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Introduction

This list of titles has been prepared by librarians at member schools of the Houston Area Independent Schools Library Network (HAISLN). It includes both fiction and nonfiction by some of the best authors for children and young adults.

Books on this list are evaluated annually by grade-level committees. Committee members rely on recommendations from standard, professionally prepared evaluation aids and on input from students and teachers as well as the collective HAISLN expertise. A conscious effort is made to appeal to the broad range of interests, maturity levels, and reading abilities of students.

In most cases the number of books by any given author is limited to one or two per grade level list. An older title with superior literary quality may remain on the list despite newer publications by the same author. Before reading a recommended author's book that does not appear on the student's grade list, readers should be aware that authors often write for multiple interest and age levels.

For students who rely on this list for summer reading suggestions, be advised that if they select a required class title for independent reading they may be required to re-read it with their class for a future in-depth study.

Recognizing that individual schools have different requirements for their students, this list is offered as one possible source of reading guidance. Additional compilations of award winners and recommended books may be obtained from a public or school librarian.

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- Alborough, Jez. My Friend Bear. Candlewick, 1998. Eddie and his teddy bear meet a very big bear in the woods, and Eddie and the big bear become good friends.
- Alderman, Dan. Africa Calling: Nighttime Falling. Whispering Coyote, 1996. A girl imagines herself in Africa with the lions, elephants, monkeys, rhinos, zebras, and other animals.
- Aliki. Hello! Good-bye. Greenwillow, 1996. Illustrations and text show and tell ways people express hello and good-bye.
- Anholt, Catherine & Laurence. A Kiss Like This. Barron's, 1997. Little cub is kissed and tickled by colorful animals who are his friends, until he meets Crocodile. He is rescued by Big Lion in time and is cuddled, kissed and tickled again.
- Arnold, Helen. Mexico. Steck-Vaughn, 1995. Photographs and text in postcard form describe characteristics of the country in the Postcards From series. (Series)
- Arnold, Ted. Parts. Dial, 1997. A five-year-old boy is sure his body is falling apart when he loses a tooth.
- Baker, Alan. Little Rabbits' First Number Book. Kingfisher, 1998. Little Rabbit helps explain such number concepts as grouping like objects, more and less, counting, and matching. (Series)
- Bang, Molly. When Sophie Gets Angry — Really, Really Angry.... Blue Sky, 1999. Sophie finds positive ways to deal with her anger when she has a bad day.
- Base, Graeme. Animalia. Abrams, 1987. Detailed imaginative illustrations of animals take the reader through the alphabet, from an "Armoured Armadillo" to a "Zany Zebra."
- Bingham, Caroline. Big Rig. Dorling Kindersley, 1996. Photographs and informative text take a close-up look at powerful vehicles. (Series)
- Bluthenthal, Diana Cain. Matilda the Moocher. Orchard, 1997. Libby soon realizes that her friend Matilda is taking advantage of her generosity.
- Bond, Felicia. Tumble Bumble. Front Street, 1996. A tiny bug picks up friends as he walks along and they all end up in a young boy's bed.
- Butterfield, Moira. Animals in Hot Places. Steck-Vaughn, 2000. In this book from the Looking At series, colorful photographs and simple text present various animals that live in such hot places as deserts, rain forests, and grasslands, and describe how they adapt to their environment. (Series)
- Brett, Jan. The Hat. Putnam, 1997. When Lisa hangs out her woolen clothes in the sun to air them out for winter, the hedgehog, to the amusement of the other animals, ends up wearing a stocking on his head.
- Bridwell, Norman. Clifford, We Love You. Scholastic, 1991. When Clifford, the big red dog, is feeling sad, Emily Elizabeth and her friends do everything they can think of to cheer him up. (Series)

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- Brown, Marc. Arthur's Underwear. Little, Brown, 1999. It takes a really embarrassing moment in the school cafeteria to cure Arthur of his fear of being caught in his underwear. (Series)
- Chorao, Kay. Knock at the Door and Other Baby Action Rhymes. Dutton, 1999. Cheery illustrations and easy-to-follow diagrams show hand and body movements that children can easily perform while rhymes are read aloud.
- Cabrera, Jane. Cat's Colors. Dial, 1997. Ten different colors are brilliantly shown and described as a cat reveals its favorite.
- Carle, Eric. The Very Clumsy Click Beetle. Philomel, 1999. A clumsy young click beetle learns to land on its feet with encouragement from various animals and a wise old click beetle. A built-in battery creates clicking sounds to accompany the story.
- Carlson, Nancy. Sit Still! Viking, 1996. Pat deals with the challenges of trying to sit still with little luck until his mother thinks of innovative solutions to a well-known problem.
- Carlstrom, Nancy White. Guess Who's Coming, Jesse Bear. Simon & Schuster, 1998. Jesse Bear is not happy when he finds out that his older cousin is coming for a visit, but things do not turn out as he imagines they will. (Series)
- Cauley, Lorinda Bryan. Clap Your Hands. Putnam, 1992. Wonderfully playful illustrations and rhyming text encourage the listener to perform.
- Christelow, Eileen. Five Little Monkeys With Nothing to Do. Clarion, 1996. After cleaning their house until it is spotless for Grandma's visit, the five little monkeys mess it up before she arrives. (Series)
- Clark, Emma Chichester. I Love You, Blue Kangaroo. Doubleday, 1998. Lily receives many new stuffed animals, but finally realizes that she loves her blue kangaroo the best.
- Clement, Rod. Just Another Ordinary Day. HarperCollins, 1997. Amanda's ordinary day has her riding to school with a Tyrannosaurus rex, having lunch with an alien, sailing a pirate ship at the library, and riding home on an elephant.
- Cooper, Kay. Too Many Rabbits and Other Fingerplays About Animals, Nature, Weather, and the Universe. Scholastic, 1995. Twenty-two fingerplays with simple illustrations introduce elementary scientific information and concepts to children.
- Cousins, Lucy. Za-Za's Baby Brother. Candlewick, 1995. Za-Za the zebra learns to cope with the arrival of a new baby brother.
- Davis, Katie. Who Hops? Harcourt, 1998. Creatures that hop, fly, slither, swim, and crawl, as well as some others that don't, are shown.
- de Paola, Tomie. The Baby Sister. Scholastic, 1997. Tommy eagerly awaits the arrival of a sibling and is sure that the new baby will be a little sister.
- Dodson, Peter. An Alphabet of Dinosaurs. Scholastic, 1995. Vivid illustrations depict dinosaurs for every letter of the alphabet, from Ankylosaurus to Zephyrosaurus, with descriptions of their characteristics.

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- Dyer, Jane. Animals Crackers: A Delectable Collection of Pictures, Poems, and Lullabies for the Very Young. Little, Brown, 1996. An illustrated collection of Mother Goose rhymes, lullabies, and contemporary verses that celebrate special times in a child's first years.
- Ehlert, Lois. Hands. Harcourt, 1997. In a board book the shape of a work glove, Ehlert pictures and describes different activities we do with our hands.
- Everitt, Betsy. Mean Soup. Harcourt, 1992. A bad day causes Horace to feel really mean until he and his mother make Mean Soup.
- Feiffer, Jules. Bark, George. HarperCollins, 1999. Instead of barking, as a dog should, George makes the sounds of other animals to the dismay of his mother and the vet.
- Fleming, Denise. Mama Cat Has Three Kittens. Holt, 1998. Two of Mama Cat's kittens follow her lead, but what about Boris—will he ever stop napping and join the fun?
- Fox, Mem. Whoever You Are. Harcourt, 1997. Even though children around the world may look and live differently, beautiful words and illustrations tell us that we are all alike.
- Frazee, Marla. Hush, Little Baby: A Folk Song with Pictures. Harcourt, 1999. In an old lullaby a baby is promised an assortment of presents from its adoring parents.
- Freymann, Saxton and Joost Elffers. How Are You Peeling?: Foods with Moods. Arthur A. Levine/Scholastic. 1999. Unusual photographs of fruits and vegetables provide an amusing look at different emotions.
- George, Jean Craighead. Snow Bear. Hyperion, 1999. Bessie and a polar bear cub named Snow Bear play on the ice, while her older brother and the mother bear watch to make sure that everyone is safe.
- Gibbons, Gail. The Art Box. Holiday House, 1998. The many different kinds of tools and supplies which artists use to produce their work are artistically presented.
- Goode, Diane. Mama's Perfect Present. Dutton, 1996. A little girl and her brother create havoc as they search for the ideal birthday gift for their mother.
- Greene, Carol. Where Is That Cat? Hyperion, 1999. While trying to give away the cat she has found, Miss Perkins gradually grows fond enough of him that she decides to keep him.
- Grossman, Bill. My Little Sister Ate One Hare. Crown, 1996. Little sister has no problem eating one hare, two snakes, and three ants, but when she gets to ten peas, she throws up quite a mess.
- Hall, Zoe. The Apple Pie Tree. Blue Sky, 1996. Colorful illustrations show a bare apple tree as it goes from bud to fruit to a delicious apple pie.
- Harper, Isabelle. Our New Puppy. Blue Sky/Scholastic, 1996. When the puppy Floyd joins the family, Eliza and Isabelle see how Rosie the family dog reacts and learn what it is like having and being a younger sibling. (Series)
- Haynes, Max. In the Driver's Seat. Bantam Doubleday Dell, 1997. A driving lesson becomes a wild ride through countryside and city streets, with an unexpected conclusion.

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- Hazen, Barbara Shook. Where Do Bears Sleep? HarperCollins, 1998. The different places where animals sleep are described with gentle illustrations and rhymed text.
- Heap, Sue. Cowboy Baby. Candlewick, 1998. Sheriff Pa comes up with an unusual tactic to get Cowboy Baby and his pals to go to bed.
- Heller, Ruth. Ruth Heller's How to Hide a Meadow Frog and Other Amphibians. Grosset, 1995. Rhyming text and pictures demonstrate the camouflage provided by nature for various toads and frogs, some of whose coloring changes completely to match their background. (Series)
- Henkes, Kevin. Chrysanthemum. Greenwillow, 1991. Chrysanthemum loves her name until the other children at school make fun of it.
- Hest, Amy. Off to School, Baby Duck. Candlewick, 1999. Baby Duck experiences the fear of the first day of school, but with a little help from Grampa, everything turns out okay in the end. (Series)
- Hill, Eric. Spot Visits His Grandparents. Putnam, 1996. Spot the dog spends the day with his grandma and grandpa in this lift-the-flap book. (Series)
- Hoban, Tana. Look Book. Greenwillow, 1997. Full-color nature photographs are first viewed through a cutout hole and then in their entirety.
- Hoose, Phillip. Hey, Little Ant. Tricycle Press, 1998. An ant tries to convince a child not to step on him.
- Hopkins, Lee Bennett. On the Farm: Poems Selected by L.B. Hopkins. Little, Brown, 1991. This is a collection of poems about farms and farm animals by such authors as Aileen Fisher, David McCord, and Myra Cohn Livingston.
- Horenstein, Henry. Arf! Beg! Catch!: Dogs from A to Z. Scholastic, 1999. Labeled photographs present words related in some way to dogs.
- Jessop, Harley. What's Alice Up To? Viking, 1997. A young girl acts mysteriously all day as she prepares a surprise for her dog. Jones, Nancy. The Big Book of Baby Animals. Dorling Kindersley, 1998. Text and illustrations present information about the physical characteristics, behavior, and development of a variety of baby animals.
- Jordan, Martin and Tannis. Amazon Alphabet. Kingfisher, 1996. Large-scale rainforest animals represent each letter of the alphabet in beautiful illustrations.
- Joyce, William. Rolie Polie Olie. HarperCollins, 1999. This charming story describes a typical day in the life of a young robot and his family who live on a futuristic, alien planet.
- Kellogg, Steven. A-Hunting We Will Go. Morrow, 1998. In this modern version of the children's song, preparations for bedtime include "A-reading we will go, It's to the bath we row! Now off to bed we go!".
- Kirk, David. Little Miss Spider. Scholastic/Callaway, 1999. On her very first day of life, Little Miss Spider searches for her mother and finds love in an unexpected place.
- Kraus, Ruth. You're Just What I Need. HarperCollins, 1998. As a child hides beneath a blanket, Mother playfully wonders if the hidden bundle could just what she needs.

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- Kroninger, Stephen. If I Crossed the Road. Atheneum, 1997. A young boy imagines all sorts of exciting places to visit if only his mother would let him cross the road.
- Ling, Mary. Butterfly. Dorling Kindersley, 1992. One of the See How They Grow series. Simple text with photographs and colorful artwork borders depict the life cycle of a butterfly. (Series)
- London, Jonathan. Baby Whale's Journey. Chronicle, 1999. Baby Whale learns all the ways of the whales and of the sea from Mama Whale, including the dangers.
- Lynch, Wayne. Whose House Is This? Whitecap Books, 1999. Colorful photographs show some of the unusual homes of animals, birds, and reptiles
- Mahurin, Tim. Jeremy Kooloo. Dutton, 1995. One word for each letter of the alphabet tells a simple story about the antics of A Big Cat.
- Marshall, James (ill.). Old Mother Hubbard and Her Wonderful Dog. Farrar, 1991. Old Mother Hubbard has a remarkable dog who keeps her busy running errands.
- Martin, Bill Jr. A Beastly Story. Silver Whistle/Harcourt, 1999. A group of mice venture into a dark, dark wood where they find a dark brown house with a dark red stair leading past other dark colors to a spooky surprise.
- Masurel, Claire. Too Big!. Chronicle, 1999. Everyone tells Charlie that his new toy dinosaur Tex is too big to take anywhere, but he proves to be just right when Charlie needs support at the doctor's office.
- Mathers, Petra. Lottie's New Friend. Atheneum, 1999. When a new bird moves in nearby, Herbie the duck worries that his friend Lottie the chicken doesn't care about him anymore.
- Marsh, T.J. and Jennifer Ward. Way Out in the Desert. Rising Moon/Northland, 1998. Filled with vibrant illustrations of many of the charming plants and animals that call the Sonoran Desert home, readers tip-tap through the text's rhyming repetition.
- Maynard, Christopher. Jobs People Do. Dorling Kindersley, 1997. Photographs show different aspects of a variety of occupations with children dressed in authentic costumes portraying the people in those jobs.
- McGeorge, Constance. Boomer Goes to School. Chronicle, 1996. A golden retriever named Boomer goes to school with his owner for show and tell.
- McKee, David. Elmer and the Lost Teddy. Lothrop, 1999. Baby Elephant cannot get to sleep when he loses his teddy bear, so Elmer sets out to find it. (Series)
- McPhail, David. Mole Music. Holt, 1999. Feeling that something is missing in his simple life, Mole acquires a violin and learns to make beautiful, joyful music.
- Micklethwait, Lucy. I Spy a Freight Train: Transportation in Art. Greenwillow, 1996. The viewer is asked to identify the transportation-related object in each of the well-known paintings presented in this book. (Series)
- Miller, Margaret. Now I'm Big. Greenwillow, 1996. This author of many excellent books uses photographs to compare what children did as babies with what they can do now that they are older.

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- Miranda, Anne. To Market, To Market. Harcourt, 1997. Going beyond the familiar nursery rhyme, uncooperative animals make cooking lunch disastrous.
- Mora, Pat. The Desert Is My Mother. Pinata Books, 1994. The desert as the provider of comfort, food, spirit, and life is depicted in bilingual poetry.
- Muller, Gerda. Circle of Seasons. Dutton, 1995. Softly realistic pictures show playful children enjoying their favorite pastimes during each of the four seasons.
- Muller, Robin and Suzanne Duranceau. Hickory, Dickory, Dock. Scholastic, 1992. In a delightful twist on a traditional nursery rhyme, the cat hosts a party where guests search for a beautiful clock but meet disaster every hour.
- Munsch, Robert. Andrew's Loose Tooth. Scholastic, 1998. Andrew's tooth is loose and no one can help him remove it, not even the Tooth Fairy.
- Murphy, Stuart J. Every Buddy Counts. A little girl goes through the day counting her "buddies" who include one hamster, two sisters, three kittens, and more. (Series)
- Numeroff, Laura Joffe. If You Give a Pig a Pancake. Laura Geringer/HarperCollins, 1998. One thing leads to another when you give a pig a pancake.
- Opie, Iona (editor). My Very First Mother Goose. Candlewick, 1996. A collection of more than sixty nursery rhymes, including "Hey, Diddle, Diddle," "Pat-a-Cake," and "Little Jack Horner."
- Palotta, Jerry. The Jet Alphabet Book. Charlesbridge, 1999. An alphabet book presenting unusual facts about a variety of jet planes, from the airacomet to the zephyr. (Series)
- Pfeffer, Wendy. Sounds All Around. HarperCollins, 1999. One of the Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science series, this book explains how sounds are made and the purposes they serve for both humans and other animals. (Series)
- Pfister, Marcus. How Leo Learned to Be King. North-South, 1998. Leo the lion is so lazy that his subjects don't seem to notice when he retreats to the savannah.
- Rathmann, Peggy. 10 Minutes till Bedtime. Putnam, 1998. A boy's hamster leads an increasingly large group of hamsters on a tour of the boy's house, while his father counts down the minutes to bedtime.
- Reed, Lynn Rowe. Pedro, His Perro, and the Alphabet Sombrero. Hyperion, 1995. When Pedro receives a fancy dog and a plain sombrero for his birthday, he decides to make his hat as fancy as his dog with an assortment of items listed alphabetically in Spanish.
- Riley, Linnea. Mouse Mess. Blue Sky, 1997. Mouse wakes up quite hungry and makes a big mess as he snacks.
- Roberts, Bethany. A Mouse Told His Mother. Little, Brown, 1997. Despite her son's claim that he's going on a trip, Mother coaxes him to get ready for bed.
- Robbins, Ken. Autumn Leaves. Scholastic, 1998. The characteristics of different types of leaves are examined and the reason they change colors in the autumn is explained.
- Rockwell, Anne. I Fly. Crown, 1997. A child describes his airplane trip to visit his cousins.
- Root, Phyllis. Grandmother Winter. Birds, bats, bears, and other creatures prepare themselves for the cold when Grandmother Winter shakes out her feather quilt.

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- Ross, Dave. A Book of Friends. HarperCollins, 1999. Different kinds of friends, what to do with them, and where to find them are described with fanciful illustrations.
- Roth, Carol. Little Bunny's Sleepless Night. North-South, 1999. Little Bunny, an only child, is so lonely that he cannot sleep, so he asks his friends Squirrel, Skunk, Porcupine, Bear, and Owl if he can stay with them, only to discover that his own bed is best.
- Royston, Angela. Birds. Dorling Kindersley, 1992. One of many books in Eye Openers series with simple text, colorful photographs and detailed illustrations that will satisfy inquisitive preschoolers learning about the world around them. (Series)
- Ryder, Joanne. Where Butterflies Grow. Lodestar, 1989. This popular book describes what it feels like to change from a caterpillar into a butterfly, and includes gardening tips to attract butterflies.
- Rylant, Cynthia. An Everyday Book. Simon & Schuster, 1997. Five different areas of everyday life are explained, illustrated, and celebrated.
- Scott, Ann Herbert. Hi. Philomel, 1994. Carrying different kinds of mail, people in line at the post office cannot see young Margarita.
- Seibold, J. Otto. Penguin Dreams. A little penguin has a series of nighttime adventures when he dreams of soaring with geese, zooming with airplanes, and floating in space with a variety of creatures.
- Shannon, David. David Goes to School. Blue Sky/Scholastic, 1999. David has a hard time listening to his teacher and following instructions, but he finally is rewarded for a job well done.
- Shulevitz, Uri. Snow. Farrar, 1998. As snowflakes slowly come down, one by one, people in the city ignore them, and only a boy and his dog think that the snowfall will amount to anything.
- Simmons, Jane. Daisy and the Egg. Little, Brown, 1998. Daisy the duckling eagerly awaits the arrival of a new brother or sister, even helping Mama Duck sit on the egg while they wait for it to hatch.
- Slate, Joseph. Miss Bindergarten Celebrates the 100th Day of Kindergarten. Dutton, 1996. Animals for every letter of the alphabet get ready for the first day of school while their teacher prepares the classroom for their arrival.
- Souhami, Jessica. The Leopard's Drum. Little, Brown, 1995. When Osebo the leopard won't share his drum, the Sky-King Nayme offers a reward to the animal who can bring it to him.
- Spinelli, Eileen. When Mama Comes Home Tonight. Simon & Schuster, 1998. When Mama arrives home, she and her child enjoy a series of activities together before bedtime.
- Steig, William. Pete's a Pizza. HarperCollins, 1998. Pete is unhappy because the rain prevents him from playing outside so his parents pretend he is a pizza to improve his mood.
- Steiner, Joan. Look-Alikes Jr. Little, Brown, 1999. Simple verses challenge readers to identify the everyday objects used to construct eleven three-dimensional scenes, including a house, kitchen, bedroom, school bus, train, farm, and rocket.

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- Stoeke, Janet Morgan. A Friend for Minerva Louise. Dutton, 1997. Minerva Louise the chicken misreads clues that there is a new baby in the house and thinks the family has a new bunny. (Series)
- Sweeney, Joan. Me on the Map. Crown, 1996. A girl locates herself on maps of different places such as her room, her house, her state, and the world.
- Taback, Simms. Joseph Had a Little Overcoat. Viking, 1999. A very old overcoat is recycled numerous times into a variety of garments.
- Tafari, Nancy. The Brass Ring. Greenwillow, 1996. Being bigger brings new delights to a young girl going on vacation.
- Titherington, Jeanne. A Place for Ben. Greenwillow, 1987. When his baby brother is moved into his bedroom, Ben goes elsewhere in search of a place of his own but finds he longs for company of some kind.
- Tryon, Leslie. 1 Gaping Wide-Mouthed Hopping Frog. Atheneum, 1993. Hopping Frog, the mail carrier, takes the reader along his route through a village bustling with activity in this counting rhyme.
- Wadsworth, Ginger. One Tiger Growls. Charlesbridge, 1999. The behavior of and sounds made by various animals are described, from one growling tiger to twenty croaking frogs.
- Walsh, Ellen Stoll. For Pete's Sake. Harcourt, 1998. Pete, an alligator who thinks that he is a flamingo, worries when he begins to notice the differences between himself and his flamingo friends.
- Walsh, Melanie. Do Pigs Have Stripes? Houghton, 1996. This simple guessing book asks the child to identify different animals.
- Walter, Virginia. "Hi, Pizza Man!" Orchard, 1995. A young girl imagines what it would be like if various animals delivered the pizza instead of a man.
- Weeks, Sarah. Mrs. McNosh Hangs Up Her Wash. Laura Geringer/HarperFestival, 1998. Rhyming text describes all the strange things that Mrs. McNosh washes and hangs out to dry.
- Weisner, David. Sector 7. Clarion, 1999. While on a school trip to the Empire State Building, a boy is taken by a friendly cloud to visit Sector 7, where he discovers how clouds are shaped and channeled throughout the country.
- Wells, Rosemary. Yoko. Hyperion, 1998. When Yoko brings sushi to school for lunch, her classmates make fun of what she eats—until one of them tries it for himself.
- Westcott, Nadine. The Lady with the Alligator Purse. Joy Street, 1988. Zany and appealing illustrations tell the well-known rhyme of the lively little boy who tries to eat a bathtub.
- Wild, Margaret. Our Granny. Ticknor & Fields, 1994. While grannies come in all shapes and sizes, "our granny" is unique.
- Wilson, April. Maggie Magic. Dial, 1999. This wordless picture book depicts a young artist who draws a picture of a magpie that then comes to life and interacts with a series of colorful drawings.

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Wood, Audrey. Red Racer. Simon & Schuster, 1996. Nona tries desperately to get rid of her junky old bike so that she can get the Deluxe Red Racer that she sees in the store window.

Wu, Norbert. Fish Faces. Holt, 1997. Colorful photographs take a look at the friendly, fierce, sad, or mad faces of many fish.

Yaccarino, Dan. Zoom Zoom Zoom I'm Off to the Moon. Scholastic, 1997. Simple illustrations describe what it would be like to blast off to the moon.

Zelinsky, Paul. The Wheels on the Bus. Dutton, 1990. A favorite rhyme and song is turned into a picture book filled with all kinds of characters, slyly humorous subplots, and parts that actually move.

Ziefert, Harriet. I Swapped the Dog. Houghton, 1998. A farmer makes a series of trades and ends up with the dog he had at the start.

Zimmerman, Andrea. Trashy Town. HarperCollins, 1999. Little by little, can by can, Mr. Gillie, the trash man, cleans up his town.

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GRADE 1 AND GRADE 2

*Some of these titles are classics and have been reprinted by many publishers.
Any unabridged edition is acceptable.*

** Easy readers are marked with an asterisk.*

- *Adler, David. Cam Jansen and the Catnapping Mystery. Viking, 1998. Cam Jansen uses her photographic memory to rescue a kidnapped cat. (Series)
- Allard, Harry. Miss Nelson is Missing. Scholastic, 1977. Pretty and sweet Miss Nelson doesn't come to school one day, but instead sends "The Swamp" in her place to teach her students a new kind of lesson. (Series)
- Auch, Mary Jane. Bantam of the Opera. Holiday House, 1997. Luigi the rooster assumes the leading role in the Cosmopolitan Opera Company, when the star and understudy come down with the chicken pox.
- Axelrod, Amy. Pigs in the Pantry, Simon and Schuster, 1997. Mr. Pig and the piglets try to cook Mrs. Pig's favorite dish to cheer her up when she is sick. A chili recipe is included.
- *Baker, Barbara. One Saturday Morning. Dutton, 1994. One Saturday morning, a family enjoys each other as they work and play together..
- Bemelmans, Ludwig. Madeline. Puffin, 1977. Madeline awakens one night suffering from appendicitis. (Series)
- *Bonsall, Crosby. The Case of the Double Cross. HarperCollins, 1980. Wizard's private eye club does not accept girls, but Marigold and her friends hope to change the club policy. (Series)
- Brett, Jan. Gingerbread Baby. Putnam, 1999. In this new nontraditional telling the gingerbread boy escapes from the fox.
- *Brown, Marc. Arthur Lost and Found. Little, Brown, 1998. Arthur and Buster fall asleep on a bus and end up in a strange part of town. (Series)
- *Bulla, Clyde Robert. What Makes A Shadow? HarperCollins, 1994. A simple explanation of how a shadow is formed from the Let's-read-and-find-out science series.
- Bunting, Eve. Ducky. Clarion, 1997. Crates of bathtub toys are washed overboard during a storm and the toys land in many different places.
- *Byars, Betsy. My Brother, Ant. Viking, 1996. A boy talks about his younger brother, Ant. (Series)
- *Calmenson, Stephanie and Joanna Cole. Get Well, Gators! Morrow, 1998. Allie Gator is sick and may not be able to attend the street fair. (Series)
- *Cameron, Ann. The Stories Julian Tells. Pantheon, 1981. This story collection tells about a young boy, his family, and his day to day situations with humor and love. (Series)
- Cannon, Janell. Verdi. Harcourt, 1997. A young python does not want to grow slow and boring like the older snakes he sees in the tropical jungle where he lives.
- *Cazet, Denys. Minnie and Moo Go Dancing. DK Publishing, 1999. Two cow friends get dressed up to attend a party at the farmer's house. (Series)

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- Cherry, Lynn. The Armadillo from Amarillo. Harcourt, 1994. An armadillo named Sasparillo travels the world and the universe to find and understand his place in it all.
- *Christopher, Matt. The Dog That Called the Pitch. Little, Brown, 1998. Harry the Airedale helps out the umpire after his glasses are broken. (Series)
- *Coerr, Eleanor. Buffalo Bill and the Pony Express. HarperCollins, 1995. Young Buffalo Bill tells of his rides and adventures in delivering the mail.
- *Cohen, Miriam. See You in Second Grade. Greenwillow, 1989. An end of school swimming party brings memories of first grade and anticipation of second grade. (Series)
- *Cole, Joanna and Calmenson, Stephanie, compilers. Ready...Set...Read and Laugh!: A Funny Treasury for Beginning Readers. Delacorte, 1995. A collection of poems, riddles, and humorous stories.
- Coles, Robert. The Story of Ruby Bridges. Scholastic, 1995. Six-year-old Ruby Bridges is confronted with hostility when she becomes the first African-American girl to integrate an elementary School in New Orleans in 1960.
- Craig, Helen. Angelina Ballerina. Potter, 1983. Angelina Mouse neglects her responsibilities by practicing dancing all the time, until her parents discover a way to help her balance her activities. (Series)
- *Cushman, Doug. Aunt Eater's Mystery Halloween. HarperCollins, 1998. Aunt Eater the anteater solves a series of mysteries at a Halloween party. (Series)
- *Dadey, Debbie and Marcia Thornton Jones. Martians Don't Take Temperatures. Scholastic, 1996. The new school nurse in Bailey City is out of this world. (Series)
- Dakos, Kalli. If You're Not Here, Please Raise Your Hand. Four Winds, 1990. Humorous poetry about elementary school.
- *Delton, Judy. Pedal Power. Bantam, 1998. Before taking a long-distance bike trip, the Pee Wee Scouts must learn some bicycle safety rules. (Series)
- DePaola, Tomie. Strega Nona: Her Story. Putnam, 1996. Grandma Concetta heals everyone with her remedies and advice. When she retires, she leaves Strega Nona her magic pasta pot with the secret ingredient.
- *Dicks, Terence. Goliath at the Dog Show. Scholastic, 1987. David's dog Goliath helps solve the mystery of the missing dog show dogs. (Series)
- *Donnelly, Judy. Titanic: Lost...and Found. Random, 1979. The sinking of the Titanic and what was found many years later is related in this easy reader.
- Ernst, Lisa. Duke: The Dairy Delight Dog. Simon & Schuster, 1996. Darla doesn't want a dirty dog around her Dairy Delight, but Duke patiently tries every tactic to convince her that her shop is his home.
- *Esbensen, Barbara. Who Shrank My Grandmother's House?: Poems of Discovery. Douglas & McIntyre, 1992. Discover what is special in everyday objects in this collection of poems.
- *Florian, Douglas. In the Swim. Harcourt, Brace, 1987. Humorous poems about underwater creatures.

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- *Gibbons, Gail. Soaring with the Wind: The Bald Eagle. Morrow, 1998. One of the many nonfiction books by this author that give simple information about a great variety of subjects.
- *Giff, Patricia Reilly. All About Stacy. Dell, 1988. Stacy is excited about creating her all-about-me box for her new class project. (Series)
- *Godwin, Laura. Forest. HarperCollins, 1998. A girl and her mother find a fawn in the forest.
- Gray, Libba Moore. Little Black Truck. Simon & Schuster, 1994. A truck serves its purpose and is left to rust until a young boy restores the truck.
- *Hall, Katy and Eisenberg, Lisa. Puppy Riddles. Dial, 1998. Forty-two riddles about puppies and dogs are presented in this book.
- *Hansard, Peter. A Field Full of Horses. Candlewick, 1994. Horse information presented in an easy to read format.
- Henkes, Kevin. Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse. Greenwillow, 1996. Lilly's new purse is a distraction in school until Lilly learns to use it at the right time.
- *Hoban, Lillian. Arthur's Birthday Party. HarperCollins, 1999. Arthur the chimpanzee has a gymnastics birthday party with prizes for the best gymnast. (Series)
- Hoberman, Mary Ann. Seven Silly Eaters. Harcourt, 1997. Seven fussy eaters find a way to surprise their mother.
- *Hoff, Syd. Happy Birthday, Danny and the Dinosaur. HarperCollins, 1995. Danny has a birthday party and invites his dinosaur friend. (Series)
- Hoffman, Mary. Amazing Grace. Dial, 1991. Grace, a young African-American, succeeds in playing the part of Peter Pan in a play at school even though her friends think she should not do the part.
- Hong, Lily Toy. Two of Everything. Whitman, 1993. Terrific for reading aloud, this tale of a Chinese couple who meets up with their doubles has both verve and humor.
- *Howe, James. Pinky and Rex and the School Play. Simon & Schuster, 1998. Rex gets the part that Pinky auditions for in the school play. (Series)
- Johnson, Paul Brett. A Perfect Pork Stew. Orchard, 1998. Baba Yaga the witch and Ivan the Fool trade items to satisfy each other's wishes.
- Joyce, William. Bentley and Egg. HarperCollins, 1992. Fun and excitement ensue when Bentley, a musical frog, is supposed to take care of his duck friend's newly laid egg.
- Karas, G. Brian. Home on the Bayou: A Cowboy's Story. Simon and Schuster, 1996. Nate doesn't want to move near the bayou, because cowboys don't live there.
- *Kerrod, Robin. Amazing Flying Machines. Knopf, 1992. One of the Eyewitness Juniors Series which introduces readers to many different subjects through beautiful photographs and clear, concise text. (Series)

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- Kimmel, Eric A. Anansi and the Talking Melon. Holiday House, 1994. Having eaten his way into Elephant's melon, Anansi is too full to crawl out and delights in playing tricks on Elephant and other animals.
- *Koontz, Robin Michal. Chicago and the Cat. Dutton, 1993. A pushy cat takes over the house of Chicago the rabbit, but the two soon become friends. (Series)
- *Kostyal, K.M. Birds. National Geographic Society, 1997. One of a series of books that discusses the physical characteristics of animals.
- *Krensky, Stephen. Lionel and His Friends. Dial, 1996. Lionel and his friends share several adventures in this new entry of this popular series.
- *Lepthien, Emilie U. Kangaroos. Children's Press, 1995. This book is one book of the New True Book series, which introduces readers to many different subjects. (Series)
- Lester, Julius. Sam and the Tigers. Dial, 1996. This is a new version of the classic story of Little Black Sambo.
- *Lobel, Arnold. Frog and Toad Are Friends. HarperCollins, 1970. "Frog and Toad" books are collections of short, delightful tales about best friends in an easy-to-read format. (Series)
- London, Jonathan. Froggy Plays Soccer. Viking, 1999. Froggy's soccer team plays for the championship. (Series)
- *Marshall, James. Fox on the Job. Dial, 1988. Fox tries several different jobs to earn money. (Series)
- George and Martha. Houghton, Mifflin, 1972. Two hippos are best friends. (Series)
- McCloskey, Robert. Blueberries for Sal. Viking, 1948. On a summer day in Maine, a little girl and a bear cub wander away from their blueberry-picking mothers and mistake the other mother for their own.
- McDermott, Gerald. Coyote: A Trickster Tale from the American Southwest. Harcourt, 1994. Coyote is rude, boastful, and always in trouble, especially when he tries to fly with the crows that soar overhead.
- McDonald, Megan. My House has Stars. Orchard, 1996. Young people describe the different kinds of homes they live in around the world – all under the same stars.
- McKissack, Patricia. A Million Fish.. More or Less. Knopf, 1992. A boy learns that the truth is often stretched on the Bayou Clapateaux, and gets the chance to tell his own version of a bayou tale when he goes fishing.
- *McMillan, Bruce. Jelly Beans for Sale. Scholastic, 1996. Different combinations of coins are used to buy varying amounts of jellybeans. Jelly beans manufacturing is also explained.
- Meddaugh, Susan. Martha Walks the Dog. Houghton, 1998. Martha, the talking dog, and a parrot help a bully dog become a nice neighborhood pet.
- Merriam, Eve. You Be Good and I'll Be Night: Jump on the Bed-Poems. Morrow, 1988. Brief rhyming poems for young children are presented in this enjoyable book.
- *Minarik, Else. A Kiss for Little Bear. HarperCollins, 1968. Little Bear gets a kiss from his grandmother via several animals. (Series)

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- Mitchell, Margaree. Granddaddy's Gift. Bridgewater, 1997. A young Afro-American girl realizes the importance of education after her grandfather achieves the right to vote.
- *Murphy, Stuart J. Animals on Board. HarperCollins, 1998. An adding and counting story from the MathStart series.
- Nixon, Joan Lowery. When I Am Eight. Dial, 1994. Herbie fantasizes about what he will do when he is eight years old.
- *Novak, Matt. Newt. HarperCollins, 1994. In three related stories, Newt, a small salamander befriends a mouse, defines a bug and comforts the moon.
- *Osborne, Mary Pope. Tonight on the Titanic. Random House, 1999. The Magic Tree House takes Jack and Annie back in time to the Titanic. (Series)
- *Parish, Peggy. Amelia Bedelia. HarperCollins, 1963. Amelia the maid literally interprets her instructions. (Series)
- *Park, Barbara. Junie B. Jones Smells Something Fishy. Random, 1998. Junie B. Jones tries to decide what kind of pet to bring to Pet Day at school. (Series)
- *Pilkey, Dav. Dragon's Fat Cat: Dragon's Fourth Tale. Orchard, 1992. A fat cat appears on the Dragon's doorstep and is adopted by the Dragon. (Series)
- Polacco, Patricia. My Rotten Redheaded Older Brother. Simon & Schuster, 1994. A young girl, who has an obnoxious older brother, makes a wish on a falling star.
- *Prelutsky, Jack. Dog Days. Knopf, 1999. Dog poetry divided by the months of the year.
- *Quackenbush, Robert. Henry Goes West. Gareth Stevens, 1982. Henry the duck takes a trip to surprise a friend.
- Rathmann, Peggy. Officer Buckle and Gloria. Putnam, 1995. Dog Gloria becomes a star when she accompanies Officer Buckle on visits to elementary schools. Caldecott Award 1996
- Rayner, Mary. Mrs. Pig's Gets Cross and Other Stories. Dutton, 1987. Seven stories chronicle the life of the ten children and their parents in the Pig household.
- *Rylant, Cynthia. The Cobble Street Cousins: Some Good News. Simon & Schuster, 1999. Three cousins work together to create a newspaper at their Aunt Lucy's house. (Series)
Henry and Mudge and the Snowman Plan. Simon and Schuster, 1999. Henry and Mudge enter a snowman building contest. (Series)
Mr. Putter and Tabby Take the Train. Harcourt, Brace, 1998. Mr. Putter and his cat, Tabby, go on a train ride. (Series)
Poppleton Everyday. Blue Sky Press, 1998. Poppleton, the pig, has three adventures. (Series)
- *Sachar, Louis. Marvin Redpost: Alone in His Teacher's House. Random House, 1994. Marvin takes on the job of dog sitting for his teacher. (Series)
- Schachner, Judith. Willy and May. Dutton, 1995. A little girl is worried that her visit with her beloved great-aunt and the great-aunt's parrot will be canceled.
- *Schwartz, Alvin. Ghosts! Ghostly Tales from Folklore. HarperCollins, 1991. This book includes seven easy-to-read ghost stories, folktales, and legends from various countries.

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- *Sharmat, Marjorie. Nate the Great and the Case of the Fleeing Fang. Delacorte, 1998. Nate the Great shares his detective skills as he tracks down Annie's missing dog. (Series)
- Soto, Gary. The Old Man and His Door. Putnam, 1996. An old man misunderstands what he is to bring to a neighborhood party.
- Spedden, Daisy Corning Stone. Polar: The Titanic Bear. Little, Brown, 1994. This true story, told through the eyes of a boy's toy bear, describes an American family's travels, culminating with their voyage on the Titanic.
- Steig, William. Doctor DeSoto. Scholastic, 1992. A mouse dentist takes care of the dental needs of all animals except the ones that eat mice, but he makes an exception when a fox needs his help.
- Stevens, Janet. Tops and Bottoms. Harcourt, 1994. Hare tricks Bear into a deal involving Bear's farm.
- Stevenson, James. Mud Flat April Fool. Greenwillow Books, 1998. The animal residents of Mud Flat play a series of April Fool's Day tricks on one another. (Series)
- Taback, Simms. There was An Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly. Viking, 1997. Cutouts in the old lady's dress allow one to see the animals as they are swallowed.
- Tolhurst, Marilyn. Somebody and the Three Blairs. Orchard, 1991. Humans and bears reverse roles in this retelling of Goldilocks and the Three Bears.
- Trivizas, Eugene. The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig. Macmillan, 1991. The characters in The Three Little Pigs have reversed roles in this story.
- Tusa, Tricia. Bunnies in My Head. M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, 1998. A young girl explores her real and imagined world.
- Van Allsburg, Chris. The Sweetest Figs. Houghton, 1993. Two magical figs bring surprising results to Monsieur Bibot and his dog, Marcel.
- *Van Leewuen, Jean. Amanda Pig, Schoolgirl. Dial, 1997. The first day of school turns out to be a happy experience. (Series)
- Viorst, Judith. Alexander, Who's Not (Do You Hear Me? I Swear It!) Going to Move. Atheneum, 1995. Alexander doesn't want to leave his friends and his special places when his family moves. (Series)
- Waber, Bernard. A Lion Named Shirley Williamson. Houghton, 1996. A lion with an unusual name becomes a favorite attraction at the Brooklyn Zoo.
- Wood, Audrey. The Bunyans. Blue Sky, 1996. Paul Bunyan, his wife and his children do some ordinary things that result in the formation of Niagara Falls, Bryce Canyon and other national monuments.
- Zelinsky, Paul. Rumpelstiltskin. Dutton, 1986. A miller's daughter has to guess a little man's name in order to keep her first-born child.

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*New titles are added each year to keep this list fresh and challenging.
Some older titles are too good to miss and are marked with "+". These may have been reprinted by other publishers
and any unabridged edition will be acceptable.*

- Adler, David. Andy and Tamika. Gulliver, 1999. Fourth-grader Andy and his friend Tamika learn about true friendship as they work through several problems at school and at home. (Series)
- The Babe and I. Harcourt, 1999. During the Great Depression, a boy uses Babe Ruth's home runs to sell his papers and finally meets him in person.
- Aiki. William Shakespeare and the Globe. HarperCollins, 1999. Readers learn about this great writer's life in Elizabethan times and the Globe where his plays were performed.
- +Atwater, Richard. Mr. Popper's Penguins. Little, 1988. The unexpected delivery of a large crate containing an Antarctic penguin changes the life and fortune of Mr. Popper. Newbery Honor 1939
- Avi. Poppy. Orchard, 1995. Poppy's quest to save her family requires courage and intelligence. (Series)
- +Banks, Lynne Reid. The Indian in the Cupboard. Doubleday, 1980. Omri is disappointed with his birthday gift until his plastic Indian comes alive. (Series)
- +Blume, Judy. Superfudge. Dutton, 1980. Twelve-year-old Peter relates his problems with his little brother, Fudge. (Series)
- Bryan, Ashley. Ashley Bryan's African Tales, Uh-Huh. Atheneum, 1998. This collection of African myths, legends and folktales are wonderfully told and illustrated by Ashley Bryan.
- Bunting, Eve. The Nasty, Stinky Sneakers. HarperCollins, 1994. Colin must find his missing stinky sneakers in time to enter "The Stinkiest Sneakers in the World" contest.
- Burleigh, Robert. Home Run. Harcourt, 1998. Interesting facts about Babe Ruth's life and career are recorded in an old baseball card format that accompanies the slight text of one trip to home plate.
- +Byars, Betsy. Not-Just-Anybody Family. Delacorte, 1986. The Blossoms are introduced in this book through some of their adventures. (Series)
- +Carroll, Lewis. Alice in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass. Grosset & Dunlap, 1946. This is the enchanting fantasy of Alice, who falls down the rabbit hole and meets strange characters such as the Mad Hatter.
- Christopher, Matt. Soccer Cats: Operation Baby-Sitter. Little, Brown, 1999. Captain of the soccer team, ten-year-old Bundy, does not want his teammates to know he has a baby-sitter. (Series)
- Cleary, Beverly. Ramona's World. Morrow, 1999. Enjoy the adventures of nine-year-old Ramona as she experiences the ups and downs of fourth grade, tries to be a good role model for her new baby sister, Roberta, and delights in her new best friend, Daisy. (Series)
- Clements, Andrew. Frindle. Simon & Schuster, 1996. Andrew and his teacher struggle over the use of a new word in this funny story about the power of language.
- Cole, Joanna. The Magic School Bus Explores the Senses. Scholastic, 1999. On this class field trip, students learn how humans and animals need their senses in order to interpret and live in the world around them. (Series)

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- +Collodi, Carlo. The Adventures of Pinocchio. Grosset & Dunlap, 1946. The little wooden puppet, Pinocchio, has many adventures before he learns how to be truly good.
- Cowley, Joy. Red-Eyed Tree Frog. Scholastic, 1999. Readers can experience life in the rain forest through this beautifully illustrated nonfiction book.
- Curtis, Christopher. The Watsons Go To Birmingham - 1963. Delacorte, 1995. An ordinary African-American family from Michigan is changed forever after they travel to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963. Newbery Honor 1996
- +Dahl, Roald. James and the Giant Peach. Knopf, 1961. Magic and crazy adventures keep the reader's attention, as well as stir the imagination, in this charming book.
- Danziger, Paula. Amber Brown is Feeling Blue. Putnam, 1998. After Amber's parents' divorce, her father moves back from Paris, and Amber has to decide with which of her parents she will spend Thanksgiving. (Series)
- DeFelice, Cynthia. Devil's Bridge. Macmillan, 1992. Twelve-year-old Ben enters the annual Striped Bass Derby on Martha's Vineyard while coping with his overprotective mother and the recent loss of his father.
- Delgado, Maria Isabel. Chave's Memories/Los Recuerdos de Chave. Arte Publico, 1996. Childhood visits to Mexico are remembered and relished.
- DePaola, Tomie. 26 Fairmont Avenue. Putnam, 1999. This popular author shares moments from his childhood in this autobiography.
- Duffey, Betsy. Cody Unplugged. Viking, 1999. Cody is convinced he cannot survive a week at camp without television or video games. (Series)
- +Farley, Walter. The Black Stallion. Random House, 1941. After surviving a shipwreck, a boy and a horse exist on an uninhabited island. (Series)
- +Fitzgerald, John. The Great Brain. Dial, 1967. This humorous book depicts the scheming adventures of a boy genius at the turn of the last century. (Series)
- Fleischman, Paul. Weslandia. Candlewick, 1999. This imaginative story captures the desire in young people to create a world of their own.
- Fleischman, Sid. Bandit Moon. Greenwillow, 1998. The author's use of humor adds zest to this well-written and entertaining story.
- Florian, Douglas. Laugh-eteria. Harcourt, 1999. This newest collection contains 150 humorous poems by this prolific author.
- +Gannett, Ruth. My Father's Dragon. Random, 1948. A young boy determines to rescue a poor baby dragon that is being used by a group of lazy wild animals to ferry them across a river. Newbery Honor 1949
- +Gardiner, John R. Stone Fox. Crowell, 1980. Here is a story for all ages, which is filled with action, determination, love and loyalty.

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- Garland, Sherry. A Line in the Sand: The Alamo Diary of Lucinda Lawrence. Scholastic, 1998. Thirteen-year-old Lucinda records in her diary the hardships the settlers faced during the months before Texas gained her independence from Mexico. (Series)
- George, Jean Craighead. Look to the North: A Wolf Pup Diary. Harper, 1997. The author follows wolf pups from birth to their first hunt in this fascinating diary.
- Gerstein, Mordecai. The Wild Boy: Based on a True Story. Farrar, 1998. What does it mean to be human? That is the question facing scientists who worked with this child raised in the wilds of France in 1800.
- Gibbons, Gail. Bats. Holiday House, 1999. Read about the physical characteristics and habits of a variety of bats in this beautifully illustrated information book.
- Gilson, Jamie. Itchy Richard. Clarion, 1991. This author can make an outbreak of head lice funny to read about.
- +Gipson, Fred. Old Yeller. Harper, 1956. This is the heart-warming story of a boy and his dog and their many adventures together.
- +Grahame, Kenneth. The Reluctant Dragon. Holiday House, 1938. This peace-loving dragon is forced to fight St. George, but the ending is satisfying.
- Greene, Stephanie. Show and Tell. Clarion, 1998. Woody has adventures at school and home in this funny story.
- Gutman, Dan. The Kid Who Ran For President. Scholastic, 1996. Judson Moon wants to be the first twelve-year-old President of the United States.
- +Henry, Marguerite. King of the Wind. Rand McNally, 1948. Ancestor to the thoroughbred horse we know today, Sham and the mute stable boy Agba travel from Morocco, to France, to England before Sham's true greatness as a racehorse is discovered. Newbery Medal 1949
- Hinton, S.E. The Puppy Sister. Delacorte, 1995. A puppy is transformed into a girl in this funny fantasy adventure.
- Hopkins, Lee Bennett, collector. Spectacular Science: A Book of Poems. Simon & Schuster, 1999. This is one of many excellent collections by this anthologist.
- Howe, James. Bunnicula Strikes Again. Atheneum, 1999. Chester, Harold and Howie are back with more vampire-rabbit adventures. (Series)
- Hurwitz, Johanna. Llama in the Library. Morrow, 1999. Using two llamas is Adam's idea of how to attract visitors for the grand reopening of the town library, but the librarian is a bit nervous about his suggestion.
- King-Smith, Dick. Three Terrible Trins. Crown, 1994. Three young mice brothers take charge of a farmhouse previously ruled by cats.
- +Kipling, Rudyard. Rikki Tikki Tavi. Harcourt, 1992. A small but brave mongoose risks his own life to protect his adopted family from two deadly cobras.
- Kline, Suzy. Song Lee and the "I Hate You" Notes. Viking, 1999. Song Lee, the nicest person in third grade, begins receiving hateful notes, but she eventually decides how to solve the problem herself.

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- Lester, Julius. Black Cowboy Wild Horses: A True Story. Dial, 1998. Bob Lemmons, a black cowboy, and his horse, Warrior, join a wild mustang herd and become its leaders.
- Lévin, Betty. Creature Crossing. Greenwillow, 1999. When Ben finds a lizard-like creature, he enlists his friends to help the salamander survive.
- +Lindgren, Astrid. Pippi Longstocking. Viking, 1950. Pippi is an irresistible nine-year-old who lives alone and manages to get involved in numerous humorous escapades. (Series)
- Lomas Garza, Carmen. In My Family/En Mi Familia. Children's Book Press, 1996. The bilingual text describes growing up in Texas.
- +Lovelace, Maud Hart. Betsy-Tacy. Crowell, 1940. Best friends Betsy and Tacy share many experiences while growing up. (Series)
- Lowry, Lois. Zooman Sam. Houghton Mifflin, 1999. Sam involves his whole family when he decides to be a zookeeper for Future Job Day at school. (Series)
- +MacDonald, Betty. Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle. Lippincott, 1947. Loved by both children and their parents, Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle always knows just the right way to solve any problem. (Series)
- +MacLachlan, Patricia. Sarah, Plain and Tall. Harper, 1985. Sarah, a mail-order bride comes to the prairie and changes the lives of a motherless family. Newbery Medal 1986
- Mayer, Marianna. Iron John. Morrow, 1999. After freeing the wild man of the forest from a cage, young Hans requests to be taken into the enchanted forest and there learns to be kind, humble and brave, thus winning the hand and heart of his true love.
- McMahan, Patricia. One Belfast Boy. Houghton Mifflin, 1999. Follow the daily activities of young Liam Leatham who lives in Belfast, Ireland, a city torn by religious differences.
- +Milne, A. A. Winnie the Pooh and the House at Pooh Corner. Dutton, 1974. Read the original version by Milne in which Winnie the Pooh, Christopher Robin and friends live and play in Hundred Acre Wood.
- Moss, Marissa. True Heart. Harcourt, 1999. A young woman named Bee works on the railroad at the turn of the century loading freight until the day she achieves her dream of becoming the engineer.
- +Mowat, Farley. Owls in the Family. Little,Brown, 1961. Owls Wol and Weeps cause trouble galore at the house where they live and in the neighborhood beyond.
- Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. Traitor Among the Boys. Delacorte, 1999. The rivalry between the Malloy girls and the Hatford boys heats up despite the cold weather. (Series)
+Shiloh. Atheneum, 1991. Marty must make some painful decisions about returning a dog to his abusive owner. Newbery Medal 1992 (Series)
- Nixon, Joan Lowery. Will's Choice. Delacorte, 1998. When Will is sent on an orphan train by his father, he keeps wishing that his father will return for him, despite the fact that Will is placed with a good family who cares for him. (Series)
- +Norton, Mary. The Borrowers. Harcourt, 1953. A human boy befriends one of the "little people" in a fascinating miniature world where the inhabitants skillfully "borrow" what they need. (Series)

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- +O'Brien, Robert C. Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH. Atheneum, 1976. Mrs. Frisby, a widowed mouse seeks advice from a colony of unusual rats. Newbery Medal 1972
- +Park, Barbara. Skinnybones. Knopf, 1982. Alex is the smallest kid on the baseball team but very good at wisecracking in this funny story.
- Polacco, Patricia. Luba and the Wren. Philomel, 1999. After freeing a small wren caught in a net, Luba is granted any wish she chooses, but her parents are never satisfied despite all their wishes being granted until finally they find peace and contentment.
- Prelutsky, Jack. The Gargoyle on the Roof. Greenwillow, 1999. This prolific poet enchants readers with his gremlins and monsters.
- Rodowsky, Colby. Not My Dog. Farrar, 1999. Ellie learns to love a dog named Preston which she has inherited, although she really wants a puppy of her own.
- Rylant, Cynthia. Gooseberry Park. Harcourt, 1995. When Stumpy the squirrel is separated from her babies by a storm, her animal friends help reunite them.
- Sachar, Louis. Wayside School Gets a Little Stranger. Morrow, 1995. Unusual things continue to happen on the 30th floor of this famous school. (Series)
- Scieszka, Jon. It's All Greek To Me. Viking, 1999. The Time Warp Trio has new adventures as they are warped back in time to Mt. Olympus where they encounter gods and goddesses from Greek mythology. (Series)
- +Selden, George. The Cricket in Times Square. Farrar, 1960. A touch of magic comes to Times Square as Chester learns about city life. (Series) Newbery Honor 1961
- Selznick, Brian. The Houdini Box. Knopf, 1991. This is exciting fiction about a boy who meets the famous magician.
- Seuss, Dr. Hooray for Diffendorfer Day. Knopf, 1998. Jack Prelutsky and Lane Smith finished this Dr. Seuss' book after his death in 1991. The book celebrates individuality and creativity.
- Silverstein, Shel. Falling Up. HarperCollins, 1996. This is the newest collection of humorous poems by this well-known author.
- Simon, Seymour. Tornadoes. Morrow, 1999. This prolific author has given us another clear, concise nonfiction book containing wonderful photographs.
- Smith, Charles R. Rimshots. Dutton, 1999. Stories and poems about basketball are set in an appealing picture book format.
- +Smith, Robert K. Chocolate Fever. Dell, 1978. Henry loves chocolate until he makes medical history with the only case of chocolate fever ever, in this case of too much of a good thing.
- Sobol, Donald. Encyclopedia Brown and the Case of the Slippery Salamander. Delacorte, 1999. Match wits with Encyclopedia Brown as he solves ten new mysteries in his hometown of Idaville. (Series)
- +Speare, Elizabeth George. The Sign of the Beaver. Houghton Mifflin, 1983. Twelve-year-old Matt gets to know an Indian boy and his grandfather while trying to survive on his own in the wilderness until his father returns. Newbery Honor 1984

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- Spires, Elizabeth. Riddle Road. Simon & Schuster, 1999. This delightful book of 26 riddles includes clues in the illustrations.
- Stanley, Diane. Raising Sweetness. Putnam, 1999. Readers will welcome this sequel to Saving Sweetness by a terrific author/illustrator.
- Joan of Arc. Morrow, 1998. These illustrations are wonderful and extend the text that accurately tells of the peasant girl who led a French army to victory.
- +Steig, William. Abel's Island. Farrar, 1976. This mouse of culture is swept off in a flood and must survive and find his way back home alone. Newbery Honor 1977
- Steig, Jeanne. A Handful of Beans. HarperCollins, 1998. William Steig retells six fairy tales in poetry and prose with illustrations.
- Stevenson, James. Candy Corn: Poems. Greenwillow, 1999. The author who uses typeset in different ways also illustrates this new collection of poems.
- Van Leeuwen, Jean. Hannah of Fairfield. Dial, 1999. During the Revolutionary War, Hannah's family strives to live a normal life while her brother Ben wishes to join General Washington's colonial soldiers in their fight against the British.
- +Wallace, Bill. A Dog Called Kitty. Holiday House, 1980. Ricky is afraid of dogs until this persistent stray dog wins his love over time.
- +Warner, Gertrude. The Boxcar Children. Whitman, 1977. Four orphans set up housekeeping in an old boxcar. (Series)
- +White, E. B. Charlotte's Web. Harper, 1952. This classic is loved by all and is full of humor and wisdom. Newbery Honor 1953
- +Wilder, Laura Ingalls. Little House on the Prairie. Harper, 1935. Pioneer life in Wisconsin is described in detail in this simple narrative.
- +Winthrop, Elizabeth. The Castle in the Attic. Holiday House, 1985. A miniature castle comes to life for ten-year-old William when he shrinks to fit into its adventures.
- Wright, Betty Ren. A Ghost in the Family. Scholastic, 1998. Chad and his friend, Jeannie, solve a mystery about a stolen diamond bracelet while visiting her Aunt Rosebud's boarding house which seems to be haunted.
- Yolen, Jane. Raising Yoder's Barn. Little,Brown, 1998. The illustrations glow in this story about an Amish family's barn that is burned and then rebuilt by the community working together.
- Zelinsky, Paul. Rapunzel. Dutton, 1997. This Caldecott winner retells an old tale and offers a feast for the eyes in the illustrations from the Italian Renaissance. Caldecott Award 1998

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- Avi. Perloo the Bold. Scholastic, 1998. Perloo, a peaceful, scholarly rabbit who has been chosen to succeed Jolaine as leader of the furry underground people called the Montmers, finds himself in danger when Jolaine dies and her evil son seizes control of the burrow.
- Babbitt, Natalie. Tuck Everlasting. Farrar, 1975. A family discovers the "fountain of youth" and others try to uncover their secret.
- Barron, T. A. The Lost Years of Merlin. Philomel, 1996. A young boy who has no memory of his past washes ashore on the coast of Wales and finds his true name after a series of adventures. (Series)
- Billingsley, Franny. The Folk Keeper. Atheneum, 1999. Orphan Corinna disguises herself as a boy to pose as a Folk Keeper, one who keeps the Evil Folk at bay. She discovers her heritage as a seal maiden when she is taken to live with a wealthy family in their manor by the sea.
- Brink, Carol Ryrie. Caddie Woodlawn. Macmillan, 1936. Caddie, an eleven-year-old tomboy, has numerous adventures while growing up on the Wisconsin frontier in the mid-19th century. Newbery Medal 1936
- Bridges, Ruby. Through My Eyes. Scholastic, 1999. Ruby Bridges recounts the story of her involvement, as a six-year-old, in the integration of her school in New Orleans in 1960.
- Brittain, Bill. The Ghost From Beneath the Sea. HarperCollins, 1992. Three friends and their ghostly allies work to save an old mansion from being turned into an amusement park.
- Burnett, Frances H. The Secret Garden. First published 1911. When ten-year-old Mary comes to live in a lonely house on the Yorkshire moors, she discovers an invalid cousin and the mysteries of a locked garden.
- Byars, Betsy. Death's Door. Viking, 1997. Super-sleuth Herculeah Jones's investigation of the attempted murder of Meat's uncle leads them to a mystery bookstore named Death's Door. (Series)
- Conrad, Pam. My Daniel. Harper, 1989. Ellie and Stevie learn from their grandmother about the historical quest for dinosaur bones on their Nebraska farm.
- Cooper, Susan. The Boggart. McElderry, 1993. After visiting her family's inherited castle in Scotland, twelve-year-old Emily discovers that she has accidentally brought a boggart, an invisible and mischievous spirit, back home to Canada with her. Sequel is The Boggart and the Monster.
- Curtis, Christopher Paul. Bud, Not Buddy. Delacorte, 1999. Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father – the renowned bandleader, H. E. Calloway of Grand Rapids. Newbery Medal 2000
- DeClements, Barthe. Liar, Liar. Marshall Cavendish, 1998. Sixth-grader Gretchen and her friends begin to have problems when a new girl starts telling some very believable, but untrue, stories.
- DeFelice, Cynthia. The Ghost of Fossil Glen. Farrar, 1998. While investigating the mystery of the missing Lucy Stiles, Allie puts her own life in danger. (Winner of the 1999-2000 Bluebonnet Award)
- English, Karen. Francie. Farrar, 1999. When the sixteen-year-old boy whom she tutors in reading is accused of attempting to murder a white man, Francie gets herself in serious trouble for her efforts at friendship.

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- Enzensberger, Magus. Number Devil. Metropolitan Books, 1998. Annoyed with his math teacher who assigns word problems and won't let him use a calculator, twelve-year-old Robert finds help from the number devil in his dreams.
- Fenner, Carol. Yolonda's Genius. Simon & Schuster, 1995. Big and strong for her age, fifth-grader Yolonda is determined to prove that her younger brother is not a slow learner but a musical genius. Newbery Honor 1996
- Fleischman, Sid. The 13th Floor: A Ghost Story. Greenwillow, 1995. When his older sister disappears, twelve-year-old Buddy Stebbins follows her back in time and finds himself aboard a seventeenth-century pirate ship captained by a distant relative.
- Fletcher, Ralph. Flying Solo. Clarion, 1998. Rachel, having chosen to be mute following the sudden death of a classmate, shares the responsibility with the other sixth-graders who decide not to report that the substitute teacher failed to show up.
- Forbes, Esther. Johnny Tremain. Houghton, 1943. While apprenticed to a silversmith during the time of the Revolutionary War, Johnny burns his hand and eventually learns that his crippled hand can be put to use on the battlefield. Newbery Medal 1944
- Garland, Sherry. A Line in the Sand: The Alamo Diary of Lucinda Lawrence. Scholastic, 1998. Through entries in her journal, twelve-year-old Lucinda describes the hardships her family and other residents of the "Texas colonies" endure when they decide to face the Mexicans in a fight for their freedom.
- George, Jean Craighead. Julie of the Wolves. HarperCollins, 1972. While running away from home and an unwanted marriage, Julie, a thirteen-year-old Eskimo girl becomes lost on the North Slope of Alaska and is befriended by a wolf pack. Newbery Medal 1973
- Giff, Patricia Reilly. Lily's Crossing. Delacorte, 1997. Lily spends the summer of 1944 with her grandmother at Rockaway Beach and learns special lessons about loss, separation and friendship. Newbery Honor 1998
- Gutman, Dan. Jackie and Me: A Baseball Card Adventure. Avon, 1999. With his ability to travel through time by using his baseball cards, Joe goes back to 1947 to meet Jackie Robinson, turning into a black boy in the process.
- Hahn, Mary Downing. Time for Andrew: A Ghost Story. Clarion, 1994. When he goes to spend the summer with his great-aunt in the family's old house, eleven-year-old Drew is drawn eighty years into the past to trade places with his great-great-uncle who is dying of diphtheria.
- Hamilton, Virginia. Second Cousins. Blue Sky, 1998. The friendship of twelve-year-old cousins, Cammy and Elodie, is threatened when a family reunion includes two other cousins near their age.
- Hobbs, Will. Kokopelli's Flute. Atheneum, 1995. Thirteen-year-old Tepary discovers an old flute in a cliff dwelling in New Mexico, and through its power he learns about ancient Native American magic.
- Ibbotson, Eva. The Secret of Platform 13. Dutton, 1998. Ode Gribble, a young hag, accompanies an old wizard, a gentle fey, and a giant ogre on their mission through a magical tunnel to rescue their King and Queen's son who had been stolen as an infant.

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- Jacques, Brian. The Legend of Luke. Philomel, 1999. When Martin the Warrior leaves Redwall Abbey to embark upon a journey to the place of his birth, he learns about the brave and noble deeds of his father Luke, a real Warrior Chieftain. (Series)
- Karr, Kathleen. The Great Turkey Walk. Farrar, 1998. Fifteen-year old Simon has many amusing adventures when he attempts to herd 1000 turkeys from Missouri to Denver, Colorado, in hopes of selling them at a profit.
- Kehret, Peg. Blizzard Disaster. Pocket, 1998. In their second adventure Warren and Betsy use the Instant Commuter to travel back in time to the Armistice Day Blizzard of 1940.
- Shelter Dogs : Amazing Stories of Adopted Strays. Whitman, 1999. The author tells the stories of eight stray dogs that were adopted from animal shelters and went on to become service dogs, actors, and heroes.
- Konigsberg, E.L. From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler. Atheneum, 1967. Claudia and Jamie have a wonderful time when they run away to live in the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Newbery Medal 1968
- Lauber, Patricia. Painters of the Caves. National Geographic Society, 1998. The author describes the 1994 discovery made in Chauvet, France, of a cave with Stone Age rock paintings, and the significance of cave art in prehistoric as well as modern times.
- Lawrence, Iain. The Wreckers. Delacorte, 1998. Shipwrecked after a vicious storm, fourteen-year-old John Spencer attempts to save his father and himself while also dealing with an evil secret about the Cornish coastal town where they are stranded.
- L'Engle, Madeleine. Meet the Austins. First published 1960. The large and happy Austin family teaches an unhappy orphaned Maggie about life and love.
- Levine, Gail Carson. Ella Enchanted. HarperCollins, 1997. This engaging story, loosely based on Cinderella, features a girl whose fairy godmother gives her the gift (or curse) of obedience when she is born. Newbery Honor 1998
- Lindbergh, Anne. Travel Far, Pay No Fare. HarperCollins, 1992. A magic bookmark provides time travel adventures into many classic children's books for two children whose parents plan to marry.
- Lisle, Janet Taylor. The Lost Flower Children. Philomel, 1999. After their mother's death, Olivia and Nellie go to live with their great aunt where they slowly bring her overgrown and weedy old garden back to life, enabling them to adjust to a new life as well.
- Lowry, Lois. Number the Stars. Houghton, 1989. Annemarie learns about bravery when her family shelters a young Jewish friend from the Nazis during the German occupation of Denmark in World War II. Newbery Medal 1990
- Mazer, Harry. The Wild Kid. Simon & Schuster, 1998. Twelve-year-old Sammy, who is mildly retarded, runs away from home and becomes a prisoner of Kevin, a wild kid living in the woods.
- McKissack, Patricia. A Picture of Freedom: The Diary of Clotee, a Slave Girl. Scholastic, 1997. In 1859 a twelve-year-old house slave named Clotee, who hides the fact that she can read and write, secretly records in a diary her experiences and the dilemma she faces over whether or not to escape to freedom.
- Miller, Sy. The Snake Scientist. Houghton, 1999. The author discusses the work of Bob Mason and his efforts to study and protect snakes, particularly red-sided garter snakes.

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- Murphy, Jim. The Great Fire. Scholastic, 1995. The Chicago fire of 1871 is described with personal accounts and photographs. Newbery Honor 1996
- Napoli, Donna Jo. Jimmy, the Pickpocket of the Palace. Dutton, 1995. In this sequel to The Prince of the Pond, Jimmy, the froglet son of an enchanted frog-prince, is transformed into a boy when he goes to the palace in an attempt to save his pond and siblings from the evil hag.
- Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. Saving Shiloh. Atheneum, 1997. In the third book of the Shiloh trilogy, Marty and his family try to help Judd Travers change his mean ways even though his neighbors continue to expect the worst of him.
- Nixon, Joan Lowery. Search for the Shadowman. Delacorte, 1996. Twelve-year-old Andy solves an old family mystery when he is given a school genealogy project.
- Paterson, Katherine. Bridge to Terabithia. Crowell, 1977. During a storm, Jess' new friend Leslie meets an unexpected tragedy while trying to reach their secret kingdom of Terabithia. Newbery Medal 1978
- O'Dell, Scott. Black Star, Bright Dawn. Houghton, 1988. After her father is injured, Bright Dawn must face the challenge of the Iditarod dog sled race alone.
- Paulsen, Gary. Hatchet. Bradbury, 1987. After his plane crashes in the Canadian wilderness, thirteen-year-old Brian must survive with only the aid of a hatchet. Newbery Honor 1988. Companion books are The River, Brian's Winter, and Brian's Return.
- Roberts, Willo Davis. The Kidnappers: A Mystery. Atheneum, 1998. Because Joey likes to tell tall tales, no one will believe him when he witnesses the kidnapping of his classmate.
- Scott, Elaine. Close Encounters: Exploring the Universe with the Hubble Space Telescope. Hyperion, 1998. Using data collected by the Hubble telescope, the author describes what scientists have been able to deduce about the nature of our solar system and the universe.
- Sleator, William. Into the Dream. Scholastic, 1979. When two youngsters realize they are having the same frightening dream, they begin searching for an explanation for this mysterious coincidence.
- Slote, Alfred. Finding Buck McHenry. HarperCollins, 1991. Eleven-year-old Jason believes the school custodian Mack Henry to be Buck McHenry, famous pitcher from the old Negro Baseball League, and tries to enlist him to coach his Little League team.
- Sonenklar, Carol. My Own Worst Enemy. Holiday, 1999. As she begins classes at a new middle school, Eve decides to try to fit in so that her father, who has just lost his job, will have less to worry about, but she finds that being true to herself is really the best thing to do.
- Sutcliffe, Rosemary. Black Ships Before Troy: The Story of the Iliad. Delacorte, 1993. The Wanderings of Odysseus: The Story of the Odyssey. Delacorte, 1996. These two companion books are illustrated retellings of the Trojan War and the adventures of Odysseus on his long voyage home from the war.
- Taylor, Mildred. Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry. First published 1976. A black family's ties give them the strength to defy southern racism during the Depression. Newbery Medal 1977

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- Taylor, Theodore. The Cay. Doubleday, 1969. Phillip, an adolescent white boy, blinded by a blow on the head, and Timothy, an elderly black man, are stranded on a Caribbean island where Phillip learns the lessons of love, courage and acceptance. The sequel is Timothy of the Cay. Harcourt, 1993.
- Vande Velde, Vivian. There's a Dead Person Following My Sister Around. Harcourt, 1999. Eleven-year-old Ted becomes concerned and intrigued when his five-year-old sister, Vicki, begins receiving visits from two female ghosts.
- Wallace, Barbara Brooks. Sparrows in the Scullery. Atheneum, 1997. After being kidnapped and left at a dreadful boys' home, an eleven-year-old orphan finds a reason for living as well as comradeship.
- Winthrop, Elizabeth. Battle for the Castle. Holiday, 1993. William uses a magic token to travel with a friend through the toy castle in his attic, back into the Middle Ages to a land menaced by a skeleton ship bearing a plague of ravenous rats.
- Wisler, G. Clifton. Caleb's Choice. Dutton, 1996. Fourteen-year-old Caleb must decide whether or not to assist fugitive slaves in their run for freedom in Texas during the 1850's.
- Wright, Betty Ren. Out of the Dark. Scholastic, 1995. After having nightmares about a haunted schoolhouse and a harmful ghost, Jessica reads her grandmother's childhood journals and discovers the reason for the ghost's hatred.
- Yolen, Jane. The Wizard's Map. Harcourt, 1999. Three children visiting Scotland become involved in the plans of a diabolical wizard.

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- Alcott, Louisa May. Little Women. First published 1868. This autobiographical story of the March sisters, a New England family, is told in a warm and loving account.
- Almond, David. Skellig. Delacorte, 1998. Unhappy about his baby sister's illness and the chaos of moving into a dilapidated old house, Michael retreats to the garage and finds a mysterious stranger who is something like a bird and something like an angel.
- Armstrong, Jennifer. Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World. Crown, 1998. Describes the events of the 1914 Shackleton Antarctic expedition when, after being trapped in a frozen sea for nine months, their ship, Endurance, was finally crushed, forcing Shackleton and his men to make a very long and perilous journey across ice and stormy seas to reach inhabited land.
- Avi. Midnight Magic. Scholastic, 1999. In Italy in 1491, Magnus the Magician and his apprentice are summoned to the castle of King Claudio to determine if his daughter is indeed haunted by a ghost.
- Bauer, Joan. Rules of the Road. Putnam, 1998. Sixteen-year-old Jenna gets a job driving the elderly owner of shoe stores from Chicago to Dallas to confront her son who is trying to force her to retire. Along the way Jenna hones her talent as a saleswoman and finds the strength to face her alcoholic father.
- Bawden, Nina. Granny the Pag. Clarion, 1996. Cat wages a lively campaign to continue living with her eccentric grandmother after her actor parents abandon her.
- Christopher, John. The White Mountains. Collier, 1967. Three boys strive for freedom in a future society run by enormous metal robots called Tripods. (Series)
- Collier, James Lincoln and Christopher Collier. With Every Drop of Blood. Delacorte, 1994. While trying to transport food to Richmond, Virginia, during the Civil War, fourteen-year-old Johnny is captured by an African-American Union soldier.
- Coman, Carolyn. What Jamie Saw. Front Street, 1995. After he sees his mother's boyfriend try to throw his sister against a wall, Jamie and his family move out-of-town and he struggles to face his fears and an uncertain future. Newbery Honor 1996; National Book Award for Young People's Literature 1995
- Cooper, Susan. King of Shadows. McElderry, 1999. While in London as part of an all-boy acting company preparing to perform in a replica of the famous Globe Theater, Nat Field suddenly finds himself transported back to 1599 and performing in the original theater under the tutelage of Shakespeare himself.
- Coulombis, Audrey. Getting Near to Baby. Putnam, 1999. Although thirteen-year-old Willa Jo and her Aunt Patty seem to be constantly at odds, staying with her and Uncle Hob helps Willa Jo and her younger sister come to terms with the death of their family's baby.
- Curtis, Christopher. The Watsons Go to Birmingham- 1963. Delacorte, 1995. Byron's family leaves Flint, Michigan, to live with Grandma Sands in Birmingham where they experience the realities of race relations in the South. Newbery Honor 1996

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- Cushman, Karen. The Midwife's Apprentice. Clarion, 1995. In medieval England, a nameless, homeless girl is taken in by a sharp-tempered midwife. Newbery Medal 1996
- Danziger, Paula. P.S. Longer Letter Later. Scholastic, 1998. When flamboyant Tara moves away from her quiet friend Elizabeth, their close relationship is continued through lively letters, which highlight their differences and evolving families and situations.
- DeFelice, Cynthia. The Apprenticeship of Lucas Whitaker. Farrar, 1996. A physician gives Lucas a new direction for his life when he hires him as an apprentice.
- Denzel, Justin F. Return to the Painted Cave. Philomel, 1997. Tao, a young cave painter living in prehistoric times, sets out on an odyssey to bring healing to a blind girl and the outcast children of her village.
- Dickinson, Peter. A Bone from a Dry Sea. Delacorte, 1993. In two parallel stories, an intelligent female member of a prehistoric tribe helps advance the lot of her people, while the daughter of a paleontologist visits him on a dig when an important discovery is made.
- Duffy, James. Radical Red. Scribner's, 1993. The life of a twelve-year-old Irish girl living in Albany, New York changes when she and her mother become involved with Susan B. Anthony and her suffragettes.
- Ferris, Jean. Love Among the Walnuts. Harcourt Brace & Company, 1998. Born and raised in isolation in a wealthy eccentric family, Sandy is shocked when he, his parents, and their servants become victims of a vicious plot by his greedy uncles to incapacitate them and take their money.
- Fine, Anne. Tulip Touch. Little, Brown, 1997. Natalie, who lives in the large hotel managed by her father, has a dangerous friendship with Tulip, the wildly uncontrollable and anti-social girl who lives on the neighboring farm.
- Fox, Paula. The Slave Dancer. Bradbury, 1973. Kidnapped and taken aboard a slave ship, Jessie Bollier is forced to play his fife while the slaves exercise until a hurricane change the course of his life. Newbery Medal 1974
- Freedman, Russell. The Life and Death of Crazy Horse. Holiday, 1996. Crazy Horse's powerful vision and his relentless effort to lead the Oglala tribe in their resistance to the white man's takeover of Indian lands is vividly portrayed in this book which is illustrated with pictographs drawn in the 1890's by a cousin of Crazy Horse.
- Gaedert, LouAnn. Breaking Free. Atheneum, 1994. In 1800, a boy teaches a young slave to read and encourages her to dream of freedom.
- Gantos, Jack. Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key. Farrar, 1998. To the constant disappointment of his mother and teachers, Joey has trouble paying attention or controlling his mood swings when his prescription "meds" wears off, and he behaves in an erratic way due to his Attention Deficit Disorder.
- Garland, Sherry. Indio. Harcourt, 1995. As the Spanish begin to conquer the native people along the Texas border, thirteen-year-old Ipa struggles to survive their brutality and inhumanity.
- George, Jean Craighead. Julie's Wolf Pack. HarperCollins, 1997. The story of Julie's wolves continues, as Kapu must protect his pack from the many dangers of the arctic.

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- Giblin, James Cross. Charles A. Lindbergh: A Human Hero. Clarion Books, 1997. This is the fascinating story of the pilot who earned his place in aviation history and became the American hero overnight after his nonstop transatlantic flight but then fell quickly into disgrace because of his relationship with Nazi Germany.
- Griffin, Adele. The Other Shepards. Hyperion Books for Children, 1998. Teenage Holland and her younger sister Geneva, having always lived under the shadow of siblings who died before they were born, struggle to establish separate identities and escape from the oppressive weight of their parents continuing grief.
- Grove, Vicki. Reaching Dustin. Putnam's, 1998. Sixth-grade Carly's assignment to interview her reclusive, brooding classmate Dustin Groat leads her to discover some of the events that have caused his anti-social behavior and his family's negative impact on the Missouri farming community where they live.
- Haddis, Margaret Peterson. Among the Hidden. Simon and Schuster, 1998. In the future when the Population Police limit each family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm until another "third" convinces him the government is wrong.
- Hahn, Mary Downing. As Ever, Gordy. Clarion Books, 1998. When he and his younger sister move in with their older brother after their grandmother dies, thirteen-year-old Gordy finds himself caught between the boy he was and the boy his grandmother was helping him become.
- Hamilton, Virginia. House of Dies Drear. Macmillan, 1968. Mysterious sounds and events in a secret passageway in a house make a family believe that they are in danger.
- Hampton, Wilborn. Kennedy Assassinated! The World Mourns: A Reporter's Story. Candlewick, 1997. A young reporter, who was the first to receive news of President Kennedy's assassination at the UPI office in Dallas, describes the tragedy and its effect on the United States and the world.
- Henkes, Kevin. The Birthday Room. Greenwillow Books, 1998. When twelve-year-old Ben visits his uncle in Oregon, he feels caught in the strained relationship between his mother and her brother while he also begins to accept himself as an artist.
- Hesse, Karen. The Music of Dolphins. Scholastic, 1996. A fifteen-year-old girl, who has been raised by dolphins, is captured by scientists who try to reintroduce her to the human world.
- Hobbs, Will. Jason's Gold. Morrow Jr., 1999. When news of the discovery of gold in Canada's in Yukon 1897 reaches fifteen-year-old Jason, he embarks on a 5,000-mile journey to strike it rich.
- Holt, Kimberly Willis. My Louisiana Sky. Holt, 1999. Growing up in Saitter, Louisiana, in the 1950's, twelve-year-old Tiger Ann struggles with her feelings about her stern, but loving grandmother, her mentally slow parents, and her good friend and neighbor, Jesse.
- Jiang, Ji-li. Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution. Harper Collins, 1997. In this autobiography the author recounts her life in China during the Cultural Revolution. The author discusses the choice she had to make between breaking ties with her family and losing her future in the Communist Party.

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- Jiménez, Francisco. The Circuit. University of New Mexico Press, 1997. Jiménez describes the backbreaking work and poverty of a migrant family as they move from one labor camp to another and shows how they rely on faith and hope to fulfill their dreams.
- Kehret, Peg. Cages. Cobblehill, 1991. Arrested for shoplifting, a girl does community service time in an animal shelter.
- Konigsberg, E.L. The View from Saturday. Atheneum, 1996. This story tells of four students who compete in an Academic Bowl Competition and the paraplegic teacher who sponsors them. Newbery Medal 1997
- L'Engle, Madeleine. Troubling A Star. Farrar, 1984. Trying to stay alive after being left on an iceberg in the Antarctic, Vicky recalls the series of events that brought her to the bottom of the world. (Series)
- Lester, Alison. Quicksand Pony. Houghton Mifflin, 1997. Ten-year -old Bidy must leave her pony trapped in quicksand in the Australian bush. The pony is rescued by a mysterious person, and Bidy discovers the reason for a disappearance that happened years before.
- Levine, Gale Carson. Dave at Night. HarperCollins, 1999. When orphaned Dave is sent to the Hebrew Home for Boys where he is treated cruelly, he sneaks out at night and is welcomed into the music-and culture-filled world of the Harlem Renaissance.
- Lowry, Lois. The Giver. Houghton, 1993. Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives. Newbery Medal 1994
- McCaughrean, Geraldine. Pirate's Son. Scholastic, 1998. Orphaned at 14, Nathan Gull and his sister Maud are rescued by Tamo White and together they flee to Madagascar where they seem to find danger and adventure everywhere.
- McGraw, Eloise. The Moorchild. McElderry, 1996. Concerned that she is neither human nor "Folk", a young girl becomes a changeling in a village and then must find the human child whose place she has been given. Newbery Honor 1997
- McKinley, Robin. Beauty: A Retelling of the Story of Beauty and the Beast. Harper, 1978. McKinley's version of the folk tale is embellished with rich descriptions and detailed characterizations.
- Mikaelsen, Ben. Petey. Hyperion, 1998. In 1922 Petey, who has cerebral palsy, is misdiagnosed as an idiot and institutionalized; sixty years later, still in the institution, he befriends a boy and shares with him the joy of life.
- Meyer, Carolyn. White Lilacs. Harcourt, 1993. Set in Dillon, Texas, in the 1920's, this is the story of Rose Lee, a young black girl who sees her community threatened when the whites decide to take that land for a park and forcibly relocate the black families outside the town. Sequel is Jubilee Journey.
- Mills, Claudia. Standing Up to Mr. O. Farrar, 1998. Maggie comes to dread her sixth- grade biology class because her favorite teacher is insisting that she dissect a worm, an assignment that makes her feel very squeamish and awakens her to the question of animal rights.

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- Murphy, Jim. A Young Patriot: The American Revolution as Experienced by One Boy. Clarion, 1996. Joseph Plumb Martin's eyewitness account of his experience as a very young soldier in the American Revolution is the basis for this story.
- Nixon, Joan Lowery. The Haunting. Delacorte, 1998. When her mother inherits an old plantation in Louisiana, fifteen-year-old Lia seeks to rid it of the evil spirit that haunts it.
- Nye, Naomi Shihab. Habibi. Simon & Schuster, 1997. When fourteen-year-old Liyanne Abboud, her younger brother, and her parents move from St. Louis to a new home between Jerusalem and Palestine in the village where her father was born, they face many changes and must deal with the tension between the Jews and Palestinians.
- O'Brien, Robert. Z for Zachariah. Atheneum, 1975. In diary format, Ann tells how she believes she is the last person on earth after a nuclear war.
- O'Dell, Scott. Thunder Rolling in the Mountain. Houghton, 1992. Sound of Running Feet, the daughter of Chief Joseph, describes her people's defeat by the white man in 1877.
- Paterson, Katherine. Jip: His Story. Lodestar, 1996. Young Jip, abandoned as a baby, lives on a poor farm until he learns his true identity.
- Paulsen, Gary. A Soldier's Heart. Delacorte, 1998. Charley Goddard joins the Union army at 15 and changes from a young boy seeking adventure into a battle-weary soldier who is wounded at Gettysburg and returns home. This is a very realistic and powerful story that describes the terror and brutality of war as well as the damage done to the human spirit by such experiences.
- Peck, Richard. A Long Way from Chicago. Dial, 1998. Grandma Dowdel, a most un-Grandmotherly woman, constantly shocks and surprises her two grandchildren during their summer visit with her in a small Depression-era town. Newbery Honor 1999
- Perkins, Lynne Rae. All Alone in the Universe. Greenwillow Books, 1999. Debbie is dismayed when her best friend Maureen starts spending time with ordinary, boring Glenna.
- Pullman, Philip. Clockwork, or All Wound Up. Arthur A. Levine Books, 1996. Events in this remarkable and chilling story within a story about a clockmaker's apprentice and a writer whose tale spins out of control fit together like the gears of a mysterious clock.
- Raskin, Ellen. The Westing Game. Dutton, 1978. Sixteen heirs of diverse ages and backgrounds are paired off and given a thousand dollars and a set of clues to a puzzle which must be solved in order to inherit from an eccentric millionaire. Newbery Medal 1979
- Rowling, J.K. Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone. Arthur A. Levine Books, 1997. Magic spells, wands, and flying brooms are just a few of the things that Harry uses to combat evil in this exciting book of enchantment. Series.
- Sachar, Louis. Holes. Farrar, 1998. Through a strange series of events, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a bizarre correctional camp in the desolate Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself. Newbery Medal 1999; National Book Award for Young People's Literature 1998

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- Salisbury, Graham. Under the Blood-Red Sun. Delacorte, 1994. Tomi, American-born son of Japanese parents living in Hawaii, finds his world changed following the bombing of Pearl Harbor.
- Snyder, Zilpha Keatley. Gib Rides Home. Delacorte, 1998. Raised in an orphanage and "farmed out" in 1908 to the family of a wealthy banker, Gib realizes that he has a way with horses and feels that he has a future, even in a harsh world where things are not always what they seem to be.
- Spinelli, Jerry. Wringer. HarperCollins, 1997. Ten-year-old Palmer rebels at the idea of breaking the necks of wounded birds during the town's annual pigeon shoot. Newbery Honor 1998
- Stanley, Diane. A Time Apart. Morrow Junior Books, 1999. While her mother undergoes treatment for cancer, thirteen-year-old Ginny is sent to live with her father in England, where she becomes part of an archeological experiment to investigate life during the Iron Age.
- Sutcliff, Rosemary. The Light beyond the Forest: The Quest for the Holy Grail. Dutton, 1980. In this retelling of the King Arthur legend, Sir Lancelot, Sir Galahad, Sir Bors, and Sir Percival search for the Holy Grail.
- Taylor, Theodore. Walking Up a Rainbow: Being the True Version of the Long and Journey of Hazardous Susan D. Carlisle. Harcourt, 1994. In 1852, in order to save her home from a villainous debt-collector, 14-year-old Susan takes two thousand sheep across the Great Divide.
- Wallace, Barbara Brooks. Cousins in the Castle. Atheneum, 1996. The orphan Amelia sails from England to America to live with relatives and becomes the victim of a wicked plot to steal her fortune.
- Wolff, Virginia Euwer. Bat 6. Scholastic Press, 1998. In a small Oregon town at the end of World War II, twenty-one sixth grade girls recount the story of an annual softball game played amidst the Japanese-American racial prejudice of that era.
- Wrede, Patricia. Dealing with Dragons. Harcourt, 1990. A feisty princess with a mind of her own volunteers to be a servant to a dragon. (Series)
- Yolen, Jane. Devil's Arithmetic. Viking, 1988. Hannah is magically transported to the Holocaust during a 1988 Passover Seder.

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- Almond, David. Skellig. Delacorte, 1998. Michael and Mina care for a strange creature which seems to be part bird and part angel.
- Bach, Alice and J. Cheryl Exum. Miriam's Well: Stories about Women in the Bible. Delacorte, 1991. Old Testament stories are retold here from the lively and quick-witted perspective of the women involved – Esther, Sarah and Hagar, Delilah, etc.
- Bauer, Joan. Rules of the Road. Putnam, 1998. When sixteen-year-old Jenna is hired to drive an elderly woman from Chicago to Texas, the two learn to work together with confidence, strength and humor as they travel.
- Bernardo, Anilu. Jumping Off to Freedom. Pifata Books, 1996. Courage and desperation lead fifteen-year-old David and his father to flee Cuba's repressive regime and seek freedom by taking to the sea on a raft headed for Miami.
- Bertrand, Diane Gonzales. Trino's Choice. Arte Publico, 1999. Frustrated by his poor financial situation and hoping to impress a smart girl, seventh grader Trino struggles to avoid a bad crowd led by an older teen with a vicious streak.
- Bitton-Jackson, Livia. I Have Lived a Thousand Years. S&S, 1997. The author, who was thirteen when the Nazis invaded Hungary, describes in excruciating detail what it was like to be one of the few teenage inmates of Auschwitz and the miraculous twists of fate that helped her survive.
- Blackwood, Gary. The Shakespeare Stealer. Dutton, 1998. A young orphan boy is ordered by his master to infiltrate Shakespeare's acting troupe in order to steal the script of Hamlet.
- Bloor, Edward. Tangerine. Harcourt, 1997. Twelve-year-old Paul's family revolves around his football-hero brother and doesn't notice as Paul fights for the right to play soccer when disqualified due to his bad eyesight.
- Boulle, Pierre. The Bridge Over the River Kwai. First published 1954. British soldiers held prisoner by the Japanese in World War II struggle for honor and survival.
- Bradbury, Ray. The Martian Chronicles. Bantam, 1979. This is a classic science fiction story of man's attempt to colonize Mars.
- Cart, Michael, comp. Tomorrowland: 10 Stories about the Future. Scholastic, 1999. Favorite young adult authors Katherine Paterson, Rodman Philbrick, and others explore a variety of thought-provoking themes in future settings.
- Christie, Agatha. The Murder of Roger Ackroyd. Originally published in 1926. An intriguing and cleverly written story of a double murder.
- Cooney, Caroline. Burning Up. Delacorte, 1999. When a girl she had met is murdered, fifteen-year-old Macy uncovers unimaginable prejudice in her wealthy Connecticut community.
- Cooper, Cynthia. She Got Game. Warner, 1999. The popular Houston Comets player details her life on and off the court.

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- Cormier, Robert. The Chocolate War. Pantheon, 1974. A high school freshman is shunned and abused by faculty and peers when he refuses to join the school's annual fund raising drive.
- Creech, Sharon. Bloomability. HarperCollins, 1998. When her aunt and uncle take her from New Mexico to Switzerland to attend an international school, thirteen-year-old Dinnie discovers an expanding world and her place in it.
- Crew, Linda. Children of the River. Delacorte, 1989. Seventeen-year-old Sundara escapes from the Khmer Rouge, travels as a refugee, and finally settles in Oregon, where she is torn between her family's Cambodian traditions and her desire to fit in at her new school.
- Crichton, Michael. Andromeda Strain. Knopf, 1969. Four American scientists race against an atomic deadline fighting a contaminating agent from outer space.
- Cross, Gillian. New World. Holiday, 1994. Miriam and Stuart are beta-testing a virtual reality game, which feeds on the fear level of the players.
- Crutcher, Chris. Ironman. Greenwillow, 1995. While training for a triathlon, seventeen-year-old Bo attends an anger management group at school that leads him to examine his relationship with his father.
- Dickinson, Peter. Eva. Delacorte, 1989. After a terrible accident, a young girl wakes up to discover that her mind has been implanted in the body of a chimpanzee.
- Duncan, Lois. Killing Mr. Griffin. Little, Brown, 1978. A demanding teacher is kidnapped with disastrous consequences.
- Farmer, Nancy. A Girl Named Disaster. Orchard, 1996. The exciting tale of eleven-year-old Nhamo as she struggles to survive and to escape present-day Zimbabwe. Newbery Honor 1997
- Fleischman, Sid. Whirligig. Holt, 1998. Brian travels to the four corners of the US to build a whirligig in memory of a girl he killed while he was driving drunk.
- Fletcher, Susan. Shadow Spinner. Atheneum, 1998. Marjan, a 13-year-old girl, joins the harem in Ancient Persia, to help Shahrazad find tales to entertain the Sultan.
- Freedman, Russell. Babe Didrikson Zaharias: The Making of a Champion. Clarion, 1999. A biography of Texas athlete Babe Didrikson, who broke records in golf, track and field, and other sports at a time when there were few opportunities for female athletes.
- Garland, Sherry. Letters from the Mountain. Harcourt, 1996. A Houston boy spends a summer with relatives in remote west Texas, rethinking his role in causing an acquaintance's coma.
- Glenn, Mel. Jump Ball: A Basketball Season in Poems. Lodestar, 1997. Follow Tower High's championship season from exuberant beginning to tragic end.
- Gordon, Ruth. Peeling the Onion. HarperCollins, 1993. This offers an international anthology of poems about a variety of subjects.

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- Greene, Bette. The Summer of My German Soldier. Dial, 1973. After helping a young German POW escape from an Arkansas prison Patty suffers the consequences.
- Helfer, Modoc, the Story of the Greatest Elephant who Ever Lived. HarperCollins, 1997. The heartwarming saga of a boy and his elephant who were born on the same day to the family of a German circus elephant trainer.
- Hesse, Karen. Out of the Dust. Scholastic, 1997. In a series of poems, fifteen-year-old Billie Jo relates the hardships of living on her family's wheat farm in Oklahoma during the dust bowl years of the Depression. Newbery Medal 1998
- Hinton, S.E. The Outsiders. Viking, 1967. Escalating conflict between the Greasers and the Socs leads to death.
- Hobbs, Will. Far North. Morrow, 1996. A float plane crash in Canada's Northwest Territories leaves fifteen-year-old Gabe and a Native American friend fighting for their lives against grizzlies, sub-zero temperatures, and starvation.
- Holman, Felice. Slake's Limbo. Scribner's, 1974. Artemis Slake seeks refuge from his problems at home and in school in the subway tunnels of New York.
- Holt, Kimberly Willis. When Zachary Beaver came to Town. The arrival of Zachary Beaver, "The World's Fattest Boy", to Toby's small Texas hometown one afternoon, changes Toby's summer.
- Jacques, Brian. Marlfox. The latest of the Redwall books continues the animals' saga.
- Janeczko, Paul. Stardust otel. Orchard, 1993. This series of poems describes a boy's life with his flower children parents, friends, and neighbors.
- Junger, Sebastian. The Perfect Storm. Norton, 1997. In 1991 off Nova Scotia, three major storms converge to form a superstorm, which threatens everyone caught in its powerful winds and waves. Dramatic rescue attempts and first hand accounts of the experience make this a page-turner.
- Kerr, M.E. Gentlehands. Harper, 1978. Is the refined grandfather Buddy so proudly introduces to his new girlfriend really a Nazi war criminal?
- King, Laurie. The Beekeeper's Apprentice. St. Martin's Press, 1994. A teenage girl from California meets Sherlock Holmes near his retirement home on the Moors, then joins him in battling England's master criminals.
- Klass, David. Danger Zone. Scholastic, 1996. A white unknown high school basketball player from Minnesota is recruited to the US team in an international tournament.
- LeGuin, Ursula. The Wizard of Earthsea. Atheneum, 1991. After pride causes him to unleash a demon, Zed is compelled to chase or escape from the ever-pursuing shadow.
- L'Engle, Madeleine. A Ring of Endless Light. Farrar, 1980. Vicky's telepathic communication with dolphins comforts her during the time her grandfather is dying from leukemia. Newbery Honor 1980

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- Levitin, Sonia. Escape from Egypt: A Novel. Little, Brown, 1994. When Moses comes to the Promised Land, Jesse, a Hebrew slave, finds his life changed by his growing faith in God and his friendship with half-Egyptian, half-Syrian Jennat. Also, consider The Return, a fictional tale of the Ethiopian Jews' return to Israel.
- Lipsyte, Robert. The Brave. HarperCollins, 1991. A hot-tempered Native American wanna-be fighter trains with a former boxer who is now a policeman.
- Lobel, Anita. No pretty pictures. Greenwillow, 1998. The autobiography of a Polish Jew during World War II and later in Sweden. Nominated for the 1998 National Book Award for Young People's Literature.
- London, Jack. The Call of the Wild. First published 1931. Set during the Gold Rush, this is the story of Buck, a dog stolen from his home and transported to Alaska where he must survive in a pack of wolves.
- Macy, Sue. A Whole New Ball Game: the story of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League. Holt, 1993. This is a wonderful survey of a women's baseball league which competed from 1943-1954.
- Mazer, Norma Fox. Goodnight, Maman. Harcourt Brace, 1999. The saga of twelve-year-old Karin Levi and her older brother Marc as they flee the Nazis across war-torn Europe and to the US.
- McKinley, Robin. Rose Daughter. Greenwillow, 1997. This retelling of the tale of Beauty and the Beast is elegant and haunting, as well as perceptive and thought provoking.
- Meyer, Carolyn. White Lilacs. Harcourt Brace, 1993. In 1921 Dillon, Texas, twelve-year-old Rose Lee sees trouble threatening her black community when the whites decide to take their land for a city park.
- Mowat, Farley. Never Cry Wolf. Little, Brown, 1963. A true narrative of the hilarious and heart-warming adventures of Canadian naturalist Mowat studying the wolf and caribou populations northwest of Hudson Bay.
- Murphy, Jim. Gone A-Whaling: The Lure of the Sea and the Hunt for the Great Whale. Clarion, 1998. This fascinating and well illustrated survey of the history of the whaling industry focuses on the young boys who managed to sign on as crew, as well as the various minorities who became successful in this dangerous career.
- Myers, Walter Dean. Malcolm X: By Any Means Necessary: A Biography. Scholastic, 1993. A biography that traces Malcolm X's life from street gangs and jail to civil rights leader in the turbulent 60's.
- Nelson, Teresa. Earthshine: A Novel. Orchard, 1994. Slim watches over her charismatic father as he struggles with AIDS.
- Nixon, Joan Lowery. Secret Silent Screams. Delacorte, 1988. Marti is determined to solve Barry's death at Farrington High School in this exciting mystery.

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- Nye, Naomi Shihab, editor. The Space Between Our Footsteps, Poems and Paintings from the Middle East. Simon & Schuster, 1998. Translations of a variety of Middle Eastern and North African poets are offered here in artful layout juxtaposed with stunning artwork by Middle Eastern artists. The combination provides Western readers insight into this mysterious part of the world.
- Paulsen, Gary. The Rifle. Bantam, 1995. The short but spellbinding story of one rifle from its making before the American Revolution to current times.
Soldier's Heart. Delacorte, 1998. The story of the enlistment and service of fifteen-year-old Charlie Goddard in the First Minnesota Volunteers in the Civil War.
- Peck, Richard. Bel-Air Bambi and the Mall Rats. Delacorte, 1993. Two sisters and their brother move from LA to a small town where they confront the Mall Rats, a gang that terrorizes the high school and mall —with hilarious results.
- Plummer, Louise. The Unlikely Romance of Kate Bjorkman. Delacorte, 1995. Seventeen-year-old Kate writes her first romance novel, using her own hopes for romance with her older brother's friend, Richard.
- Pullman, Philip. The Golden Compass. Knopf, 1995. With the help of her alethiometer (truth compass), beautiful witches, a kind Texas balloonist, and a powerful bear king, Lyra and her shape-changing daemon search for a parallel universe as they try to learn more about Dust and its effect on scores of lost children.
- Randle, Kristen. The Only Alien on the Planet. Scholastic, 1995. Ginny discovers the secret behind a new friend's refusal to speak during her senior year in high school.
- Reuter, Bjarne B. The Boys from St. Petri. Dutton, 1994. In 1942, a group of young men begins a series of increasingly dangerous pranks and protests against the German invaders of its Danish homeland.
- Rinaldi, Ann. Wolf by the Ears. Scholastic, 1991. Harriet Hemmings, rumored to be the daughter of Thomas Jefferson, struggles to decide whether to escape or remain a slave at Monticello.
- Roberts, Willo Davis. Twisted Summer. Atheneum, 1996. Fourteen-year-old Cici looks forward to summer at Crystal Lake, until she learns of the murder of another young girl.
- Roberts, Monty. The Man Who Listens to Horses. Random, 1997. A real horse whisperer, Roberts presents his interesting life story, as well as his gentle and humane approach to horse training.
- Rodowsky, Colby. Remembering Mog. Farrar, 1996. A teenager tries to recover from her older sister's death, killed in a car jacking on the eve of her high school graduation.
- Sachar, Louis. Holes. Farrar, 1998. Due to a curse put on his great-grandfather, Stanley's life is a succession of bad-luck incidents. A misunderstanding about stolen sneakers lands him in a desert camp for youthful offenders where he must dig hole after hole and avoid the wrath of the warden, who wears rattlesnake venom under her fingernails. National Book Award for Young People's Literature, 1998. Newbery Medal 1999

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- Sleator, William. The Boxes. Dutton, 1998. Annie opens two mysterious boxes and unleashes a swarm of telepathic creatures that can slow down time.
- Staples, Suzanne Fisher. Haveli. Knopf, 1993. Having followed Pakistani tradition and marrying a rich older man, Shabanu and her young daughter are now the victims of the malice of his other wives and his family's blood feud. Sequel to Shabanu, Daughter of the Wind which was a Newbery Honor Book in 1990.
- Stoker, Bram. Dracula. First published 1897. A courageous band of men and women vow to destroy the sinister and brilliant vampire Count Dracula.
- Taylor, Theodore. The Bomb. Harcourt, 1995. The US government in preparation for atomic bomb tests in the 1940's relocates native residents of the Bikini Atoll in the South Pacific.
- Temple, Frances. The Ramsay Scallop. Orchard, 1994. At the turn of the fourteenth century in England, fourteen-year-old Elenor finds her betrothal to an ambitious lord's son launching her on a memorable pilgrimage to far off Spain.
- Tolkien, J.R.R. The Hobbit. First published 1966. Bilbo Baggins' adventures with the wandering wizard Gandalf offers readers a classic fantasy.
- Tomlinson, Theresa. The Forestwife. Orchard, 1993. Fifteen-year-old Marian escapes a forced marriage to live in Sherwood Forest at the time of Robin Hood and King Richard I.
- Verne, Jules. 20,000 Leagues under the Sea. Bantam, 1981. A nineteenth century science fiction tale of an electric submarine, its eccentric captain, and undersea world, which anticipated many of the scientific achievements of the twentieth century.
- Voigt, Cynthia. Izzy, Willy-Nilly. Ballantine, 1986. Izzy's drunk date crashes the car, crippling her and changing her young life forever.
- Watkins, Yoko. Far from the Bamboo Grove. Lothrop, 1986. Eleven-year-old Yoko escapes with her family from Korea to Japan at the end of World War II.
- Wolff, Virginia. Make Lemonade. Scholastic, 1994. In order to earn money for college, fourteen-year-old LaVaughn makes the life-altering decision to baby-sit for the children of a teenage mother.
- Zindel, Paul. The Pigman. Originally published 1968. A classic young adult story of a teenage boy and girl, high school sophomores from unhappy homes, who tell of their bizarre relationship with an old man.

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- Achebe, Chinua. Things Fall Apart. Knopf, 1992. A Nigerian family suffers a terrible upheaval when the Europeans colonize Nigeria.
- Alexander, Caroline. The Endurance. Knopf, 1998. Written by Caroline Alexander, in association with the American Museum of Natural History, this book is a pictorial tribute to Sir Ernest Shackleton's last attempt to cross the Antarctic continent by foot. Never before published photos by Australian photographer Frank Hurley detail the extremes encountered by the men and crew of the doomed ship Endurance, during twenty months of survival on drifting ice in brutal Antarctic conditions.
- Angelou, Maya. Maya Angelou: Poems. Bantam, 1986. This anthology by one of America's foremost writers includes: "Just Give Me a Cool Drink of Water 'fore I Diiie," "And Still I Rise," and "Oh Pray My Wings Are Gonna Fit Me Well."
- Bissinger, H. G. Friday Night Lights: A Town, a Team, and a Dream. HarperCollins, 1991. The author penetrates the culture of high school football as it is lived in Odessa, Texas.
- Bober, Natalie. Abigail Adams: Witness to a Revolution. Atheneum, 1995. Colonial life, revolutionary ferment, and the birth of a new nation are revealed in the letters of the wife of John Adams and the mother of John Quincy Adams.
- Bodanis, David. The Secret Family: Twenty-Four Hours inside the Mysterious World of Our Minds and Bodies. Simon and Schuster, 1997. Follow an ordinary family through a single day's activities, learning amazing secrets about our bodies and the food we eat.
- Bradbury, Ray. Fahrenheit 451. Simon & Schuster, 1967. This exciting classic features book burners in the future.
- Bragg, Rick. All Over But the Shoutin'. Vintage, 1998. Pulitzer-prize winning reporter Rick Bragg remembers his years of growing up in poverty stricken Alabama and how football became the vehicle for his success.
- Brontë, Charlotte. Jane Eyre. First published 1847. Jane finds terror and romance when she becomes governess in a mysterious mansion.
- Card, Orson Scott. Ender's Shadow. TOR, 1999. [This book parallels Orson Scott Card's previous work Ender's Game in both time line and story line and could be considered a companion piece.] In Ender's Shadow, Bean begins life as an illegal experiment and ends up a disciple and safety net for Ender Wiggins in the battle to save Earth from the Buggers. In this war the commanders-in-training are children.
- Cather, Willa. My Antonia. First published 1918. Antonia, a Bohemian girl, comes to the prairie in Nebraska, visits the city and returns to find peace in her roots.
- Conway, Jill. The Road from Coorain: An Autobiography. Knopf, 1989. The former president of Smith College tells of growing up on a sheep station in Australia.
- Copley, Robert E. The Tall Mexican: The Life of Hank Aquirre, All-star pitcher, Businessman, Humanitarian. Arte Público Press, 1998. A biography of the Hispanic all-star pitcher who later founded Mexican Industries to give economic opportunities to the inner city Detroit community.
- D'Aguiar, Fred. The Longest Memory. Pantheon, 1994. This is a haunting, tragic story of a runaway slave in antebellum Virginia.
- Delany, Sarah and Elizabeth A. Delany. Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years. Kodansha, 1993. Two African-American sisters recount their battles against racism and sexism.

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- Denenberg, Barry. Voices from Vietnam. Scholastic, 1995. Personal narratives, letters, and other quotations tell the story of Americans' struggle to make sense of the war years.
- Deuker, Carl. On the Devil's Court. Avon, 1989. Seventeen-year-old Joe Faust must decide whether it's worth selling his soul to the devil for one perfect season of basketball.
- Dorris, Michael. Cloud Chamber. Scribner, 1997. A sequel to *A Yellow Raft in Blue Water*. Rose Mannion's Irish legacy continues to pass from generation to generation although they are now in Kentucky,
- Dumas, Alexandre. The Count of Monte Cristo. First published 1844. This adventure story includes unjust imprisonment, escape, and a new life.
- DuMaurier, Daphne. Rebecca. First published 1938. The timid new mistress of Manderley is haunted by her predecessor. A suspense story.
- Fitzgerald, F. Scott. The Great Gatsby. First published 1925. Gatsby, Daisy, and Nick experience the superficial high life of the Roaring Twenties.
- Giaman, Neil. Neverwhere. Avon, 1997. Richard Mayhew helps an injured girl and finds his life changed when he leaves the reality of present day London and enters the city's underground world of sewers and abandoned subway stations.
- Gibbons, Kaye. Ellen Foster. Algonquin Books, 1987. The unforgettable story of Ellen who loses her mother, lives briefly with a series of relatives and finally finds a home where she is loved.
- Golding, William. Lord of the Flies. Putnam, 1959. English schoolboys stranded on a desert island set up their own society.
- Guest, Judith. Ordinary People. Viking, 1976. A family copes with the death of a child.
- Hamilton, Edith. Mythology: Timeless Tales of Gods and Heroes. Penguin, 1989. The classic authority on mythology and its interpretations.
- Hardman, Ric Lynden. Sunshine Rider: The First Vegetarian Western. Bantam Doubleday Dell, 1998. A cattle stampede sends 17-year-old Wylie and a pet cattalo off on a series of oddball, comical adventures.
- Hawthorne, Nathaniel. The House of the Seven Gables. First published 1851. This story follows the fortunes of a cursed New England family in the 19th century.
- Hemingway, Ernest. A Farewell to Arms. Grosset, 1929. A World War I love story about a British nurse and an American ambulance driver.
- Herbert, Frank. Dune. Chilton, 1965. The Atreides family is banished to planet Dune where the ferocious Fremen live.
- Hof, Benjamin. The Tao of Pooh. Penguin, 1982. While Eeyore frets, and Piglet hesitates, and Rabbit calculates, and Owl pontificates, Pooh just is. And that's a clue to the secret wisdom of the Taoists.
- Jones, Terry. Douglas Adams's Starship Titanic. Harmony Books, 1997. Leovinus, Planet Blerotin's greatest architect, has designed the Starship Titanic, the most sumptuous, advanced spaceship ever. What are the consequences when it experiences SMEF(Spontaneous Massive Existence Failure) and hurtles toward Earth?
- Jordan, Robert. Eye of the World. TOR, 1990. Three teenagers take on a classic fantasy quest in this epic struggle between good and evil.
- Kerr, M.E. Deliver Us From Evie. Harper Collins, 1994. Evie Burrman's choice to live with another young

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- woman in a small Missouri town causes her family to face some difficult times.
- Kinkaid, Jamaica. Annie John. Farrar, 1985. Seven years of joys and sorrows are related in the life story of a young girl growing up in the Caribbean.
- Knowles, John. A Separate Peace. Macmillan, 1959. Life, rivalry, and a tragic accident in a private boys' school during World War II.
- Marti, Jose. Versos Sencillos/Simple Verses. Arte Público, 1997. Heartfelt poems in Spanish/English reflect life experiences of Cuba's 19th century literary leader and patriot.
- McCullers, Carson. The Member of the Wedding. First published 1946. A lonely young girl decides that she will accompany her brother and his wife on their honeymoon.
- McDonald, Joyce. Swallowing Stones. Bantam, 1997. Seventeen-year-old Michael copes with having discharged an antique rifle and unknowingly killing the father of high school classmate Jenna Ward.
- Mitchell, Margaret. Gone With the Wind. First published 1936. Scarlett O'Hara is the heroine in this epic tale of the Civil War.
- Myers, Walter Dean. Fallen Angels. Scholastic, 1988. Young soldiers in Vietnam learn to survive. Coretta Scott King Award 1989.
- Nye, Naomi Shihab and Janeczko, Paul B., comp. I Feel a Little Jumpy Around You: A Book of Her Poems and His Poems Collected in Pairs. Simon & Schuster, 1996. Gender attitudes and differences explored through poetry pairs.
- Paton, Alan. Cry, the Beloved Country. Scribner, 1948. A black minister tries to save his son, accused of murder, in South Africa.
- Pont, Sally. Finding Their Stride. Harcourt Brace, 1999. Sally Pont, an English teacher and track coach at a small private school in Pennsylvania, has recorded a year with her team who, although always outnumbered and usually beaten, manage to succeed as individuals.
- Remarque, Erich. All Quiet on the Western Front. First published 1929. Four young German soldiers experience the reality of World War I.
- Rinaldi, Ann. The Second Bend in the River. Scholastic, 1997. Pioneer girl in Ohio territory tutors Shawnee chief Tecumseh in English and must choose between the life she knows and the man she loves.
- Salinger, J. D. Catcher in the Rye. First published 1951. Holden Caulfield runs away from boarding school to New York City.
- Sandburg, Carl. Selected Poems. Harcourt, 1996. Outstanding previously uncollected or unpublished poems by the great American author are thematically grouped.
- Silverberg, Robert, ed. Tor, 1998. Legends: Short Novels by the Masters of Modern Fantasy. This three-volume paperback contains original short novels by best-selling modern creators of fantasy fiction, each set in an imaginary universe made famous by the author in previous books.
- Soto, Gary. Buried Onions. Harcourt Brace, 1997. Eddie strives to climb out of the world of poverty and violence permeating his Mexican-American neighborhood.
- Steinbeck, John. Of Mice and Men. First published 1937. Short-tempered George and child-like Lennie are a mismatched pair who share a dream of owning a farm.
- Stevenson, Neil. Architecture. Dorling Kindersley, 1997. DK annotated guide explores and explains the world's greatest buildings from the Parthenon to the Sydney Opera House.

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- Adams, Douglas and Mark Carwardine. Last Chance to See. Crown, 1991. The noted science fiction writer examines the plight of many of the earth's endangered species.
- Ambrose, Stephen E. Undaunted Courage: Meriwether Lewis, Thomas Jefferson and the Opening of the American West. Simon and Schuster, 1996. Based on their journals, this account captures the remarkable adventures of the Lewis and Clark expedition along the Missouri River from St. Louis to the Pacific in the early 1800's.
- Atwood, Margaret. Alias Grace. Nan A. Talese, 1996. Grace Marks has been convicted for her involvement in two vicious murders. Is she innocent, evil or insane?
- Austen, Jane. Emma. First published 1816. Emma's over-zealous attempts at matchmaking have unexpected results.
- Beckett, Wendy. The Story of Painting: The Essential Guide to the History of Western Art. Dorling Kindersley, 1994. The irrepressible nun, Wendy Beckett, journeys through art history, making the subject accessible to the novice as well as the expert.
- Bolles, Edmund Blair, ed. Galileo's Commandment. W.H. Freeman, 1997. This is a collection of engrossing and accessible science writings by many of the greats, including Galileo, Piaget, Newton, Darwin, Asimov, Gould, Sagan, and Feynman.
- Brontë, Emily. Wuthering Heights. First published 1847. This story of intense and frustrated lives, of hate and revenge, is set in the wild moors of England.
- Capote, Truman. In Cold Blood. Random, 1965. This book describes the shocking, true story of the murder of a family by two psychotic young men.
- Card, Orson Scott. Pastwatch: The Redemption of Christopher Columbus. Tor, 1997. Three time travelers from a doomed Earth journey to the time of Columbus' landing, hoping to alter events.
- Chopin, Kate. The Awakening. First published 1899. This pioneer feminist novel shows the disintegration of a marriage and the wife's awareness that her life is controlled by others.
- Cisneros, Sandra. Woman Hollering Creek and Other Stories. Random, 1991. Colorful stories from life on both sides of the Mexican border.
- Clarke, Arthur. 2010: A Space Odyssey. New American Library, 1968. A strange monolith discovered in Clavius, a crater of the moon, sends the Discovery spacecraft to a planet on the farthest edge of the solar system.
- Conarroe, Joel, ed. Six American Poets. An Anthology. Vintage, 1994. This anthology contains the most enduring works of Walt Whitman, Emily Dickinson, Wallace Stevens, William Carlos Williams, Robert Frost, and Langston Hughes.
- Danticat, Edwidge. Krik? Krak! Soho Press, 1995. Stories from Haiti combined with later stories from New York work together to make an eloquent picture of the suffering and poverty that Haitians have endured.
- Didion, Joan. Salvador. Random, 1994. The subject is fear in El Salvador; an outstanding journalist relates hot places, opaque people, and harrowing events.
- Dillard, Annie. Mornings Like This: Found Poems. HarperCollins, 1995. She offers readers unique poems of love, death, nostalgia, and nature - both serious and light.

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- Dostoyevsky, Fyodor. Crime and Punishment. First published in 1866. This psychological novel studies Raskolnikov before, during, and after murder.
- Dove, Rita. On the Bus with Rosa Parks. Norton, 1999. Rhythmic, open lines about personal life and politics told by an inspiring master storyteller and poet.
- Eliot, T. S. Murder in the Cathedral. Faber, 1957. The story of the murder of Thomas á Becket is seen through the eyes of the great poet.
- Ellison, Ralph. Invisible Man. Random, 1952. This is an account of one black man's fervent search for his own identity. National Book Award
- Faulkner, William. The Sound and the Fury. Random, 1929. The classic novel describes the decay of an aristocratic southern family.
- Feynman, Richard. Six Easy Pieces. Addison-Wesley, 1995. The essentials of physics are explained by its most brilliant teacher.
- Frazier, Charles. Cold Mountain. Atlantic Monthly, 1997. A wounded Confederate soldier makes a perilous journey toward home, where he hopes to be reunited with his prewar sweetheart.
- Gaines, Ernest. A Lesson before Dying. Knopf, 1993. A man unjustly convicted and awaiting execution is helped by a teacher to die with dignity. National Book Critics' Circle
- Garcia, Christina. The Aguero Sisters. Knopf, 1997. The story of the Aguero sisters - Reina, an electrician living in Havana and Constanca, a cosmetics salesperson living in New York - reveals the impact of Castro's revolution on one family.
- Garcia Marquez, Gabriel. Chronicle of a Death Foretold. Knopf, 1983. Murder, humor, and upset wedding plans.
- Gleick, James. Chaos: Making a New Science. Viking, 1987. New science offers a way of understanding the growth of complexity in nature.
- Golden, Arthur. Memoirs of a Geisha: A novel. Knopf, 1997. This is a captivating story of the making of a geisha from young innocent to powerful courtesan.
- Goodwin, Doris Kearns. No Ordinary Time: Franklin & Eleanor Roosevelt: The Homefront in World War II. Simon & Schuster, 1994. Prodigious research lies behind this engrossing, colorful view of a changing nation as experienced by White House dwellers and habitués.
- Gould, Stephen Jay. Questioning the Millennium. Harmony Books, 1997. An amusing examination of the question, "When does the 20th century end and the 21st century actually begin"? Mr. Gould postulates both sides of the issue, logical vs. commonsensical, calendric vs. apocalyptic and argues successfully for both points of view, leaving the reader to make his or her own decision.
- Guterson, David. Snow falling on Cedars. Harcourt, 1994. A murder trial, forbidden love, and prejudice against Japanese-Americans in post World War II Puget Sound.
- Haley, Alex. The Autobiography of Malcolm X. Ballantine, 1992. This is the biography of an important African-American activist. Pulitzer Prize.
- Harmetz, Aljean. Off the Face of the Earth. Scribner, 1997. David gets mad at his mom and runs away again. This time he doesn't come back.

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- Harr, Jonathan. A Civil Action. Random, 1995. Is there a connection between a Massachusetts town's water supply and the high incidence of leukemia among its children?
- Hawking, Stephen. A Brief History of Time: From the Big Bang to Black Holes. Bantam, 1988. This is a proposed theory of nature and the creation of the universe.
- Hawthorne, Nathaniel. The House of the Seven Gables. First published 1851. This story follows the fortunes of a cursed New England family in the 19th century.
- Heinlein, Robert. Stranger in a Strange Land. First published 1961. The ways of Earth are strange to the young man from Mars.
- Heller, Joseph. Catch-22. Simon & Schuster, 1961. This wildly surreal novel describes a group of American servicemen in the Mediterranean during World War II.
- Huyler, Frank. The Blood of Strangers: Stories from Emergency Medicine. Univ. of California, 1999. Real-life tales from the ER will keep you on the edge of your seat!
- Ibsen, Henrik. A Doll's House. First published 1879. When circumstances lead Nora to the realization that she has always been a sheltered doll, she leaves her husband to become a person in her own right.
- Junger, Sebastian. The Perfect Storm: A True Story of Men against the Sea. Norton, 1997. An account of the October 1991 storm off Nova Scotia weaves together daring rescuers, the science of weather, and the history of the swordfishing industry and personal glimpses of the people lost in the storm.
- Kelly, Edith Summers. Weeds: A Novel. First published 1923. Despite youthful spirit and beauty, Judith seems destined to succumb to a life of drudgery and monotony on a tenant farm in Kentucky tobacco country.
- Kingsolver, Barbara. The Poisonwood Bible. HarperFlamingo, 1998. Missionary zeal of an overbearing preacher, his wife and four daughters is tested by primitive, dangerous realities of life in the 1959 Belgian Congo.
- Krakauer, Jon. Into Thin Air. Villard, 1996. This is a riveting account of the 1996 expedition to Mt. Everest that took several lives, that also raises questions about the accountability of those using the mountain.
- Mahfouz, Naguib. Palace Walk. Doubleday, 1989. The Nobel Prize-winning author's novel describes the severe and alluring world of a Muslim family living in Cairo during Egypt's occupation by British forces in the early 1900's.
- Markham, Beryl. West with the Night. North Point, 1983. These memoirs describe the pilot's childhood in British East Africa and her unconventional life.
- McBride, Charles. The Color of Water. Riverhead Books, 1996. A Black man's tribute to his white eccentric, determined mother.
- McCourt, Frank. Angela's Ashes. Scribner, 1996. Told with sensitivity and compassionate humor, the true tale of the author's poverty stricken childhood in Limerick, Ireland culminates in a promising new life in America.
- McDevitt, Jack. Moonfall. Harper Collins, 1998. The year is 2024. Amateur astronomer Tomiko Harrington discovers a rogue comet, a sun grazer, approaching our solar system. It is a hundred times the mass, traveling at ten times the speed of a normal comet, and its trajectory intersects the moon's orbit where at this moment Vice President Haskell is dedicating earth's newest outpost, Moonbase.
- McMurtry, Larry. Lonesome Dove. Simon & Schuster, 1985. This Pulitzer Prize-winning epic masterpiece is set in the American West. It's even better than the TV miniseries!

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- Miller, Arthur. Death of a Salesman. Viking, 1941. This powerful drama illustrates Willie Loman's life and his tragic end.
- Miller, Walter M., Jr. A Canticle for Lebowitz. Bantam, 1976. This science fiction set in the cold war addresses a higher issue, the precarious survival of human life in a nuclear age.
- Morrison, Toni. The Bluest Eye. Pocket, 1984. This Nobel Prize-winning author's novel describes a young black girl who yearns for beautiful blue eyes like the little white girls she sees.
- Nordan, Lewis. Wolf Whistle: A Novel. Algonquin, 1993. This is a lyrical, tragic and comic novel based on the 1955 lynching of black teenager Emmett Till in Mississippi near the author's hometown.
- Plath, Sylvia. The Bell Jar. First published 1963. This autobiographical novel describes an ambitious and brilliant young woman's search for values and her eventual breakdown.
- Proulx, E. Annie. The Shipping News. Scribner, 1993. Big-hearted Quoyale starts over with an elderly aunt, two daughters, and a toothless dog in remote Newfoundland.
- Rand, Ayn. Atlas Shrugged. Random, 1957. In an age where everyone looks to the state for guidance and protection, one man wants to go it alone.
- Santiago, Esmeralda. Almost a Woman. Perseus, 1998. A brilliant memoir of an ambitious and determined teenager who overcame the challenges of language barriers, cultural stereotypes, poverty, and a fiercely protective mother.
- Sobel, Dava. Longitude: the True Story of a Lone Genius Who Solved the Greatest Scientific Problem of His Time. Walker, 1995. This is the fascinating story of a critical discovery in the history of man.
- Steinbeck, John. The Grapes of Wrath. First published 1939. The hardships of a family caught in the Oklahoma dust bowl in the 1930's are the subject of this classic story.
- Stevenson, Neil. Architecture. Dorling Kindersley, 1997. DK annotated guide explores and explains the world's greatest buildings from the Parthenon to the Sydney Opera House.
- Thoreau, Henry David. Walden. First published 1854. This book relays a celebration of nature and independence.
- Tolstoy, Leo. War and Peace. First published 1869. Called the greatest novel ever written it is a testimony to life generously and deeply experienced with beauty and reality during wars in Russia a hundred years ago.
- Voltaire, François-Marie de. Candide. First published 1759. An eighteenth-century comic masterpiece deals with problems of suffering, evil, and the resilience of human nature.
- Welty, Eudora. One Writer's Beginnings. Harvard, 1984. The author tells about her childhood and the many influences that shaped her life.
- Wharton, Edith. The Age of Innocence. First published 1920. In New York City society in the 1870's, money counted for less than manners and morals.
- Willis, Connie. To Say Nothing of the Dog. Bantam, 1998. Time travelers jump from the 21st century to World War II England, to Victorian England as they attempt to complete the 21st century restoration of Coventry Cathedral. Calamity, romance and a motley cast of characters inhabit this amusing historical allegory.

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