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PreSchool, PreKindergarten, Kindergarten

Any available unabridged edition of a title is acceptable.

- Allen, Elanna. ***Itsy Mitsy Runs Away***. Atheneum, 2011. When a little girl decides to run away, her father helps her pack.
- Anno, Mitsumasa. ***Anno's Counting Book***. HarperCollins, 1975. Counting and number systems are introduced by showing mathematical relationships in nature.
- Aston, Dianna. ***An Egg Is Quiet***. Chronicle Books, 2006. A variety of eggs from diverse wild parents are described with beautiful illustrations and informative text.
- Baker, Keith. ***No Two Alike***. Beach Lane Books, 2011. This story follows a pair of birds on a snowflake-filled journey through a winter landscape where everything, from branches and leaves to forests full of trees, is unique.
- Barner, Bob. ***Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!*** Chronicle Books, 1999. A nonsense rhyme and a section of fun facts introduce children to familiar bugs.
- Bartoletti, Susan Campbell. ***Naamah and the Ark at Night: A Lullaby***. Candlewick, 2011. Noah's wife settles the animals on the ark to sleep by singing a soothing lullaby.
- Beaumont, Karen. ***Where's My T-r-u-c-k?*** Dial Books, 2011. Tommy gets more and more frustrated as he searches the entire house to find his lost toy truck, closely followed by his dog Bowser.
- Bechtold, Lisze. ***Sally and the Purple Socks***. Philomel, 2008. When her tiny purple socks start to expand, Sally turns them into a scarf and then curtains, but things soon get out of hand.
- Becker, Bonny. ***A Bedtime for Bear***. Candlewick, 2010. A small but lively overnight guest tries the patience of a bear that needs absolute quiet to fall asleep.
- Bertram, Debbie. ***The Best Place to Read***. Dragonfly Books, 2003. A young child with a new book searches inside and outside the house before finding the right chair for reading.
- Bliss, Harry. ***Bailey***. Scholastic, 2011. Although he is a dog, Bailey goes to school where his unusual abilities enliven the classroom every day.
- Borden, Louise. ***Big Brothers Don't Take Naps***. McElderry Books, 2011. Little brother Nick lists all the wonderful things his big brother does with him, preparing him to greet the new baby in the family.

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- Bowen, Anne. ***When You Visit Grandma & Grandpa***. Carolrhoda Books, 2004. A sister explains to her new baby brother the excitement and activities surrounding a trip to Grandma's and Grandpa's house.
- Brown, Marc Tolon. ***Arthur Goes to Camp***. Little, Brown, 1982. Arthur is not looking forward to Camp Meadowcreek, and he decides to run away when mysterious things start happening there.
- Brown, Peter. ***You Will Be My Friend!*** Little, Brown, 2011. Lucy, a young bear, starts her day determined to make a new friend, but her enthusiasm leads to all sorts of problems until an unexpected friend finds her just as she is about to give up.
- Burningham, John. ***There's Going to Be a Baby***. Candlewick, 2010. A young boy imagines what life will be like when his new sibling arrives.
- Carle, Eric. ***The Artist Who Painted a Blue Horse***. Philomel, 2011. Rather than use the same old colors, an artist paints the world as seen through the imaginative eyes of a child.
- Cleminson, Katie. ***Cuddle Up, Goodnight***. Disney-Hyperion, 2010. With rhymed text and illustrations, a little boy's activities are described from the time he wakes up until he goes to bed at night.
- Cousins, Lucy. ***Hooray for Fish!*** Candlewick, 2005. Little Fish has all sorts of friends in his underwater home, but he loves one of them best of all.
- Cowley, Joy. ***Chameleon, Chameleon***. Scholastic, 2005. A colorful chameleon encounters friend and foe while making his way from one tree to another in search of a tasty insect dinner.
- Craig, Lindsey. ***Farmyard Beat***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2011. A farmyard dance has such a lively beat that it keeps Farmer Sue and others awake.
- Crews, Nina. ***The Neighborhood Mother Goose***. Greenwillow, 2004. This collection of nursery rhymes, both familiar and lesser known, is illustrated with photographs in a present-day city setting.
- Cyrus, Kurt. ***The Voyage of Turtle Rex***. Harcourt, 2011. The life of a giant prehistoric sea turtle is fraught with danger as she struggles to survive so that she can return to shore to lay her eggs.
- Denise, Anika. ***Bella and Stella Come Home***. Philomel, 2010. When her family moves, Bella notices lots of differences in her new home, but she tries to be brave and reassure Stella, her beloved stuffed elephant.

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- Dewdney, Anna. ***Llama Llama Home with Mama***. Viking, 2011. Llama Llama's mother takes good care of him when he has to stay home from school because he is sick. When Mama Llama begins to feel sick too, Llama Llama knows how to take care of her.
- Dodd, Emma. ***I Don't Want a Cool Cat!*** Little, Brown, 2009. A young girl describes in rhymed text the kinds of cats she does not want, but finally arrives at a cat that she can call her own.
- Feiffer, Kate. ***My Side of the Car***. Candlewick, 2011. Sadie and her father have been planning a trip to the zoo for a long time but something always gets in the way, so when they finally start out and her father sees some raindrops, Sadie insists there is no rain on her side of the car.
- Fleming, Denise. ***Shout! Shout It Out!*** Holt, 2011. Mouse invites the readers to shout out what they know as they review numbers, letters, and easy words.
- Fox, Mem. ***Let's Count Goats!*** Beach Lane Books, 2010. The reader is invited to count goats of many shapes, sizes, hobbies, and professions.
- Franco, Betsy. ***Double Play: Monkeying Around with Addition***. Tricycle Press, 2011. Little chimps Jill and Jake play together at recess, and each game teaches them something about the mathematical concept of doubling.
- Freedman, Deborah. ***Blue Chicken***. Viking, 2011. An enterprising chicken attempts to help an artist paint the barnyard and accidentally turns the whole picture blue.
- French, Jackie. ***Diary of a Baby Wombat***. Clarion, 2010. Through a week of humorous diary entries, a wombat describes his life of sleeping, playing, and helping his mother look for a bigger hole in which to make their home.
- Gibbons, Gail. ***My Soccer Book***. HarperCollins, 2000. The equipment, terminology, rules, positions, and plays of this popular sport are described.
- Gleeson, Libby. ***Clancy & Millie and the Very Fine House***. Little Hare, 2009. Clancy thinks his new house is too big and misses the old one, but when he starts to play with the moving boxes, he meets a new friend.
- Goodrich, Carter. ***Say Hello to Zorro!*** Simon & Schuster, 2010. Mister Bud, the family dog, has a satisfying routine to his life, but he must learn to adapt when another dog joins the family and disrupts his schedule.
- Graham, Bob. ***April and Esme, Tooth Fairies***. Candlewick, 2010. On their first assignment, two young tooth fairy sisters journey by night into the huge world of humans to collect Daniel Dangerfield's tooth and fly it safely home.

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- Gravett, Emily. ***Blue Chameleon***. Simon & Schuster, 2010. Chameleon can turn himself into anything and appear to fit in anywhere, but he just cannot seem to make friends.
- Hall, Michael. ***Perfect Square***. Greenwillow, 2011. A perfect square that is perfectly happy is torn into pieces, punched with holes, crumpled, and otherwise changed, but with each new transformation it finds that it can be just as happy.
- Hall, Zoe. ***The Apple Pie Tree***. Blue Sky Press, 1996. An apple tree is described as it grows and flowers and then produces its fruit, while in its branches robins make a nest, lay eggs, and raise a family. A recipe for apple pie is included.
- Harper, Jamie. ***Miles to Go***. Candlewick, 2010. Although concerned about a broken horn, young Miles makes his way to preschool in his very own car, but with Mom close at hand.
- Haughton, Chris. ***Little Owl Lost***. Candlewick, 2010. While his mother is away finding food, a newborn owl falls out of his nest and anxiously tries to find her, receiving help from various forest animals.
- Henkes, Kevin. ***Little White Rabbit***. Greenwillow, 2011. As he hops along a little rabbit wonders what it would be like to be green as grass, tall as fir trees, hard as rocks, and flutter like butterflies.
- Hills, Tad. ***How Rocket Learned to Read***. Schwartz & Wade, 2010. A little yellow bird teaches Rocket the dog how to read by first introducing him to the alphabet.
- Johnson, Angela. ***Lily Brown's Paintings***. Orchard Books, 2007. When Lily Brown paints, she imagines all sorts of fantastic things in the scenes that she sees every day.
- Jordan, Helene J. ***How a Seed Grows***. HarperCollins, 1992. Observations of bean seeds planted in eggshells are used to demonstrate the growth of seeds into plants.
- Juster, Norton. ***Neville***. Schwartz & Wade, 2011. When a boy and his family move to a new house, he devises an ingenious way to meet people in the neighborhood.
- Ketteman, Helen. ***Goodnight, Little Monster***. Marshall Cavendish, 2010. Rhyming text describes a mother guiding her young monster through bedtime preparations, such as howling at the moon, snacking on worm juice and beetle bread, and choosing a bedtime story.
- Kirk, Daniel. ***Honk Honk! Beep Beep!*** Disney-Hyperion, 2010. When a father and son set out early one morning for a cross-country drive in their jeep, they see all sorts of vehicles and pick up diverse passengers along the way.

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- Kleven, Elisa. ***Welcome Home, Mouse.*** Tricycle Press, 2010. Clumsy Stanley accidentally smashes Mouse's house, then promises to try to make a new one.
- Klise, Kate. ***Imagine Harry.*** Harcourt, 2007. After Little Rabbit starts school, he sees less and less of his invisible friend Harry, and finally tells his mother that Harry moved away.
- Korchek, Lori. ***Adventures of Cow.*** Tricycle Press, 2005. A lost cow has many grand adventures before finding its way home.
- Kutner, Merrily. ***Down on the Farm.*** Holiday House, 2004. Simple rhyming text describes the sounds and activities of animals during a day on the farm.
- Lamb, Albert. ***Tell Me the Day Backwards.*** Candlewick, 2011. Timmy Bear asks his mother to play a game with him at bedtime in which they remember everything he did during the day, but in reverse order.
- Lin, Grace. ***Lissy's Friends.*** Viking, 2007. Lissy, who is lonely at her new school, makes herself some origami friends which in turn attract a real friend.
- Liwska, Renata. ***Red Wagon.*** Philomel, 2011. Lucy wants to play with her new red wagon as soon as she gets it, but first she must use it to bring vegetables home from the market for her mother.
- London, Jonathan. ***I'm a Truck Driver.*** Holt, 2010. Simple rhyming text introduces sounds and activities of a wide variety of trucks.
- Lyon, George Ella. ***The Pirate of Kindergarten.*** Atheneum, 2010. Ginny's eyes play tricks on her, making her see everything double, but when she goes to vision screening at school and discovers that not everyone sees this way, she learns that her double vision can be cured. Schneider Family Book Award 2011
- MacDonald, Margaret Read. ***Go to Sleep, Gecko! : A Balinese Folktale.*** August House, 2006. The gecko in this story complains to the village chief that the fireflies keep him awake at night, but then he learns that in nature all things are connected.
- MacLachlan, Patricia. ***I Didn't Do It.*** Katherine Tegen, 2010. Fourteen poems describe new discoveries made by different puppies, but from their own viewpoint.
- McAllister, Angela. ***Yuck! That's Not a Monster!*** Good Books, 2010. As Mr. and Mrs. Monster's three eggs begin to hatch, they happily welcome the first two ugly little monsters to come out, but they are shocked and disappointed when they see what pops out of their last egg.

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- McDermott, Gerald. ***Monkey: A Trickster Tale from India.*** Harcourt, 2011. Crocodile wants to feast on Monkey's heart and Monkey must outsmart him if he is to continue to enjoy eating mangoes all day.
- McDonnell, Christine. ***Goyangi Means Cat.*** Viking, 2011. An understanding cat helps a young Korean girl adjust to her new home in America.
- McDonnell, Patrick. ***Me . . . Jane.*** Little, Brown, 2011. Holding her stuffed toy chimpanzee, young Jane Goodall observes nature, reads Tarzan books, and dreams of living in Africa to help animals. Biographical information on the prominent zoologist is included. Caldecott Medal Honor Book 2012
- McGrory, Anik. ***Quick, Slow, Mango!*** Bloomsbury, 2011. Kidogo the elephant's mother is always urging him to hurry up while PolePole the monkey's mother cautions her to slow down, but together they learn that slow and fast can both be good.
- Meadows, Michelle. ***Traffic Pups.*** Simon & Schuster, 2011. Canine motorcycle police officers zoom through the town pursuing suspects, clearing the road of accidents, and serving as escorts.
- Mora, Pat. ***Wiggling Pockets = Los Bolsillos Saltarines.*** Rayo, 2009. With English and Spanish text, this humorous story describes the mischief that ensues at a family gathering when Danny releases frogs from his wiggling pockets.
- Murphy, Stuart J. ***Just Enough Carrots.*** HarperCollins, 1997. While a bunny and his mother shop in a grocery store, the reader may count and compare the amounts of carrots, peanuts, and worms in the grocery carts of other shoppers. *Series*
- Nesbitt, Kenn. ***More Bears!*** Sourcebooks Jabberwocky, 2010. Different kinds of bears, all engaged in fun activities, pile onto the pages until there is no room for any more of them.
- Numeroff, Laura Joffe. ***If You Give a Dog a Donut.*** Balzer + Bray, 2011. Simple text and illustrations describe the chaos that might ensue if a dog was given a donut.
- Parr, Todd. ***The Earth Book.*** Little, Brown, 2010. Young readers are introduced to the importance of conservation and provided with ideas to live an environmentally friendly lifestyle, such as planting trees, using both sides of a piece of paper, and recycling.
- Paul, Ann Whitford. ***Fiesta Fiasco.*** Holiday House, 2007. When shopping for Culebra's birthday, Conejo has an ulterior motive when he convinces his friends Iguana and Tortuga to buy all the wrong presents. A glossary of Spanish words is included.

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- Pinkney, Jerry. ***Three Little Kittens***. Dial Books, 2010. This is the classic tale of three youngsters who are careless with their mittens but who turn out to be good little kittens after all.
- Polhemus, Coleman. ***The Crocodile Blues***. Candlewick, 2007. Lift the flaps in this wordless tale in which a man and his pet cockatoo discover, much to their dismay, the true nature of the egg they bring home from the store.
- Raschka, Christopher. ***A Ball for Daisy***. Schwartz & Wade, 2011. Daisy the dog is heartbroken when her favorite toy ball is destroyed while she is playing with another dog, but she realizes she has also gained something. Caldecott Medal 2012
- Ray, Jane. ***The Dollhouse Fairy***. Candlewick, 2009. Worried about her father's trip to the hospital, Rosy goes to play with the special dollhouse he built for her and finds Thistle, a very messy and mischievous fairy who needs a place to stay while her injured wing mends.
- Rayner, Catherine. ***Ernest, the Moose Who Doesn't Fit***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2009. A rather large moose, who cannot fit on the page of the book he is in, teams up with his little chipmunk friend to find a solution.
- Rinker, Sherri Duskey. ***Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site***. Chronicle Books, 2011. At sunset, when their work is done for the day, a crane truck, a cement mixer, and other pieces of construction equipment make their way to their resting places and go to sleep.
- Rocco, John. ***Blackout***. Disney-Hyperion, 2011. A busy family's activities come to a halt because of a blackout, but they find they are having so much fun spending time together that not everyone is happy when the lights go back on. Caldecott Medal Honor Book 2012
- Rueda, Claudia. ***No***. Groundwood Books, 2010. Little Bear ignores his mother's warning to go to sleep for the winter and finds himself lost in the middle of a snowstorm.
- Ryder, Joanne. ***Panda Kindergarten***. Collins, 2009. Photographs and text follow sixteen panda cubs at the Wolong Nature preserve where they are raised and observed by scientists and workers while they learn survival skills that will allow them to be re-released into the wild.
- Sakai, Komako. ***Mad at Mommy***. Arthur A. Levine, 2010. A little rabbit is very angry at his mother, and he tells her the reasons why.
- Sauer, Tammi. ***Cowboy Camp***. Sterling, 2005. Although Avery cannot eat the right grub, is allergic to horses, and gets rope burns from lassos, he learns at camp that he has enough of the most important cowboy quality.

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- Sayre, April Pulley. ***Rah, Rah, Radishes! : A Vegetable Chant***. Beach Lane Books, 2011. Rhyming text and colorful illustrations describe the tastes, scents, and appearance of different vegetables.
- Schaefer, Carole Lexa. ***The Squiggle***. Dragonfly Books, 1996. As she walks to the park with her school class, a young girl finds a piece of string which her imagination turns into a dragon's tail, an acrobat, fireworks, a storm cloud, and more.
- Schmid, Paul. ***A Pet for Petunia***. Harper, 2011. Petunia so desperately wants a pet skunk that she refuses to believe her parents when they say skunks stink.
- Schoonmaker, Elizabeth. ***Square Cat***. Aladdin, 2011. Eula the cat is square and, while she longs to be round like other cats, her friends show her the benefits of the shape that she has.
- Schwarz, Viviane. ***There Are Cats in This Book***. Candlewick, 2008. The reader is invited to lift the flaps and follow the cats as they play with yarn, boxes, pillows, and fish.
- Sierra, Judy. ***ZooZical***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2011. When the winter doldrums arrive at the zoo, a very small hippo and a young kangaroo decide to stage a "ZooZical," a show to display their singing, dancing, acrobatic, and other talents to the people of Springfield.
- Sperring, Mark. ***The Sunflower Sword***. Andersen Press, 2010. In a land marked by endless fighting between knights and dragons, a mother gives her eager little boy a sunflower rather than the sword he requests, and when he wields it against a real dragon, new understanding begins.
- Stead, Philip. ***Jonathan and the Big Blue Boat***. Roaring Brook, 2011. When Jonathan sets sail in a big blue boat to search for his lost stuffed bear Frederick, he collects a ragtag assortment of friends along the way.
- Stein, David Ezra. ***Interrupting Chicken***. Candlewick, 2010. Little Red Chicken wants Papa to read her a bedtime story, but she interrupts him almost as soon as he begins each tale. Caldecott Medal Honor Book 2011
- Tafari, Nancy. ***Spots, Feathers, and Curly Tails***. Greenwillow, 1988. Questions and answers highlight some outstanding characteristics of farm animals, such as a chicken's feathers and a horse's mane.
- Taylor, Sean. ***The Ring Went Zing! : A Story That Ends With a Kiss***. Dial Books, 2010. A frog in love with a chicken buys her a golden ring, but when the ring falls and skips away they begin to chase after it, joined along the way by a jogging swan, a motorcycling sausage dog, and other helpful creatures.

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- Tullet, Hervé. **Press Here**. Translated from the French by Christopher Franceschelli. Handprint Books, 2010. The reader is instructed on how to interact with the illustrations in order to manipulate the yellow, blue, and red dots.
- Underwood, Deborah. **The Loud Book!** Houghton Mifflin, 2011. From the blare of an alarm clock in the morning to snores and crickets in the evening, simple text explores the many loud noises one might hear during the course of a day.
- Vamos, Samantha R. **The Cazuela That the Farm Maiden Stirred**. Charlesbridge, 2011. Text in English with some Spanish is used in this cumulative tale of a farm maiden who, aided by a group of animals, prepares "Arroz con Leche," or rice pudding. A recipe and a glossary of Spanish words are included.
- Viva, Frank. **Along a Long Road**. Little, Brown, 2011. Illustrations and brief text evoke a bicycle ride, with its ups and downs, sweeping turns, and vivid views.
- Walsh, Ellen Stoll. **Balancing Act**. Beach Lane Books, 2010. Two mice have fun playing on a teeter-totter, but as more and larger friends join them it becomes increasingly difficult to stay balanced.
- Walsh, Melanie. **My Nose, Your Nose**. Houghton Mifflin, 2002. Daisy and Kit compare various parts of their bodies and find that they are both similar and different.
- Ward, Jennifer. **The Busy Tree**. Marshall Cavendish, 2009. This picture book shows the many different types of wildlife that make their home in or around an oak tree, from chipmunks and woodpeckers to ants and spiders.
- Weaver, Tess. **Cat Jumped In!** Clarion, 2007. An inquisitive feline walks through the rooms of a house jumping into one mess after another before landing in the loving arms of its owner.
- Wells, Rosemary. **Love Waves**. Candlewick, 2011. While they are at work a mother and father send powerful "love waves" to their child at home, offering reassurance and comfort in their absence.
- Willems, Mo. **Hooray for Amanda & Her Alligator!** Balzer + Bray, 2011. Amanda and her alligator have lots of fun together, but when Amanda's grandfather buys her a panda, Alligator must learn to make new friends.
- Williams, Rozanne Lanczak. **The Coin Counting Book**. Charlesbridge, 2001. This introduction to money uses clear photographs of everyday coins to demonstrate counting as well as simple math concepts.
- Wood, Audrey. **The Napping House**. Harcourt, 1984. In this cumulative tale, a wakeful flea atop a number of sleeping creatures causes a commotion with just one bite.

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- Yates, Louise. ***Dog Loves Books***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2010. Dog loves books so much that he decides to open a book store.
- Yolen, Jane, and Andrew Fusek Peters, eds. ***Switching on the Moon: A Very First Book of Bedtime Poems***. Candlewick, 2010. This collection of poems for bedtime features topics such as owls, lullabies, and the sounds of the city.
- Yum, Hyewon. ***The Twins' Blanket***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2011. Twin girls, who have always shared everything, sleep in separate beds with their own blankets for the first time.
- Zion, Gene. ***Harry the Dirty Dog***. HarperCollins, 1956. When a white dog with black spots runs away because he hates baths, he returns home so dirty that his family does not recognize him.
- Zoehfeld, Kathleen Weidner. ***What's Alive?*** HarperCollins, 1995. A little girl interacts with plants and her pets as the text explains how humans are different from these living things; but like them, she grows and also needs food, water, and air.
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Any available unabridged edition of a title is acceptable.

- 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.
- Bishop, Nic. ***Nic Bishop Spiders***. Scholastic, 2007. Includes foldout pages, photographs, and text providing basic information about various kinds of spiders.
- 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.
- 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.

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- 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.
- Deans, Karen. ***Playing to Win: The Story of Althea Gibson***. Holiday House, 2007. An illustrated biography of the life and achievements of African American tennis player Althea Gibson.
- 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. ***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.
- Dotlich, Rebecca Kai. ***Bella & Bean***. Atheneum, 2009. When Bean constantly distracts her while she tries to write, Bella finds her poems taking unexpected and silly twists, until she realizes she has written a lovely, wonderful poem about her best friend.
- 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.
- Florian, Douglas. ***Comets, Stars, the Moon, and Mars***. Harcourt, 2007. A collection of twenty whimsical poems about comets, the stars, moon, and the planets.
- 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.

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- Gibbons, Gail. **Gorillas**. Holiday House, 2011. An illustrated introduction to gorillas, describing their physical characteristics, behaviors, diets, and other related topics.
- 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*
- 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*
- Henkes, Kevin. **My Garden**. Greenwillow, 2010. After helping her mother in the garden, a young girl imagines her dream garden which would include jelly bean bushes, chocolate rabbits, and tomatoes as big as beach balls.
- 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. **You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Fairy Tales to Read Together**. Little, Brown, 2004. This title presents short retellings of familiar fairy tales, each told in two voices and designed especially for young children and adults to read together. *Series*
- Hort, Lenny. **Did Dinosaurs Eat Pizza? Mysteries Science Hasn't Solved**. Holt, 2006. While much is known about dinosaur anatomy, behavior, and habitat, the author points out the many mysteries that remain to be answered about these extinct creatures.
- 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*
- 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.
- 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.

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- Kaczman, James. ***Lucky Monkey, Unlucky Monkey***. Houghton Mifflin, 2008. While Ed the monkey has the most wonderful day imaginable, Ted the monkey faces everything from bad weather to being chased by wild animals and an angry troll.
- 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.
- Krensky, Stephen. ***Milo the Really Big Bunny***. Simon & Schuster, 2006. A misfit bunny finds out that the characteristic that makes him different helps the Easter Bunny save the day.
- Labatt, Mary. ***Sam Gets Lost***. Kids Can Press, 2004. Sam's fun trip downtown turns scary after he hops out of the car and gets lost in the city. *Series*
- LaMarche, Jim. ***Lost and Found: Three Dog Stories***. Chronicle Books, 2009. A compilation of three short stories that indeed prove there is a powerful connection between dogs and children.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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*
- McElligott, Matthew. ***The Lion's Share.*** Walker, 2009. Ant is honored to receive an invitation to lion's annual dinner party, but she is shocked when the other guests behave rudely and then accuse her of thinking only of herself.
- McKissack, Patricia and Onawumi Jean Moss. ***Precious and the Boo Hag.*** Atheneum, 2005. Home alone with a stomach ache while the family works in the fields, a young girl faces up to the horrifying Boo Hag that her brother warned her about.
- 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.
- 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.

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- Negron, Ray. ***The Greatest Story Never Told: The Babe and Jackie.*** HarperCollins, 2008. Two young boys who are sick in the hospital decide they do not want to be roommates because of their differences; but when they travel back in time and meet Babe Ruth and Jackie Robinson, they change their minds.
- 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 and Nate Evans. ***The Jellybeans and the Big Camp Kickoff.*** Abrams Books, 2011. When four friends with different talents and abilities go to summer camp together, they use their strengths to make camp fun for all. *Series*
- Parish, Herman. ***Amelia Bedelia's First Field Trip.*** Greenwillow, 2011. Amelia Bedelia goes with her class to visit a farm, where her literal-mindedness causes confusion along with some laughs.
- 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.
- Recorvits, Helen. ***Yoon and the Jade Bracelet.*** Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2008. Although she really would have liked a jump rope for her birthday, Yoon is happy to receive a Korean picture book and a jade bracelet passed down from her grandmother; and when she wears the bracelet to school it seems as if her wish for a jump rope and a friend is about to come true.
- 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.
- 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*
- 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!

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- Sayre, April Pulley. ***Army Ant Parade***. Holt, 2002. The animals in the forest prepare for the army ants to swarm over the ground in a thick stream, searching for food.
- Schachner, Judy. ***Skippyjon Jones Class Action***. Dutton, 2011. Skippyjon Jones, the Siamese cat that thinks he is a Chihuahua dog, is determined to attend dog obedience school. *Series*
- Schulman, Janet. ***Pale Male: Citizen Hawk of New York City***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2008. Recounts the true story of Pale Male, a red-tailed hawk living in New York City, who has become one of the city's most-watched celebrities as bird watchers, tourists, and residents admire the bird and his nest which is built on a Fifth Avenue apartment building.
- 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*
- 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
- 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.
- Thomas, Shelley Moore. ***A Cold Winter's Good Knight***. Dutton, 2008. The Good Knight must remind three little dragons to mind their manners when they arrive at the castle on the night of a fancy ball. *Series*

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- 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*
- 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. ***Edwina: The Dinosaur Who Didn't Know She Was Extinct***. Hyperion, 2006. Edwina the friendly neighborhood dinosaur, friend to children and grown-ups alike, finds a foe in young Reginald Von Hoobie-Doobie, who insists that she is extinct.
- 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. ***Pecan Pie Baby***. Putnam's, 2011. Gia's mother is expecting a baby. While everyone else is excited, Gia worries that the "ding-dang baby" is going to change everything.
- 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*
- Zoehfeld, Kathleen Weidner. ***Did Dinosaurs Have Feathers?*** HarperCollins, 2004. This book discusses the discovery and analysis of Archaeopteryx, a feathered dinosaur, which may have been an ancestor of modern birds.
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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.
- Barber, Tiki and Ronde, with Paul Mantell. ***Goal Line***. Simon & Schuster, 2011. A lot of football action punctuates this tale of Tiki and Ronde Barber as they learn to deal with the trials and tribulations of school, sports, friends, and family.
- 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.
- Beard, Darleen Bailey. ***Annie Glover is Not a Tree Lover***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2009. Fourth grader Annie is torn between supporting her "tree hugging" grandmother who is trying to save a historic tree and her desire for the new community swimming pool which would mean cutting down the tree.
- Becker, Bonny. ***The Magical Ms. Plum***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2009. Each of the students in Ms. Plum's third grade classroom receives a visit from a magical creature that comes out of her supply closet just for them.
- Bidner, Jenni. ***Is My Dog a Wolf?: How Your Pet Compares to its Wild Cousin***. Lark, 2006. Examines the differences and similarities between dogs and wolves with descriptions of how both have descended from the ancient wolf and how they have evolved into two diverse species.
- Birney, Betty G. ***Summer According to Humphrey***. Putnam's, 2010. Humphrey the classroom hamster does not know what will happen to him at the end of the school year, but he is excited when he finds himself at summer camp with some of his favorite teachers and human classmates. *Series*
- Bishop, Nic. ***Nic Bishop Lizards***. Scholastic, 2010. Amazing photographs and interesting tidbits of information are the highlights of this latest Nic Bishop romp through the world of lizards.
- Brown, Don. ***A Wizard From the Start: The Incredible Boyhood and Amazing Inventions of Thomas Edison***. Houghton Mifflin, 2010. This picture book shows that young Thomas Edison was a hard worker who was curious about everything, read a lot of books, studied diligently for years, and was passionate about inventing.
- Buckley, Michael. ***NERDS: National Espionage, Rescue, and Defense Society***. Amulet Books, 2009. Fifth grader Jackson, a former bully, is sucked through a school locker into the National Espionage, Rescue, and Defense Society on a mission with a group of superhero nerdy kids to save the continents of the world from being moved by the evil Dr. Jigsaw. *Series*

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- Collins, Suzanne. **Gregor the Overlander**. Scholastic, 2003. Hurlled into a fantastical realm below New York City, Gregor finds himself wrapped up in a war between these underground worlds where his fate and that of his little sister and missing father are in his hands. *Series*
- Coville, Bruce. **The Monster's Ring**. Harcourt, 2002. Russell Crannaker's magic ring enables him to turn into a monster on Halloween and ward off the class bully once and for all. *Series*
- 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 having to find and train a dragon and also becomes an unlikely hero in the process. *Series*
- Cowley, Joy. **Snake and Lizard**. Kane/Miller, 2008. Snake and Lizard's friendship grows as they learn more about each other in this humorous chapter book of likable desert characters. *Series*
- Crisp, Marty. **Titanicat**. Sleeping Bear Press, 2008. Every ship had a cat, and in this historical fiction picture book, the story of the Titanic's cat is told; but just where is the cat's luck during the Titanic's doomed voyage?
- Cronin, Doreen. **The Trouble with Chickens**. Balzer + Bray, 2011. Missing chicks, a mean "inside" dog, a mama chicken determined to find her babies, and a retired search and rescue dog named J. J. Tully round out the character list in this funny animal detective story with a clever twist at the end. *Series*
- Dahl, Roald. **Matilda**. Viking, 1988. Matilda applies her mental powers to rid the school of the evil headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, and restore Miss Honey, her nice teacher, to financial security.
- Davies, Jacqueline. **The Lemonade War**. Houghton Mifflin, 2007. Evan is not happy to learn that he and his younger sister Jessie will be in the same fourth grade class next fall, so their summer turns into a battle to see whose lemonade stand can earn one hundred dollars first.
- 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.
- Durand, Hallie. **No Room for Dessert**. Atheneum, 2011. Third grader Dessert, also known as "Dirt," feels ignored by her parents; and she is determined to be the winner in the class invention contest to win back her parents' attention. *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.
- Franco, Betsy. **A Curious Collection of Cats: Concrete Poems**. Tricycle Press, 2009. Full of humor and colorful illustrations, this book of concrete poems about cats is a delight.

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- French, Jackie. ***How to Scratch a Wombat: Where to Find It ... What to Feed It ... Why It Sleeps All Day.*** Clarion, 2009. This book tells you all you need to know about caring for and living with wombats -- how to scratch their backs, how to sing to them, and how to keep the "hairy brown rocks with legs" from breaking your door down -- based on the author's thirty years of experience in her Australian home.
- Gardiner, John Reynolds. ***Stone Fox.*** First published 1980. Willy hopes to win the purse in a dog sled race in order to pay the back taxes on his grandfather's farm.
- Giovanni, Nikki. ***The Grasshopper's Song: An Aesop's Fable Revisited.*** Candlewick, 2008. It is the alleged "frivolous" grasshopper's day in court as he tries to prove his case against the industrious ants who did not share their food with him through the long, cold winter.
- 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*
- Grindley, Sally. ***Dear Max.*** McElderry Books, 2006. Written in letter format between a nine-year-old boy and a published author, this book deals sensitively with loss within a family, disease, and bullying.
- Gutman, Dan. ***Nightmare at the Book Fair.*** Simon and Schuster, 2008. Fifth-grader Trip Dinkleman, who does not like to read very much, is hit on the head by a bookfair case and becomes a character in a series of different books including a horror story, an adventure, and a fantasy.
- Hansen, Rosanna. ***Caring for Cheetahs: My African Adventure.*** Boyds Mills, 2007. Pounce into this colorful photo-essay about protecting endangered cheetahs at a nature reserve owned by the Cheetah Conservation Fund in Namibia, Africa.
- Harley, Avis. ***African Acrostics: A Word in Edgeways.*** Candlewick, 2009. Entertaining acrostic poems about African animals provide readers information both about the animals as well as the various forms of acrostic poems.
- Harper, Charise Mericle. ***Just Grace and the Double Surprise.*** Houghton Mifflin, 2011. In the seventh book of the series, Grace's best friend, Mimi, is surprised to get an adopted brother instead of a sister; and a double surprise is that Grace's parents finally say yes to getting a dog. *Series*
- Hatkoff, Juliana et al. ***Leo the Snow Leopard: The True Story of an Amazing Rescue.*** Scholastic, 2010. This story of rescue and survival of an orphaned snow leopard begins in the mountains of Pakistan and ends at the Bronx Zoo, allowing readers to learn about the life of these rare cats while documenting the determined cooperation of international animal conservationists.
- 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.

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- Hicks, Betty. ***Track Attack***. Roaring Brook, 2009. Superfast Jazz, a budding track star, is embarrassed by her overly enthusiastic father and his meddling at her track meets and practices.
- Holt, Kimberly Willis. ***Piper Reed Rodeo Star***. Holt, 2011. Piper Reed is back in an adventure at her grandparents' home during the Christmas break. Her adventures include her best friend moving, a homespun rodeo, and a fun twist at the end. *Series*
- Hopkins, Jackie Mims. ***The Gold Miner's Daughter: A Melodramatic Fairytale***. Peachtree, 2006. In trying to pay her debt to mean ole Mr. Bigglebottom, Gracie Pearl meets many fairytale characters along the way who have had their own problems with the money hungry banker in this entertaining, melodramatic fairytale.
- Hopkins, Jackie Mims. ***Joe Bright and the Seven Genre Dudes***. Upstart Books, 2010. Stella, the master storyteller of a storybook kingdom, is threatened by Joe Bright's ability to tell stories and sends him deep into the dark forest, where Joe meets the Seven Genre Dudes, brothers who care for various types of books at the local library.
- Jenkins, Steve. ***Never Smile at a Monkey: And 17 Other Important Things to Remember***. Houghton Mifflin, 2009. Incredible cut paper illustrations highlight eighteen creatures whose weapons of teeth, claws, spines, and venom make them dangerous to humans, while the captivating text explains what you should never do if you encounter one of these animals.
- Judge, Lita. ***One Thousand Tracings: Healing the Wounds of World War II***. Hyperion, 2007. The author relates the story of her grandparents' efforts after World War II to send packages of food, clothing, and shoes to their friends in Germany and others in Europe who suffered from the after-effects of the war.
- Klise, Kate. ***Till Death Do Us Bark***. Harcourt, 2011. Seymour adopts a dog that carries a big secret left by the late Noah Breth whose greedy children, Kitty and Kanine Breth, want only to recover their father's fortune which he has left hidden around the town of Ghastly. *Series*
- Krosoczka, Jarrett. ***Lunch Lady and the Field Trip Fiasco***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2011. Superhero Lunch Lady and the Breakfast Bunch save the day from art thieves in this fun graphic novel set in an art museum. *Series*
- Krull, Kathleen. ***The Boy Who Invented TV: The Story of Philo Farnsworth***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2009. As a young boy in the early 1900's, Philo Farnsworth's curiosity about how things work eventually led him to develop the idea of how television could work.
- La Fevers, 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*

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- Larsen, C. S. ***Crust & Spray: Gross Stuff in Your Eyes, Ears, Nose and Throat.*** Millbrook, 2010. Prepare to be both grossed out and educated by the wacky descriptions and graphic close up pictures of the fluids and ooze generated by the human body.
- 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*
- Low, Alice. ***The Fastest Game on Two Feet and Other Poems About How Sports Began.*** Holiday House, 2009. This book contains funny poems about various sports as well as a brief paragraph about the origin of each sport.
- Lowry, Lois. ***The Birthday Ball.*** Houghton Mifflin, 2010. Princess Patricia Priscilla is not looking forward to her birthday when she has to choose a suitor, so she switches places with her chambermaid so she can attend school with the commoners.
- MacDonald, Alan. ***Trolls United.*** Bloomsbury, 2007. In this silly story about an endearing troll family, Ulrik has to deal with his father coming to school, worrying about making the soccer team, and hoping for a new pair of soccer cleats. *Series*
- MacDonald, Betty. ***Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle.*** First published 1947. Loved by children and their parents, Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle always knows just the right way to solve any problem. *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*
- Markle, Sandra. ***Animal Heroes: True Rescue Stories.*** Millbrook, 2009. Nine riveting tales share examples of animals saving humans, along with photos and extra information and insights into animal behavior.
- 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.
- Mitchelhill, Barbara. ***The Graffiti Mystery.*** Stone Arch Books, 2009. Getting in a few scrapes himself, Supersleuth Damian uses his smarts to solve the mystery of who has been painting graffiti on the walls of the boys' bathroom and the principal's car. *Series*
- 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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- 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*
- O'Malley, Kevin. ***Once Upon a Cool Motorcycle Dude***. Walker, 2005. Cooperatively writing a fairytale for school, a girl imagines a beautiful princess whose beloved ponies are being stolen by a giant, and a boy conjures up the muscular biker who will guard the last pony in exchange for gold.
- Osborne, Mary Pope. ***Abe Lincoln at Last!*** Random House, 2011. The magic tree house whisks Jack and Annie to Washington D.C. in the 1860s where they meet Abraham Lincoln and collect a feather that will help break a magic spell.
- Otfinoski, Steven. ***All in the Family: A Look-It-Up Guide to the In-Laws, Outlaws, and Offspring of Mythology***. Franklin Watts, 2009. Greek mythology hall of famers meet the modern age in a new series that brings the superstars of Greek mythology to life. *Series*
- Pennypacker, Sara. ***Clementine and the Family Meeting***. Disney-Hyperion, 2011. For the first time Clementine can remember, the reason for a family meeting does not mean that she is in trouble. Instead, it means good news and changes for her. *Series*
- 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.
- Petersen, P. J. ***Wild River***. Delacorte, 2009. When their kayak hits a log and his older brother is seriously hurt, Ryan must overcome his fears and go for help.
- Polacco, Patricia. ***The Keeping Quilt***. First published 1988. Follow the author's family's quilt through several generations, from its creation by the first generation immigrant family all the way to the present generation.
- Preus, Margi. ***Celebritrees: Historic & Famous Trees of the World***. Holt, 2010. Profiles 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.
- Raczka, Bob. ***Lemonade & Other Poems Squeezed from a Single Word***. Roaring Brook, 2011. In this double treat for the brain and eyes, all these concrete poems are cleverly formed from the letters of the poem's title.
- 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.
- Rappaport, Doreen. ***Eleanor, Quiet No More: The Life of Eleanor Roosevelt***. Disney-Hyperion, 2009. Well-researched and powerfully presented, this biography of Eleanor Roosevelt chronicles her life from a quiet, reserved child to an outspoken champion for the rights of all individuals.

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- Root, Phyllis. ***Paula Bunyan***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2009. Paula Bunyan is a rough, tough lady with a singing voice that cracks windows, a live bear for a foot warmer, and a heart for the environment in this fun folk tale set in the North Woods.
- Rosenthal, Amy Krouse. ***The Wonder Book***. Harper, 2010. Silly poems, puns, and jokes are illustrated with happy line drawings in this humorous book full of word play.
- Roy, Ron. ***Detective Camp***. Random House, 2006. Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose are at Detective Camp and right away discover a crime. *Series*
- Ryder, Joanne. ***Panda Kindergarten***. Collins, 2009. Simple text and enticing color photographs follow sixteen giant panda cubs as they eat, play, and nap during the day at the Wolong Nature Preserve in China.
- Scieszka, Jon. ***Spaceheadz 2***. Simon & Schuster, 2010. The aliens are back in a humorous encounter between aliens, agents, kindergarteners, and 5th graders, including an interactive website and a challenge to find a million new Spaceheads. *Series*
- Service, Pamela F. ***Alien Expedition***. Carolrhoda Books, 2009. Alien agent Zack is on a mission to help rescue alien dinosaurs from another planet who have been taken hostage in Mongolia by the Kiapa Kapa Syndicate. *Series*
- 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.
- Sidman, Joyce. ***Song of the Water Boatman and Other Pond Poems***. Houghton Mifflin, 2005. Poems about pond life throughout the year and factual annotations are contained in this beautifully illustrated book.
- Sidman, Joyce. ***Ubiquitous: Celebrating Nature's Survivors***. Houghton Mifflin, 2010. In fourteen poems, this picture book blends poetry, science, and art in celebrating the earth's most resilient and long-lived species.
- Silverstein, Shel. ***Every Thing On It: Poems and Drawings***. Harper, 2011. Enjoy another remarkable collection of playful poems by the magical Shel Silverstein.
- Sutherland, Tui. ***Who Was Harry Houdini?*** Grosset & Dunlap, 2002. Harry Houdini, the most famous escape artist of all time, is the subject of this interesting and accessible biography which includes explanations of some of his illusions. *Series*
- Tavares, Matt. ***Henry Aaron's Dream***. Candlewick, 2010. In this beautiful picture book biography of Henry "Hank" Aaron, Henry overcomes many obstacles to realize his childhood dream of becoming a major league baseball player.
- 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*
- Taylor, Sarah Stewart. ***Amelia Earhart: This Broad Ocean***. Disney-Hyperion, 2010. In graphic novel format, Amelia Earhart's life is described with a focus on the successful Atlantic crossing in 1928.

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- Temple, Bob. ***The Titanic: An Interactive History Adventure***. Capstone, 2008. The reader's choices reveal the historical details of the sinking of the Titanic in 1912 from the perspective of a first-class passenger, a third-class passenger, and a crew member.
- Tolan, Stephanie S. ***Wishworks, Inc.*** Arthur A. Levine, 2009. Third-grader Max copes with his parents' divorce by retreating into an imaginary world complete with an imaginary dog to protect him from the bullies at school until he realizes that one must be careful what one wishes for even at his imaginary Wishworks, Inc.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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*
- Weeks, Sarah. ***Oggie Cooder***. Scholastic, 2008. Oggie, an outcast to his classmates, garners friends and fame by sharing his unique talent of "charving," chewing and carving processed cheese into the shape of states, on a television talent show. *Series*
- Wilson, Karma. ***What's the Weather Inside?*** McElderry Books, 2009. This clever collection of original poetry is mostly light, humorous verse about family, friends, and school.
- Winter, Jonah. ***Sonia Sotomayor: A Judge Grows in the Bronx***. Atheneum, 2009. Written in both English and Spanish, the life of Sonia Sotomayor is described from her childhood in poverty to how she worked her way up to the top of the United States judicial system.
- Winter, Jonah. ***You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax?!*** Schwartz & Wade, 2009. Learn about Sandy Koufax, a powerful left-handed pitcher for the New York Dodgers, a practicing Jew who would not play baseball on High Holy days, and a mystery man who quit baseball after the best season of his career.
- Yee, Lisa. ***Bobby vs. Girls (Accidentally)***. Arthur A. Levine, 2009. Two long-time best friends' disagreement escalates into a war between the girls and boys of their fourth-grade classroom.

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Yezerksi, Thomas F. ***Meadowlands: A Wetlands Survival Story***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2011. A history of New Jersey's Meadowlands, which have been recovering from decades of human destruction and are now mending thanks to community activism.

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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 Underneath***. Atheneum, 2008. An old hound that has been chained up at his hateful owner's run-down shack, and two kittens born underneath the house, endure separation, danger, and many other tribulations in their quest to be reunited and free. Newbery Honor 2009. National Book Award Finalist 2008
- Bolden, Tonya. ***George Washington Carver***. Abrams Books, 2008. Born a slave during the Civil War and raised by his mother's owners, George Washington Carver, also known as the "Peanut Man," became an important African American conservationist, scientist, researcher, and teacher.
- 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.
- Buyea, Rob. ***Because of Mr. Terupt***. Delacorte, 2010. Over the course of a school year, seven kids in the fifth grade narrate their experiences in the classroom with an energetic first time teacher.
- 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*
- Connor, Leslie. ***Crunch***. Katherine Tegen, 2010. With their parents stuck in New England during a gasoline crisis, Dewey and his siblings struggle to keep open the family bicycle business and solve the mystery of missing bicycle parts.
- 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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- DiCamillo, Kate. ***The Magician's Elephant***. Candlewick, 2009. Orphan Peter Augustus Duchene sees a fortune teller that leads him on an adventurous journey involving an elephant and a magician in order to find his long lost younger sister Adele.
- DiTerlizzi, Tony. ***The Search For WondLa***. Simon & Schuster, 2010. Living in isolation with a robot on what appears to be an alien world populated with bizarre life forms, a twelve-year-old human girl called Eva Nine sets out on a journey to find others like her. Features "augmented reality" pages in which readers can access additional information online about Eva Nine's world.
- 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. ***Halt's Peril***. Philomel, 2010. Tennyson, the false prophet of the Outsider cult, has escaped and Halt is determined to stop him before he crosses the border into Araluen, but Genovesan assassins put Will and Halt's extraordinary archery skills to the test. *Series*
- Forester, Victoria. ***The Girl Who Could Fly***. Feiwel and Friends, 2008. "Piper decided to jump off the roof. It wasn't a rash decision on her part." And so we meet a strong-willed, generous girl with extraordinary talents.
- French, Vivian. ***Robe of Skulls***. Candlewick, 2007. In order to raise gold for a spectacular robe made of skulls, evil sorceress Lady Lamorna plots to blackmail the neighboring kings and queens. Can sweet, brave Gracie, with the help of a family of talking bats, save the princes from a froggy fate? *Series*
- Golding, Julia. ***Secret of the Sirens***. Marshall Cavendish, 2006. Upon moving to her aunt's seaside home in the British Isles, Connie becomes part of a secret society that shelters mythical creatures and must use her ability to communicate with these beings to protect them from evil and the incursions of humans. *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.
- Grant, Michael. ***The Magnificent Twelve, Book One: The Call***. Katherine Tegen, 2010. Mack MacAvoy, a seriously average twelve-year-old boy, is faced with a difficult decision when a three-thousand-year-old man appears in the boys' bathroom and informs him that he is one of the Magnificent Twelve and is needed to find his eleven teammates and save the world. *Series*
- Haddix, Margaret Peterson. ***Just Ella***. Simon & Schuster, 1999. Fifteen-year-old Ella finds that accepting Prince Charming's proposal ensnares her in such a suffocating tangle of palace rules and royal etiquette that she plots her escape.

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- 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.
- Holm, Jennifer L. ***Turtle in Paradise***. Random House, 2010. A girl named Turtle moves to the Florida Keys, where she meets her extended family and makes new friends.
- 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.
- 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.
- Lasky, Kathryn. ***The Man Who Made Time Travel***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2003. The need for sailors to be able to determine their position at sea led to the efforts of John Harrison, an eighteenth-century man who spent his life refining navigation instruments.
- Leal, Ann. ***Also Known as Harper***. Holt, 2009. Harper Lee Morgan's family is struggling, but she holds close to her passion for writing poetry and this provides her with an opportunity to express her feelings, even as she must skip school to take care of her younger brother Hemingway.
- 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 leaves her family to find the mysterious Old Man of the Moon. Newbery Honor 2010
- Lutes, Jason. ***Houdini: The Handcuff King***. Hyperion, 2007. In bold graphics, author and artist formulate a living picture of this amazing escape artist and show how time and morals shaped him and his art.
- Malone, Marianne. ***The Sixty-Eight Rooms***. Random House, 2010. An adventure about the Thorne Rooms, sixty-eight miniature rooms made by Mrs. James Ward Thorne in the 1930s, and a magic key that allows a person to shrink down small enough to explore the rooms' secrets.

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- Marino, Nan. ***Neil Armstrong is My Uncle and Other Lies Muscle Man McGinty Told Me.*** Roaring Brook, 2009. Set in 1969, Tammy has a difficult summer when her best friend suddenly moves away and a new, know-it-all boy moves into the neighborhood.
- 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!
- Montgomery, Sy. ***Quest for the Tree Kangaroo.*** Houghton Mifflin, 2006. Wonderful color photographs and an excellent text provide details of the search for the tree kangaroo in Papua New Guinea's cloud forest.
- Nelson, Peter & Rohitash Rao. ***Herbert's Wormhole.*** Harper, 2009. While Alex is getting to know his inventive neighbor Herbert they unexpectedly travel to the twenty-second century through a space-time wormhole where they encounter aliens, jet packs, and their future selves.
- 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*
- 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.
- Peck, Richard. ***On the Wings of Heroes.*** Dial Books, 2007. Set in the time period of World War II, Davy Bowman has two heroes: his dad who fought in World War I and his brother who is currently in the Air Force.
- 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, Maine, and sets out to find his beloved older brother, Harold, who has been illegally sold into the Union Army. Newbery Honor, 2010
- 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*
- Rutkoski, Marie. ***The Cabinet of Wonders.*** Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2008. Twelve-year-old Petra, accompanied by her magical tin spider, goes to Prague hoping to retrieve the enchanted eyes the Prince of Bohemia took from her father, and is aided in her quest by a Roma boy and his sister. *Series*

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- 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.
- 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 met on a wildlife preserve in Africa, where she learns about a mystical white giraffe.
- 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 Mysterious Benedict Society and the Perilous Journey***. Little, Brown, 2008. Reynie, Kate, Sticky, and Constance, all graduates of the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened and members of the Benedict Society, embark on a scavenger hunt that turns into a desperate search for the missing Mr. Benedict. *Series*
- Stone, Jeff. ***Eagle***. Random House, 2008. After attacking and killing his former grandmaster, sixteen-year-old Ying realizes he has been betrayed in addition to being wanted for treason, and consequently is forced to turn to Hok, his old temple sister, for help. *Series*
- Walker, Alice. ***Langston Hughes: American Poet***. HarperCollins, 2002. An illustrated biography of the Harlem poet whose works gave voice to the joy and pain of the black experience in America.
- 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.
- Wells, Rosemary. ***On the Blue Comet***. Candlewick, 2010. Searching for his father, Oscar boards a train that takes him on an adventure that crosses the country both forward and backward in time.
- 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.
- Wiles, Deborah. ***Each Little Bird that Sings***. Harcourt, 2005. Comfort Snowberger is well acquainted with death since her family runs the funeral parlor in their small southern town; but even so, the ten-year-old is unprepared for the series of heart-wrenching events triggered by the sudden death of her beloved great uncle Edisto.

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Wood, Maryrose. ***The Mysterious Howling***. Balzer + Bray, 2010. Three wild children 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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- 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.
- 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 townsfolk 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*
- Bowen, Fred. ***Throwing Heat***. Peachtree, 2010. Eighth-grader Jack Lerner relies on pitching fast balls until a young college coach teaches him that throwing the heat may not be the best way to win games.
- 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*
- Cody, Matthew. ***Powerless***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2009. Soon after moving to Noble's Green, Pennsylvania, twelve-year-old Daniel learns that his new friends have super powers that they will lose when they turn thirteen, unless he can use his brain power to protect them.
- 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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- 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.
- Engle, Margarita. ***Tropical Secrets: Holocaust Refugees in Cuba***. Holt, 2009. Escaping from Nazi Germany to Cuba in 1939, a young Jewish refugee dreams of finding his parents again, befriends a local girl with painful secrets of her own, and discovers that the Nazi darkness is never far away.
- 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 Emperor of Nihon-Ja***. Philomel, 2011. The tenth and final volume of the Ranger's Apprentice series brings Will, Halt, Horace, Alyss, and Evanlyn together to help defend the wise yet vulnerable emperor of Nihon-Ja from the renegade Senshi (samurai) force that threatens to overthrow his rule.
Series
- Fleischman, Sid. ***Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini***. Greenwillow, 2006. Born Ehrich Weiss into a poor and struggling family, Harry Houdini sought out fame and went on to perform some of the world's most astonishing magic tricks. Houdini's story is a classic rags-to-riches story with plenty of personality to spare.
- 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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- George, Jessica Day. ***Dragon Slippers***. Bloomsbury, 2007. Creel, a poor but brave and clever orphan, befriends a dragon and selects a pair of remarkable slippers that lead her into the center of a struggle between longtime rivals.
- Grant, Katy. ***Hide & Seek***. Peachtree, 2010. A survival story set in the isolated Arizona mountains involving a boy, geocaching, and a puzzling message.
- Hahn, Mary Downing. ***Deep and Dark and Dangerous: A Ghost Story***. Clarion, 2007. When thirteen-year-old Ali spends the summer with her aunt and cousin at the family's vacation home, she stumbles upon a secret that her mother and aunt have been hiding for over thirty years.
- Hiaasen, Carl. ***Scat***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2009. Nick and Marta are determined to find what happened to the biology teacher after she disappears on a school field trip to Black Vine Swamp. The result is a fast paced ecological mystery involving the Florida Panther and a cast of unique characters.
- Holm, Jennifer L. ***The Trouble with May Amelia***. Atheneum, 2011. Set on a farm in Washington State in the year 1900, May Amelia is the only girl in a Finnish family with seven brothers, so she is often the one in trouble and is looking to gain her Papa's respect, despite his feeling that girls are useless.
- Jackson, Ellen. ***The Mysterious Universe: Supernovae, Dark Energy, and Black Holes***. Houghton Mifflin, 2008. A fascinating and mysterious look at the universe with beautiful photographs, this book discusses various space phenomena.
- 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
- Kimmel, Elizabeth Cody. ***The Reinvention of Moxie Roosevelt***. Dial Books, 2010. Tired of her ordinary self, Moxie complicates her life and runs into trouble when she decides to take on a variety of personas at her new boarding school.
- 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.
- Napoli, Donna Jo. ***Bound***. Atheneum, 2004. In a novel based on Chinese Cinderella tales, fourteen-year-old stepchild Xing-Xing endures a life of neglect and servitude as her stepmother cruelly mutilates her own child's feet so that she alone might marry well.

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- 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*
- Olson, Tod. ***How to Get Rich in the California Gold Rush: An Adventurer's Guide to the Fabulous Riches Discovered in 1848***. National Geographic, 2008. A fictional account of the adventures and experiences of young Thomas Hartley as he and his two companions set off in 1850 for the California gold fields.
- Prineas, Sarah. ***The Magic Thief***. HarperCollins, 2008. Conn's life is forever changed when he tries to pick the pocket of the wizard Nevery and gets a strong jolt of magic. Instead of punishing the boy, Nevery takes Conn under his wing, teaches him magic, and enlists his help in finding the person responsible for stealing the city's dwindling magic supply. *Series*
- Rex, Adam. ***The True Meaning of Smekday***. Disney-Hyperion, 2007. Aliens called "The Boov" abduct Gratuity "Tip" Tucci's mother, leading Tip to begin a wild adventure to rescue her mother with the help of her cat named Pig and a friendly Boov named J.Lo.
- 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.
- 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.
- Shearer, Alex. ***Canned***. Scholastic, 2006. Fergal Bamfield has a unique hobby: collecting tin cans without labels. He meets Charlotte, a fellow can collector, and they find some gruesome things inside the cans, like an ear and a human finger! Together, Fergal and Charlotte set out to learn the origins of these mysterious cans. Despite the macabre subject matter, *Canned* is a funny, quirky read.
- 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.
- Stanley, Diane. ***The Mysterious Case of the Allbright Academy***. HarperCollins, 2008. Zoe and her twin brother J.D. and big sister Franny are all accepted to Allbright Academy, an elite boarding school training the country's future leaders. While everything appears perfect, Franny uncovers a mystery involving the students' perfection.
- 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*

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- 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; one had more hours in the air than John Glenn or Scott Carpenter. 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*
- Thor, Annika. ***A Faraway Island.*** Delacorte, 2009. Living with two separate host families on a small island off the coast of Sweden in order to escape the Nazis, two German Jewish sisters, Nellie and Stephanie, face daily life without their parents. Each sister adapts differently to their challenges, not knowing if they will see their parents as planned or when the war will end.
- 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.
- Wiles, Deborah. ***Countdown.*** Scholastic, 2010. As eleven-year-old Franny Chapman deals with drama at home and with her best friend in 1962, she tries to understand the larger problems in the world after President Kennedy announces that Russia is sending nuclear missiles to Cuba.
- Winthrop, Elizabeth. ***Counting on Grace.*** Wendy Lamb, 2006. After twelve-year-old Grace is forced to leave school to work in a textile mill, she and her friend Arthur work with their teacher to have child labor laws enacted.

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Any available unabridged edition of a title is acceptable.

- Aguirre, Ann. ***Enclave***. Feiwel and Friends, 2011. Following her 15th 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 couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War. *Series*
- Arbutnott, Gill. ***The Keepers' Tattoo***. Chicken House, 2010. Months before her fifteenth birthday, Nyssa learns that she is a special member of a legendary clan, the Keepers of Knowledge, as she and her uncle try to escape from Alaric, the White Wolf, who wants to use lines tattooed on her scalp to destroy the rest of her people.
- Aronson, Marc. ***Robert F. Kennedy: A Twentieth-Century Life***. Viking, 2007. This is a behind-the-scenes glimpse at how the "runt" of a wealthy and powerful political family came to represent the poor in the race for the presidency in the late 1960s.
- 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.
- Bacigalupi, Paolo. ***Ship Breaker***. Little, Brown, 2010. In a futuristic world, teenager Nailer scavenges copper wiring from grounded oil tankers for a living. When he finds a beached clipper ship with a girl in the wreckage, he has to decide if he should strip the ship for its wealth or rescue the girl. Michael L. Printz Award 2011
- Barker, Clive. ***Abarat***. Joanna Cotler, 2002. A journey beyond imagination unfolds when Candy travels to the Abarat, a world composed of twenty-five islands where each island represents a different hour of the day and is filled with strangely imaginative creatures. Will Candy be able to save the Abarat from the dark forces that are beginning to stir? Beautifully bizarre paintings add depth to this unique fantasy story filled with daring adventure and surprises. *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 true ten vignettes offer riveting insight into mind-blowing masquerades.
- Bauer, Joan. ***Peeled***. Putnam's, 2008. In an upstate New York farming community, high school reporter Hildy Biddle is determined to be a reporter whom her father would have been proud of, but she finds herself pitted against psychics and unexplained phenomenon.

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- 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 rescued Jack begins training him as a samurai warrior. *Series*
- Brande, Robin. ***Fat Cat***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2009. Overweight teen Catherine embarks on a high school science fair project in which she decides to emulate the ways of hominids, the earliest ancestors of human beings, by eating an all-natural diet and foregoing technology as much as possible.
- Bryant, Jen. ***Pieces of Georgia: A Novel***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2006. In journal entries to her mother, a gifted artist who died suddenly, thirteen-year-old Georgia McCoy reveals how her life changes after she receives an anonymous gift membership to a nearby art museum.
- Card, Orson Scott. ***Ender's Game***. First published 1985. Andrew "Ender" Wiggin, who spends his childhood at military school in outer space, believes he is playing computer-simulated war games. However, he comes to realize he is really commanding the last great fleet of Earth. Hugo Award; Nebula Award. *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*
- 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.
- 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.
- Chima, Cinda Williams. ***The Demon King***. Disney-Hyperion, 2009. The first in a high fantasy series that tells of the intertwining fates of former street gang leader Han Alister and headstrong Princess Raisa as Han takes possession of an amulet that once belonged to an evil wizard and Raisa uncovers a conspiracy in the Grey Wolf Court. *Series*
- Christie, Agatha. ***And Then There Were None*** (alternate title: ***Ten Little Indians***). First published 1940. Ten people, each with something to hide and something to fear, are invited to a lonely mansion on Indian Island by a host who, surprisingly, fails to appear. And then, one by one, they begin to die.

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- Cooney, Caroline. ***Diamonds in the Shadow***. Delacorte, 2007. The Amabo family, refugees from a tyrannical regime in an African country, is beginning to adjust to its new life with a good-hearted American family -- even as another African refugee is pursuing a dangerous course that will impact both families.
- 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.
- Dendy, Leslie A. ***The Guinea Pig Scientists: Bold Self-Experimenters in Science and Medicine***. Holt, 2005. Recounts the true and amazing stories of ten scientists and medical researchers who endured extreme hardship and discomfort in order to test new discoveries and inventions in the fields of medicine and science.
- Deuker, Carl. ***Gym Candy***. Houghton Mifflin, 2007. Freshman running back Mick Johnson works hard to make his dream of football stardom come true, finding the edge he needs to become bigger, stronger, and faster with the help of steroids despite consequences to his health and social life.
- Dionne, Erin. ***Total Tragedy of a Girl Named Hamlet***. Dial Books, 2010. Hamlet's attempts to be a "normal" eighth grader become increasingly difficult when her genius seven-year-old sister and her eccentric Shakespeare scholar parents both begin to attend her school.
- 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.
- Doyle, Marissa. ***Bewitching Season***. Holt, 2008. Persephone and Penelope, seventeen-year-old twins, are to be presented at court in London and meet Princess Victoria when they suddenly are catapulted into a romantic adventure involving their governess (a magician tutor), and a sinister Irish magician.
Series
- Draper, Sharon M. ***Fire from the Rock***. Dutton, 2007. In 1957, honor student Sylvia Patterson is thrilled to be chosen to be among the first African American students to attend the all-white Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, but threats of violence by racist mobs cause Sylvia to reconsider.
- 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. ***Prom & Prejudice***. Point, 2011. For Lizzie Bennett, a music scholarship student at Connecticut's exclusive, girls-only Longbourn Academy, the furor over prom is senseless, but even more puzzling is her attraction to the pompous Will Darcy, best friend of her roommate's boyfriend.

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- 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*
- Fisher, Catherine. ***Incarceron***. Dial Books, 2007. Finn is struggling to escape from the Inside of Incarceron, a prison controlled by technology, while Claudia, the privileged warden's daughter, is trapped in a forced seventeenth century world on the Outside. *Series*
- Fleischman, Sid. ***Sir Charlie Chaplin: The Funniest Man in the World***. Greenwillow, 2010. Charlie Chaplin, who was raised by a mentally ill mother and an alcoholic, mostly absent, father, spent his childhood in the depths of poverty but grew to international fame as perhaps "the funniest man in the world" in vaudeville, silent movies, and finally "talkies" at the end of his career.
- Flinn, Alex. ***Beastly***. HarperTeen, 2007. Kyle Kingsbury, a vain, spoiled, private school student who judges others by their appearances, is turned into a frightening monster by a girl he humiliates. In order to break the spell, Kyle must find true love.
- 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.
- 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
- Gardner, Sally. ***The Red Necklace: A Story of the French Revolution***. Dial Books, 2007. In the late eighteenth-century, Sido, the twelve-year-old daughter of a self-indulgent marquis, and Yann, a fourteen-year-old Gypsy orphan raised to perform in a magic show, face a common enemy at the start of the French Revolution. *Series*
- 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!
- 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.
- 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.

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- Grant, Michael. **Gone**. HarperTeen, 2008. In a small town on the coast of California, everyone over the age of fourteen suddenly disappears. A battle ensues between the remaining town residents and the students from a local private school. *Series*
- Green, Tim. **The Big Time: A Football Genius Novel**. Harper, 2010. Troy has a talent for predicting professional football teams' plays, but his talent complicates his own seventh grade team's drive to the Georgia State Championship, especially when the father he never knew shows up.
- 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. **Uprising**. Simon & Schuster, 2007. Newly arrived in New York from Italy in 1911, Bella gets a job at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory working long hours under terrible conditions alongside hundreds of other immigrants. When a spark ignites a bit of cloth, the factory becomes engulfed in flames.
- Hale, Marian. **Dark Water Rising**. Holt, 2006. While salvaging and rebuilding in the aftermath of the Galveston flood of 1900, sixteen-year-old Seth proves himself in a way that his previous efforts never could; but he still must face his father man-to-man. Actual eyewitness accounts are incorporated into the story.
- Hardinge, Frances. **The Lost Conspiracy**. Harper, 2009. When all the magical Lost are mysteriously killed on Gullstruck Island, retribution is taken violently against the impoverished Lace clan. As a result, the Lace sisters Hathin and Arilou are running for their lives and, ultimately, looking for revenge.
- Higgins, F. E. **The Eyeball Collector**. Feiwel and Friends, 2009. Homeless and orphaned after his father is blackmailed and dies, Hector seeks revenge against the creepy con man who ruined them and follows him to the mansion of the cruel Lady Mandible.
- 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.
- Ibbotson, Eva. **A Countess Below Stairs**. Speak, 2007. First published 1981. Anna, a young Russian countess forced to flee to England with her governess during the Russian Revolution, conceals her past in order to gain a much-needed job as a maid in the Westerholme household. The growing attraction between her and Rupert, the handsome Earl of Westerholme, begins to cause trouble.

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- Jinks, Catherine. ***The Reformed Vampire Support Group***. Harcourt, 2009. Fifteen-year-old vampire Nina has been stuck for fifty-one years in a boring support group for vampires. Nothing exciting has ever happened to them until one of them is murdered and the others must try to solve the crime.
- 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.
- Kirby, Matthew. ***The Clockwork Three***. Scholastic, 2010. As mysterious circumstances bring Giuseppe, Frederick, and Hannah together, their lives soon interlock like the turning gears in a clock and they realize that each one holds a key to solving the others' mysteries.
- Korman, Gordon. ***Pop***. Balzer + Bray, 2009. Lonely after a midsummer move to a new town, sixteen-year-old high school quarterback Marcus Jordan becomes friends with a retired professional linebacker who is great at training him, but whose childish behavior keeps Marcus in hot water.
- 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*
- Leavitt, Martine. ***Keturah and Lord Death***. Front Street, 2006. Lord Death comes to claim sixteen-year-old Keturah when she is lost and starving in the King's Forest, but she charms him with her story and is granted a twenty-four hour reprieve in which to seek her one true love.
- Lee, Y.S. ***A Spy in the House***. Candlewick, 2010. Rescued from the gallows in 1850s London, young orphan and thief Mary Quinn is offered a place at Miss Scrimshaw's Academy for Girls where she is trained to be part of an all-female investigative unit called The Agency. At age seventeen, she infiltrates a rich merchant's home in hopes of tracing his missing cargo ships. *Series*
- Li, Moying. ***Snow Falling in Spring: Coming of Age in China during the Cultural Revolution***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2008. Studying at a prestigious language school in Beijing, Moying Li seems destined for a promising future until the Cultural Revolution sweeps across China and student Red Guards orchestrate brutal assaults, public humiliations, and forced confessions throughout the country.
- 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.

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- 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.
- Morris, Paula. ***Ruined***. Point, 2009. When Rebecca moves to New Orleans to stay with her aunt in a scary old house while her father is traveling, and while most kids at school treat her poorly, a mysterious girl named Lisette shows her the hidden nooks of the city and reveals shocking truths about Rebecca's own history.
- 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.
- 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.
- Murphy, Jim. ***The Real Benedict Arnold***. Clarion, 2007. A comprehensive biography and history of Benedict Arnold that examines many of his heroic deeds and contributions to the Revolutionary cause before he decided to switch sides.
- Nelson, Peter. ***Left for Dead: A Young Man's Search for Justice for the USS Indianapolis***. Delacorte, 2002. Fifty years after the sinking of the U.S.S. Indianapolis at the end of World War II, a young boy helps the survivors set the record straight, bringing to light the Navy cover-up and an unfair court-martial of the ship's captain.
- 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.
- Nye, Naomi Shihab. ***You & Yours***. BOA Editions, 2005. Nye's poetry is filled with small moments in her Texas home and many larger themes from the war-torn Middle East.
- O'Brien, Caragh M. ***Birthmarked***. Roaring Brook, 2010. Sixteen-year-old Gaia Stone, a midwife who dutifully delivers at least three babies a month and hands them over to the Enclave, a community within walls where the children are adopted and live with conveniences which are not available to the outside world, begins to question her loyalty to the group after her mother is brutally taken away from her by the people she serves.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 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.
- Pearson, Mary E. ***The Adoration of Jenna Fox***. Holt, 2008. In the not-too-distant future, when biotechnological advances have made synthetic bodies and brains possible but illegal, a seventeen-year-old girl, recovering from a serious accident and suffering from memory lapses, learns a startling secret about her existence.
- Petersen, David. ***Mouse Guard, Volume 1: Fall 1152***. ASP Comics, 2007. A graphic novel about the world of Mouse Guard, mice with capes and swords defending themselves against their enemies as if they were Knights of the Round Table. *Series*
- Reeve, Philip. ***Fever Crumb***. Scholastic, 2009. Foundling, Fever Crumb, has been raised as an engineer although females in the future London, England, are not believed capable of rational thought. At age fourteen she leaves her sheltered world and begins to learn startling truths about her past while facing danger in the present. *Series*.
- 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 and may also still be alive. Haunting vintage photographs are dispersed throughout the book, giving the story a hint of creepiness.
- Riordan, Rick. ***The Red Pyramid***. Disney-Hyperion, 2010. Siblings Carter and Sadie Kane, who have been living apart the six years since their mother's death, are reunited with their Egyptologist father who takes them to the British Museum where he disappears in a fiery explosion. Carter and Sadie try to save their father by embarking on a dangerous pursuit which leads them to the source of a secret order that goes back to the time of the pharaohs. *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 sister, fifteen-year-old Alicia, with new friend Roland, face off against an evil magician who is striving to complete a bargain made before he died.

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- Runholt, Susan. **Rescuing Seneca Crane**. Viking, 2009. While accompanying her mother on a business trip to Scotland, fourteen-year-old Kari and her best friend Lucas attempt to solve a kidnapping mystery. *Series*
- Rylant, Cynthia. **Boris**. Harcourt, 2005. The narrator of these nineteen poems speaks directly to her cat, Boris, about his life and her own since his arrival at her door. This book is a good introduction for newcomers to poetry and is especially appealing to cat lovers.
- 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. **Trouble**. Clarion, 2008. Fourteen-year-old Henry, wanting to honor his brother Franklin's dying wishes, sets out to hike Maine's Mount Katahdin with his best friend and dog. However, fate adds another companion - the Cambodian refugee accused of fatally injuring Franklin.
- Scieszka, Jon. **Knucklehead: Tall Tales & Mostly True Stories About Growing Up Scieszka**. Viking, 2008. Part memoir and part scrapbook, this book is a very funny autobiography of growing up in a family of six boys in the 1950s.
- 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.
- Shulman, Polly. **The Grimm Legacy**. Putnam's, 2010. High school student Elizabeth gets an after-school job as a page at the "New York Circulating Material Repository." When she gains coveted access to its Grimm Collection of magical objects, she and the other pages are drawn into a series of frightening adventures involving mythical creatures and stolen goods.
- 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.
- Smiley, Jane. **The Georges and the Jewels**. Alfred A. Knopf, 2009. Seventh-grader Abby Lovitt grows up on her family's California horse ranch in the 1960s, learning to train the horses her father sells and trying to reconcile her strict religious upbringing with her own ideas about life. *Series*
- Smith, Roland. **Independence Hall**. Sleeping Bear Press, 2008. Quest and his stepsister Angela are thrust into the dangerous world of the American Secret Service and the Israeli Mossad when they learn Angela's real mother was a former Secret Service agent who was killed by a terrorist group. *Series*

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- 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.
- Springer, Nancy. ***The Case of the Cryptic Crinoline: An Enola Holmes Mystery***. Philomel, 2009. In late nineteenth-century London, fourteen-year-old Enola Holmes, much younger sister of detective Sherlock Holmes, turns to Florence Nightingale for help when her investigation into the disappearance of her landlady grows cold. *Series*.
- 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.
- Stork, Francisco X. ***The Last Summer of the Death Warriors***. Arthur A. Levine, 2010. Seventeen-year-old Pancho is bent on avenging the senseless death of his sister. After he meets D.Q, who is dying of cancer, and one of D.Q's caregivers, Marisol, both boys find their lives changed forever.
- 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.
- Swanson, James L. ***Chasing Lincoln's Killer***. Scholastic, 2009. This is a nail-biting and detailed telling of the assassination of Lincoln and all the accompanying chaos of the struggle to catch his killer.
- 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 Marquess.
- 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.

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Wells, H.G. ***War of the Worlds***. First published 1898. Martians invade late nineteenth century England and create havoc in this classic science fiction story.

Westerfeld, Scott. ***Leviathan***. Simon Pulse, 2009. In an alternate 1914 Europe, fifteen-year-old Austrian Prince Alek, on the run from the Clanker Powers who are attempting to take over the globe using mechanical machinery, forms an uneasy alliance with Deryn who, disguised as a boy to join the British Air Service, is learning to fly genetically-engineered beasts. *Series*

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Any available unabridged edition of a title is acceptable.

- Alexie, Sherman. ***The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian***. Little, Brown, 2007. Talented Arnold Spirit leaves the reservation school to go to an academically superior one located many miles away. How he copes with this change, both at school and on the reservation, is realistic, thought-provoking, and laugh-out-loud funny. National Book Award Young People's Literature 2007
- 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
- Brown, Jennifer. ***Hate List***. Little, Brown, 2009. Outsiders Nick and Valerie create a "hate list" to vent their anger at the students who bully them, but Nick takes the list too far. Valerie tries to stop him, but she herself is shot before Nick kills himself. What we are left with is a heart-wrenching journey of guilt, hate, fear and self-discovery as Valerie returns to school to finish her senior year.
- Clare, Cassandra. ***City of Bones***. McElderry Books, 2007. Clary Fray is suddenly seeing fairies and demons and finds herself drawn into an alternate reality as a Shadowhunter, teens dedicated to saving the world. Her mother, who is the only one who knows where the Mortal Cup is hidden, disappears and Clary finds herself committed to the Shadowhunter cause. *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. As Mickey follows Ashley's trail to find what happened to her, he enters a world of conspiracy and danger and discovers that nothing is as it seems.
- Cohn, Rachel, and David Levithan. ***Dash & Lily's Book of Dares***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2010. While perusing his favorite bookstore, Dash stumbles across a hidden red journal. After accepting the dare written within the journal, he and Lily begin a mysterious, witty scavenger hunt. As they get to know each other only through the journal entries, they both wonder if they should meet.
- Condie, Ally. ***Matched***. Dutton, 2010. Cassia has always had complete trust in the Society to make decisions for her, but just as she is being paired with her ideal mate, a second face flashes on the screen. Cassia begins to doubt the Society's infallibility as she tries to decide which man she truly loves. *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.

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- 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.
- Ford, Jamie. ***Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet***. Ballantine Books, 2009. A story of commitment and enduring hope, this novel is set in Seattle during one of the most conflicted and volatile times in American history. Henry, a Chinese American, raised by a fiercely nationalistic father, and Keiko, a young Japanese American, develop a bond of friendship and innocent love that transcends time and the long-standing prejudices of their Old World ancestors.
- Garcia, Kami, and Margaret Stohl. ***Beautiful Creatures***. Little, Brown 2009. After graduation, Ethan cannot wait to move out of his unexciting small town of Gatlin, South Carolina. When Lena moves into town, he is immediately drawn to her, and his unusual dreams of saving her leads him to believe he has a psychic connection with her. *Series*
- 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.
- Gill, David Macinnis. ***Soul Enchilada***. Greenwillow, 2009. El Paso teen Eunice “Bug” Smoot’s grandfather sold his soul to the devil for a Cadillac and reneged on the deal. When a demon repo agent shows up, she finds out that her deceased grandfather pledged both the car and her soul as collateral . . . and she has sixty hours to figure out what to do.
- 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.
- Heiligman, Deborah. ***Charles and Emma: The Darwins’ Leap of Faith***. Holt, 2009. Heiligman reveals a personal look at the life and love of the man whose ideas have caused a stir in the scientific and religious communities since the 1800s. Charles Darwin, a brilliant man who was unsure of his faith in God, married Emma Wedgwood who was devoutly religious. The story of their lives together is one filled with science, religion, history, but -- most of all -- love. Michael L. Printz Honor Book 2010
- 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*

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- Herlong, M. H. ***The Great Wide Sea***. Viking, 2008. Still mourning the death of their mother, three brothers go with their father on an extended sailing trip off the Florida Keys and have a harrowing adventure at sea.
- Hornby, Nick. ***Slam***. Putnam's, 2007. When fifteen-year-old skateboarder Sam "Slam" Jones learns that his ex-girlfriend is pregnant, he turns to the only person he feels can help — his hero, skating legend Tony Hawk. Since Tony is only a poster and does not offer answers, it is up to Sam, thrust suddenly into maturity, to figure out the right thing to do.
- 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.
- Johnson, Steven. ***The Ghost Map: The Story of London's Most Terrifying Epidemic—And How It Changed Science, Cities, and the Modern World***. Riverhead Books, 2006. In 1854, when the existence of bacteria and the concept of waterborne diseases are still unknown, two men, one a physician and the other a clergyman, successfully trace the source of a cholera epidemic to a contaminated well in an impoverished part of London.
- 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.
- 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.
- Lutz, Lisa. ***The Spellman Files***. Simon & Schuster, 2007. Izzy Spellman, an irrepressible twenty-eight-year-old sleuth, works for her parents' San Francisco PI firm. The dysfunctional and relentlessly nosy Spellman clan spends as much time spying on each other as they do working their cases. Alex Award 2008. *Series*
- Marchetta, Melina. ***Finnikin of the Rock***. Candlewick, 2008. Finnikin was a child when the royal family of Lumatere was brutally murdered and replaced by an imposter. Now on the cusp of manhood, he reluctantly joins forces with an enigmatic young novice and fellow-exile who claims that her dark dreams will lead them to a surviving royal child and a way to regain the throne of Lumatere.
- McMann, Lisa. ***Wake***. Simon Pulse, 2008. Despite her best efforts to avoid it, Janie is drawn into other people's dreams. While sometimes this can be funny, it can also be terrifying since not all dreams are sweet. *Series*

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- Michaelis, Antonia. ***Tiger Moon***. Translated from the German by Anthea Bell. Amulet Books, 2008. Sold to be the eighth wife of a rich and cruel merchant, Safia, also called Raka, tries to escape her fate by telling stories of Farhad the thief, his companion Nitish the white tiger, and their travels across India to retrieve a famous jewel that will save a kidnapped princess from becoming the bride of a demon king. Batchelder Award Honors 2009
- 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 thoughts. *Series*
- 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. Readers in need of an uplifting thought to reflect upon, as well as nature lovers, will appreciate the wisdom in these simple, sensuous poems.
- 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.
- Pfeffer, Susan Beth. ***Life As We Knew It***. Harcourt, 2006. Through journal entries sixteen-year-old Miranda describes her family's struggle to survive after a meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions.

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- Pollan, Michael. ***In Defense of Food: An Eater's Manifesto***. Penguin Press, 2008. The author challenges current approaches to healthy eating, arguing that the real food consumed by past generations is being replaced with commercialized, scientifically altered foods that offer no health benefits and may cause serious damage.
- Portis, Charles. ***True Grit***. First published 1968. With a supersized ration of audacity and her papa's pistol tied to her saddle horn, fourteen-year-old Mattie Ross sets out to avenge her father's murder.
- Pratchett, Terry. ***Nation***. HarperCollins, 2008. Mau is caught in the tidal wave that destroyed his island, and Daphne is her ship's only survivor of that tsunami. Together on the devastated island, they form a new nation. Michael L. Printz Honor Award 2009
- Resau, Laura. ***The Indigo Notebook***. Delacorte. 2009. Zeeta has lived in a different country every year with her flighty mother. Zeeta longs for a boring suburban life, but then she meets Wendell.
- 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, the newly turned sixteen-year-olds are called to select and 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*
- 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.
- Sedgwick, Marcus. ***Revolver***. Roaring Brook, 2009. Set in 1910 just north of the Arctic Circle, the novel opens with fourteen-year-old Sig sitting alone in an isolated cabin with his dead father when a one-thumbed, vengeful man arrives, demanding stolen gold he claims he is owed by Sig's father. Michael L. Printz Honor Award 2011
- 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.
- Sofer, Dalia. ***The Septembers of Shiraz***. Ecco, 2007. Following the 1981 revolution against the Shah of Iran, Isaac Amin, a Jewish gem dealer, is imprisoned because of his religion and personal wealth. Members of his family are forced to wrestle with the radical changes forced upon them.
- 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. ***Shiver***. Scholastic, 2009. Beautifully written from alternating points-of-view of star-crossed lovers Grace and Sam, this paranormal romance will do for werewolves what *Twilight* did for vampires. *Series*

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- 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 efficiency of the lead investigator.
- Swanwick, Michael. ***The Dragons of Babel.*** Tor Books, 2007. Will, a half-mortal elf, is forced to be the lieutenant of an evil war-dragon. Will outwits the dragon and escapes to Babel, a post-industrialized faerie city, but finds the dragon lives on in his brain. Alex Award 2009
- Tan, Shaun. ***The Arrival.*** Arthur A. Levine, 2006. A man leaves his troubled homeland and travels to an unfamiliar place where he makes a new life and sends for his family. This Australian award-winning wordless book's sepia drawings look like surrealistic snapshots, poignantly expressing the timeless and universal courage of immigrants.
- Thompson, Kate. ***The New Policeman.*** Greenwillow, 2007. Fifteen-year-old musician J.J. Liddy leaves his small, Irish town and travels to the land of the fairies to search for time so he can give it to his busy mother, but when he gets there, he discovers that the inhabitants are in trouble and learns about his family's secret history.
- 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, including 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.
- Walker, Sally M. ***Written in Bone: Buried Lives of Jamestown and Colonial Maryland.*** Carolrhoda Books, 2009. Walker provides a detailed and illustrated account of an archaeological dig in Jamestown. The search for human remains and materials from colonial Maryland is revealed layer by fascinating layer.
- 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.
- Wiess, Laura. ***Such a Pretty Girl.*** MTV Books/Pocket Books, 2007. Meredith's father, who was sent to jail for molesting her, has just been released from prison, and her oblivious mother wants them to become a family again. Meredith, a victim turned heroine, tries to save herself and other young people from her predatory father.

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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.
- Williams-Garcia, Rita. ***Jumped***. HarperTeen, 2009. Trina has unknowingly insulted the unstable Dominique in the hall, and she is in danger of being jumped after school. Leticia knows what is going on, but she does not want to get involved by telling anyone.
- 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
- Wright, Richard. ***Native Son***. First published 1940. A young African American man is trapped in the poverty-stricken ghetto of Chicago's South Side, finding release only in acts of violence.
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Any available unabridged edition of a title is acceptable.

- Ackerman, Diane. ***The Zookeeper's Wife: A War Story***. Norton, 2007. Ackerman works from the diary of Antonina Zabinski to present a dramatic, true story based on a little-known chapter from Nazi Poland. Not only was Hitler interested in human genetics but also the purity of animal breeds. At the Warsaw Zoo, Antonina and her director husband struggle with wartime shortages, caring for the animals, their own family's needs, and the hundreds of Jews hidden at the zoo.
- Allison, Will. ***Long Drive Home***. Free Press, 2011. In this emotional and 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.
- 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 between 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.
- Beah, Ishmael. ***A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2007. Twelve-year-old Ishmael first flees from attacking rebels with his friends, but later he is transformed into a cold-blooded soldier. This is a heartbreaking personal memoir of a boy growing up in Sierra Leone in the 1990s. Alex Award 2008
- Bradbury, Jennifer. ***Shift***. Atheneum, 2008. When best friends Chris and Win go on a cross country bicycle trek the summer after graduating and only one returns, the FBI wants to know what happened.
- 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 as her minister father attempts to convert the Native Americans, but the fates of the children are tied together as Bethia's father encourages the education of Caleb, a privilege Bethia has always wished for.

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- 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
- Chbosky, Stephen. ***The Perks of Being a Wallflower***. MTV Books/Pocket Books, 1999. In this controversial, coming-of-age novel, Charlie's collection of letters to an unspecified recipient details the humorous trials and tribulations of trying to discover who he is and who he might become.
- Chwast, Seymour. ***Dante's Divine Comedy***. Bloomsbury, 2010. Chwast retells Dante's Divine Comedy in a graphic format. All three stages of Dante's epic poem are chronicled here in a visually appealing, humorous manner. 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 a prize of 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.
- Connolly, John. ***The Book of Lost Things***. Atria Books, 2006. After the death of his mother, David retreats to his attic bedroom where the books on his shelf begin whispering to him, dragging him into another world. Alex Award 2007
- Cronin, Justin. ***The Passage***. Ballantine Books, 2010. In a dystopian future, a virus found in a South American jungle has been used to create a super soldier with great strength and healing abilities. The virus causes an epidemic, and infected people become bloodthirsty monsters. Normal humans are hiding in fortresses trying to survive.
- 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.
- DeStefano, Lauren. ***Wither***. Simon & Schuster, 2011. Sixteen-year-old Rhine Ellery has four years to live. Because of a botched effort to create a perfect race, all females live only to age twenty and males to age twenty-five. On the cusp of her seventeenth birthday, Rhine attempts to flee. What she finds is a society spiraling out of control. *Series*
- 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.

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- Doctorow, Cory. ***Little Brother***. Tor Books, 2008. Interrogated for days by the Department of Homeland Security in the aftermath of a major terrorist attack on San Francisco, California, seventeen-year-old Marcus is released into what is now a police state, and decides to use his expertise in computer hacking to set things right.
- Doctorow, E. L. ***Homer & Langley***. Random House, 2009. Based on the true lives of the very unusual Collyer brothers of New York City, this novel allows the reader a glimpse into the hoarding existence of anonymity of the two reclusive brothers. Both a commentary of the 1940s and, moreover, a tale of human psychology, the story is beautifully written in the voice of one of the eccentric brothers.
- Donoghue, Emma. ***Room: A Novel***. Little, Brown, 2010. Five-year-old Jack has lived his whole life entirely within the walls of a small room where he and his mother are held prisoner. The imaginary world that she creates for him makes it bearable . . . for a while.
- 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.
- Ferraris, Zoe. ***City of Veils***. Little, Brown 2010. In this fascinating mystery, policeman Osama Ibrahim, forensic scientist Katya Hijazi, and Bedouin guide Nayir Sharqi investigate the murder of a young Muslim woman washed up on the shores of Jeddah beach. *Series*
- 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, Jonathan Safran. ***Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close***. Houghton Mifflin, 2005. Oskar Schell is an inventor, Francophile, tambourine player, Shakespearean actor, jeweler, pacifist. He is nine-years-old; and he is on an urgent, secret search through the five boroughs of New York to find the lock that fits a mysterious key belonging to his father, who died in the attacks on the World Trade Center.
- 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.
- 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.

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- Gladwell, Malcolm. ***Outliers: The Story of Success***. Little, Brown, 2008. Gladwell examines the background of extremely successful people to explore the common traits leading to their success. He compares birth date, birthplace, community values, family, and other factors to draw his conclusions.
- 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.
- Grann, David. ***The Lost City of Z: A Tale of Deadly Obsession in the Amazon***. Doubleday, 2009. In 1925, Percy Fawcett, eccentric member of the Royal Geographical Society, sets out to find the treasure of El Dorado deep in the Amazon jungle where he mysteriously disappears. This story contains fascinating facts of Fawcett's quest and tells of the attempts of explorers through the years who have returned to the Amazon to solve the mystery of his disappearance and discover the elusive treasure.
- Green, John. ***Paper Towns***. Dutton, 2008. Quentin idolizes his next door neighbor, Margo Roth Spiegelman. When she includes him in a wild night of revenge and then disappears, Quentin must follow the clues she has left in order to find her. Edgar Award 2009
- Gruen, Sara. ***Water for Elephants: A Novel***. Algonquin, 2006. Jacob Jankowski, a penniless orphan forced to drop out of veterinary school during the Great Depression, joins a traveling circus. He forges a bond with Rosie the elephant and Marlena, the beautiful star of an equestrian act, whose husband is a handsome circus boss with a violent temper. Alex Award 2007
- 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.
- 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?" The 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 Forces where he must survive for forty-seven days in the Pacific Ocean when his plane goes down.
- Hopkins, Ellen. ***Identical***. McElderry Books, 2008. Identical twins Kaeleigh and Raeanne keep dark secrets. Their politician mother is emotionally remote, and their district court judge father is abusive. This novel in verse alternates first person descriptions of abuse, alcoholism, bulimia, drugs and mental illness. Be ready for a revelation at the end of this disturbing and insightful book.

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- Hosseini, Khaled. ***A Thousand Splendid Suns***. Riverhead Books, 2007. Mariam and Laila, both married to Rasheed, form an uneasy alliance so that they and their children survive despite horrific circumstances. The story depicts Afghanistan from a woman's point of view during three decades of anti-Soviet jihad, civil war, and Taliban tyranny.
- 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
- 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.
- 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.
- Kwok, Jean. ***Girl in Translation***. Riverhead Books, 2010. When Kimberly Chang and her mother emigrate from Hong Kong to Brooklyn squalor, Kimberly quickly begins a secret double life -- exceptional schoolgirl by day, Chinatown sweatshop worker by night -- and she learns to constantly translate not just her language but herself back and forth between the worlds she straddles. Alex Award 2011
- Lahiri, Jhumpa. ***Unaccustomed Earth***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2008. As with her previous Pulitzer Prize-winning collection, *Interpreter of Maladies*, Lahiri's short story magic lies in the warm-blooded richness with which she deftly renders each and every one of her characters, not to mention the ambiguity, joy, and grief that imbue the liminal spaces between those characters.
- 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, is installed. Dodd must find ways to deal with the regime, communicate his concerns to the State Department, and keep his family safe.
- Lewis, Michael. ***The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game***. Norton, 2006. The development of the offensive left tackle position to protect a quarterback in the National Football League is presented in combination with the true story of Michael Oher, who lived in a Memphis ghetto until he was taken under the protection of a wealthy, loving family. Alex Award 2007
- 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
- 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.

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- Moalem, Sharon. ***Survival of the Sickest: A Medical Maverick Discovers Why We Need Disease***. William Morrow, 2007. With fascinating insights and cutting-edge research, the author looks at evolutionary history, epigenetics, and modern medical research to try to figure out why we developed as we did.
- 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
- 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. When Robyn, his niece's lodger, helps him with his motivation and introduces him to a doctor who is touting an experimental drug that may give Ptolemy a temporary burst of clarity and energy, Ptolemy thinks of a way to leave a memorable legacy.
- Mullen, Thomas. ***The Last Town on Earth***. Random House, 2006. Set during the twin catastrophes of WWI and the 1918 flu epidemic, this fiction title explores the risks of trading freedom for safety in a small milling town in Commonwealth, Washington. Mullen examines the parallels with our current fear of contagious viruses, obsession with foreign operatives, and repression of political dissent.
- 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.
- Nicholls, David. ***One Day***. Vintage, 2009. The single day that Dexter Mayhew and Emma Morley spend together in 1988, the day after college graduation in Edinburgh, makes a distinct impression on each of them and a relationship forms only after they part ways and are reunited once a year on the same day for twenty years.
- Niffenegger, Audrey. ***Her Fearful Symmetry***. Scribner, 2009. Twenty-year-old twins Valentina and Julia Poole inherit their Aunt Elspeth Noblin's London apartment and travel from Chicago to England where they become caught up in the lives of their neighbors as well as the ghosts of the vast Highgate Cemetery next to the building.

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- Obreht, 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.
- Patchett, Ann. ***State of Wonder***. Harper, 2011. Anders Eckman, a friend and colleague, has mysteriously died while working on a ground-breaking miracle drug in a remote location in the Amazon rainforest, and Dr. Marina Singh 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.
- Pérez-Reverte, Arturo. ***The Fencing Master***. Translated from the Spanish by Margaret Jull Costa. Harcourt, 1998. Nineteenth-century fencing master, Don Jaime, finds himself drawn into a plot that includes seduction, politics, secret documents, and murder when he refuses to teach the beautiful and mysterious Dona Adela de Otero how to perform the "unstoppable thrust."
- Petterson, Per. ***Out Stealing Horses***. Translated from the Norwegian by Anne Born. Graywolf Press, 2007. Trond Sander, a Norwegian man nearing seventy in self-imposed exile, meets his only neighbor, who happens to be the younger brother of a friend with whom he spent a transformative summer, and remembers that season of 1948, when he learned secrets about his father's wartime activities.
- Picoult, Jodi. ***Nineteen Minutes***. Atria Books, 2007. The residents of a small, ordinary New Hampshire town seek justice in the aftermath of a shocking school shooting carried out by a teenage boy who had been bullied since kindergarten.
- 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 camouflages them from the rest of humanity, enabling them to become experts at being hidden. As events unfold, the world intrudes upon their solitude and what Caroline thought was real is not.
- Rosnay, Tatiana de. ***Sarah's Key***. St. Martin's Press, 2007. Location: Paris. Time: July 16, 1942. Sarah, a ten-year-old girl, is brutally arrested along with her family by the French police in the Vel' d'Hiv' roundup, but not before she locks her younger brother in a cupboard in the family's apartment. Sixty years later, on the anniversary of the roundup, Julia Jarmond is asked to write an article about this dark episode and embarks on an investigation that leads her to long-hidden family secrets and Sarah's ordeal.
- 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.

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- Simonson, Helen. ***Major Pettigrew's Last Stand***. Random House, 2010. Major Ernest Pettigrew, an honor-bound Englishman, the very embodiment of duty and pride, finds himself drawn into an unexpected friendship with Mrs. Jasmina Ali, the Pakistani shopkeeper from the village. Based on their shared love of literature and the loss of their respective spouses, their friendship soon blossoms. Can their relationship survive the risks of pursuing happiness in the face of culture and tradition?
- 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. A complex and fascinating drama -- a mixture of science and biography with profound themes of racism, ethics, and scientific illiteracy.
- Small, David. ***Stitches: A Memoir***. Norton, 2009. David Small grew up in the 1950s in a dysfunctional family with an angry mother and an emotionally distant father. This graphic novel by Small, a Caldecott winning illustrator, about the redemptive value of art, is filled with sadness and dark humor. Alex Award 2010
- 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
- Stockett, Kathryn. ***The Help***. Amy Einhorn Books, 2009. College graduate Skeeter Phelan, a white twenty-four-year-old social misfit and an aspiring writer, decides to secretly compile the untold stories of black domestic workers in her hometown of Jackson, Mississippi. Her fellow conspirators, two black women, Aibileen and Minny, risk their lives and livelihoods in the racially charged South of the 1960s to help collect the interviews she seeks.
- Stuart, Julia. ***The Tower, the Zoo, and the Tortoise***. Doubleday, 2010. Beefeater Balthazar Jones finds his already chaotic life living in the Tower of London with a group of eccentric individuals getting even more complicated when he is assigned to set up housing within the attraction's walls for exotic animals gifted to the queen, his wife leaves him, and his 120-year-old tortoise runs away.
- 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.

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- 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.
- Tinti, Hannah. **The Good Thief: A Novel**. Dial Books, 2008. Ren, a one-handed orphan in eighteenth-century New England, is released into the custody of a villain who claims to be his father and who wants to train him to be a thief. Ren seems to be a natural at it. Alex Award 2009
- Turgenev, Ivan. **Fathers and Sons**. First published in Russian in 1862. In this portrayal of conflicts between the older aristocratic generation and the new Russian intelligentsia of the nineteenth-century, a young graduate student returns home accompanied, much to the discomfort of his father and uncle, by a friend who does not acknowledge any authority and who refuses to accept any principle on faith.
- Verghese, Abraham. **Cutting for Stone**. Alfred A. Knopf, 2009. Twin brothers are born of a secret union between a beautiful Indian nun and a brash British surgeon at a mission hospital in Ethiopia. Bound by a preternatural connection, but separated by betrayal and political upheaval, they are reunited in New York City when one faces a life-threatening illness.
- Walls, Jeannette. **The Glass Castle: A Memoir**. Scribner, 2005. A successful gossip columnist, who "made it" against all odds, shares her astonishing memoir of a childhood lived in a seriously dysfunctional, but uniquely vibrant, family. Alex Award 2006
- Williams, Carol Lynch. **The Chosen One**. St. Martin's Griffin, 2009. When the Prophet orders thirteen-year-old Kyra to be the seventh wife of her elderly uncle, her family is upset. Kyra knows that running away puts them all at risk.
- Wilson, August. **Two Trains Running**. Plume, 1992. This historical African-American drama, part of a ten part series of plays 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.
- Wroblewski, David. **The Story of Edgar Sawtelle: A Novel**. Ecco, 2008. Edgar Sawtelle, born mute, lives contentedly on his parents' Wisconsin farm helping raise a unique breed of dogs developed by his grandfather to embody the qualities of companionship and wisdom, but the death of his father and his belief that his uncle had something to do with it, force him to flee to the forest with only three yearlings for companionship, where he struggles to survive until the need to confront his uncle leads him home again.
- 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.

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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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