- Egan, Tim. ***Dodsworth in Tokyo***. Houghton Mifflin, 2013. Dodsworth and his misbehaving duck continue their journeys with a trip to Tokyo. Again Dodsworth must come to the rescue of the duck as he causes a series of mishaps. *Series*.
- English, Karen. ***Nikki & Deja: Election Madness***. Clarion, 2011. Deja, excited by the announcement that Carver School is going to elect its first ever student body president, is confident she can nab the third grade nomination with her best friend Nikki as her campaign manager; but her tendency to rush into things and boss people around alienates Nikki when she needs her the most. *Series*
- Ernst, Lisa Campbell. ***The Gingerbread Girl***. Dutton, 2006. After their first gingerbread disaster, the lonely old couple decides to bake again and create a gingerbread girl who proves herself to be one smart cookie.
- Feder, Sandra. ***Daisy's Perfect Word***. Kids Can Press, 2012. Daisy loves to collect words. When she learns that her teacher will be moving away she decides her gift will be "the perfect word."
- Ferris, Jeri Chase. ***Noah Webster & His Words***. Houghton Mifflin, 2012. Recounts the life of Noah Webster who gave us *Webster's Dictionary of the American Language* as well as important contributions to American education.
- Fleischman, Paul. ***The Matchbox Diary***. Candlewick Press, 2013. A heartwarming story of a little girl visiting her Italian great-grandfather who learns of his life through a diary of saved objects kept in matchboxes. This story will inspire families to share their own family stories.
- Florian, Douglas. ***Shiver Me Timbers! Pirate Poems & Paintings***. Beach Lane Books, 2012. Pirate fans will enjoy this humorous collection of poems about the adventures of some very colorful "scalawags and scoundrels!"
- Fucile, Tony. ***Let's Do Nothing!*** Candlewick, 2009. Young friends Frankie and Sal, believing they have "done it all," decide to do nothing for a while; but Frankie has a little trouble with the concept and it is not long before the boys realize there is no way to do nothing.
- Geras, Adele. ***Little Ballet Star***. Dial Books, 2007. Every little girl dreams of becoming a ballet star and Tilly is no exception. In this story, Tilly visits her Aunt Gina behind-the-scenes of a real ballet. It is Tilly's birthday, and she unexpectedly finds herself performing in front of a live audience.
- Gibbons, Gail. ***Ladybugs***. Holiday House, 2012. A colorful, illustrated introduction to ladybugs, describing their physical characteristics, lifecycle, diets and their benefits to the environment.
- Gibson, Amy. ***Around the World on Eighty Legs***. Scholastic, 2011. An illustrated collection of poems that provides information about animals around the world.
- Giff, Patricia Reilly. ***Flying Feet***. Wendy Lamb, 2011. Charlie has always lived in his big brother's shadow, so when the Zigzag center organizes a "Come as a Character" day, Charlie hopes it will be his chance to shine as he shows off his latest invention. *Series*

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- Grogan, John. ***Bad Dog, Marley!*** HarperCollins, 2007. Marley, a rambunctious puppy, causes lots of trouble in his new home and feels very sad about it. He then proves beyond a doubt that he is a valuable member of the household.
- Harper, Jessica. ***Uh-Oh, Cleo.*** Putnam's, 2008. What starts out as a perfectly ordinary day in the Small house turns into Stitches Saturday when Cleo gets a cut on the head after her twin brother, Jack, accidentally pulls down their toy house. *Series*
- Hayes, Geoffrey. ***Benny and Penny in Just Pretend.*** Candlewick, 2008. Benny Mouse insists that his little sister, Penny, leave him alone while playing, until he thinks she is in danger. Suddenly he realizes his affection for her and joins her in a game of pretend. *Series*
- Heiligman, Deborah. ***The Boy Who Loved Math: The Improbable Life of Paul Erdos.*** Roaring Brook Press, 2013. A brief biography of mathematician Paul Erdos.
- Henkes, Kevin. ***Penny and Her Marble.*** Greenwillow Books, 2013. Penny finds a marble in Mrs. Goodwin's yard and takes it home, as guilt overcomes Penny. Readers of this early chapter book will delight with Penny's choice and the ending in another delightful tale of Penny. *Series*
- Henkes, Kevin. ***The Year of Billy Miller.*** Greenwillow Books, 2013. Seven-year-old Billy Miller starts second grade with a bump on his head and a lot of worries, but by the end of the year he has developed good relationships with his teacher, his little sister, and his parents and learned many important lessons.
- Hicks, Betty. ***Goof-Off Goalie.*** Roaring Brook, 2008. Ten-year-old Goose is best at goofing off; but when he decides to become the goalie for their soccer team, his friend Henry sets up a practice schedule and enlists their other friends to help Goose improve his skills. *Series*
- Hoberman, Mary Ann, ed. ***Forget-Me-Nots: Poems to Learn by Heart.*** Little, Brown, 2012. A collection of more than 120 poems for children to learn, including selections from classic and contemporary poets, with tips and tricks from former Children's Poet Laureate Mary Ann Hoberman on memorization and recitation.
- Holm, Jennifer. ***Squish, #1: Super Amoeba.*** Random House, 2011. The young amoeba Squish, inspired by his favorite comic book hero, Super Amoeba, tries to navigate his way through school and save his friends and the world from the evils that lurk in the halls. *Series*
- Hopkins, Joseph H. ***The Tree Lady: The True Story of How One Tree Loving Woman Changed a City Forever.*** Beach Lane Books, 2013. An illustrated look at the life of Kate Sessions, who planted a nursery in San Diego, California, after making a deal with the city.
- Howe, James. ***Houndsley and Catina: Plink and Plunk.*** Candlewick, 2009. Houndsley likes canoeing and his friend Catina likes bicycling, but each has to help the other learn to enjoy these activities in order to do them together. *Series*

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- Jacobson, Jennifer. ***Andy Shane: Hero at Last!*** Candlewick, 2010. Andy wants two things very much . . . to win the contest for the best decorated bicycle in the "Home Sweet Home parade" and to be a hero; but his best friend Dolores stands in the way of at least one goal.
- Jeffers, Oliver. ***The Incredible Book Eating Boy***. Philomel, 2006. Henry loves to eat books until he begins to feel quite ill and decides that maybe he could do something else with the books he has been devouring.
- Johnston, Tony. ***Levi Strauss Gets a Bright Idea: A Fairly Fabricated Story of a Pair of Pants***. Harcourt, 2011. Re-tells, in tall-tale fashion, how Levi Strauss went to California during the Gold Rush, saw the need for a sturdier kind of pants, and invented jeans.
- Kaplan, Michael. ***Betty Bunny Loves Chocolate Cake***. Dial Books, 2011. From her first bite, young Betty Bunny likes chocolate cake so much that she claims she will marry it one day; and she has trouble learning to wait patiently until she can have her next taste.
- Keating, Frank. ***Theodore***. Simon & Schuster, 2006. A biography of Theodore Roosevelt that imagines the president looking back on his life, describing his childhood, his youthful journeys throughout the world, his experiences as a leader, and the value he placed on knowledge, adventure, originality, and integrity.
- Keller, Laurie. ***Do Unto Otters: A Book About Manners***. Holt, 2007. Mr. Rabbit is worried that he might not get along with his new neighbors. A wise owl gives him the advice "Do unto otters as you would have otters do unto you" and proceeds to explain what this means.
- Kimmel, Eric A. ***Anansi's Party Time***. Holiday House, 2008. When Anansi the spider invites Turtle to a party just to play a trick on him, Turtle gets revenge at a party of his own.
- Larson, Kirby and Mary Nethery. ***Two Bobbies: A True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship, and Survival***. Walker, 2008. Bobbi the dog and Bob Cat show us how friendship and perseverance kept them together through the rough times of Hurricane Katrina.
- Lasky, Kathryn. ***Poodle and Hound***. Charlesbridge, 2009. This book contains three stories which follow the adventures of Hound and Poodle as they discover how much they enjoy each other's company in spite of--or possibly because of--their differences. *Series*
- Leedy, Loreen. ***Missing Math: A Number Mystery***. Marshall Cavendish, 2008. A numerical mystery ensues when the numbers all over town suddenly disappear, bringing a halt to everyday activities.
- Lester, Helen. ***Tacky Goes to Camp***. Houghton Mifflin, 2009. Tacky the penguin and his friends go to Camp Whoopihaha where they scare each other by telling ghost stories around the campfire, never expecting that one of the frightening stories will come true. *Series*

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- Lies, Brian. ***Bats at the Ballgame.*** Houghton Mifflin, 2010. Two teams of bats enjoy a nighttime game of baseball. Cheering the home team are the bat fans enjoying the snacks of "mothdogs" and the like.
- Lin, Grace. ***Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same!*** Little, Brown, 2010. Ling and Ting are identical twins who people think are exactly the same, but time and again they prove to be different.
- Lo, Ginnie. ***Auntie Yang's Great Soybean Picnic.*** Lee & Low, 2012. A Chinese American girl's Auntie Yang discovers soybeans, a favorite Chinese food, growing in Illinois, leading her family to a soybean picnic tradition that grows into an annual community event.
- Lobel, Arnold. ***Frog and Toad Are Friends.*** First published 1970. Be entertained by the classic, short, delightful tales about best friends Frog and Toad. *Series*
- Lyon, George Ella. ***All the Water in the World.*** Atheneum, 2011. An illustrated explanation of the water cycle, showing how water rises to the clouds and is rained back down again to be used by plants, people, and every living thing.
- Lyons, Kelly Starling. ***Ellen's Broom.*** Putnam's, 2012. Ellen, a young girl growing up in the Reconstruction Era, learns the significance of love and tradition as she encourages her parents to "Jump the Broom" to finalize their marriage vows.
- MacLachlan, Patricia and Emily MacLachlan Charest. ***Once I Ate a Pie.*** Joanna Cotler, 2006. Fourteen free-verse poems and beautiful oil paintings capture the personality of each dog in these examples of a dog's life from the perspective of the animals.
- Marshall, James. ***Fox On the Job.*** Puffin, 1988. Fox tries several different jobs to earn money. *Series*
- McDermott, Gerald. ***Jabuti the Tortoise: A Trickster Tale from the Amazon.*** Harcourt, 2001. All the birds enjoy the song-like flute music of Jabuti, the tortoise, except Vulture who, jealous because he cannot sing, tricks Jabuti into riding on his back toward a festival planned by the King of Heaven.
- McDonald, Megan. ***Daisy Jane, Best-Ever Flower-Girl!*** Random House, 2007. Daisy Jane, who is thrilled to be the flower girl at her babysitter's wedding, helps save the day when a storm threatens the festivities.
- McDonald, Megan. ***Stink and the Ultimate Thumb-Wrestling Smackdown.*** Candlewick, 2011. When Stink Moody gets a "U" (for "Unsatisfactory") in gym, he turns first to thumb-wrestling, then to karate, to give him a sporting edge. *Series*
- McKay, Hilary. ***Lulu and the Duck in the Park.*** Albert Whitman, 2012. Lulu loves animals. When Lulu finds a duck egg that has rolled out of its nest, she takes it to class to keep it safe. Lulu isn't allowed to bring pets to school, but she's not really breaking the rules because it's just an egg. Surely nothing bad will happen... *Series*

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- McMullan, Kate. ***Pearl and Wagner: Five Days Till Summer***. Penguin Press, 2012. Pearl and her friend Wagner, on the verge of moving up to Ms. Bean's first grade class, worry about their new teacher being "mean" until something surprising changes their mind...
- McNulty, Faith. ***If You Decide to Go to the Moon***. Scholastic, 2005. This book tells you how to get to the moon, what to do after you land, and, most importantly, how to get back home.
- Miller, Zeitlow Pat. ***Sophie's Squash***. Schwartz & Wade 2013. Sophie goes to the farmer's market and chooses a squash which she names Bernice and treats as a friend. What happens when Sophie has to give Bernice up?
- Munro, Roxie. ***Hatch!*** Marshall Cavendish, 2011. Presents illustrations of various eggs with related clues, prompting readers to guess which type of bird laid the eggs.
- Nees, Susan. ***Missy's Super Duper Royal Deluxe Picture Day***. Scholastic, 2013. Missy likes to do everything in a super duper royal deluxe way, including planning what she will wear for school picture day. However, her mother has other ideas for Missy's picture day outfit.
- Nevius, Carol. ***Baseball Hour***. Marshall Cavendish, 2008. All baseball players will enjoy the rhythmic rhyming of this story and photo-like illustrations of children practicing baseball in an effort to build a winning team and, ultimately, a circle of friends.
- Numeroff, Laura. ***The Jellybeans and the Big Art Adventure***. Abrams Books, 2012. Four friends who like to do different things such as paint, play soccer, read and dance --- paint a mural on an outside wall of Mrs. Petunia Dinkley-Sneezer's candy shop that depicts them each doing what they love best. *Series*
- Parish, Herman. ***Amelia Bedelia Means Business***. Greenwillow Books, 2013. Amelia Bedelia wants a new bike, but her parents will only pay for half of the bike. Amelia Bedelia needs to find a job to earn enough money for the bike of her dreams. *Series*
- Pinkney, Andrea Davis. ***Martin & Mahalia: His Words, Her Songs***. Little Brown, 2013. A beautiful intertwining of the lives of Martin Luther King, Jr. and singer Mahalia Jackson, both civil right activists as their journeys brought them together in 1963's March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.
- Potter, Alicia. ***Mrs. Harkness and the Panda***. Albert A. Knopf, 2012. In 1936 Ruth Harkness completes her husband's difficult mission to bring the first live panda back to the United States.
- Raczka, Bob. ***Guyku: A Year of Haiku for Boys***. Houghton Mifflin, 2010. A collection of haiku poetry for boys that features poems about tree climbing, kite flying, and other related topics.
- Reynolds, Peter. ***The Dot***. Candlewick, 2003. "Just make a mark and see where it takes you." This sage advice, offered by her teacher, sets the young heroine on a journey of self-expression, artistic experimentation, and success.

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- Ries, Lori. **Aggie Gets Lost.** Charlesbridge, 2011. Ben is heartbroken when his puppy Aggie goes missing while the two are playing fetch in the park, but he is determined to find his pet. *Series*
- Rosensteihl, Agnes. **Silly Lilly In What Will I Be Today?** Toon Books, 2014. Each day of the week Silly Lilly tries out a new career through play in this fun graphic novel for beginning readers.
- Rylant, Cynthia. **Annie and Snowball and the Book Bugs Club.** Simon Spotlight, 2011. Annie and Henry join the summer reading club at the library, and they vow to be "Book Bugs" for life. *Series*
- Rylant, Cynthia. **Henry and Mudge and the Big Sleepover.** Simon & Schuster, 2006. Henry and his dog Mudge are invited to a sleepover in Patrick's attic, where they watch monster movies, eat pizza, and enjoy a contest to determine whose dog is the best popcorn catcher. *Series*
- Rylant, Cynthia. **The High-Rise Private Eyes: The Case of the Desperate Duck.** Greenwillow, 2005. In this case, animal detectives Bunny and Jack help Mabel the duck find out who stole the sugar cubes from her tea room. *Series*
- Sauer, Tammi. **Chicken Dance.** Sterling, 2009. Marge and Lola set out to get tickets to the Elvis Poultry concert by winning a farmyard talent contest. What transpires is hilarious!
- Schneider, Josh. **Tales for Very Picky Eaters.** Clarion, 2011. A father tells outlandish stories while trying to get his young son, who is a very picky eater, to eat foods he thinks he will not like.
- Scieszka, Jon. **Robot Zot!** Simon & Schuster, 2009. Big and bright robots advance and defeat their way through a wonderful yet familiar place.
- Scotton, Rob. **Splat the Cat.** HarperCollins, 2008. Splat the Cat is nervous about his first day at cat school, but once he arrives he realizes he had nothing to worry about.
- Shannon, David. **Too Many Toys.** Blue Sky Press, 2008. After he finally concedes that he has far too many toys, Spencer agrees to give many of them away; but he realizes that there is one special toy that he absolutely cannot part with.
- Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman and Mitchell Sharmat. **Nate the Great and the Hungry Book Club.** Delacorte, 2009. Rosamond, who starts a book club, claims there is a monster on the loose that is ruining pages of her cookbook, which leads Nate the Great and his dog Sludge to investigate as undercover detectives. *Series*
- Silverman, Erica. **Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa: Spring Babies.** Harcourt, 2010. Cowgirl Kate and her horse Cocoa watch over the new calves, a puppy, and some baby barn owls. *Series*
- Sklansky, Amy E. **Out of This World: Poems and Facts about Space.** Alfred A. Knopf, 2012. A collection of poems and facts about space, accompanied by color paintings.

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- Spinelli, Eileen. ***The Best Story***. Dial Books, 2008. When a contest at the local library offers a prize for the best story, a girl tries to write one using her family's suggestions, but her story does not seem right until she listens to her heart.
- Steig, William. ***Sylvester and the Magic Pebble***. First published 1969. In a moment of fright, Sylvester the donkey asks his magic pebble to turn him into a rock, but then he cannot hold the pebble to wish himself back to normal again! Caldecott Medal 1970
- Stewart, Melissa. ***A Place for Bats***. Peachtree, 2012. Bats from different parts of North America, acting as filters in the ecosystem, must now rely on humans to protect them from extinction. This simple, well-illustrated book shows where bats live and how we can help to save them.
- Stone, Tanya Lee. ***Who Says Women Can't Be Doctors? : The Story of Elizabeth Blackwell***. Holt, 2013. This engaging and delightfully illustrated book brings to life Elizabeth Blackwell, the first woman doctor.
- Talbott, Hudson. ***United Tweets of America***. Putnam's, 2008. A collection of detailed illustrations of state birds from all fifty United States.
- Tavares, Matt. ***Mudball***. Candlewick, 2005. During a rainy Minneapolis Millers baseball game in 1903, Little Andy Oyler has the chance to become a hero by hitting the shortest and muddiest home run in history.
- Van Leeuwen, Jean. ***Amanda Pig and the Wiggly Tooth***. Dial Books, 2008. When Amanda Pig has her first loose tooth, she is reluctant to pull it. *Series*
- Viorst, Judith. ***Lulu Walks the Dogs***. Atheneum, 2012. Lulu needs help from a boy named Fleischman if she is to earn money walking her neighbors' dogs, and she finds out that if she wants her business venture to succeed, she has to be nice.
- Vernick, Audrey. ***Brothers at Bat: The True Story of an Amazing All-Brother Baseball Team***. Clarion, 2012. Colorful and action-filled illustrations add to this non-fiction picture book story of twelve baseball playing brothers -- the Acerra brothers.
- Watkins, Angela Farris. ***My Uncle Martin's Words for America***. Abrams Books, 2011. Using words and phrases from Martin Luther King Jr.'s speeches, his niece explains the importance of his message and his contributions to the Civil Rights movement.
- Willems, Mo. ***That Is Not a Good Idea!*** Balzer + Bray, 2013. A wolf and a goose meet on the street and decide to have dinner together. But, what, or who, are they going to eat?
- Winter, Jeanette. ***Henri's Scissors***. Beach Lane Books, 2013. In a small weaving town in France, a young boy named Henri-Emile Matisse drew pictures everywhere, and when he grew up, he moved to Paris and became a famous artist who created paintings that were adored around the world. But late in life a serious illness confined him to a wheelchair, and amazingly, it was from there that he created among his most beloved works—enormous and breathtaking paper cutouts.

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- Winter, Jeanette. ***The Watcher: Jane Goodall's Life with the Chimps***. Schwartz & Wade, 2011. This picture book biography of Jane Goodall traces her life from her childhood passion for observing the natural world to her famous studies of chimpanzees in the wild.
- Winter, Jonah. ***Roberto Clemente: Pride of the Pittsburgh Pirates***. Atheneum, 2005. This is the story of Roberto Clemente, a young Puerto Rican who followed his baseball dream to the big leagues and went on to help the poor in his homeland.
- Woodson, Jacqueline. ***Each Kindness***. Nancy Paulsen Books, 2012. It is only after Maya, the new girl, moves away that Chloe regretfully realizes that she and her friends have been unkind by excluding her from their games.
- Yee, Wong Herbert. ***Mouse and Mole: A Winter Wonderland***. Houghton Mifflin, 2010. Best friends Mouse and Mole enjoy playing in the snow with Sno-Mouse and Sno-Mole, two more best friends. *Series*

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Any available unabridged edition of a title is acceptable.

- Aldrin, Buzz. ***Look to the Stars***. Putnam's, 2009. Apollo 11 astronaut Buzz Aldrin traces the history of air and space exploration from Isaac Newton to the International Space Station and Mars using personal insights and conversational text.
- Barton, Chris. ***The Day-Glo Brothers: The True Story of Bob and Joe Switzer's Bright Ideas and Brand-New Colors***. Charlesbridge, 2009. Brothers Bob and Joe Switzer had different interests and ambitions but worked together on the dazzling creation of fluorescent colors.
- Bauer, Marion Dane. ***Little Dog, Lost***. Atheneum, 2012. A dog without a boy, a boy without a dog, and an elderly gentleman without a sense of belonging follow their star-crossed paths and find that love, compassion, and charity can cure loneliness and restore balance to their lives.
- Berne, Jennifer. ***On A Beam of Light: A Story of Albert Einstein***. Chronicle Books, 2013. Curious about the hidden mysteries of the world, Albert Einstein grows from a silent child into one of the world's greatest scientists.
- Birney, Betty G. ***Mysteries According to Humphrey***. Putnam's, 2012. After learning about Sherlock Holmes, Humphrey the classroom hamster follows clues to try and discover why Mrs. Brisbane is gone and Mr. E., a fun but not very educational substitute, is taking her place in Room 26 at Longfellow School. *Series*
- Bishop, Nic. ***Nic Bishop Snakes***. Scholastic, 2012. Naturalist Nic Bishop provides an in-depth examination of snakes, including details on the characteristics, habitats, and abilities of various species of reptiles.
- Brown, Don. ***Henry and the Cannons: An Extraordinary True Story of the American Revolution***. Roaring Brook, 2013. In 1776, Henry Knox creatively delivers cannons to General Washington in Boston, which leads to a victory over the British Army.
- Butler, Dori Hillestad. ***The Case of the School Ghost***. Whitman, 2012. When Buddy, a therapy dog, attends the fourth grade sleepover in the school's library, he solves the mystery of the school ghost. *Series*
- Cleary, Beverly. ***The Mouse and the Motorcycle***. HarperCollins, 1965. A reckless young mouse named Ralph makes friends with a boy in room 215 of the Mountain View Inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling.
- Cole, Henry. ***A Nest for Celeste***. Katherine Tegen, 2010. Celeste, a mouse longing for a real home, becomes a source of inspiration to teenaged Joseph who is an assistant to the artist and naturalist John James Audubon, at a New Orleans, Louisiana, plantation in 1821.
- Cowell, Cressida. ***How to Train Your Dragon***. Little, Brown, 2003. In this silly chapter book, the Viking boy Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III, son of the chief, finds himself needing to find and train a dragon and becomes an unlikely hero in the process. *Series*

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- Cronin, Doreen. ***The Legend of Diamond Lil: A J.J. Tully Mystery.*** Balzer + Bray, 2012. The search and rescue dog named J.J. is ready for a bit of rest and relaxation after solving the mystery of the missing chicks; but there is a new dog next door who is stealing the attention of Moosh and her chicks, and the threat of a roaming possum keeps J.J. on the alert. *Series*
- Crum, Shutta. ***Thomas and the Dragon Queen.*** Yearling, 2010. The princess must be rescued from the Dragon Queen, and the smallest squire-in-training, 13-year-old Thomas, rises to the challenge of this quest.
- Dahl, Roald. ***Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.*** Alfred A. Knopf, 1964. Each of five children lucky enough to discover an entry ticket into Mr. Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory takes advantage of the situation in his own way.
- Davies, Jacqueline. ***The Lemonade Crime.*** Houghton Mifflin, 2011. Following *The Lemonade War*, Scott Spencer, an alleged thief, is put on trial by his classmates who construct an authentic tribunal to determine his fate and end up surprising themselves with their verdict. *Series*
- DiCamillo, Kate. ***Because of Winn-Dixie.*** Candlewick, 2000. Ten year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie. Newbery Honor 2001
- Divakaruni, Chitra Banerjee. ***Grandma and the Great Gourd: A Bengali Folk Tale.*** Roaring Brook, 2013. On her way to visit her daughter on the other side of the jungle, Grandma encounters a hungry fox, bear, and tiger, and although she convinces them to wait for her return trip, she still must find a way to outwit them all.
- Dowson, Nick. ***North: The Amazing Story of Arctic Migration.*** Candlewick, 2011. This book follows animals such as gray whales, terns, wolves and caribou as they journey north to the Arctic where they will join the polar bear, arctic hare, and fox to feed and breed all summer.
- Edwards, Roberta. ***Who Is Jane Goodall?*** Grosset & Dunlap, 2012. This chapter book biography covers the exciting life of English primatologist Jane Goodall and her life's work of living with the chimpanzees of Tanzania. *Series*
- Fleming, Candace. ***The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary.*** Schwartz & Wade, 2007. Fourth grade teacher extraordinaire, Mr. Jupiter, takes his energetic students on a wild and woolly ride through the school year.
- Fleming, Candace. ***Gator Gumbo: A Spicy-Hot Tale.*** Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2004. Tired of being tormented by bullies, a hungry old alligator conjures up a way to add some special ingredients to his gumbo.
- Freeman, Martha. ***The Case of the Piggy Bank Thief.*** Holiday House, 2012. Tessa and her sister Cammie, daughters of the first female U.S. president, explore the mystery of the gold that is found on the White House property and are further perplexed because Tessa's piggy bank has disappeared. *Series*

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- Grabenstein, Chris. ***Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library***. Random House, 2013. Nine children enter into a competition to “Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library,” a game which the creator describes as “like *The Hunger Games* but with lots of food and no bows or arrows.”
- Greene, Stephanie. ***Sophie Hartley, On Strike***. Clarion, 2006. When Sophie’s mother makes a jobs list for the Hartley children, Sophie and her siblings go on strike, never expecting it to backfire. *Series*
- Gregory, Kristiana. ***The Clue at the Bottom of the Lake***. Scholastic, 2008. Brothers Jeff and David, along with their cousin Claire, plunge into a dangerous mystery after spotting someone dumping a large bundle into the lake at Cabin Creek in the middle of the night. *Series*
- Griffiths, Andy. ***The 13-Story Treehouse***. Feiwel and Friends, 2011. Under pressure by their publisher to finish their next book, two young authors graphically describe all the extraordinary distractions they face living in their 13 story treehouse.
- Gutman, Dan. ***Mission Unstoppable***. Harper, 2011. On a cross-country vacation with their parents, twins Coke and Pepsi, soon to be thirteen, fend off strange assassins as they try to come to terms with their being part of a top-secret government organization known as The Genius Files. *Series*
- Halls, Kelly Milner. ***Tales of the Cryptids: Mysterious Creatures That May or May Not Exist***. Darby Creek, 2006. Cryptozoology is the study of animals that may or may not be real: familiar animals like Bigfoot and Loch Ness Monster, and those that are less familiar like the Marozi of Kenya and the Orang-pendek of Sumatra and the Thylacine of Tasmania. Meet these and more in this introduction to cryptozoology.
- Harley, Bill. ***Charlie Bumpers vs. the Teacher of the Year***. Peachtree, 2003. Charlie Bumpers, convinced his fourth grade year will be a disaster with the strictest teacher in the school, tries to stay out of trouble, even though trouble seems to follow his often well intentioned actions.
- Harper, Charise Mericle. ***Just Grace and the Trouble with Cupcakes***. Houghton Mifflin, 2013. Count on third-grader Grace to cook up a creative compromise just in time to save the day at the cupcake-themed fair. *Series*
- Hatkoff, Juliana, et al. ***Looking for Miza: The True Story of the Mountain Gorilla Family who Rescued One of Their Own***. Scholastic, 2008. In the jungles of Virunga National Park a father gorilla is searching for his two year old baby Miza, with the help of several Congolese Rangers after her mother disappears.
- Helman, Andrea. ***Hide and Seek: Nature's Best Vanishing Acts***. Walker, 2008. This beautifully photographed book takes the reader to ecosystems around the world to show how animals camouflage themselves for protection in each unique habitat.
- Hicks, Betty. ***The Worm Whisperer***. Roaring Brook, 2013. Ellison Ellis Coffey, a lonely fifth-grader, discovers he might have the special gift of talking to bugs and decides to use his ability to win his town's annual Woolly Worm Race.

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- Holub, Joan. ***Heroes in Training: Zeus and the Thunderbolt of Doom.*** Aladdin, 2012. When ten-year-old Zeus is kidnapped, he discovers he can defend himself with a magic thunderbolt. *Series*
- Hopkinson, Deborah. ***Annie and Helen.*** Schwartz & Wade, 2012. Expressive and inspired illustrations combine with poetic text in this poignant story of the relationship between Helen Keller and her teacher Annie Sullivan, with personal citations by Annie from her letters home.
- Huey, Lois Miner. ***Ick! Yuck! Eew!: Our Gross American History.*** Millbrook, 2014. Discover many unusual and gross facts from America in the 1700s including many sights, smells and habits of the past.
- Keller, Laurie. ***Bowling Alley Bandit.*** Holt/Christy Ottaviano, 2013. Arnie the talking doughnut is delighted to be Mr. Bing's new pet "doughnut-dog, so when Mr. Bing starts rolling gutter balls during a big bowling tournament, Arnie suspects foul play and sets out to solve the mystery. *Series*
- Kelly, Mark. ***Mousetronaut: Based on a (Partially) True Story.*** Simon & Schuster, 2012. A small but plucky mouse named Mike is sure that he can help the Space Shuttle astronauts and ends up saving the whole mission.
- Klimo, Kate. ***Barry.*** Random House, 2013. Barry der Menschenretter, a Saint Bernard dog, reflects back on his life in the early 1800s at the Hospice of the Great Saint Bernard in the Swiss Alps, where he rescued some forty people from avalanches. *Series*
- Klise, Kate. ***The Phantom of the Post Office.*** Harcourt, 2012. Seymour Hope and his friend Wy Fye must expose the mysterious, troublesome individual who is determined to close the Ghastly post office that will ultimately sever the connection of the mansion's ghostwriters with their fans. *Series*
- Klise, Kate. ***The Show Must Go On!*** Algonquin, 2013. Two mice and a crow, who travel with a circus, cleaning up the spilled popcorn after every performance, come to the rescue when a greedy con artist takes over the management of the circus.
- Lagercrantz, Rose. ***My Happy Life.*** Gecko, 2013. It is difficult to deal with the loss of a loved one, a best friend who moves away, and the jitters of a new school year, but there are also many happy moments that make life dear, as young Dani discovers in this gentle story of childhood.
- LaFevers, R. L. ***Flight of the Phoenix.*** Houghton Mifflin, 2009. Ten-year-old Nate is sent to live with a family cousin, the world's last beastologist, after his parents are declared lost at sea, but danger mounts when he is brought on an expedition to the Arabian Desert, gets lost, and must protect a newly hatched phoenix egg and rescue his guardian. *Series*
- Lee, Jenny. ***Elvis and the Underdogs.*** Balzer + Bray, 2013. Benji, a young boy who suffers from seizures, has his life turned around when a talking therapy dog comes to live with him. *Series*
- Lewis, J. Patrick. ***Last Laughs: Animal Epitaphs.*** Charlesbridge, 2012. The pictures and poetry are a little dark; but the droll, tongue-in-cheek humor of these last poems for animals will make you chuckle.

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- Lewis, J. Patrick, ed. ***National Geographic Book of Animal Poetry: With Favorites From Robert Frost, Jack Prelutsky, Emily Dickinson, and More: 200 Poems With Photographs That Squeak, Soar, and Roar!*** National Geographic, 2012. Full-color photographs accompany two hundred poems about animals.
- Lin, Grace. ***Dumpling Days***. Little, Brown, 2012. Pacy and her family fly to Taiwan to visit family, celebrate her grandmother's 60th birthday, and learn what it means to be Taiwanese even without speaking the language. *Series*
- Look, Lenore. ***Alvin Ho: Allergic to Babies, Burglars, and Other Bumps in the Night***. Schwartz & Wade, 2013. When fearful seven-year-old Alvin Ho learns that his mother is expecting a baby, he develops a sympathetic pregnancy--adding to his worry about the burglar who is targeting Concord, Massachusetts. *Series*
- MacLachlan, Patricia. ***Sarah, Plain and Tall***. First published 1985. This sweet prairie tale of a family's experiences with Sarah, a mail-order bride from Maine, begins with children Anna and Caleb worried that their new mother might not like being away from the sea. *Series* Newbery Medal 1986
- MacLachlan, Patricia. ***White Fur Flying***. McElderry Books, 2000. A sad and silent nine-year old boy finds his voice when he moves next to a family that rescues dogs.
- Malam, John. ***You Wouldn't Want to be a Roman Gladiator! Gory Things You'd Rather Not Know***. Franklin Watts, 2001. Learn what it was like to be a Roman gladiator in this light-hearted introduction to the life and training of a Roman gladiator. *Series*
- McCully, Emily Arnold. ***Wonder Horse: The True Story of the World's Smartest Horse***. Holt, 2010. Bill "Doc" Key, who was a former slave, trains his horse, Jim Key, to recognize letters and numbers and perform around the country, ultimately teaching others to treat animals humanely.
- McMullan, Kate. ***The New Kid at School***. Grosset & Dunlap, 2003. Wiglaf is chosen from his many siblings to attend the prestigious Dragon Slayers' Academy and embarks upon an unforgettable journey. *Series*
- McMullan, Kate. ***Have a Hot Time, Hades!*** Stone Arch Books, 2012. In this story with a modern twist, Hades tells his own version of how he became King of the Underworld and Zeus became King of the Gods. *Series*
- Moss, Marissa. ***Barbed Wire Baseball***. Abrams Books, 2013. Japanese American baseball player Kenichi Zenimura, who spent time at an internment camp during World War II, built a baseball field for his fellow prisoners to enjoy.
- Moss, Marissa. ***Nurse, Soldier, Spy: the Story of Sarah Edmonds, a Civil War Hero***. Abrams Books, 2011. The author describes the life of Sarah Emma Edmonds, who disguised herself as a man, took the name Frank Thompson, joined a Michigan army regiment to fight in the Civil War, served as a nurse on the battlefield, and became a spy.
- Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. ***Shiloh***. Atheneum, 1991. Marty must make some painful decisions about returning a dog to his abusive owner. Newbery Honor Book 1992. *Series*

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- Nobleman, Marc Tyler. ***Bill, the Boy Wonder: The Secret Co-Creator of Batman.*** Charlesbridge, 2012. Although Bob Kane is featured as the creator of Batman, a second, unsung, anonymous architect of the superhero by the name of Bill Finger worked steadfastly as designer, writer, and costumer of the Caped Crusader and was only acknowledged for his contributions through the efforts of his friends after his death.
- Nolan, Lucy. ***Bad to the Bone.*** Marshall Cavendish, 2008. Neighboring dogs, Down Girl and Sit, are discovering that their owners are very hard to train. *Series*
- Osborne, Mary Pope. ***Dolphins and Sharks: A Non-Fiction Companion to Dolphins at Daybreak.*** Random House, 2003. Discusses dolphins and sharks, their ocean habitats, and general information about oceans and oceanography. *Series*
- Peck, Richard. ***The Mouse with the Question Mark Tail.*** Dial Books, 2013. A very small mouse of unknown origins runs away from school in the Royal Mews of Buckingham Palace shortly before the celebration of Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee, celebrating her sixty years on the British throne.
- Peot, Margaret. ***Inkblot: Drip, Splat, and Squish Your Way to Creativity.*** Boyds Mills, 2011. In addition to interesting facts about the world of art, step-by-step instructions and examples are provided for using inkblots to spark creativity.
- Preus, Margi. ***Celebritrees: Historic & Famous Trees of the World.*** Holt, 2010. Read about fourteen trees from around the world that are significant in history or legend, such as the Bodhi Tree under which Buddha gained enlightenment, reminding us that these fascinating trees bring us pleasure and tell us about history.
- Primavera, Elise. ***Libby of High Hopes.*** Simon & Schuster, 2012. When ten-year-old Libby Thump stumbles upon High Hopes Horse Farm and finds her dream horse, Princess, a prize-winning jumping horse that has been put out to pasture, Libby tries to convince her parents to give her riding lessons.
- Raczka, Bob. ***The Vermeer Interviews: Conversations with Seven Works of Art.*** Millbrook, 2009. Seven of Johannes Vermeer's most famous paintings, such as "The Milkmaid" and "The Geographer," come to life through interviews with the subjects to reveal artistic techniques and subtler aspects of Vermeer's unique photographic-style art.
- Raum, Elizabeth. ***Orphan Trains: An Interactive History Adventure.*** Capstone, 2011. Describes the people and events involved in the orphan trains while the reader's choices reveal historical details from the perspectives of a New York City newsboy, a child trying to keep his siblings together, and an child sent west on the baby trains. *Series*
- Ripkin, Cal, Jr. ***Super-Sized Slugger.*** Disney-Hyperion, 2012. Thirteen-year-old Cody Parker moves to Baltimore, Maryland, where as a fat eighth-grader, he has to deal with brutal teasing from a baseball teammate, and his school is beset by a rash of mysterious thefts that threaten to sideline Cody and ruin a golden season for his team. *Series*

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- Rose, Deborah Lee. ***Jimmy the Joey: The True Story of an Amazing Koala Rescue.*** National Geographic, 2013. Fall in love with Jimmy, the koala joey, as you learn about the endangered Australian marsupial in this interesting, colorful photo essay.
- Rosenstock, Barb. ***Thomas Jefferson Builds a Library.*** Calkins Creek, 2013. Looks at how Thomas Jefferson's love of books led to the creation of the Library of Congress.
- Roy, Ron. ***Detective Camp.*** Random House, 2006. Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose are at Detective Camp and right away discover a crime. *Series*
- Schlitz, Laura Amy. ***The Night Fairy.*** Candlewick, 2010. When Flora the night fairy's wings are broken and she cannot fly, she has to learn to do everything differently.
- Shefelman, Janice. ***I, Vivaldi.*** Eerdmans Books, 2008. This picture book biography describes how Vivaldi grew to be a famous musician, despite his mother's vow for him to become a priest.
- Silverstein, Shel. ***Every Thing On It: Poems and Drawings.*** Harper, 2011. Enjoy another remarkable collection of playful poems by the magical Shel Silverstein.
- Singer, Marilyn. ***Follow, Follow: A Book of Reverso Poems.*** Dial Books, 2013. A collection of clever poems that can be read backward and forward, often opposite in their meaning – all of familiar fairy tales.
- Singer, Marilyn. ***A Full Moon is Rising: Poems.*** Lee & Low, 2011. A collection of illustrated poems about events and beliefs from around the world involving the full moon. Includes a map and biographical references.
- Smith, Jr. Charles R. ***Brick by Brick.*** Amistad, 2013. This beautifully illustrated picture book in verse provides a window to the construction of the original White House and highlights the contributions of the slaves who toiled so hard and who learned new skills in order to work for wages and buy their freedom.
- Spielman, Gloria. ***Marcel Marceau: Master of Mime.*** Kar-Ben, 2011. A picture book biography of Marcel Marceau discusses how Charlie Chaplin influenced his desire to become a silent actor, looks at how he used his talents during World War II to help the Jews, and discusses his development into the world's best-known mime.
- Spiers, Ashley. ***Binky the Space Cat.*** Kids Can Press, 2009. Binky's blast-off into outer space (outside) to battle aliens (bugs) is delayed when he realizes he's left something behind –and it's not the anti-gravity kitty litter. *Series*
- Sternberg, Julia. ***Like Bug Juice on a Burger.*** Amulet Books, 2013. As the days go on, nine-year-old Eleanor realizes that maybe being at summer camp isn't so bad after all, and is full of special surprises. *Series*
- Tarshis, Lauren. ***The San Francisco Earthquake, 1906.*** Scholastic, 2012. Ten-year-old Leo loves being a newsboy in San Francisco; but early one spring morning in 1906 Leo's world is shaken when he finds himself stranded in the middle of San Francisco as it crumbles and burns to the ground. *Series*

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- Taylor, Barbara. ***Hidden in the Grass***. QEB, 2011. This book gives examples of how animals in North American and African grasslands use camouflage to help them adapt to their habitats and hide from predators. *Series*
- Trine, Greg. ***The Curse of the Bologna Sandwich***. Holt, 2006. After graduating from the Superhero Academy, Melvin Beederman heads for Los Angeles where he unexpectedly teams up with Candace Brinkwater, school play actress, to nab the evil McNasty Brothers. *Series*
- Vail, Rachel. ***Justin Case: School, Drool, and Other Daily Disasters***. Feiwel and Friends, 2010. Written in diary form, Justin writes honestly about his worries and observations of life in the third grade. *Series*
- Van Allsburg, Chris. ***Queen of the Falls***. Houghton Mifflin, 2011. This biography tells about Annie Edson Taylor, a retired instructor of a charm school, who decided to attempt to go over Niagara Falls in a wooden barrel at the age of sixty-two.
- Wallace, Bill. ***Upchuck and the Rotten Willy***. Aladdin, 1998. Chuck, the cat, lonesome since his Katie goes to college, ventures out and meets a beast, big and black, named Rotten Willy, who has a heart of gold. *Series*
- Wallace, Rich. ***The Ball Hogs***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2010. In this beginning chapter book, Mark and Ben, both highly competitive, refuse to pass the soccer ball but eventually realize that their best chance of winning is working together. *Series*
- Winter, Jonah. ***You Never Heard of Willie Mays?*** Schwartz & Wade, 2013. A visual profile of baseball star Willie Mays, tracing his Birmingham childhood, achievements in the Negro Leagues, and fame as a center fielder for the Giants.
- Yezerksi, Thomas F. ***Meadowlands: A Wetlands Survival Story***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2011. New Jersey's Meadowlands, which have been recovering from decades of human destruction, are now mending thanks to community activism.
- Yolen, Jane and Rebecca Dotlich. ***Grumbles from the Forest: Fairy Tale Voices with a Twist: Poems***. WordSong, 2013. Characters from fairy tales give their versions in paired poems.
- Young, Ed. ***The House Baba Built: An Artist's Childhood in China***. Little, Brown, 2011. Ed Young describes his childhood home, which was built by his father in Shanghai, and reflects on his fond memories of playing in the home while guests moved in to seek safety from the war affecting China.

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- Angleberger, Tom. ***Darth Paper Strikes Back: An Origami Yoda Book***. Amulet Books, 2011. Harvey, upset when his Darth Paper finger puppet brings humiliation, gets Dwight suspended – but Origami Yoda asks Tommy and Kellan, now in seventh grade, to make a new case file to persuade the School Board to reinstate Dwight. *Series*
- Appelt, Kathi. ***The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp***. Atheneum, 2013. Twelve-year-old Chap Brayburn, ancient Sugar Man, and his raccoon-brother Swamp Scouts Bingo and J'miah try to save Bayou Tourterelle from feral pigs Clydine and Buzzie, greedy Sunny Boy Beaucoup, and world-class alligator wrestler and would-be land developer Jaeger Stitch in this hilarious tall tale from a Texas swamp.
- Applegate, Katherine. ***The One and Only Ivan***. Harper, 2012. When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life.
- Broach, Elise. ***Masterpiece***. Holt/Christy Ottaviano, 2008. Marvin, a beetle, and his family live in the home of eleven-year-old James and his family. When James' birthday party fails miserably, Marvin surprises James with an elaborately intricate pen and ink drawing Marvin has created. Trouble begins when the drawing is mistaken for James' work, which sets off action that leads to a fast-paced mystery featuring an unlikely friendship, the discovery of art forgery, and thievery.
- Choldenko, Gennifer. ***Al Capone Shines My Shoes***. Dial Books, 2009. Moose Flanagan, who lives on Alcatraz along with his family and the families of the other prison guards, is frightened when he discovers that noted gangster Al Capone, a prisoner there, wants a favor in return for the help that he secretly gave Moose. *Sequel*
- Colfer, Eoin. ***The Atlantis Complex***. Disney-Hyperion, 2010. When an army of fairy space probes programmed to destroy Atlantis returns to Earth, Artemis Fowl attempts to stop the destruction of the city while dealing with his own delusional and obsessive-compulsive disorders. *Series*
- Creech, Sharon. ***The Great Unexpected***. Joanna Cotler, 2012. Orphans Naomi and Lizzie are best friends, but Naomi has a knack for being around when trouble happens, and she knows all the peculiar people in town. Into their lives drops the strangely charming Finn boy. Across the sea, on a grand estate in Ireland, an elderly lady has a plan. These two worlds weave together with the great unexpected gifts of love and forgiveness.
- Delano, Marfe Ferguson. ***Helen's Eyes: A Photobiography of Annie Sullivan, Helen Keller's Teacher***. National Geographic, 2008. Annie Sullivan grew up in extreme poverty with her own eye problems. Her first and only job was teaching Helen Keller how to "see" despite the fact that she was blind, deaf, and mute.

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- Feldman, Jody. ***The Gollywopper Games***. Greenwillow, 2008. When the Golly Toy & Game Company announces the Gollywopper Games, Gil Goodson wants to be the lucky winner; this could be the perfect opportunity for his family to move away from Orchard Heights. Can he solve the puzzles and complete the stunts? This may remind you of a modern day *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory!*
- Flanagan, John. ***The Royal Ranger***. Philomel, 2013. Will Treaty is a shell of his former self, and his first apprentice may be the only one who can save him. *Series*
- Gourlay, Candy. ***Tall Story***. David Fickling Books, 2010. Sixteen-year-old Bernardo, who is eight feet tall and suffers from a condition called Gigantism, leaves the Philippines to live with his mother's family in London, much to the delight of his thirteen-year-old half-sister Andi, a passionate basketball player.
- Hale, Shannon. ***Rapunzel's Revenge***. Bloomsbury, 2008. In this graphic novel, Rapunzel, having grown up in a lovely castle with the woman she thought was her mother, is placed in a very tall hollow tree as punishment after her curiosity prompts her to climb the castle wall and look at the ruin of the world beyond her home. She is able to escape and, with the help of Jack, embarks on a plan to free the land and find her true mother.
- Hannigan, Katherine. ***True (...Sort Of)***. Greenwillow, 2011. For most of her eleven years, Delly has been in trouble without knowing why. Her little brother, R.B., and a strange, silent new friend, Ferris, help her find a way to be good -- and happy -- again.
- Kehret, Peg. ***Ghost Dog Secrets***. Dutton, 2010. Sixth-grader Rusty is determined to help an injured dog that is chained outdoors in frigid weather with no food, water, or shelter. He calls animal control and takes matters into his own hands, aided by his best friend and a ghost collie that leads Rusty to an even deeper secret.
- Kelly, Lynne. ***Chained***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2012. To work off a family debt, ten-year-old Hastin leaves his desert village in India to work as a circus elephant keeper; but many challenges await him, including trying to keep Nandita, a sweet elephant, safe from the cruel circus owner.
- Kerley, Barbara. ***Walt Whitman: Words for America***. Scholastic, 2004. A biography of the American poet whose compassion led him to nurse soldiers during the Civil War, to give voice to the nation's grief after Lincoln's assassination, and to capture the true American spirit in verse.
- Kirby, Matthew J. ***Icefall***. Scholastic, 2011. Princess Solveig and her army are trapped in a hidden fortress between towering mountains and a frozen fjord. As they await news of the king's victory and for the all-encompassing ice to break, acts of treachery make it clear that a traitor lurks in their midst.
- Lai, Thanhha. ***Inside Out and Back Again***. Harper, 2011. Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.
- Lin, Grace. ***Where the Mountain Meets the Moon***. Little, Brown, 2009. A magical story of a young girl who wishes for fortune and happiness for her village and

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leaves her family to find the mysterious Old Man of the Moon. Newbery Honor 2010

- Magnin, Joyce. **Cake**. Zonderkidz, 2012. Wilma Sue is wary of the eccentric sisters, Ruth and Naomi, at her new foster home, but wonders if she might have a true home with them, baking and delivering cakes and tending their chickens, until she is implicated in a series of neighborhood crimes.
- Mass, Wendy. **11 Birthdays**. Scholastic, 2009. Best friends since their mothers met at the hospital when they were born, Amanda and Leo always celebrate their birthdays together. However, now that they are turning 11, they are no longer speaking to each other and everything is not as normal as it may appear. This is one birthday that does not seem to end!
- Messner, Kate. **Hide and Seek**. Scholastic, 2013. For five hundred years the Jaguar Cup, sacred to the Silver Jaguar Society, was hidden in a cave on the coast of Costa Rica--so when a fake copy shows up on display in America, it is up to Jose, Anna, and Henry, junior members of the society, to travel to Costa Rica and rescue the real cup from thieves. *Series*
- O'Connell, Caitlin and Donna M. Jackson. **The Elephant Scientist**. Houghton Mifflin, 2011. While on assignment to study elephants in Namibia, scientist Caitlin O'Connell uncovers fascinating new information about elephant communication. Beautiful photographs of the African landscape and elephants along with the story of a woman's journey to find her professional calling make this a fascinating read.
- O'Connor, Barbara. **On the Road to Mr. Mineo's**. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2012. Sherman, a one-legged pigeon, sets everyone aflutter in a small southern town.
- O'Connor, George. **Hera, the Goddess and Her Glory**. First Second, 2011. Recounts the stories of the many heroes who sought and won the approval and patronage of Hera, the Queen of the Gods, including the story of Heracles. *Series*
- Palacio, R.J. **Wonder**. Alfred A. Knopf, 2012. Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, where he endures the taunting and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student.
- Paterson, Katherine and John. **The Flint Heart: A Fairy Story**. Candlewick, 2011. A magical amulet, created by a Stone Age magic man for an ambitious individual wishing to take control of his tribe, brings power and despair to those who touch it. When the amulet reemerges, Charles and his sister Unity must find a way to rescue the humans, fairies, and animals from the mysterious object.
- Perl, Erica S. **Aces Wild**. Alfred A. Knopf, 2013. Eleven-year-old Zelly Fried's parents will not allow her to have a slumber party until she teaches her mischievous puppy, Ace, to behave, but with Grandpa Ace around nothing is ever simple.
- Philbrick, Rodman. **The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg**. Blue Sky Press, 2009. Homer P. Figg escapes from his wretched foster home in Pine Swamp,

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- Maine, and sets out to find his beloved older brother, Harold, who has been illegally sold into the Union Army. Newbery Honor, 2010
- Potter, Ellen. ***The Humming Room***. Feiwel and Friends, 2012. Twelve-year-old orphan Roo Fanshaw is sent to live with an uncle she never knew in a largely uninhabited mansion on Cough Rock Island and discovers a wild river boy, an invalid cousin, and the mysteries of a hidden garden.
- Riordan, Rick. ***The Lost Hero***. Disney-Hyperion, 2010. Jason, Piper, and Leo, three students from a school for "bad kids," find themselves at Camp Half-Blood, where they learn that they are demigods and begin a quest to free Hera, who has been imprisoned by Mother Earth herself. *Series*
- Ross, Stewart. ***Into the Unknown: How Great Explorers Found Their Way By Land, Sea, and Air***. Candlewick, 2011. Fourteen amazing journeys by explorers throughout history and the methods they used by land, sea, and sky to find their way. Includes unfolding cross sections of vessels.
- Say, Allen. ***Drawing from Memory***. Scholastic, 2011. Using watercolor paintings, original cartoons, vintage photographs, and maps, Caldecott medalist Allen Say chronicles his experiences as an artist during World War II and describes his relationship with his mentor Noro Shinpei, Japan's leading cartoonist.
- Scattergood, Augusta. ***Glory Be***. Scholastic, 2012. In the summer of 1964 as she is about to turn twelve, Glory's town of Hanging Moss, Mississippi, is beset by racial tension when town leaders close her beloved public pool rather than desegregate it. Based on real-life events, this is a story of family, friendship, and some of life's tough choices.
- Selfors, Suzanne. ***The Sasquatch Escape***. Little, Brown, 2013. Spending the summer in his grandfather's rundown town, ten-year-old Ben meets an adventurous local girl and together they learn that the town's veterinarian runs a secret hospital for imaginary creatures.
- Selznick, Brian. ***Wonderstruck: A Novel in Words and Pictures***. Scholastic, 2011. Rose and Ben are deaf children living fifty years and worlds apart, yet both marvel and connect with the world around them. The American Museum of Natural History links their separate stories – one narrated in text and the other through cinematic illustrations.
- Sherry, Maureen. ***Walls Within Walls***. Katherine Tegen, 2010. When the Smithfork family moves into a lavish Manhattan apartment building, they discover clues to a decades-old mystery hidden behind the walls of their new home.
- Snicket, Lemony. ***Who Could That Be at This Hour?***. Little, Brown, 2012. Thirteen-year-old Lemony Snicket begins his apprenticeship with S. Theodora Markson of the secretive V.F.D. in the tiny dot of a town called Stain'd By The Sea, where he helps investigate the theft of a statue.
- St. John, Lauren. ***The White Giraffe***. Dial Books, 2006. After losing her parents in a tragic fire, eleven-year-old Martine must live with a grandmother she has never

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met on a wildlife preserve in Africa where she learns about a mystical white giraffe.

- Standiford, Natalie. ***The Secret Tree***. Scholastic, 2012. Sixth-graders Minty and her new friend Raymond discover a tree with a hollow trunk that holds the secrets of the people in their neighborhood. While watching their neighbors to solve the mysteries of the secrets and break a curse, the friends will have to work through some of their own secrets as well.
- Stead, Rebecca. ***When You Reach Me***. Wendy Lamb, 2009. As her mother prepares to be a contestant on the 1980's television game show "The \$20,000 Pyramid," a twelve-year-old New York City girl tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source that seem to defy laws of time and space. Newbery Award, 2010
- Stewart, Trenton Lee. ***The Extraordinary Education of Nicholas Benedict***. Little, Brown, 2012. Nine-year-old Nicholas Benedict is moved to one more orphanage: this one filled with nasty bullies who target him, a suspicious orphanage director, and a mystery about lost treasure. Using his superior intellect and fierce determination, Nicholas strives to solve the mystery and makes a couple of fast friends in the process. *Series*
- VanHecke, Susan. ***Raggin' Jazzin' Rockin': A History of American Musical Instrument Makers***. Boyds Mills, 2011. A history of American musical instrument makers and the contributions they made to the changing sound of music.
- Weeks, Sarah. ***Pie***. Scholastic, 2011. Alice's Aunt Polly passes away and entrusts the recipe for her world-famous pie crust to her cat, which she leaves in Alice's care. As everyone, including Alice, tries to discover the secret ingredients, Alice learns some important lessons about faith, love, and family.
- Weston, Robert Paul. ***Zorgamazoo***. Razorbill, 2008. Imaginative and adventurous Katrina eludes her maniacal guardian to help Morty, a member of a vanishing breed of zorgles, with his quest to uncover the fate of the fabled zorgles of Zorgamazoo as well as of other creatures that seem to have disappeared from the Earth.
- Wood, Maryrose. ***The Mysterious Howling***. Balzer + Bray, 2010. Three wild children who were raised by wolves and their young governess, Penelope, are caught up in the mysteries of Ashton Place and the people who live there. *Series*

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- Allen, Crystal. ***The Laura Line***. Balzar + Bray, 2013. When Laura Dyson's seventh grade history teacher schedules a class trip to the slave shack on her grandmother's farm, Laura is forced to come to terms with her family's past and what it means for her future.
- Avi. ***The Seer of Shadows***. HarperCollins, 2008. In this intriguing historical ghost story set in New York City in 1872, Horace Carpetine becomes an apprentice to a local society photographer and learns more about deception, ghosts, and photography than he could ever have imagined.
- Balliett, Blue. ***Hold Fast***. Scholastic, 2013. On a cold winter day in Chicago, Early's father disappeared. Now she, her brother, and mother have been forced to flee their apartment and join the ranks of the homeless – leaving it up to Early to hold her family together and solve the mystery surrounding her father.
- Bauer, Joan. ***Close to Famous***. Viking, 2011. Twelve-year-old Foster dreams of growing up to become a celebrity chef despite her reading disability. Can the quirky townfolk of tiny Culpepper help Foster succeed?
- Birdsall, Jeanne. ***The Penderwicks at Point Mouette***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2011. When the three younger Penderwick sisters go to Maine with Aunt Claire and are separated from oldest sister Rosalind for the first time in their lives, an uncertain Skye is left in charge as the OAP – oldest available Penderwick. *Series*
- Bragg, Georgia. ***How They Croaked: The Awful Ends of the Awfully Famous***. Walker, 2011. "If you don't have the guts for gore, do not read this book." This caveat from the publisher warns the reader that they will encounter lots of gory details of the deaths of nineteen famous people . . . fun and informative too.
- Burg, Shana. ***A Thousand Never Evers***. Delacorte, 2008. Addie Ann Pickett, an African American girl in 1963 Kuckachoo, Mississippi, journals about her family, the racial injustices they face, and her fears for her older brother Elias when he goes missing due to her own carelessness.
- Calkhoven, Laurie. ***Will at the Battle of Gettysburg, 1863***. Dutton, 2011. In 1863, twelve-year-old Will, who longs to be a drummer in the Union army, is stuck in his sleepy hometown of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. However, when the Union and Confederate armies meet right there in his town, he and his family are caught up in the fight, and Will learns about the horrors of war. *Series*
- Compestine, Ying Chang. ***Revolution is Not a Dinner Party: A Novel***. Holt, 2007. During the Cultural Revolution in China, Ling struggles to make sense of injustice and severe losses of freedom that both she and her well-educated family must endure.
- Connor, Leslie. ***Waiting for Normal***. Katherine Tegen, 2008. Addie would like a normal life. Not only does she live in a trailer in Schenectady, New York, with her mother, who is not at all responsible or parental, but also she is separated from her kind and loving stepfather and younger half-sisters. Schneider Family Book Award, 2009

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- Creech, Sharon. ***The Boy on the Porch***. Joanna Cotler, 2013. One day a young couple finds a boy asleep on their porch. He is unable to speak or explain who he is, but they choose to care for the boy and embrace his exuberant spirit and talents. A simple tale that touches the heart and asks questions about the real meaning of family.
- Crilley, Paul. ***Rise of the Darklings***. Egmont USA, 2010. Twelve-year-old Emily Snow, who sells watercress on the streets of London to support herself and her younger brother, takes the fate of humanity into her hands when she unknowingly involves herself in a war between two factions of piskies -- small, sarcastic fey creatures fighting for control over England -- by rescuing one. *Series*
- DeFelice, Cynthia. ***Wild Life***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2011. A gripping adventure story about a boy named Erik and a rescued dog living in the Middle of Nowhere, North Dakota, with grandparents he hardly knows, while his parents have been deployed to Iraq.
- Dowd, Siobhan. ***The London Eye Mystery***. David Fickling Books, 2007. When Ted and Kat's cousin Salim disappears from the London Eye ferris wheel, the two siblings must work together--Ted with his brain that is "wired differently" and impatient Kat--to try to solve the mystery of what happened to Salim.
- Draper, Sharon. ***Out of My Mind***. Atheneum, 2010. Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient, young girl with cerebral palsy discovers a way for her to speak for the first time.
- Dubosarsky, Ursula. ***The Word Snoop***. Dial Books, 2009. Brimming with humor, puzzles, and more, this book offers an entertaining look at the English language, from the origins of the alphabet to texting.
- Ellis, Leanne Statland. ***The Ugly One***. Clarion, 2013. At the height of the Incan Empire, a girl called the Ugly One because of a disfiguring scar on her face seeks to have the scar removed but finds a life path as a shaman instead.
- Erskine, Kathryn. ***Mockingbird: (Mok'ing-burd)***. Philomel, 2010. Ten-year-old Caitlin, who has Asperger's Syndrome, struggles to understand emotions, show empathy, and make friends at school, while at home she seeks closure by working on a project with her father.
- Flanagan, John. ***The Outcasts***. Philomel, 2011. In this action-packed companion series to Flanagan's *Rangers Apprentice* books, a sixteen-year-old Skandian-Araluen named Hal and his group of misfit friends compete against two other, more powerful, brotherbands, enduring three months of grueling training in seamanship, weapons, and battle tactics to determine who will win the coveted prize. *Series*
- Fleming, Candace. ***The Great and Only Barnum: The Tremendous, Stupendous Life of Showman P.T. Barnum***. Schwartz & Wade, 2009. Filled with reproductions of old photographs, circus posters, and museum flyers, this fascinating biography of the life of showman Phineas Taylor Barnum will both engage and entertain readers.

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- Freedman, Russell. ***Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass: The Story Behind an American Friendship***. Clarion, 2012. This fascinating account focuses on the lives of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, including their friendship and its effect on emancipation and the Civil War.
- Gantos, Jack. ***Dead End in Norvelt***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2011. In the historic town of Norvelt, Pennsylvania, twelve-year-old Jack Gantos spends the summer of 1962 grounded for various offenses until he is assigned to help an elderly neighbor with a most unusual chore involving the newly dead, molten wax, twisted promises, Girl Scout cookies, underage driving, lessons from history, typewriting, and countless bloody noses. Newberry Award, 2012.
- Gibbs, Stuart. ***The Last Musketeer***. Harper, 2011. On a family trip to Paris to sell family heirlooms, fourteen-year-old Greg and his parents are whisked back to 1615 Paris, and Greg teams up with the soon-to-become Three Musketeers in an attempt to free his imprisoned parents from imminent death. *Series*
- Graff, Lisa. ***Tangle of Knots***. Philomel, 2013. Destiny leads eleven-year-old Cady to a peanut butter factory, a family of children searching for their own Talents, and a Talent Thief who will alter her life forever.
- Hiaasen, Carl. ***Chomp***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2012. A combination of wild animals and reality TV is mixed with a dose of humor, adventure, and mystery when the fame-seeking star of the show disappears in the Florida Everglades and Wahoo Cray, the young animal wrangler, and his new friend Tuna are the only ones who can find him.
- Hoose, Phillip. ***Moonbird: A Year on the Wind With the Great Survivor B95***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2012. Documents the survival tale of an intrepid shorebird who has endured annual migrations between Argentina and the Canadian Arctic throughout the course of a long lifetime while his species continues to decline.
- Hopkinson, Deborah. ***Titanic: Voices from the Disaster***. Scholastic, 2012. Draws on stories from survivors as well as archival photographs to describe the history of the Titanic from its launch to its fateful sinking.
- Johnson, Rebecca L. ***Journey into the Deep: Discovering New Ocean Creatures***. Millbrook, 2011. Travel with oceanographers discovering new animals during a ten-year project documenting sea life. Learn about new species of interesting creatures such as jellyfish, octopuses, squids, and sea worms found along coral reefs, ocean mountain ranges, and in the deepest, darkest zones of the ocean floor.
- Kadohata, Cynthia. ***The Thing About Luck***. Atheneum, 2013. Just when twelve-year-old Summer thinks nothing else can possibly go wrong in a year of bad luck, an emergency takes her parents to Japan, leaving Summer to care for her little brother while helping her grandmother cook and do laundry for harvest workers.

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- Kelly, Jacqueline. ***The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate***. Holt, 2009. Calpurnia struggles with growing up as she spends more of her free time with her grandfather, an avid naturalist, examining the beauty of nature, while at the same time her mother wants to teach her the responsibilities of a young woman during the turn of the century in Central Texas. Newbery Honor, 2010
- Kennedy, Caroline, ed. ***Poems to Learn by Heart***. Disney-Hyperion, 2013. A wonderful selection of poems -- some old favorites, some new -- arranged by everyday subjects like school, family, self, sports, etc., accompanied by watercolor illustrations so charmingly done by Jon J. Muth. A book to treasure and share!
- Korman, Gordon. ***The Hypnotists***. Scholastic, 2013. Twelve-year-old Jackson Opus is descended from two powerful hypnotist bloodlines, but he has just begun to realize that he can control other people's actions with sometimes frightening results- especially when the head of the Sentia Institute plans to use Jackson for his own benefit.
- Landon, Kristen. ***The Limit***. Aladdin, 2010. When his family exceeds its legal debt limit, thirteen-year-old Matt is sent to the Federal Debt Reduction Agency workhouse where he discovers illicit activities are being carried out using children who have been placed there.
- Levine, Kristin. ***The Lions of Little Rock***. Putnam, 2012. In 1958 Little Rock, Arkansas, painfully shy twelve-year-old Marlee sees her city and family divided over school integration, but her friendship with Liz, a new student, helps her find her voice and fight against racism.
- Mass, Wendy. ***The Candymakers***. Little, Brown, 2010. Four gifted twelve-year-olds, including Logan, the candymaker's son, are set to be contestants in the Confectionary Association's national competition to determine the nation's tastiest sweet, but nobody anticipates that a friendship will form between the children.
- Miller, Sarah. ***Miss Spitfire: Reaching Helen Keller***. Atheneum, 2007. This is Annie Sullivan's story of challenge and determination as she tries to become a teacher of the child Helen Keller, who is blind, deaf, and overindulged by her desperate parents.
- O'Connor, George. ***Athena: Grey-Eyed Goddess***. First Second, 2010. Action and adventure are in store for the Greek goddess Athena in this graphic portrayal that is told through five myths. *Series*
- Pearsall, Shelly. ***Jump into the Sky***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2012. In 1945, thirteen-year-old Levi is sent to find the father he has not seen in three years. He travels from Chicago to segregated North Carolina and finally to Pendleton, Oregon, where he learns that his father's unit, the all-Black 555th paratrooper battalion, will never see combat but finally has a mission. Includes historical notes.
- Preus, Margi. ***Shadow on the Mountain***. Amulet Books, 2012. In Nazi-occupied Norway, fourteen-year-old Espen joins the resistance movement, graduating from deliverer of illegal newspapers to courier and spy. Based on the real-life adventures of a Norwegian boy.

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- Riordan, Rick; adapted by Orpheus Collar. ***The Red Pyramid: Graphic Novel***. Disney-Hyperion, 2012. Brilliant Egyptologist Dr. Julius Kane accidentally unleashes the Egyptian god Set who banishes the doctor to oblivion and forces his two children to embark on a dangerous journey, bringing them closer to the truth about their family and its link to a secret order that has existed since the time of the pharaohs.
- Ryan, Pam Muñoz. ***The Dreamer***. Scholastic, 2010. A fictionalized biography of the Nobel Prize-winning Chilean poet Pablo Neruda, who grew up a painfully shy child, ridiculed by his overbearing father, but still became one of the most widely-read poets in the world.
- Scott, Elaine. ***Space, Stars, and the Beginning of Time: What the Hubble Telescope Saw***. Houghton Mifflin, 2011. Amazing photographs from space illustrate this history of telescopes, astronomy, black holes and the Big Bang theory.
- Sloan, Holly Goldberg. ***Counting by 7s***. Dial, 2013. Twelve-year-old genius and outsider Willow Chance must figure out how to connect with other people and find a surrogate family for herself after her parents are killed in a car accident.
- Smith, Roland. ***Tentacles***. Scholastic, 2009. After the mysterious disappearance of their parents, Marty and Grace go to live with their scientist uncle and accompany him on what soon becomes an increasingly dangerous expedition to New Zealand to track a giant squid.
- Stephens, John. ***The Emerald Atlas***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2011. Using an enchanted atlas, Kate, Michael, and Emma battle evil as they seek to be reunited with their parents in a magical world. *Series*
- Stone, Tanya Lee. ***Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream***. Candlewick, 2009. A chronicle of the thirteen women who tried to become NASA's first women astronaut trainees in the early 1960s. All were pilots; each earned high scores in preliminary tests. They were not accepted into the program, but their story is riveting.
- Tanner, Lian. ***The Museum of Thieves***. Delacorte, 2010. Goldie, an impulsive and bold twelve-year-old, escapes the oppressive city of Jewel, where children are required to wear guardchains for their protection. She finds refuge in the extraordinary Museum of Dunt, an ever-shifting world where she discovers a useful talent for thievery as well as mysterious secrets that threaten her city and everyone she loves. *Series*
- Tubb, Kristin O'Donnell. ***Selling Hope***. Feiwel and Friends, 2010. This story, set in 1905, is about a smart, savvy girl named Hope who travels the vaudeville circuit with her magician dad and a cast of quirky characters (including Buster Keaton and his family) and invents anti-comet pills in an effort to make money and to save people from Haley's Comet, which some people believe is about to hit the earth.
- Turnage, Sheila. ***Three Times Lucky***. Dial Books, 2012. Washed ashore as a baby in tiny Tupelo Landing, North Carolina, Mo LoBeau, now eleven, and her best friend Dale turn detective when the amnesiac Colonel, owner of a café and co-parent of Mo with his cook, Miss Lana, seems implicated in a murder.

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Any available unabridged edition of a title is acceptable.

- Abdul-Jabbar, Kareem. ***Sasquatch in the Paint***. Disney-Hyperion, 2013. Eighth-grader Theo Rollins' growth spurt has Coach Mandrake trying to transform him into a basketball star, but training time is hurting the science club's chances of winning the "Aca-lympics," and being accused of stealing could mean Theo is off both teams.
- Aguirre, Ann. ***Enclave***. Feiwel and Friends, 2011. Following her fifteenth birthday, Huntress Deuce is sent with topsider Fade to determine the fate of a neighboring enclave. After a shocking discovery, the pair is banished by their own enclave's elders and must face the darkness and dangers unlike any ever seen.
- Anderson, Laurie Halse. ***Chains***. Simon & Schuster, 2008. After being sold to a cruel Loyalist couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War. Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction. *Series*
- Aronson, Marc. ***If Stones Could Speak: Unlocking the Secrets of Stonehenge***. National Geographic, 2010. Texts, photographs, and explanatory maps and illustrations document archaeologist Mike Parker Pearson's study of Stonehenge and the surrounding area, describing what he found and what the artifacts reveal about the site and its history.
- Asimov, Isaac. ***The Stars, Like Dust***. First published 1951. At the death of his father, Biron Farrill becomes involved in the plot to rebel against the Tyranni who have conquered many worlds. *Series*
- Barton, Chris. ***Can I See Your ID? : True Stories of False Identities***. Dial Books, 2011. From the impoverished young woman who enchanted nineteenth-century British society as a faux Asian princess to the lonely but clever Frank Abagnale of "Catch Me if You Can" fame, these ten true vignettes offer riveting insight into mind-blowing masquerades.
- Black, Holly. ***Doll Bones***. McElderry Books, 2013. Three middle school friends, who have long enjoyed acting out imaginary adventures with dolls and action figures, embark on a real-life quest to bury a doll made from the ashes of a dead girl, but nothing goes according to plan. As their adventure turns into an epic journey, creepy things begin to happen. Newbery Honor, 2014
- Bondoux, Anne-Laure. ***A Time of Miracles***. Translated from the French by Y. Maudet. Delacorte, 2010. In the early 1990s, a boy with a mysterious past and the woman who cares for him endure a five-year journey across the war-torn Caucasus and Europe, weathering hardships and welcoming unforgettable encounters with other refugees searching for a better life. Batchelder Award Winner 2011
- Bradford, Chris. ***Young Samurai: The Way of the Warrior***. Disney-Hyperion, 2008. Orphaned by a ninja pirate attack off the coast of Japan in 1611, twelve-year-old English lad Jack Fletcher is determined to prove himself despite the bullying of fellow students. A legendary sword master who rescues Jack begins training him as a samurai warrior. *Series*

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- Bullard, Lisa. ***Turn Left at the Cow***. Houghton Mifflin, 2013. Travis runs away from his home in California to his grandmother's home in rural Minnesota to find out about his father whom he never knew, and finds himself enmeshed in a mystery about his father, as well as trying to deal with the kids next door.
- Card, Orson Scott. ***Pathfinder***. Simon Pulse, 2010. Thirteen-year-old Rigg has a secret ability to see the paths of others' pasts, but revelations after his death set him on a dangerous quest that brings new threats from those who would either control his destiny or kill him. *Series*
- Carriger, Gail. ***Etiquette & Espionage***. Little, Brown, 2013. In an alternate England of 1851, spirited fourteen-year-old Sophronia is enrolled in a finishing school where she is surprised to learn that lessons include not only the fine arts of dance, dress, and etiquette, but also diversion, deceit, and espionage. *Series*
- Carson, Rae. ***The Girl of Fire and Thorns***. Greenwillow, 2011. Princess Elisa has been married off to a neighboring king. Unsure about who she is and what to do, she is kidnapped and catapulted into an adventure where she has to blend her own fate with that of her people. *Series*
- Carter, Ally. ***Heist Society***. Disney-Hyperion, 2010. A group of teenagers uses its combined talents to re-steal several priceless paintings and save fifteen-year-old Kat Bishop's father, himself an international art thief, from a vengeful collector. *Series*
- Catmull, Katherine. ***Summer and Bird***. Dutton, 2012. In the world of Down, young sisters Summer and Bird are separated and go in very different directions as they seek their missing parents, try to vanquish the evil Puppeteer, lead the talking birds back to their Green Home, and discover the identity of the true bird queen.
- Charlton, Blake. ***Spellwright***. Tor Books, 2010. A wizard's apprentice, Nicodemus Weal, has trouble controlling his spells because he is dyslexic. To make matters worse, he is named a suspect in the murder of a powerful wizard and must race against time to clear his name and uncover who is responsible for that crime as well as the destruction of the city around him. *Series*
- Chatterton, Martin. ***The Brain Finds a Leg***. Peachtree, 2009. In Farrago Bay, Australia, thirteen-year-old Sheldon is recruited by a new student, Theo Brain, to help investigate a murder which is tied not only to bizarre animal behavior but also to a diabolical plot to alter human intelligence. *Series*
- Chibbaro, Julie. ***Deadly***. Atheneum, 2011. New York City in 1793 is reeling from typhoid fever and sixteen-year-old Prudence is hired, against convention, by the Sanitation Department to discover how the disease is being spread.
- Choldenko, Gennifer. ***No Passengers Beyond This Point***. Dial Books, 2011. With their house in foreclosure, sisters India and Mouse and their brother Finn are sent to stay with an uncle in Colorado until their mother can join them. However, when the plane lands, the children are welcomed by cheering crowds to a strange place where each of them has a perfect house and a clock that is ticking down the time.

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- Constable, Cathryn. ***The Wolf Princess***. Scholastic, 2013. Sophie Smith is an orphan stuck in a boarding school in London, but at night she dreams of Russia and wolves – then, on a class trip to Saint Petersburg, she finds herself and her two friends deliberately separated from the group and whisked off into the silver forest of her dreams, where a mystery awaits.
- Crossan, Sarah. ***The Weight of Water***. Bloomsbury, 2013. Told in verse, this story is about twelve-year-old Kasienka who immigrates to England from Poland with her mother in search of Kasienka’s father. Sadly, everyone is not friendly except for one neighbor and a cute boy Kasienka meets at the swimming pool, which is her only refuge from bullies and an unfamiliar society.
- Cummings, Priscilla. ***Red Kayak***. Dutton, 2004. Living near the water on Maryland’s Eastern Shore, thirteen-year-old Brady and his best friends J.T. and Digger become entangled in a tragedy which tests their friendship and their idea about right and wrong.
- Davies, Stephen. ***Outlaw: A Novel***. Clarion, 2011. The children of Britain's ambassador to Burkina Faso, fifteen-year-old Jake, who loves technology and adventure, and thirteen-year-old Kas, a budding social activist, are abducted and spend time in the Sahara desert with Yakuuba Sor, who some call a terrorist but others consider a modern-day Robin Hood.
- Dixon, Heather. ***Entwined***. Greenwillow, 2011. Confined to their dreary castle while mourning their mother's death, Princess Azalea and her eleven sisters join The Keeper, trapped in a magic passageway, in a nightly dance that soon involves romance, mystery and eventually nightmare!
- Doyle, Arthur Conan, Sir. ***The Hound of the Baskervilles***. First published 1902. Sherlock Holmes is asked to investigate the tale of a mysterious death and a hound that haunts the lonely moors around the Baskervilles' ancestral home.
- Dumas, Alexandre. ***The Three Musketeers***. First published 1844. Young d’Artagnan comes to Paris to join the Musketeers who serve King Louis XIV and try to foil the evil plots of Cardinal Richelieu.
- Engle, Margarita. ***The Surrender Tree: Poems of Cuba’s Struggle for Freedom***. Holt, 2008. Using free verse poetry, Rosa tells her story of healing, revolution, slavery, survival, and hope for freedom during three revolutions in Cuba between 1868 and 1898.
- Eulberg, Elizabeth. ***Take a Bow***. Scholastic, 2012. The Senior Showcase recital at a performing arts high school in New York is approaching: Sophie is grateful for the support of her friends and boyfriend; Emme and Ethan wonder whether they could be more than friends and band-mates; and Carter does not know how to admit that he would rather be a painter than a performer.

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- Evans, Richard Paul. ***Michael Vey, Prisoner of Cell 25***. Simon Pulse, 2011. To everyone at school, fourteen-year-old Michael Vey is nothing special, just the kid with Tourette's syndrome. However Michael is extremely special . . . he has electric powers. Michael and his friends set out to discover how he and a cheerleader named Taylor ended up with their abilities, and their investigation brings them to the attention of a powerful group who wants to use the electric teens to control the world. *Series*
- Falkner, Brian. ***Assault***. Random House, 2012. In the year 2030, six teens have been modified to look like the aliens who are battling for control of Earth. Their mission: to go behind enemy lines to uncover and destroy a shocking, secret alien project. *Series*
- Feinstein, John. ***The Rivalry: Mystery at the Army-Navy Game***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2010. Two teen reporters stumble across an illegal betting ring when they team up with major Washington news reporters to cover one of the fiercest rivalries of college football. *Series*
- Fforde, Jasper. ***The Last Dragonslayer***. Harcourt, 2012. Jennifer Strange runs an agency for underemployed magicians in a world where magic is fading away, but when visions of the death of the world's last dragon begin, all signs point to Jennifer--and Big Magic.
- Freedman, Russell. ***The War to End All Wars: World War I***. Clarion, 2010. This is a narrative history of World War I that features archival photographs and describes how advanced military weaponry impacted the course of the war.
- Frost, Robert. ***Poetry for Young People: Robert Frost***. Edited by Gary D. Schmidt. Sterling, 1994. A selection of twenty-five poems by Robert Frost arranged by the four seasons and illustrated by Henri Sorenson. At the bottom of each poem is a brief editor's note about how the lines could be read.
- Gaiman, Neil. ***The Graveyard Book***. HarperCollins, 2008. Toddler Bod, short for Nobody, crawls into a graveyard after his family is brutally murdered. He is then raised lovingly and carefully to the age of eighteen by the graveyard's ghosts and otherworldly creatures. Newbery Award 2009
- Gewirtz, Adina. ***Zebra Forest***. Candlewick, 2013. Eleven-year-old Annie and her younger brother are being raised by their Gran and are surrounded by family secrets, but everything changes when an escaped criminal shows up at their house and takes them all hostage. There is an interesting thematic connection to the classic ***Treasure Island*** by Robert Louis Stevenson, which the children read throughout the story.
- Gier, Kerstin. ***Ruby Red***. Translated from the German by Anthea Bell. Holt, 2011. Sixteen-year-old Gwyneth Shepherd unexpectedly travels through time to the eighteenth century where she discovers a mystery about her real birth date and finds to her dismay that she must work with Gideon -- another time traveler who hates her! *Series*
- Gleitzman, Morris. ***Once***. Holt, 2010. After living in a Catholic orphanage for nearly four years, a naive Jewish boy runs away and embarks on a journey across Nazi-occupied Poland to find his parents. *Series*

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- Gonzalez, Christina Diaz. ***The Red Umbrella***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2010. In 1961, fourteen-year-old Lucia's comfortable life in Cuba ends when communists take control of the country. Lucia and her younger brother are sent by their parents to live with a foster family in Nebraska and must adapt to a new language and way of life.
- Grimes, Nikki. ***Planet Middle School***. Bloomsbury, 2011. A series of poems describes all the baffling changes at home and at school in twelve-year-old Joylin's transition from tomboy basketball player to not-quite-girly girl.
- Haddix, Margaret Peterson. ***Game Changer***. Simon & Schuster, 2012. While playing in the championship softball game, star pitcher KT Sutton blacks out and awakes to a changed world where the roles of academics and sports at her middle school have flipped, making talented athletes, such as KT, outcasts and brainy nerds popular.
- Hale, Nathan. ***One Dead Spy: The Life, Times, and Last Words of Nathan Hale, America's Most Famous Spy***. Amulet Books, 2012. After being swallowed by a giant history book moments before his own execution, Nathan Hale is given the chance to tell his own story as well as many other stories from American History. *Series*.
- Harrington, Kim. ***The Dead and Buried***. Point, 2012. High School senior Jade is horrified to learn her father and stepmother have bought the house of a girl who was mysteriously killed just the year before they moved to town. She is even more horrified to realize the house is being haunted by the dead girl's very mean-spirited ghost.
- Hartman, Rachel. ***Seraphina***. Random House, 2012. Seraphina is half dragon and half human and, if people knew, would be considered an abomination. She lives a life in the shadows until her musical talent, a mysterious death, and her attraction to a handsome prince bring her life to a crisis. Morris Award for Best YA Debut Novel
- Hinds, Gareth. ***The Odyssey: A Graphic Novel***. Candlewick, 2010. Homer's epic tale of Odysseus - the ancient Greek hero who encounters witches and other obstacles on his journey home after fighting in the Trojan War - is retold in graphic novel format.
- Hoffman, Alice. ***Green Witch***. Scholastic, 2010. A year after her family and world are destroyed, Green and her fellow survivors go on a quest for answers about life, love, loss, and their future. *Series*
- Jablonski, Carla. ***Resistance: Book 1***. First Second, 2010. After trying to hide their Jewish friend Henri when his parents disappear, Paul and Marie are asked to join the French resistance. They experience the horrors of World War II in Vichy France as their own father is held by the Nazis. *Series*
- Kibuishi, Kazu, ed. ***Explorer: Mystery Boxes***. Amulet Books, 2012. Seven popular authors contribute wildly different graphic stories revolving around the mysterious contents of a box.

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- Kincaid, S.J. ***Insignia***. Katherine Tegen, 2012. Tom, a fourteen-year-old genius at virtual reality games, is recruited by the United States Military to begin training at the Pentagon Spire as a Combatant in World War III, controlling the mechanized drones that do the actual fighting off-planet. *Series*
- King, Wesley. ***The Vindico***. Putnam's, 2012. When supervillains of the Vindico realize they are getting too old to fight the League of Heroes, they kidnap and begin training five teens, but James, Lana, Hayden, Emily, and Sam will not become the next generation of evil without a fight. *Series*
- Kipling, Rudyard. ***The Jungle Book***. First published in magazines, 1893-1895. This is a collection of stories which center on Mowgli, a "man-cub" raised by wolves. His journey to adulthood is aided by Baloo the bear and Bagheera the black panther. Also included is the story of a mongoose, Rikki-Tikki-Tavi.
- LaFleur, Suzanne M. ***Listening for Lucca***. Wendy Lamb, 2013. When her younger brother, Lucca, stopped talking, Siena's family moved to Maine in hopes of a fresh start. Their home on the beach, however, has ghostly secrets of its own that connect Siena with a boy and girl who lived there during World War II.
- Lane, Andrew. ***Death Cloud***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2010. In 1868, with his army officer father suddenly posted to India, and his mother mysteriously "unwell," fourteen-year-old Sherlock Holmes is sent to stay with his eccentric uncle and aunt in their vast house in Hampshire, where he uncovers his first murder and a diabolical villain. *Series*
- Le Guin, Ursula K. ***A Wizard of Earthsea***. First published 1968. After pride causes him to unleash a demon, Zed is compelled to either chase or escape from the ever-pursuing shadow. *Series*
- Lu, Marie. ***Legend***. Putnam's, 2011. In a dark future, when North America has split into two warring nations, fifteen-year-olds Day, a famous criminal, and prodigy June, the brilliant soldier hired to capture him, discover that they have a common enemy. *Series*
- McMann, Lisa. ***The Unwanteds***. Aladdin, 2011. In a society that purges thirteen-year-olds who are creative, identical twins Aaron and Alex are separated -- one to attend University while the other, supposedly Eliminated, finds himself in a wondrous place where youths hone their abilities and learn magic. *Series*
- McNeal, Tom. ***Far Far Away***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2013. When Jeremy Johnson Johnson's strange ability to speak to the ghost of Jacob Grimm draws the interest of his classmate, Ginger Boultinghouse, the two find themselves at the center of a series of disappearances in their hometown. National Book Award Finalist 2013
- Meloy, Maile. ***The Apothecary***. Putnam's, 2011. During the early days of the Red Scare, Janie and her family must leave their home in Los Angeles and move to London. There, she encounters a fascinating boy named Benjamin Burrows who wants to become a spy. When Benjamin discovers his father has some secrets of his own, Janie and Benjamin begin a race against the Russians to prevent a global disaster.

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- Meyer, Marissa. ***Cinder***. Feiwel and Friends, 2012. Cinder, a gifted mechanic and a cyborg with a mysterious past, is blamed by her stepmother for her stepsister's illness while a deadly plague decimates the population of New Beijing. When Cinder's life gets intertwined with Prince Kai's, she finds herself at the center of an intergalactic struggle. *Series*
- Monaghan, Annabel. ***A Girl Named Digit***. Houghton Mifflin, 2012. After identifying a terrorist plot by cracking their codes, Digit, a brilliant girl from Santa Monica, California, gets involved with the young FBI agent who is trying to ensure her safety.
- Mull, Brandon. ***A World Without Heroes***. Aladdin, 2011. Fourteen-year-old Jason Walker is transported to a strange world called Lyrian, where he joins Rachel and a few rebels to piece together the Word that can destroy the malicious wizard emperor. *Series*
- Mulligan, Andy. ***Trash***. David Fickling Books, 2010. A group of fourteen-year-old boys -- who make a living picking garbage from the outskirts of a large city -- finds something special and mysterious that brings terrifying consequences.
- Murdock, Catherine Gilbert. ***Wisdom's Kiss: A Thrilling and Romantic Adventure, Incorporating Magic, Villainy, and a Cat***. Houghton Mifflin, 2011. Princess Wisdom has been betrothed to the Duke of Farina. Unfortunately, she falls in love with a circus acrobat whose heart already belongs to another. Despite all this, they must band together, along with Magic the cat (to whom there is more than meets the eye), in order to preserve the kingdom and save it from almost certain ruin.
- Ness, Patrick. ***A Monster Calls***. Candlewick, 2011. Troubled by the recurring nightmare that started with his mother's cancer treatments, twelve-year-old Conor is shocked by a monster in the form of a giant yew tree that appears at his window -- a monster who has three stories to tell and who wants "the truth" from Conor. Andrew Carnegie Medal
- Oliver, Mary. ***Dog Songs: Thirty-five Dog Songs and One Essay***. Penguin, 2013. A collection of poems and one essay about dogs and their relationships with their owners.
- O'Neal, Eilis. ***The False Princess***. Egmont USA, 2011. Nalia has been raised as the Princess of Thorvaldor, but on her sixteenth birthday she learns that her real name is Sinda and that she is part of a complicated plot that would change the future of her country forever.
- Oppel, Kenneth. ***This Dark Endeavor***. Simon & Schuster, 2011. Victor Frankenstein, his twin brother, and his cousin explore the dark and forbidden depths of the Frankenstein castle, stumbling across the ancient magical texts that Victor later hopes will save his brother's life. A precursor to the classic character first introduced by Mary Shelley in 1818. *Series*
- Park, Linda Sue. ***A Long Walk to Water***. Clarion, 2010. Young Salva survives many dangers growing up in war-torn Sudan and dedicates his life to making a difference for those who live in his native land. Based on a true story.

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- Pratchett, Terry. ***Dodger***. HarperCollins, 2012. In an alternative version of Victorian London, seventeen-year-old Dodger, a cunning and cheeky street urchin, unexpectedly rises in life when he saves a mysterious girl, meets Charles Dickens, and unintentionally puts a stop to the murders of Sweeny Todd. Printz Honor Award 2013
- Rice, Condoleezza. ***Condoleezza Rice: A Memoir of My Extraordinary, Ordinary Family and Me***. Delacorte, 2011. Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice shares stories of growing up in a black middle class family during the racially turbulent 1950s and 1960s.
- Riggs, Ransom. ***Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children***. Quirk Books, 2011. Sixteen-year-old Jacob, having traveled to a remote island after a family tragedy, discovers an abandoned orphanage, and, after some investigating, he learns the children who lived there may have been dangerous and quarantined but may also still be alive. Haunting vintage photographs are dispersed throughout the book, giving the story a hint of creepiness. *Series*
- Ruiz Zafón, Carlos. ***The Prince of Mist***. Little, Brown, 2010. In 1943, in a seaside town where their family has gone to be safe from war, thirteen-year-old Max Carver and his fifteen-year-old sister Alicia, along with new friend Roland, face off against an evil magician who is striving to complete a bargain made before he died.
- Rusch, Elizabeth. ***The Mighty Mars Rovers: The Incredible Adventures of Spirit and Opportunity***. Houghton Mifflin, 2012. The story of the two robot vehicles, Spirit and Opportunity, that were sent to explore Mars, lasting far past their projected lives of three months and sending back invaluable images of the environmentally hostile planet.
- Sachar, Louis. ***The Cardturner: A Novel About a Queen, a King, and a Joker***. Delacorte, 2010. When his wealthy uncle, a champion bridge player who has lost his vision, asks seventeen-year-old Alton to be a cardturner for him, Alton has no idea how much he will ultimately learn from his eccentric relative.
- Schmatz, Pat. ***Bluefish***. Candlewick, 2011. Longing for the country and his missing dog Roscoe, Travis tries to survive in a new school while living with his alcoholic grandfather and burdened by a painful secret. Hope comes in the form of a teacher and a new friend named Velveeta.
- Schmidt, Gary D. ***Okay for Now***. Clarion, 2011. Fourteen-year-old Doug has just moved to a new town. A new town means another chance to start over. Will everyone assume he is like his thug of an older brother? Will everyone assume he is like his corrupt, abusive father? All Doug wants is to be treated fairly and, thanks to a couple of new friends, Doug may just find out what it is like to be “okay for now.”
- Sepetys, Ruta. ***Between Shades of Gray***. Philomel, 2011. On a calm, beautiful night in 1941 Lithuania, fifteen-year-old Lina’s life is torn apart as she and her family are forced from their home and sent to work in labor camps along the harsh Arctic Circle as part of Stalin’s forced relocation program.

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- Sheinkin, Steve. ***Lincoln's Grave Robbers***. Scholastic, 2012. An account of how counterfeiter Benjamin Boyd's gang stole the body of Abraham Lincoln, their demand for Boyd's release from jail as well as two hundred thousand dollars as ransom, and the efforts of the Secret Service to recover the remains.
- Shusterman, Neal. ***Unwind***. Simon & Schuster, 2007. Three teens embark upon a cross-country journey in order to escape from a society that salvages body parts from children ages thirteen to eighteen. *Series*
- Sonnenblick, Jordan. ***After Ever After***. Scholastic, 2010. Jeffrey, cancer survivor from *Drums, Girls & Dangerous Pie*, now confronts eighth grade without Steven, his staunch, supportive older brother; but he bonds with Tad, also a cancer survivor, making a pact to help each other – Tad to walk for graduation without his wheelchair and Jeffrey to pass his standardized test in math to graduate.
- Stevenson, Robert Louis. ***Treasure Island***. First published 1883. A classic pirate story reproduced in movies and TV shows more than any other, *Treasure Island* tells the tale of the quest for treasure by Jim Hawkins and pirate Long John Silver. The book also introduced the now infamous pirate song "Fifteen men on the dead man's chest--Yo-ho-ho, and a bottle of rum!"
- Stiefvater, Maggie. ***The Scorpio Races***. Scholastic, 2011. Some race for fame. Some race for fortune. Then there is the story of Puck Connolly who, for the sake of her family, willingly risks her life as she races the legendary water horses in the bloody and brutal Scorpio Races.
- Strohmeier, Sarah. ***Smart Girls Get What They Want***. Balzer + Bray, 2012. Who says smart girls can't have fun? Three brainiac high school best friends decide to branch out - with mixed results.
- Stroud, Jonathan. ***The Ring of Solomon***. Disney-Hyperion, 2010. Bartimaeus, a wise-cracking djinni, finds himself in the tenth century and at the court of King Solomon with an unpleasant master and a sinister servant, and he gets himself into trouble with King Solomon's magic ring. *Series*
- Supplee, Suzanne. ***Somebody Everybody Listens To***. Dutton, 2010. When Retta Lee Jones graduates from high school and leaves her small town in search of a big break in Nashville, she encounters warmth and kindness along with cruelty and violence.
- Telgemeier, Raina. ***Smile***. Graphix, 2010. In this charming graphic novel Raina navigates the tough world of middle school all while enduring mountains of dental work after knocking out her two front teeth.
- TenNapel, Doug. ***Ghostopolis***. Graphix, 2010. Welcome to the afterlife. Terminally ill Garth Hale is accidentally transported to Ghostopolis before his time, and now it is up to washed-up, ghost-wrangler Frank Gallows and Garth's own deceased grandfather to get the boy back among the living in this action-packed, graphic-novel adventure.
- Thomson, Jamie. ***Dark Lord, The Early Years***. Walker, 2012. Evil Dark Lord tries to recover his dignity, his power, and his lands when an arch-foe transports him to a small town and into the body of a thirteen-year-old boy.

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- Tolkien, J. R. R. ***The Hobbit, or There and Back Again***. First published 1937. 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. *Series*
- Valente, Catherynne M. ***The Girl Who Circumnavigated Fairyland in a Ship of Her Own Making***. Feiwel and Friends, 2011. The narrator tells a story, not unlike the perils of Alice in Wonderland and Dorothy in Oz, of a twelve-year-old girl named September who is whisked away to Fairyland to retrieve the golden sword for the cruel queen, Marquess. *Series*
- Verne, Jules. ***20,000 Leagues Under the Sea***. First published 1869. This is a nineteenth-century science fiction tale of an electric submarine, its eccentric captain, and an undersea world.
- Walker, Sally M. ***Their Skeletons Speak: Kennewick Man and the Paleoamerican World***. Carolrhoda Books, 2012. This book explores the discovery and controversy surrounding the identification of the Kennewick Man, a nine thousand year old skeleton whose remains were found in a riverbed in Washington State in 1996.
- White, Kiersten. ***Paranormalcy***. HarperTeen, 2010. When a dark prophecy begins to come true, sixteen-year-old Evie of the International Paranormal Containment Agency must not only try to stop it, she must also uncover its connection to herself and to the alluring shape-shifter named Lend.
- Wright, Barbara. ***Crow***. Random House, 2012. Moses Thomas's summer vacation in 1898 North Carolina does not go as planned and while he deals with family problems and fickle friends, he feels the mounting tension between the African American and white communities.
- Zinn, Bridget. ***Poison***. Hyperion, 2013. Kyra is a potions master, so when she tries to save the kingdom by killing her best friend, the princess, she becomes a fugitive pursued by the king's army and her ex-boyfriend Hal.
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Any available unabridged edition of a title is acceptable.

- Archer, Jennifer. ***Through Her Eyes***. HarperTeen, 2011. Sixteen-year-old Tansy is used to moving every time her mother starts writing a new book. However, in the small Texas town where her grandfather grew up, she is lured into the world of a troubled young man whose death sixty years earlier is shrouded in mystery.
- Asher, Jay. ***Thirteen Reasons Why: A Novel***. Razorbill, 2007. When Hannah Baker commits suicide, she leaves behind thirteen cassette tapes to the people she feels contributed to her decision to end her life.
- Auburn, David. ***Proof: A Play***. Faber and Faber, 2001. This play explores the unknowability of love and the mysteries of mathematics. Pulitzer Prize, Drama 2001
- Barber, Nathan. ***Resurrecting Lazarus, Texas***. CreateSpace, 2012. When Coach Gabe Lewis accepts a job as girls' basketball coach at Lazarus High School, he cannot anticipate the struggles he will face both on and off the court or the personal investment he will end up making when his team needs him to be more than their coach. A tragedy occurs that rocks not only the team, but also the entire town. The girls might be the spark that can bring life back to Lazarus.
- Bardugo, Leigh. ***Shadow and Bone***. Holt, 2012. Orphaned by the Border Wars, Alina Starkov is taken from obscurity and away from her only friend, Mal, to become the protégé of the mysterious Darkling, who trains her to join the magical elite in the belief that she can destroy the monsters of the Fold.
- Bauby, Jean-Dominique. ***The Diving Bell and the Butterfly: A Memoir of Life in Death***. Translated from the French by Jeremy Leggatt. Vintage, 1998. This extraordinary book, a celebration of everyday life, was dictated one blink at a time, recounting the author's struggle with the effects of a massive stroke which left him with a body which had all but stopped working.
- Beard, Jo Ann. ***In Zanesville: A Novel***. Little, Brown, 2011. In a small factory town in Illinois during the 1970s, a fourteen-year-old girl navigates life alongside her best friend. From a babysitting disaster in the opening scene through kitten-saving adventures, being noticed by boys, and becoming friends with the popular cheerleaders, the girls survive a test of their friendship in their awkward, often hilarious, transition from childhood to young adulthood. Alex Award 2012
- Blake, Kendare. ***Anna Dressed in Blood***. Tor Books, 2011. Cas Lowood, armed with his late father's mysterious athame, sets out to kill a ghost known as Anna Dressed in Blood, but what he believes will be a routine task turns deadly when he discovers Anna is unlike any ghost he has ever encountered before. *Series*
- Bracken, Alexandra. ***The Darkest Minds***. Hyperion, 2012. Sixteen-year-old Ruby breaks out of a government-run rehabilitation camp for teens who acquired dangerous powers after surviving a virus that wiped out most American children.

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- Bradley, Alan. ***A Red Herring Without Mustard***. Delacorte, 2011. Eleven-year-old detective Flavia de Luce sorts through clues trying to solve various mysteries involving a missing child, a fortune-teller, and a dead body found in Flavia's own backyard. *Series*
- Cameron, Sharon. ***The Dark Unwinding***. Scholastic, 2012. In 1852, when seventeen-year-old Katharine is sent to her family's estate to prove that her uncle is insane, she finds he is an inventor whose work creating ingenious clockwork figures supports hundreds of families; strange occurrences soon have her doubting her own sanity.
- Card, Orson Scott. ***Ender's Game***. Tor Books, 1985. A very young Ender Wiggin might be the human race's last chance to defeat a deadly alien invasion. *Series*
- Coben, Harlan. ***Shelter: A Mickey Bolitar Novel***. Putnam's, 2011. After witnessing his father's death and sending his mom to rehab, Mickey is forced to live with his estranged uncle and enter a new high school where, after a few weeks, his new girlfriend vanishes without a trace. Mickey enters a world of conspiracy and danger and discovers that nothing is as it seems.
- Crandall, Susan. ***Whistling Past the Graveyard: A Novel***. Gallery Books, 2013. Determined to get to Nashville to find her mother in 1963, nine-year-old spitfire Starla Claudelle runs away from her strict grandmother's Mississippi home, eventually accepting a ride from Eula, a black woman traveling alone with a white baby.
- Crewe, Megan. ***The Way We Fall***. Hyperion, 2012. Sixteen-year-old Kaelyn challenges her fears, finds a second chance at love, and fights to keep her family and friends safe as a deadly new virus devastates her island community. *Series*
- Crutcher, Chris. ***Deadline***. Greenwillow, 2007. Eighteen-year-old Ben Wolf has been given less than a year to live, but he chooses not to tell anyone so his senior year will be as normal as possible. This surprisingly humorous story tracks that final year as Ben goes out for football, finds romance, and realizes that his secret has a serious impact on others.
- Flack, Sophie. ***Bunheads***. Little, Brown, 2011. A young dancer must decide if she wants to continue to devote her whole life to ballet when a handsome musician enters the picture. The author danced with the New York City Ballet for nine years and gives the reader an authentic glimpse into the world of ballet.
- Gagnon, Michelle. ***Don't Turn Around***. Harper, 2012. After waking up on an operating table with no memory of how she got there, Noa must team up with computer hacker Peter to stop a corrupt corporation with a deadly secret. *Series*
- Gaiman, Neil. ***The Ocean at the End of the Lane: A Novel***. William Morrow, 2013. A man returns to his childhood home and relives the harrowing summer when a girl, Lettie Hempstock, and her family save him from the darkness and evil that were unleashed by a suicide that occurred near the pond at the end of their street.

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- Galloway, Steven. ***The Cellist of Sarajevo***. Riverhead Books, 2008. The lives of four people -- a baker, a young father, a sniper, and a cellist who commits to playing Albinoni's "Adagio" once a day for twenty-two days in memory of his neighbors who were killed -- are chronicled as they try to adjust to their new daily routines in war-torn Sarajevo. Inspired by a true story, this novel explores how war can change one's definition of humanity and how music affects our emotional endurance.
- Garfield, Simon. ***Just My Type: A Book About Fonts***. Gotham Books, 2010. The author explores the history of type with sharp wit and charm answering questions you never knew to ask such as *Can a font make me cool?* or *Can a font be Jewish or German?*
- Gautreaux, Tim. ***Welding With Children***. Picador, 2009. Set in the hot days and nights of Louisiana, these eleven short fiction stories will make you laugh, cry, and marvel as ordinary people try to survive what life throws at them, whether it be memory loss, a crazed bull, or a thief with a big blade and bad intentions.
- Green, John, Maureen Johnson, and Lauren Myracle. ***Let It Snow! Three Holiday Romances***. Speak, 2008. In three intertwining short stories, several high school couples experience the trials and tribulations along with the joys of romance during a Christmas Eve snowstorm in a small town.
- Gregory, Philippa. ***Changeling***. Simon Pulse, 2012. In 1453, seventeen-year-old Luca Vero, accused of heresy and expelled from his monastery, is recruited to help investigate evil across Europe.
- Harrington, Kim. ***Clarity***. Point, 2011. Sixteen-year-old Clare Fern, a member of a family of psychics, helps the mayor and a skeptical detective solve a murder in a Cape Cod town during the height of tourist season . . . and her brother is a prime suspect.
- Hemingway, Ernest. ***A Farewell to Arms***. First published 1929. A British nurse and an American ambulance driver fall in love during World War I.
- Herbert, Frank. ***Dune***. First published 1965. The story of a young prince, Paul Atreides, scion of a star-crossed dynasty, and of his journey from boy to warrior to ruler of a dying planet destined to become a paradise regained.
Series
- Johnson, Maureen. ***The Name of the Star***. Putnam's, 2011. An American girl, Rory, enrolls in a London boarding school for her senior year of high school and encounters a suspenseful ghost mystery closely tied to the Jack the Ripper murders of old.
- Khoury, Jessica. ***Origin***. Razorbill, 2012. Set in the lush and dangerous Amazon rain forest, this story follows Pia, an immortal girl bred to create an immortal race, and the team of scientists responsible for her mission. Pia, however, starts to question her destiny when she falls for a boy she meets in the jungle.
- Klavan, Andrew. ***If We Survive***. Thomas Nelson, 2012. When revolutionaries seize control of a country in Central America where sixteen-year-old Will is serving as a missionary, he and the other volunteers find themselves in a desperate race to escape the violence and return home.

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- Konigsberg, Bill. ***Openly Straight***. Arthur A. Levine, 2013. Rafe plays soccer, wins skiing prizes, likes to write, and hates tofu. In his junior year of high school, Rafe, tired of being known as “that gay guy,” transfers across the country to an all-boys’ boarding school and decides to be “openly straight.” His scheme is wildly successful but gets complicated when he falls in love with one of his new friends.
- Kontis, Alethea. ***Enchanted***. Harcourt, 2012. When Sunday Woodcutter, the youngest of seven sisters, each named for a day of the week, kisses an enchanted frog, he transforms into Rumbold, the crown prince of Arilland - and a man Sunday's family despises. *Series*
- Kooser, Ted. ***Delights & Shadows: Poems***. Copper Canyon Press, 2004. This collection of poems by former Poet Laureate of the United States describes the habits and struggles of daily life.
- Laybourne, Emmy. ***Monument 14***. Feiwel and Friends, 2012. A strange weather phenomenon drives students into a superstore where fourteen kids take refuge while the world outside gets torn apart from a series of escalating disasters. *Series*
- Li, Cunxin. ***Mao's Last Dancer***. Penguin Press, 2003. The autobiography of Houston Ballet soloist Li Cunxin details his rise from poverty in Communist China to dance stardom and a defection that caused an international incident.
- Luttrell, Marcus. ***Lone Survivor: The Eyewitness Account of Operation Redwing and the Lost Heroes of SEAL Team 10***. Little, Brown, 2007. American Navy SEAL and team leader Marcus Luttrell tells his story of the loss of his teammates in July 2005 along the mountainous Afghanistan-Pakistan border to al-Qaida insurgents.
- Morpurgo, Michael. ***Private Peaceful***. Scholastic, 2003. Thomas Peaceful was only fifteen when he joined the British Forces in World War I to fight with his older brother. One unexpected horror separates them.
- Nash, Ogden. ***The Best of Ogden Nash***. Ivan R. Dee, 2007. This delightful book of rhythm and rhyme combines magical word use by the renowned master of light, humorous verse. The book is edited by the poet's daughter, Linell Nash Smith.
- Ness, Patrick. ***The Knife of Never Letting Go***. Candlewick, 2008. Settlers on Todd’s planet are infected with a virus that kills all the women and causes survivors to hear the thoughts of men and animals. This coming-of-age survival story reveals the psychological impact of being unable to shut out other people’s thoughts or to hide one’s own. *Series*
- Nielsen, Jennifer A. ***The False Prince***. Scholastic, 2012. To avoid a civil war, four orphans engage in a brutal competition masterminded by a devious nobleman to determine who will impersonate the king's long-missing son. *Series*

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- Ogawa, Yoko. ***The Housekeeper and the Professor***. Translated from the Japanese by Stephen Snyder. Picador, 2009. A once brilliant math professor suffers the effects of a head trauma that erases his short term memory every eighty minutes, and he must repeatedly be re-introduced to his housekeeper. However, past equations in the professor's mind enable him to discover surprising connections.
- Oliver, Lauren. ***Delirium***. Harper, 2011. Lena looks forward to receiving the government-mandated cure that prevents the delirium of love and leads to a safe, predictable, and happy life. However, ninety-five days before her eighteenth birthday and her treatment, she falls in love. *Series*
- Oliver, Mary. ***Swan: Poems and Prose Poems***. Beacon Press, 2010. Mary Oliver's adoration and awe of nature shines through in this slim collection of beautiful poetry evocative of the beauty, brutality, and mysteries found in the natural world.
- Patrick, Cat. ***Forgotten***. Little, Brown, 2011. Each night at precisely 4:33 am, while sixteen-year-old London Lane is asleep, her memory of that day is erased. She relies on reminder notes and a trusted friend to get through the day, but things get complicated when a new boy at school enters the picture.
- Perkins, Lynne Rae. ***As Easy as Falling Off the Face of the Earth***. Greenwillow, 2010. In a hilarious story of the ultimate bad day, fifteen-year-old Ry is left behind when he jumps off the stalled train taking him to summer camp. It is downhill from there until he meets Del. Worried about his grandfather and unable to contact his parents, Ry, with Del's help, sets off on the misadventure of a lifetime that will keep you laughing all the way.
- Roth, Veronica. ***Divergent***. Katherine Tegen, 2011. In post-apocalyptic Chicago, society is divided into five factions -- Amity, Candor, Dauntless, Erudite, and Abnegation -- in order to avoid future wars and preserve peace. Each year, those who just turned sixteen must select and then devote the rest of their lives to a faction. The day of choosing will change Beatrice's life forever . . . for once you choose, you can never go back. *Series*
- Rowell, Rainbow. ***Eleanor & Park***. St. Martin's Griffin, 2013. Set over the course of one school year in 1986, this is the story of two star-crossed misfits -- smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts, but brave and desperate enough to try. Michael L. Printz Honor Book 2014
- Salinger, J. D. ***The Catcher in the Rye***. First published 1951. Holden Caulfield is an alienated, disillusioned youth who drops out of school and spends three days and nights in New York City on a quest for self-discovery.
- Sheinkin, Steve. ***Bomb: The Race to Build and Steal the World's Most Dangerous Weapon***. Roaring Brook, 2012. Scientists and spies are central characters in this engaging and informative book describing the process of creating the first atomic weapons. Newbery Honor Book 2013, National Book Award Finalist 2013, Sibert Medal 2013.

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- Shusterman, Neal. **Bruiser**. HarperTeen, 2010. Bruiser was the guy nobody knew – or wanted to know. Then Brontë includes him in her group of friends and unusual things start to happen.
- Steinbeck, John. **Cannery Row**. First published 1945. The antics of Steinbeck's down-at-heel misfit characters bring mirth and sensitivity to a rollicking good read.
- Stiefvater, Maggie. **The Raven Boys**. Scholastic, 2012. Though she is from a family of clairvoyants, Blue Sargent's only gift seems to be that she makes other people's talents stronger. When she meets Gansey, one of the Raven Boys from the expensive Aglionby Academy, she discovers that he has talents of his own and that together their talents are a dangerous mix. *Series*
- Summerscale, Kate. **The Suspicions of Mr. Whicher: A Shocking Murder and the Undoing of a Great Victorian Detective**. Walker, 2008. Recounts the events surrounding the 1830 murder of three-year-old Saville Kent and explores the police investigation into the crime. Family members became prime suspects and local residents began to doubt the effectiveness of the lead investigator.
- Taylor, Laini. **Daughter of Smoke & Bone**. Little, Brown, 2011. Karou, a seventeen-year old art student at a Prague boarding school, seems mysterious to her friends. Her frequent disappearances and her sketch book of terrifying drawings add to the mystery surrounding her. This fast-paced fantasy of mystery and family history, combined with beautiful descriptions of Prague's architecture and country-side, is a real page-turner. *Series*
- Tittle, Y. A. with Kristine Setting Clark. **Nothing Comes Easy**. Triumph Books, 2009. Experience the early hard-hitting, blood-spilling days of the NFL *before* fancy helmets and a lot of protective padding were used. This autobiography of Yelberton Abraham Tittle, who grew up during the Depression in Marshall, Texas, is a history of the NFL and includes game records and statistics.
- Vonnegut, Kurt. **Slaughterhouse-Five, or, The Children's Crusade: A Duty-Dance with Death**. First published 1969. After surviving the bombing of Dresden in World War II, Billy Pilgrim returns to civilian life and has a successful career until he is kidnapped by aliens and displayed in a zoo on the planet of Tralfamadore.
- Wein, Elizabeth. **Code Name Verity**. Hyperion, 2012. In World War II, Maddie, a British transport pilot, attempts to deliver her best friend and Resistance spy, Julie (Code Name Verity), into Nazi-occupied France, but the plane crashes. Love, courage, bravado, and intrigue drive the story to its stunning conclusion.
- Wells, Robison. **Variant**. HarperTeen, 2011. Benson Fisher hopes for a brighter future after being accepted to Maxfield Academy. Shortly after arriving, he realizes that the school is more like a prison because it is run by teens of various warring factions. No one ever escapes, but they do disappear.

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- Wilder, Thornton. ***Our Town: A Play in Three Acts***. First published 1938. With the well-earned reputation of an American classic, this play brings themes of growing up, love, marriage, and death to the stage and portrays the dignity of the human spirit through life in Grover's Corner.
- Wilson, Daniel H. ***Robocalypse***. Doubleday, 2011. An artificial intelligence program has taken over the world, uniting all the computer programs residing in everything from dolls and toys to domestic service robots, airplanes, and military weapons. Its aim is to destroy all human life . . . and the robots are winning. Alex Award 2012
- Yancey, Rick. ***The 5th Wave***. Putnam's, 2013. Cassie Sullivan, the survivor of an alien invasion, must rescue her young brother from the enemy with help from a boy who may be one of them.
- Young, Moira. ***Blood Red Road***. McElderry Books, 2011. Saba has spent her whole life in Silverlake, a dried-up wasteland. When a monster sandstorm arrives along with four cloaked horsemen, Saba's world is shattered. Her beloved twin brother Lugh is captured, and Saba embarks on an epic quest to get him back.
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Any available unabridged edition of a title is acceptable.

- Albright, Madeleine. ***Prague Winter: A Personal Story of Remembrance and War, 1937-1948.*** Harper, 2012. Former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright shares her childhood experiences in Czechoslovakia amid the horrors of World War II and the discovery of her family's Jewish ancestry.
- Allison, Will. ***Long Drive Home.*** Free Press, 2011. In this emotional psychological thriller, a father is driving his six-year-old daughter home when a young driver provokes him to road rage, and a fatal crash ensues. Will his subsequent lies fix the problems that rapidly accumulate?
- Anderson, Laurie Halse. ***Wintergirls.*** Viking, 2009. Anderson takes us into the mind of an anorexic teenager. This is a haunting story about Lia's desire to be the thinnest girl in school, her struggle with anorexia, and her path to recovery.
- Archer, Jeffrey. ***Only Time Will Tell.*** St. Martin's Press, 2011. Harry Clifton, raised by his uncle who was a shipyard laborer, finds the expectations for his life changing after winning a scholarship to a prestigious boys' school, discovering the truth about his father's death, and questioning his lineage. *Series*
- Austen, Jane. ***Pride and Prejudice.*** First published 1813. Elizabeth and Jane Bennet overcome obstacles to their happiness with Mr. Darcy and Mr. Bingley in this comedy of manners set in early nineteenth-century England.
- Barbery, Muriel. ***The Elegance of the Hedgehog.*** Translated from the French by Alison Anderson. Europa, 2008. Laugh out loud at the unlikely friendship among a secretly educated concierge, a precocious twelve-year-old girl with a philosophical bent, and an older Japanese gentleman in a Paris apartment.
- Bartlett, Allison Hoover. ***The Man Who Loved Books Too Much: The True Story of a Thief, a Detective, and a World of Literary Obsession.*** Riverhead Books, 2009. This true crime story discloses the world of rare book dealers and the mind of a serial book thief as it follows the detective who tracks the mysterious and obsessive culprit.
- Brooks, Geraldine. ***Caleb's Crossing.*** Viking, 2011. Bethia Mayfield befriends Caleb, the son of a Wampanoag chieftain, as she grows up near Martha's Vineyard in the mid-seventeenth century, and watches her minister father's attempts to convert the Native Americans. The fates of the children are tied together as Bethia's father encourages the education of Caleb, a privilege Bethia has always wanted.
- Brown, Dan. ***Inferno: A Novel.*** Doubleday, 2013. Harvard professor Robert Langdon is once again drawn into a deadly quest, this time based on clues from Dante's *Inferno*.
- Brown, Ian. ***The Boy in the Moon: A Father's Journey to Understand His Extraordinary Son.*** St. Martin's Press, 2009. Ian Brown, a Canadian journalist, chronicles his life as he and his wife care for their son who was born with a rare and severe genetic disorder. Brown candidly shares the extreme challenges and blessings their special son has brought to their lives.

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- Cain, Susan. ***Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking.*** Crown, 2012. In our American culture that values extroversion, the value of "quiet" people is often overlooked, but the one third of the population that fits the definition of introvert, has much to offer.
- Carey, Peter. ***Parrot and Olivier in America.*** Alfred A. Knopf, 2010. An imaginative re-invention of the French aristocrat Alexis de Tocqueville's 1830 visit to America, with rich description, strong characters and amusing events.
- Chandler, Raymond. ***The Long Goodbye.*** First published 1953. A classic hard-boiled detective story where Philip Marlowe, private eye, deals with a cast of reprehensible characters in a doom-laden city. Edgar Award 1955
- Choo, Yangsze. ***The Ghost Bride.*** William Morrow, 2013. When she agrees to become a ghost bride for the wealthy Lim family's son, who recently died under mysterious circumstances, Li Lan must dive into a shadowy parallel world of the Chinese afterlife to find the truth about the son's death.
- Chwast, Seymour. ***Dante's Divine Comedy.*** Bloomsbury, 2010. Chwast retells Dante's Divine Comedy in a graphic format. The visual presentation of all three stages of Dante's epic is appealing and humorous. The illustrations depict the details and complexity of this classic tale.
- Cline, Ernest. ***Ready Player One.*** Crown, 2011. In the year 2044, Wade Watts, like the rest of humanity, chooses to escape reality and spends his waking hours in the limitless, utopian virtual world of the OASIS. When Wade stumbles upon the first of the fiendish puzzles set up by OASIS creator James Halliday, he finds he must compete with thousands of others -- including those willing to commit murder -- in order to claim the prize of a massive fortune. Alex Award 2012
- Collins, Billy. ***Ballistics: Poems.*** Random House, 2008. A notable collection of verse from the U.S. Poet Laureate, expressing love, joy, and death in his inimitable language.
- Cronin, Justin. ***The Passage.*** Ballantine Books, 2010. In a dystopian future, a virus found in a South American jungle was used to create a super soldier with great strength and healing abilities. The virus becomes an epidemic, and infected people become bloodthirsty monsters. Normal humans are hiding in fortresses trying to survive.
- Cross, Julie. ***Tempest.*** Thomas Dunne, 2011. Nineteen-year-old Jackson uses his ability to travel through time after his girlfriend Holly is fatally shot during a violent struggle; but his journey two years into the past leads him to make a startling discovery about his father and the powerful enemies who will stop at nothing to recruit him for their own purposes.
- Cruz, Nilo. ***Anna in the Tropics.*** Theatre Communications Group, 2003. In this play set in 1929 Florida in a Cuban-American cigar factory, a new lector unwittingly becomes a catalyst in the lives of his avid listeners.

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- DeWoskin, Rachel. ***Big Girl Small: A Novel***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2011. Sixteen-year-old Judy Lohden, a girl whose phenomenal singing voice should have made her the star of the local performing arts high school, instead finds herself hiding out from the national media in a seedy hotel room due to a controversy sparked in part by the fact that she is only three feet, nine inches tall. Alex Award 2012
- Divakaruni, Chitra Banerjee. ***Leaving Yuba City: New and Selected Poems***. Anchor, 1997. Little stories about life in India and the Indian immigrant experience in America told through accessible and enlightening poetry.
- Egan, Timothy. ***Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher: The Epic Life and Immortal Photographs of Edward Curtis***. Houghton Mifflin, 2012. Edward Curtis was charismatic, handsome, a passionate mountaineer, and a famous portrait photographer. In 1900, when he was thirty-two years old, he gave it all up to pursue his Great Idea: to capture on film the continent's original inhabitants before the old ways disappeared. Curtis spent the next three decades documenting the stories and rituals of more than eighty North American tribes, thus creating the most definitive archive of the American Indian.
- Eggers, Dave. ***Zeitoun***. McSweeney's, 2009. A true account of a family caught between America's war on terror and the response to Hurricane Katrina. Following the chaos of the storm, Zeitoun travels the city by canoe, feeding abandoned animals and helping elderly neighbors until the day armed men suddenly burst into his home.
- Figueras, Marcelo. ***Kamchatka***. Translated from the Spanish by Frank Wynne. Black Cat, 2010. After the 1976 coup in Argentina, ten-year-old Harry uses his rich imagination, the fantasy territory of "Kamchatka" from the game RISK, and the boundless, endearing love of his family to deal with the chaos in their lives as his parents must hide from the military junta because of their political activities.
- Foer, Joshua. ***Moonwalking With Einstein: The Art and Science of Remembering Everything***. Penguin Press, 2011. Journalist Joshua Foer's informative book on human memory is as entertaining as it is educational. He expounds on the history of human memory and chronicles his experience of training to become the 2006 USA Memory Champion.
- Follett, Ken. ***Fall of Giants***. Dutton, 2010. A historical fiction epic that follows the lives of five interrelated families – American, German, Russian, English, and Welsh – around the time of World War I. *Series*
- Garcia Marquez, Gabriel. ***Chronicle of a Death Foretold***. Translated from the Spanish by Gregory Rabassa. Alfred A. Knopf, 1983. Nearly thirty years later, a man returns to town in an attempt to discover the truth behind the jumbled murder of Santiago Nasar.
- Grahame-Smith, Seth. ***Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter***. Grand Central, 2010. Many people know about Abe Lincoln's political successes, but few know that after his mother was killed by a vampire Old Abe became a ruthless vampire hunter. This "biography," packed full of historical facts, will not disappoint readers who like a good horror story.

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- Green, John. ***The Fault in Our Stars***. Dutton, 2012. Sixteen-year-old Hazel meets Augustus at a kids-with-cancer support group and, as they fall in love, they both wonder how they will be remembered.
- Hall, Ron, and Denver Moore, with Lynn Vincent. ***Same Kind of Different as Me***. Thomas Nelson, 2006. In this true story, an art dealer and a homeless man are brought together in a soup kitchen and learn life lessons from each other.
- Harbach, Chad. ***The Art of Fielding***. Little, Brown, 2011. Henry, the star of a small college baseball team located on the shore of Lake Michigan, is overcome with self-doubt which threatens his future; meanwhile, four other teammates also find themselves forced to confront their own secrets.
- Hawking, Stephen and Leonard Mlodinow. ***The Grand Design***. Bantam, 2010. The authors present a new discussion of the laws of the universe and the nature of reality. The journey includes thoughts of the great philosophers and scientists over the centuries as well as questions such as “Are the laws of nature suspended when miracles occur?” Well-placed, clever cartoons provide balance to the weighty discussions.
- Hillenbrand, Laura. ***Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption***. Random House, 2010. This biography chronicles the life of World War II bombardier Louis Zamperini from his wild youth to becoming a world-class runner in the 1936 Olympic Games to his enlistment in the U.S. Air Force where he must survive for forty-seven days in the Pacific Ocean after his plane goes down.
- Hosseini, Khaled. ***And the Mountains Echoed: A Novel***. Riverhead Books, 2013. Pari and Abdullah are siblings and best friends. When their father takes them across the desert in a red wagon to Kabul, Abdullah loses Pari and is forced to return to the village without her. The children live separate lives, but Abdullah never loses hope that he will find Pari. The children’s separate lives unfold with incidents of love and hate, bravery and cowardice, want and fulfillment.
- Ishiguro, Kazuo. ***Never Let Me Go***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2005. A dark secret lurks behind the nurturing façade of Hailsham, a private school in the English countryside where Kathy, now thirty-one years old, lived as a child. Alex Award 2006
- Ivey, Eowyn. ***The Snow Child: A Novel***. Little, Brown, 2012. Homesteaders Jack and Mabel struggle to survive in the harsh Alaskan wilderness, but the couple’s quiet life of hard work and routine suddenly changes when a small girl named Faina magically appears on their doorstep.
- Jacobs, Harriet A. ***Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl***. First published 1861. This autobiographical account by a former slave is one of the few extant narratives written by a woman. It delivers a powerful portrayal of the brutality of slave life. Jacobs speaks frankly of her master’s abuse and her eventual escape, in a tale of dauntless spirit and faith.
- Kean, Sam. ***The Disappearing Spoon: And Other True Tales of Madness, Love, and the History of the World from the Periodic Table of the Elements***. Little, Brown, 2010. Sam Kean presents the rationale behind the organization of the periodic table of the elements as well as many interesting anecdotes about the elements and the scientists who discovered them.

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- Kent, Kathleen. ***The Heretic's Daughter***. Little, Brown, 2008. Amid the painful details of jail and persecution, deep-seated suspicion and familial betrayal, ten-year-old Sarah Carrier's world is turned upside down when her family becomes a target of Salem's witchcraft hysteria.
- Kibler, Julie. ***Calling Me Home: A Novel***. St. Martin's Press, 2013. In a novel based on a family story of her grandmother's forbidden love in 1930's Kentucky, the author chronicles the journey of an elderly woman and her hairdresser en route to a funeral and explores race relations both then and now.
- King, Stephen. ***11/22/63: A Novel***. Scribner, 2011. What if you could go back in time and change the course of American history? High school English teacher Jake Epping finds himself in this exact place and has as his mission stopping Lee Harvey Oswald from assassinating President John F. Kennedy.
- Knisley, Lucy. ***Relish: My Life in the Kitchen***. First Second, 2013. This graphic novel is a humorous memoir of cartoonist Lucy Knisley, the daughter of a chef and a gourmet, and her obsession with cooking and food. Alex Award 2014
- Kostova, Elizabeth. ***The Historian: A Novel***. Little, Brown, 2005. A young woman discovers an ancient book and a cache of old letters in her father's library; and thus begins her adventurous quest for the truth about Vlad the Impaler, a search that will span continents and generations as well as a confrontation with the darkest powers of evil.
- Kyle, Aryn. ***The God of Animals***. Scribner, 2007. The death of a classmate haunts teen Alice Winston as she learns about love, life and death, and lost dreams as she helps her father run the family's struggling horse ranch in the midst of recurring family problems.
- Lanagan, Margo. ***The Brides of Rollrock Island***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2012. On remote Rollrock Island, men go to sea to make their livings and to catch a wife. The witch Misskaella knows the way of drawing a girl from the heart of a seal, of luring the beauty out of the beast, and, for a price, a man may buy a lovely sea-wife for himself.
- Lane, Harriet. ***Alys, Always: A Novel***. Scribner, 2012. After sitting with a woman dying in a car crash, Frances Thorpe's attempts to comfort the bereaved family have consequences, leading her to become involved in the family and affecting the relationships among all concerned. A psychological thriller in the manner of Du Maurier's classic *Rebecca*.
- Lansdale, Joe. ***Edge of Dark Water***. Mulholland Books, 2012. Teenagers Sue Ellen, Terry, and Jinx dig up the body of their friend May Lynn in order to burn her body and spread her ashes in Hollywood; but on their journey they are chased by the sheriff who is after the money they stole for the trip and by a legendary killer who just wants them dead.
- Larson, Erik. ***In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin***. Crown, 2011. Experience the rise of Hitler in this nonfiction thriller. It is 1933 Berlin and Hitler is in power when a new U.S. Ambassador, William E. Dodd, arrives. Dodd must find ways to deal with the regime, communicate his concerns to the State Department, and keep his family safe.

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- Lawrenson, Deborah. ***The Lantern: A Novel***. Harper, 2011. Newly married Eve finds herself in a foreign country with a suddenly moody and uncommunicative husband. This is a modern ghost story of mystery, romance, and murder set in the lavender-covered hillsides of Provence.
- Levithan, David. ***Every Day***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2012. Every morning, A wakes in a different person's body, in a different person's life, learning over the years to never get too attached. Life goes along smoothly until he wakes up in the body of Justin and falls in love with Justin's girlfriend, Rhiannon.
- McCarthy, Cormac. ***The Road***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2006. In a post-apocalyptic landscape, a man and a boy struggle toward the unknown. This dark and doomed quest offers a spiritual sense of soul and humanity. Pulitzer Prize, Fiction 2007
- McCullough, David G. ***1776***. Simon & Schuster, 2005. Based upon both American and British historical documents, the author presents a comprehensive history of the American Revolution in 1776, including George Washington and those who followed him.
- McEwan, Ian. ***Atonement: A Novel***. Doubleday, 2001. In the summer of 1935, the lives of three people are changed forever by a young girl's scheming imagination.
- Moore, Wes. ***The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates***. Spiegel & Grau, 2010. This book explores the fate of two African-American men with the same name living in the same city -- one becomes a Rhodes Scholar and the other a convicted murderer.
- Morgenstern, Erin. ***The Night Circus***. Doubleday, 2011. The circus arrives without warning, and what looks like clever illusions are actually magic. The two principal illusionists, Celia and Marco, have unknowingly been involved in a deadly contest created by their mentors. When they fall in love, it complicates the circus and their teachers' plans. Alex Award 2012
- Morrison, Toni. ***Beloved***. First published 1987. The Nobel prize-winning author's lyrical expression of the slave experience is built around Sethe, her memories of Sweet Home, and the ghost of her baby. Pulitzer Prize, Fiction 1988
- Morton, Kate. ***The Secret Keeper***. Atria Books, 2012. Fifty years after she witnessed a shocking crime at her family's farm in the English countryside, Laurel, now a successful London actress, returns to the farm and is overwhelmed by family secrets she has not thought of in decades.
- Mosley, Walter. ***The Last Days of Ptolemy Grey***. Riverhead Books, 2010. Ptolemy Grey, an elderly man, falls further into his solitary existence and dementia, when his grandnephew -- his only real connection to the outside world -- dies in a drive-by shooting. Robyn, his niece's lodger, motivates him and introduces him to a doctor who is touting an experimental drug that may give Ptolemy a temporary burst of clarity and energy, leading Ptolemy to think of a way to leave a memorable legacy.
- Moyes, Jojo. ***Me Before You: A Novel***. Viking, 2012. A twenty-seven-year-old woman accepts a job caring for a paraplegic man, unaware that the experience will allow her to learn new skills, consider a bigger life than she could have ever imagined, and break her heart.

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- Mullin, Mike. ***Ashfall***. Tanglewood, 2011. When the eruption of the Yellowstone supervolcano destroys his city and its surroundings, fifteen-year-old Alex must journey from Cedar Falls, Iowa, to Illinois to find his parents and sister. He struggles to survive in a transformed landscape and a new society in which all the old rules of living have vanished.
- Obrecht, Tea. ***The Tiger's Wife***. Random House, 2011. The myth of an escaped tiger during the World War II bombing of the Balkans and Natalia's search for details about her beloved grandfather's death are woven together.
- Ondaatje, Michael. ***The Cat's Table***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2011. Written with nostalgia for childhood, Michael recalls a long sea voyage he took as a boy in the early 1950s to meet his mother. During the trip across the Indian Ocean, the boy meets many colorful characters.
- Patchett, Ann. ***State of Wonder***. Harper, 2011. Anders Eckman has mysteriously died while working on a ground-breaking miracle drug in a remote location in the Amazon rainforest, and Dr. Marina Singh, a friend and colleague, is sent to take his place. The investigation of his death leads her on a gripping adventure that will have her questioning what is right and wrong and how far people are willing to go for science and discovery.
- Percer, Elizabeth. ***An Uncommon Education***. Harper, 2012. In this coming-of-age story, Naomi Feinstein dreams of attending Wellesley College and being a doctor; everything changes in her life when she is introduced to the oldest honor society, the mysterious Shakespeare Society.
- Powell, Goran. ***Chojun: A Novel***. YMAA, 2012. Kenichi Ota accompanies Chojun Miyagi to China searching for the meaning of karate. Upon their return to Okinawa they learn that the Japanese have just destroyed Pearl Harbor forcing both of them to adapt to a new world order, to rebuild their island, and to preserve Miyagi's brand of karate.
- Rock, Peter. ***My Abandonment***. Houghton Mifflin, 2009. Thirteen-year-old Caroline lives with her father "off the grid" in a makeshift structure in a Pacific Northwest forest. The forest seems to fulfill their basic needs and hides them from the rest of humanity. The world eventually intrudes upon their solitude, and what Caroline thought was real is not. Alex Award 2010
- Rowell, Rainbow. ***Fangirl***. St. Martin's Griffin, 2013. Feeling cast off when her twin sister outgrows their shared love for a favorite fictional character, Cath, a dedicated fan-fiction writer, struggles to survive on her own in her first year of college while avoiding a surly roommate, bonding with a handsome classmate who only wants to talk about words, and worrying about her fragile father.
- Ruiz Zafón, Carlos. ***The Shadow of the Wind***. Translated from the Spanish by Lucia Graves. Penguin Press, 2004. In 1945 Spain, the young son of an antique-book dealer searches for more books by Julian Carax, an author he has recently discovered, and finds that everything Carax has ever written has been destroyed . . . and that his search has put his friends and family in danger.

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- Sales, Leila. ***This Song Will Save Your Life: A Novel.*** Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2013. Nearly a year after a failed suicide attempt, sixteen-year-old Elise discovers that she has the passion and talent to be a disc jockey. This is a novel about identity, friendship, and the power of music to bring people together.
- Semple, Maria. ***Where'd You Go Bernadette: A Novel.*** Little, Brown, 2012. When her notorious, hilarious, volatile, talented, troubled, and agoraphobic mother goes missing, teenage Bee begins a trip that takes her to the ends of the earth to find her. Alex Award 2013
- Sepetys, Ruta. ***Out of the Easy.*** Philomel, 2013. Josie, the seventeen-year-old daughter of a French Quarter prostitute, is striving to escape 1950s New Orleans and enroll at prestigious Smith College when she becomes entangled in a murder investigation.
- Sides, Hampton. ***Hellhound on His Trail: The Stalking of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the International Hunt for His Assassin.*** Doubleday, 2010. The gripping true story of the events leading up to King's assassination and the massive FBI manhunt to find his killer, James Earl Ray.
- Simic, Charles. ***The Voice at 3:00 A.M.: Selected Late & New Poems.*** Harcourt, 2003. These poems convey vivid and quirky imagery. From "Sunday Papers" to "Frightening Toys" to "Blood Orange," the originality and sly humor of "everydayness" cheers the reader of this award-winning poet's work.
- Sittenfeld, Curtis. ***Sisterland: A Novel.*** Random House, 2013. Identical twins Kate and Violet have always been different -- able to sense other people's secrets and know about future events. As they grow up, Vi embraces her gift and pursues a career as a psychic medium, while Kate denies it and settles down with a family. An earthquake in their hometown of Saint Louis and Vi's vision of a more devastating quake to come force Kate to reconcile the strained relationship with her twin and come to grips with the truth about herself.
- Skloot, Rebecca. ***The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks.*** Crown, 2010. "HeLa" cells, named after Henrietta Lacks, a poor African American woman born in 1920, were taken from a tumor removed during Lacks' treatment for cervical cancer. While she died from the disease, her cancer cells proved uncommonly robust, reproducing at a rapid rate. Years later, billions of these cells are used in laboratories around the world.
- Sloan, Robin. ***Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore.*** Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2012. Clay Jannon is released from his job in San Francisco during the Great Recession and accepts a position working the night shift at a local bookstore. Clay soon realizes that there is something very strange and mysterious about that bookstore. Alex Award 2013
- Stedman, M. L. ***The Light Between Oceans.*** Scribner, 2012. A childless couple quietly runs a lighthouse on a remote Australian island until a boat with a baby washes ashore changing their lives forever.

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- Stein, Garth. ***The Art of Racing in the Rain: A Novel***. HarperCollins, 2008. Enzo is an old soul who just happens to be a dog. He is devoted to Denny who is a race car driver. The reader will be captivated as Enzo tells his master's story and prepares for his next life...as a human.
- Steinbeck, John. ***The Grapes of Wrath***. First published 1939. Forced out of their home in the Oklahoma Dust Bowl by economic desperation, a family of Oklahoma farmers drives west to California in search of work as migrant fruit pickers. Pulitzer Prize, Fiction 1940
- Szymborska, Wislawa. ***Monologue of a Dog: New Poems***. Translated from the Polish by Clare Cavanagh and Stanislaw Baranczak. Harcourt, 2006. Crisp, elegant poetry is presented in original Polish alongside its English translation. Clouds, current events, and revolution are just a few of the themes addressed in this marvelous collection of twenty-six thought-provoking poems.
- Thoreau, Henry David. ***Walden***. First published 1854. Thoreau's observations on nature and life were penned during his solitary stay at Walden Pond, outside Concord, Massachusetts, from 1845 to 1847.
- Towles, Amor. ***Rules of Civility***. Viking, 2011. In 1938 Katey Kontent moves to New York City to find her first job. With a group of newly acquired friends she enjoys the jazz and glamour of the city and the adventure that comes with youth, relationships, and differing social classes.
- Vance, Jack. ***The Moon Moth***. Graphic novel adaption by Humayoun Ibrahim. First Second, 2012. Lovers of the science fiction genre and graphic novels will enjoy Vance's classic short story set on planet Sirene where aliens wear masks to indicate their social status and communicate by playing musical instruments. Edwer Thissel is sent to Sirene to solve a murder and find the killer in a world where every face is hidden.
- Wilson, August. ***Two Trains Running***. Plume, 1992. This historical African-American drama, part of a ten-part series by a Pulitzer Prize-winning author and playwright, takes place during the Civil Rights movement in Memphis Lee's diner in Pittsburg, 1969. Characters wrestle with the changing political and social landscape of this American era expressed through everyday conversations as they gather in booths and the lunch counter. They exude strength with dignity and hope for a better future.
- Yang, Gene. ***Level Up***. First Second, 2011. In this graphic novel, Dennis Ouyang is visited by four angels who prompt him to give up his dream of playing video games professionally and pursue a medical degree as his late father wanted, but a crisis reveals the true nature of the angels and brings Dennis to a crossroads in his path to the future.
- Zusak, Markus. ***The Book Thief***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2006. Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel, a young German girl, whose book stealing and storytelling talents help sustain her family, the Jewish man they are hiding, and her neighbors. National Jewish Book Award 2006

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