



HAISLN RECOMMENDED READING LIST

2017

About the HAISLN Recommended Reading List

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

Books on the 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. Books that are part of a series are also noted, but not all books in a series are necessarily appropriate at the indicated grade level.

Students may find that some titles that are required reading for their classes appear on this list. Be advised that if a book for required reading is selected for independent reading, it may have to be re-read with the class at a later date.

This list is offered as one possible source of reading guidance. Additional lists of award winners and recommended books may be obtained from your school or public librarian. We hope that books from this list bring students many hours of enjoyment and encourage the life-long love of reading.

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Any available unabridged edition of a title is acceptable.

- Allen, Kathryn Madeline. ***A Kiss Means I Love You***. Whitman, 2012. The meanings of different actions, expressions, words, and sounds are explored through rhyming text and engaging photographs of real children.
- Antony, Steve. ***Please, Mr. Panda***. Scholastic, 2014. Mr. Panda wants to share his doughnuts with the other animals, but only if they remember to say “please” and “thank you.”
- Arnold, Marsha Diane. ***Lost. Found***. Roaring Brook, 2015. When all the animals lay claim to a lost scarf at once, calamity ensues that can only be fixed by a bear, a little patience, and friendship, in this nearly wordless book.
- Arnosky, Jim. ***Babies in the Bayou***. Puffin, 2007. Baby animals that live in the bayou are described and information about how their mothers take care of them is given.
- Barnett, Mac. ***Sam & Dave Dig a Hole***. Candlewick, 2014. Perseverance prevails as Sam and Dave dig a hole in search of something spectacular.
- Barrow, David. ***Have You Seen Elephant?*** Gecko, 2016. Subtle humor and irresistible artwork make this game of hide-and-seek with an elephant big fun.
- Bass, Jennifer Vogel. ***Edible Colors***. Roaring Brook, 2014. The many colors found in different fruits and vegetables are explored through simple text and photographs.
- Beaumont, Karen. ***I Like Myself!*** Harcourt, 2004. In rhyming text, a little girl expresses confidence and joy in her uniqueness, no matter her outward appearance.
- Blatt, Jane. ***Books Always Everywhere***. Random House, 2013. This book celebrates the many ways children interact with books.
- Boldt, Mike. ***A Tiger Tale: (or what happened to Anya on her first day of school)***. Simon & Schuster, 2016. Anya wakes up ready to prepare for the first day of school only to discover she has grown a tiger tail overnight!
- Brown, Lisa. ***The Airport Book***. Roaring Brook, 2016. A family makes its way through the complexities of a modern-day airport, from checking bags to security clearance and the wait at the gate to board.
- Butterworth, Chris. ***How Did That Get in My Lunchbox?: The Story of Food***. Candlewick, 2011. Some of the steps involved in producing common foods are described, along with health tips and a peek at basic food groups.
- Child, Lauren. ***The New Small Person***. Candlewick, 2015. In the familiar tale of a less-than-welcome sibling, the author gets to the heart of a child’s evolving emotions about becoming a big brother or sister.
- Cousins, Lucy. ***Maisy Plays Soccer***. Candlewick, 2014. Maisy and her friends are excited to be playing soccer, but whatever the score, everyone is still the best of friends in the end.
- Cox, Judy. ***Don’t Be Silly, Mrs. Millie!*** Marshall Cavendish, 2005. A kindergarten teacher entertains her students and makes them laugh when she mixes up words by saying “penguin” instead of “pencil” and “goats” instead of “coats.”

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- Curato, Mike. ***Little Elliot, Big City***. Holt, 2014. Elliot the little elephant has a hard time with a lot of things in the city he loves until he meets Mouse, who is even smaller – and hungrier.
- Curtis, Jamie Lee. ***Today I Feel Silly & Other Moods That Make My Day***. Joanna Cotler, 1998. A child’s ever-changing emotions range from silliness to anger to excitement, coloring and changing each day.
- Dahl, Michael. ***Goodnight Football***. Capstone, 2015. With rhyming text and vibrant illustrations, this book, told through a child’s eyes, is a celebration of football, friendship, and family.
- Davis, Aubrey. ***The Enormous Potato***. Kids Can Press, 1997. A farmer grows an enormous potato, and it’s enough to feed the whole town!
- Denos, Julia. ***Swatch: The Girl Who Loved Color***. Balzer + Bray, 2016. Swatch, the color tamer, discovers that the bright, bold colors that she loves do not wish to be contained.
- Dewdney, Anna. ***Llama Llama Home with Mama***. Viking, 2011. Llama Llama’s mother takes good care of him when he has to stay home from school because he is sick, so when Mama Llama begins to feel sick, too, Llama Llama knows how to take care of her.
- Dyckman, Ame. ***Wolfie the Bunny***. Little, Brown, 2015. The Bunny family has adopted a wolf son, and daughter Dot is the only one who realizes Wolfie can — and might — eat them all up!
- Fischer, Scott M. ***Jump!*** Simon & Schuster, 2010. From bugs and frogs to alligators and whales, frightened animals always move out of the way of a larger opponent.
- Fleming, Denise. ***In the Tall, Tall Grass***. Holt, 1991. Rhymed text presents a toddler’s view of creatures found in the grass, such as bees, ants, and moles.
- Fox, Mem. ***Where Is the Green Sheep?*** Harcourt, 2004. This is a story about many different sheep, and one that seems to be missing.
- Frazee, Marla. ***The Farmer and the Clown***. Beach Lane Books, 2014. In this wordless picture book, a farmer rescues a baby clown who has bounced off the circus train and soon reunites him with his clown family.
- French, Vivian. ***Growing Frogs***. Candlewick, 2000. A mother and child watch the fascinating development of tadpoles as they grow into frogs.
- Freymann, Saxton. ***How Are You Peeling? Foods with Moods***. Scholastic, 2004. Fruits and vegetables of every shape are used to portray different emotions.
- Frost, Helen. ***Step Gently Out***. Candlewick, 2012. The many wonders of nature are examined through close-up photography and lyrical text.
- Gall, Chris. ***Dog vs. Cat***. Little, Brown, 2014. A dog and a cat, newly adopted and forced to share a room, do not get along until a howling, smelly, terrifying newcomer unites them in a common cause.
- Gillingham, Sara. ***How to Grow a Friend***. Random House, 2015. Making a friend takes patience, care, and room to bloom – just like growing a flower.
- Gleeson, Libby. ***Clancy & Millie and the Very Fine House***. Little Hare, 2009. Clancy moved and was not happy in his new home until he met Millie, and together they used their imagination and the empty moving boxes to build a special dwelling.

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- Gliori, Debi. ***Dragon's Extraordinary Egg***. Bloomsbury, 2014. A dragon finds an abandoned egg and lovingly raises the hatchling as her own. Although Little One is very different from the other baby dragons, when disaster strikes, it is the small, feathered hatchling that saves the day.
- Goetz, Steve. ***Old MacDonald Had a Truck***. Chronicle Books, 2016. This update of the familiar song features farm vehicles such as an excavator, a dump truck, and a bulldozer.
- Gravett, Emily. ***Bear & Hare, Where's Bear?*** Simon & Schuster, 2016. Friends Bear and Hare play a game of hide and seek, counting from one to ten in each round.
- Hacohen, Dean. ***Tuck Me In!*** Candlewick, 2010. The reader helps tuck in baby animals at bedtime using pages with flaps to serve as blankets.
- Hall, Zoe. ***The Apple Pie Tree***. Blue Sky Press, 1996. An apple tree grows leaves and flowers, then produces fruit while robins make nests in its branches, lay eggs, and raise a family. Included is a recipe for apple pie.
- Halpern, Shari. ***Dinosaur Parade***. Holt, 2014. Colorful illustrations and simple, rhyming text present a wide variety of dinosaurs for very young readers.
- Harper, Charise Mericle. ***Go! Go! Go! Stop!*** Alfred A. Knopf, 2014. Little Green only knows one word, "Go!," which is the perfect thing to get the construction site moving, but how will they stop?
- Heder, Thyra. ***Fraidyzoos***. Abrams Books, 2013. Facing one's fears has never been such fun as Little T's family helps her get ready for a trip to the zoo.
- Henkes, Kevin. ***Waiting***. Greenwillow, 2015. This beautifully illustrated picture book finds the reader happily waiting with owl, puppy, bear, bunny and pig for marvelous things to happen.
- Higgins, Melissa. ***We All Look Different***. Capstone, 2012. Simple text and full-color photos celebrate differences in appearance.
- Higgins, Ryan T. ***Hotel Bruce***. Disney-Hyperion, 2016. Grumpy Bruce the bear loses his temper when he migrates home in the spring only to discover that mice have converted his den into a hotel.
- Idle, Molly. ***Flora and the Flamingo***. Chronicle Books, 2013. In this wordless book with interactive flaps, a friendship develops between a girl named Flora and a graceful flamingo as they learn to dance together.
- Isadora, Rachel. ***I Hear a Pickle: (and Smell, See, Touch, and Taste It Too!)***. Nancy Paulsen, 2016. Hearing, smelling, seeing, touching, tasting – our five senses allow us to experience the world in so many ways!
- Jackson, Richard. ***In Plain Sight***. Roaring Brook, 2016. A grandfather asks his helpful granddaughter to find items he has "lost" throughout the day in this unique game of seek and find.
- Jenkins, Emily. ***Toys Meet Snow: Being the Wintertime Adventures of a Curious Stuffed Buffalo, a Sensitive Plush Stingray, and a Book-Loving Rubber Ball*** Schwartz & Wade, 2015. Together Lumphy, StingRay, and Plastic build a snowman, make snow angels, and then head back inside their cozy house to wait for the return of the Little Girl.

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- Karas, G. Brian. ***On Earth***. Putnam's, 2005. Poetic text and gorgeous illustrations illuminate our earth and its cycles, helping to make the concepts of rotation and revolution understandable to the youngest readers.
- Katz, Susan. ***Oh Theodore!: Guinea Pig Poems***. Clarion, 2007. This collection of poems illustrates the fun and responsibility of having a pet guinea pig.
- Keane, Claire. ***Little Big Girl***. Dial Books, 2016. Matisse is a little girl in a big world until her baby brother is born and she discovers she is not so little, after all.
- Keller, Laurie. ***We Are Growing!*** Hyperion, 2016. Walt and his friends are growing fast and everyone is the something-est, except Walt, until he discovers something special of his own. *Theodor Seuss Geisel Award 2017*.
- Klostermann, Penny Parker. ***There Was an Old Dragon Who Swallowed a Knight***. Random House, 2015. Based on the folk song "There was an old lady who swallowed a fly," this variation finds a greedy, hungry dragon learning the lesson of moderation.
- Lombardi, Kristine A. ***The Grumpy Pets***. Abrams Books, 2016. When grumpy Billy's mother takes him to the animal shelter to cheer him up, he doesn't like the happy pets, but then he finds the grumpy pets...
- Long, Loren. ***Little Tree***. Philomel, 2015. Little Tree doesn't understand the wisdom of letting go of her autumn leaves until she sees the other trees thrive because of this seasonal experience.
- Manley, Curtis. ***The Summer Nick Taught His Cats to Read***. Simon & Schuster, 2016. The sweet story of a boy who wants to teach his cats to read, but in the process he teaches himself to read.
- Mantchev, Lisa. ***Strictly No Elephants***. Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman, 2015. A boy is excluded from joining his friends' pet club because of his unusual pet.
- Marley, Cedella. ***One Love***. Chronicle Books, 2011. Adapted from a Bob Marley song this beautifully illustrated book offers a heartwarming testament to what can be achieved if we all have love in our hearts.
- Martin, Bill. ***Listen to Our World***. Simon & Schuster, 2016. Youngsters awaken in the morning with the belief that they are the greatest little ones in the world, whether they are children in their mothers' arms, eagles soaring above mountains or other animals in their domains.
- Matheson, Christie. ***Tap the Magic Tree***. Greenwillow, 2013. A lonely apple tree needs help to change with the seasons and the reader is interactively invited to participate.
- Matthews, Tina. ***Out of the Egg***. Houghton Mifflin, 2007. In this new version of the familiar story of the Little Red Hen, the daughter of the Little Red Hen has her own ideas about how to get along.
- McPhail, David. ***The Teddy Bear***. Holt, 2002. A teddy bear, lost by the little boy who loves him, still feels loved after he is rescued by a homeless man.
- Meisel, Paul. ***See Me Run***. Holiday House, 2011. A day at the dog park finds canine friends running and digging up all kinds of fun.

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- Messner, Kate. ***Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt***. Chronicle Books, 2015. Above ground there is a world full of green, while down in the dirt there is a busy world of earthworms digging, snakes hunting, and all the other animals that make a garden their home.
- Miller, Pat Zietlow. ***Sophie's Squash***. Schwartz & Wade, 2013. Although Sophie's mother had always hoped Sophie would like vegetables, Sophie's new friend Bernice is not exactly what her mother had in mind.
- Moser, Lisa. ***Stories from Bug Garden***. Candlewick, 2016. What appears to be an abandoned garden is actually home to a variety of insects who have dreams of their own.
- Murguia, Bethanie Deeney. ***Snippet the Early Riser***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2013. A little snail who likes to get up early in the morning has trouble waking up his sleepy family.
- Murphy, Mary. ***Say Hello Like This!*** Candlewick, 2014. A cast of colorful animals instruct young readers on how to say hello in their special ways – dogs say “bow-wow,” cats say “meow,” and silly donkeys say “hee-haw.”
- Nakagawa, Chihiro. ***Who Made This Cake?*** Front Street, 2008. What happens if the people who prepare your next birthday cake are tiny and they build cakes the way we construct buildings?
- Nelson, Kadir. ***If You Plant a Seed***. Balzer + Bray, 2015. While planting seeds in their garden, two animals learn the value of kindness.
- Novak, B. J. ***The Book with No Pictures***. Dial Books, 2014. In this book with no pictures, the reader has to say every silly word, no matter how preposterous they are!
- O'Brien, Anne Sibley. ***I'm New Here***. Charlesbridge, 2015. Three children from other countries struggle to adjust to their new home and school in the United States.
- Offill, Jenny. ***Sparky!*** Schwartz & Wade, 2014. When our narrator orders a sloth through the mail, the creature that arrives isn't good at tricks...or much of anything, but there is something about Sparky that is irresistible. *Charlotte Zolotow Award*.
- Parr, Todd. ***The I'm Not Scared Book***. Little, Brown, 2011. This story relates some of the things that can frighten children and shows how these fears may be overcome.
- Payne, Lauren Murphy. ***We Can Get Along: A Child's Book of Choices***. Free Spirit, 2015. Using affirming language and full-color illustrations, this book teaches tolerance, kindness, and conflict resolution to young children.
- Pinkney, Jerry. ***The Lion and the Mouse***. Little, Brown, 2009. In this wordless retelling of an Aesop fable, an adventuresome mouse proves that even small creatures are capable of great deeds when he rescues the King of the Jungle. *Caldecott Medal 2010*.
- Rathmann, Peggy. ***Officer Buckle and Gloria***. Putnam's, 1995. The children at Napville Elementary School always ignore Officer Buckle's safety tips, until a police dog named Gloria accompanies him when he gives his speeches. *Caldecott Medal 1996*.

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- Rosenthal, Amy Krouse. ***Duck! Rabbit!*** Chronicle Books, 2009. Two unseen characters argue about whether the creature they are looking at is a rabbit or a duck.
- Saltzberg, Barney. ***Beautiful Oops!*** Workman, 2010. Using lift-the-flap pages, torn, crinkled, and smudged bits of paper are transformed into creative artwork of various shapes and images.
- Sauer, Tammi. ***Mary Had a Little Glam.*** Sterling, 2016. Mary brings her heightened sense of style to school one day, and recess is never quite the same.
- Savage, Stephen. ***Supertruck.*** Roaring Brook, 2015. When the city is hit by a colossal snowstorm, a mysterious superhero saves the day and then disappears once his job is done.
- Schwartz, Amy. ***100 Things That Make Me Happy.*** Abrams Books, 2014. Listing a wide variety of items, from red socks to peekaboo, this celebration of everyday things can make anyone happy!
- Seeger, Laura Vaccaro. ***First the Egg.*** Roaring Brook, 2007. Familiar transformations in nature are explored.
- Shannon, George. ***One Family.*** Frances Foster, 2015. A family can be many things in this story that introduces numbered groups from one to ten.
- Shea, Susan. ***Do You Know Which Ones Will Grow?*** Blue Apple Books, 2011. Exploring the simple notion of living versus non-living, the author presents a rhyming inquiry into which objects grow and which do not.
- Shingu, Susumu. ***Traveling Butterflies.*** Owlkids Books, 2015. This poetic look at a monarch butterfly's life cycle shows its progression from a tiny egg through growth, metamorphosis, and preparation for its journey south.
- Stead, Phillip. ***Bear Has a Story to Tell.*** Roaring Brook, 2012. Bear wants to tell his animal friends a story before they begin their long winter nap, but the story has to wait until spring when everyone will share in the process.
- Tafari, Nancy. ***What the Sun Sees ; What the Moon Sees.*** Greenwillow, 1997. Employing a "flip-book" technique, the author uses pastel artwork to show the same scenes from the perspective of day and night.
- Tardif, Benoit. ***Sport-O-Rama.*** Kids Can Press, 2015. This informational picture book provides an introduction to 23 sports using simple illustrations and humorous touches. (translated from the French original)
- Teague, Mark. ***The Sky Is Falling!*** Orchard Books, 2015. In this humorous version of the traditional tale, Chicken Little panics when an acorn falls on her head and sets off a dance frenzy among the other chickens.
- Tupera, Tupera. ***Polar Bear's Underwear.*** Chronicle Books, 2015. Polar Bear has lost his underwear and his friend, Mouse, offers to help him find it.
- Van Patter, Bruce. ***Farley Found It!*** Boyds Mills, 2006. When Farley the sheep decides that a cozy doghouse is a better place to sleep than a scary meadow at night, Edna the dog must move her house day after day, hoping that Farley will not find it again.

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- Vere, Ed. **Max the Brave**. Sourcebooks Jabberwocky, 2015. Max the brave kitten knows brave kittens are supposed to chase mice, but he has never seen a mouse so he doesn't know what he is supposed to chase.
- Walsh, Melanie. **My Nose, Your Nose**. Houghton Mifflin, 2002. Agnes and Kit compare various parts of their bodies with one another to see how they are both similar and different.
- Ward, Jennifer. **The Busy Tree**. Marshall Cavendish, 2009. Many different types of wild animals live in and around a tree that is their home, from chipmunks and woodpeckers to ants and spiders.
- Wheeler, Lisa. **Mammoths on the Move**. Harcourt, 2006. Join a pack of woolly mammoths as they trekked south for the winter, covering what they ate, how they coped with the cold along the way, and how they protected their young from predators.
- Whitehead, Jenny. **You're a Crab!: A Moody Day Book**. Holt, 2015. An underwater world of friendly creatures who have changing moods show that it's okay to have days when you're feeling under the weather and crabby!
- Willems, Mo. **That Is Not a Good Idea**. Balzer + Bray, 2013. When a plump mama goose is invited to dinner by a hungry fox, her babies try to warn her that this is a very bad idea!
- Wood, Audrey. **The Full Moon at the Napping House**. Houghton Mifflin, 2015. In this cumulative tale, a chirping cricket calms a worried mouse, a prowling cat, and other restless creatures, helping them to finally fall asleep.
- Yaccarino, Dan. **I Am a Story**. Harper, 2016. Using simple text and delightful illustrations, this powerful picture book celebrates the art of storytelling from the oral tradition of the past to the present.
- Yoon, Salina. **Be a Friend**. Bloomsbury, 2016. Dennis has a talent as a mime which isn't always understood by his peers, but a new friend accepts and celebrates Dennis in this heartwarming tale of friendship.

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- Adderson, Caroline. ***Not in Love***. Kids Can Press, 2014. Jasper John Dooley is not happy to be paired with Isabel, who really likes him, for a reading partner, but when he goes to her house and plays on the trampoline, he begins to change his mind. *Series*
- Adler, David A. ***A Picture Book of Sam Houston***. Holiday House, 2012. A brief overview of the life and accomplishments of Texas politician Sam Houston.
- Adler, David A. ***Don't Throw it to Mo***. Penguin Press, 2015. Although Mo, the youngest kid on the Robins football team is being teased, his coach has a plan to turn things around.
- Antle, Bhagavan. ***Suryia Swims: The True Story of How an Orangutan Learned to Swim***. Holt, 2012. Although orangutans are not supposed to like water, an orangutan living at a wildlife preserve in South Carolina plays with her dog friend in the bathtub and learns to swim and dive in the pool.
- Appelt, Kathi. ***Mogie the Heart of the House***. Atheneum, 2014. A rambunctious puppy finds a home at the Ronald McDonald House, a place that houses sick children and their families while they undergo treatment.
- Applegate, Katherine. ***Ivan: The Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla***. Clarion, 2014. This picture book is an introduction to the true story of Ivan, the Shopping Mall Gorilla that inspired the Newbery-winning novel ***The One and Only Ivan***.
- Arnold, Tedd. ***Fly Guy Presents: Bats***. Scholastic, 2015. Learn all about bats with Fly Guy!
- Archer, Micha. ***Daniel Finds a Poem***. Nancy Paulsen, 2016. When Daniel sees a sign for poetry in the park on Sunday, he spends the week asking animals he encounters in the park, "what is poetry" and has his poem to share on Sunday.
- Asim, Jabari. ***Fifty Cents and a Dream: Young Booker T. Washington***. Little, Brown, 2012. This illustrated picture book follows young Booker T. Washington in his desire and perseverance to go to college and earn a degree.
- Banks, Kate. ***Max's Math***. Frances Foster Books, 2015. Max is back and looking for problems to solve on this fun adventure in math that culminates in a rocket launch.
- Barrows, Annie. ***Ivy + Bean***. Chronicle Books, 2006. When seven-year-old Bean plays a mean trick on her sister, she finds unexpected support for her antics from Ivy, the new neighbor, who is less boring than Bean first suspected. *Series*
- Beaty, Andrea. ***Rosie Revere, Engineer***. Abrams Books, 2013. A young, aspiring engineer must first conquer her fear of failure.
- Bell, Cece. ***Rabbit & Robot and Ribbit***. Candlewick, 2016. Rabbit is excited to surprise Robot with a visit, but Robot already has his friend Ribbit over to play, and Rabbit is not so sure about Ribbit. *Series*

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- Best, Cari. ***Beatrice Spells Some Lulus and Learns to Write a Letter.*** Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2013. Beatrice enjoys learning to spell, and gets really excited about it after some encouragement from her grandmother, but she has trouble convincing her classmates that spelling is not boring.
- Bottner, Barbara. ***Miss Brooks Loves Books! (And I Don't).*** Alfred A. Knopf, 2010. A first-grade girl--who does not like to read--stubbornly resists her school librarian's efforts to convince her to love books until she finds one that might change her mind.
- Broach, Elise. ***The Miniature World of Marvin & James.*** Henry Holt, 2015. When his best friend, a human boy named James, goes away on vacation, Marvin the beetle worries that their friendship may end. *Series*
- Brown, Don. ***A Wizard from the Start: The Incredible Boyhood and Amazing Inventions of Thomas Edison.*** Houghton Mifflin, 2010. Introduces young children to the life and inventions of Thomas Edison.
- Burks, James. ***Bird & Squirrel On the Edge!*** Graphix, 2015. Laughter ensues in Burks' third graphic novel adventure of Bird & Squirrel. Amnesia, crossing a mountain & rescuing a baby bear keep this Bird & Squirrel adventure laugh filled. *Series.*
- Burleigh, Robert. ***One Giant Leap.*** Philomel, 2009. An illustrated retelling of Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin's lunar landing in 1969.
- Butler, Dori Hillestad. ***The Haunted Library.*** Grosset & Dunlap, 2014. Ghost boy, Kaz, is separated from his family when a wind carries him to a library, where he meets a real girl named Claire, and they team up to investigate strange noises in the library.
- Chabon, Michael. ***The Astonishing Secret of Awesome Man.*** Balzer + Bray, 2011. A young superhero describes his awesome powers, which he then demonstrates as various foes arrive on the scene.
- Chaconas, Dori. ***Cork & Fuzz: The Swimming Lesson.*** Viking, 2011. Cork the muskrat wants his best friend Fuzz, a possum, to visit his home, but first he must teach Fuzz to swim and not be afraid of the water. *Series*
- Chin, Jason. ***Gravity.*** Roaring Brook, 2014. Minimal text and enthralling illustrations provide an introduction to the concept of gravity and what would happen without gravity. Additional specific, easy to understand information is included in the afterward.
- Clanton, Ben. ***Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea.*** Tundra Books, 2016. Narwhal is a happy-go-lucky narwhal; Jell is a no-nonsense jellyfish. The two might not have a lot of common, but they do...love waffles, parties, and adventures.
- Cox, Lynne. ***Elizabeth, Queen of the Seas.*** Schwartz & Wade, 2014. Elizabeth, an elephant seal in New Zealand, causes havoc on the roadway when she persists on living in town versus her natural habitat, the ocean.

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- Coy, John. ***Hoop Genius: How a Desperate Teacher and Rowdy Gym Class Invented Basketball.*** Carolrhoda Books, 2013. In 1891 James Naismith invented basketball as a game of skill to keep the unruly students in his gym class engaged.
- Cummings, Troy. ***Rise of the Balloon Goons: Notebook of Doom.*** Scholastic, 2013. Alexander has just moved into Stermont, but because the elementary school is being torn down, his new classroom is located in the hospital morgue where he finds a notebook full of information about monsters--and everywhere he turns there are spooky balloon men determined to attack him. *Series*
- Daywalt, Drew. ***The Day the Crayons Came Home.*** Philomel, 2015. One day, Duncan is happily coloring with his crayons when a stack of postcards arrives in the mail from his former crayons, each of which has run away or been left behind, and all of which want to come home.
- Davies, Nicola. ***Tiny Creatures: The World of Microbes.*** Candlewick, 2014. This engaging introduction to microbes explains how some of the smallest things on Earth have really big jobs.
- Davis, Jill. ***Orangutans Are Ticklish: Fun Facts From an Animal Photographer.*** Schwartz & Wade, 2010. Provides interesting facts about animals and explores what it takes to photograph them, with animal photographer Steve Grubman sharing some of his favorite, and scariest, encounters.
- Dempsey, Kristy. ***A Dance Like Starlight: One Ballerina's Dream.*** Philomel, 2014. A young girl growing up in Harlem in the 1950s dreams of becoming a prima ballerina one day and is thrilled to see a performance of Janet Collins, the first "colored" prima ballerina.
- DePaola, Tomie. ***When Andy Met Sandy.*** Simon & Schuster, 2016. Andy has the playground to himself until a new girl, Sandy, arrives. *Series*
- Diggs, Taye. ***Mixed Me!*** Feiwel and Friends, 2015. Mike, a mixed-race boy, answers all the questions about being mixed with lots of energy and joy.
- Dutcher, Jim and Jamie. ***A Friend for Lakota.*** National Geographic, 2015. Lakota, the shy wolf pup, is picked on by the other wolves until Matsi blocks the others' nips and Lakota learns to be more courageous.
- Egan, Tim. ***Dodsworth in Tokyo.*** Houghton Mifflin, 2013. Dodsworth and his misbehaving duck continue their journeys with a trip to Tokyo. Again Dodsworth must come to the rescue of the duck as he causes a series of mishaps. *Series.*
- Elya, Susan Middleton. ***Little Roja Riding Hood.*** Putnam's, 2014. A rhyming twist on the classic fairy tale in which a little girl saves her grandmother from a wolf. Includes a glossary of Spanish words.
- Feder, Sandra V. ***Daisy's Big Night.*** Kids Can Press, 2014. Daisy loves poetry and she must find a way to use that as her special talent in her school's talent show.
- Florian, Douglas. ***UnBEElievables: Honeybee Poems and Paintings.*** Beach Lane, 2012. Fourteen funny, fact-filled poems inform the reader about the wonderful life of bees and their role in our ecosystem.

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- Fucile, Tony. ***Let's Do Nothing!*** Candlewick, 2009. Young friends Frankie and Sal, believing they have “done it all,” decide to do nothing for a while; but Frankie has a little trouble with the concept and it is not long before the boys realize there is no way to do nothing.
- Gibson, Amy. ***Around the World on Eighty Legs.*** Scholastic, 2011. An illustrated collection of poems that provides information about animals around the world.
- Green, Poppy. ***A New Friend.*** Little Simon, 2015. Eight-year-old Sophie Mouse is excited to return to school after the long winter break, but there is a new student—a snake—and Sophie and the other animals are afraid to sit near him, much less ask him to play with them, because they have heard that snakes are awful. *Series*
- Hale, Shannon. ***The Princess in Black Takes a Vacation.*** Candlewick, 2016. Even monster-battling princesses get tired sometimes, but a peaceful time away is hard to find! *Series.*
- Hanlon, Abby. ***Dory, Dory Black Sheep: Dory Fantasmagory.*** Dial Books, 2016. When Dory’s best friend learns to read before she does, Dory retreats into her wild imagination and finds herself in the middle of one of the babyish books she is struggling to read where she encounters imaginary friends and enemies. *Series.*
- Hayes, Geoffrey. ***Benny and Penny in Just Pretend.*** Candlewick, 2008. Benny Mouse insists that his little sister, Penny, leave him alone while playing, until he thinks she is in danger. Suddenly he realizes his affection for her and joins her in a game of pretend. *Series*
- Henkes, Kevin. ***The Year of Billy Miller.*** Greenwillow Books, 2013. Seven-year-old Billy Miller starts second grade with a bump on his head and a lot of worries, but by the end of the year he has developed good relationships with his teacher, his little sister, and his parents and learned many important lessons.
- Heos, Bridget. ***I, Fly: The Buzz About Flies and How Awesome They Are.*** Holt, 2015. In this fact-filled narrative, Fly explains why his species are cooler than butterflies, who seem to get all the attention.
- Hoberman, Mary Ann, ed. ***Forget-Me-Nots: Poems to Learn by Heart.*** Little, Brown, 2012. A collection of more than 120 poems for children to learn, including selections from classic and contemporary poets, with tips and tricks from former Children's Poet Laureate Mary Ann Hoberman on memorization and recitation.
- Holm, Jennifer. ***Squish, #1: Super Amoeba.*** Random House, 2011. The young amoeba Squish, inspired by his favorite comic book hero, Super Amoeba, tries to navigate his way through school and save his friends and the world from the evils that lurk in the halls. *Series*
- Hopkins, Joseph H. ***The Tree Lady: The True Story of How One Tree Loving Woman Changed a City Forever.*** Beach Lane Books, 2013. An illustrated look at the life of Kate Sessions, who planted a nursery in San Diego, California, after making a deal with the city.

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- Howe, James. ***Houndsley and Catina: Plink and Plunk***. Candlewick, 2009. Houndsley likes canoeing and his friend Catina likes bicycling, but each has to help the other learn to enjoy these activities in order to do them together. *Series*
- Jamieson, Victoria. ***The Great Pet Escape***. Holt, 2016. A young graphic novel chapter book about the escape escapades of class pets at Daisy P. Flugelhorn Elementary School.
- Janeczko, Paul B., ed. ***Firefly July: A Year of Very Short Poems***. Candlewick 2014. Thirty-six short poems from spring to winter with mixed media illustrations sure to keep the reader engaged again and again.
- Jeffers, Oliver. ***The Incredible Book Eating Boy***. Philomel, 2006. Henry loves to eat books until he begins to feel quite ill and decides that maybe he could do something else with the books he has been devouring.
- Jenkins, Steve. ***Flying Frogs and Walking Fish: Leaping Lemurs, Tumbling Toads, Jet-propelled Jellyfish and More Ways That Animals Move***. Houghton Mifflin, 2016. Some animals waddle on the sea floor, others fly or glide, with tentacles, some with legs, some even with wings, in this non-fiction adventure of surprising ways creatures move.
- Kaplan, Michael. ***Betty Bunny Wants a Goal***. Dial Books, 2014. When a young rabbit quits soccer after a disappointing first game, her family encourages her to keep trying. *Series*
- Keating, Frank. ***Theodore***. Simon & Schuster, 2006. A biography of Theodore Roosevelt that imagines the president looking back on his life, describing his childhood, his youthful journeys throughout the world, his experiences as a leader, and the value he placed on knowledge, adventure, originality, and integrity.
- Keller, Laurie. ***We Are Growing!*** Hyperion, 2016. Walt and his friends are growing up fast! Everyone is the something-est. But... what about Walt? *Series*
- Kimmel, Eric A. ***Anansi's Party Time***. Holiday House, 2008. When Anansi the spider invites Turtle to a party just to play a trick on him, Turtle gets revenge at a party of his own.
- Kirby, Stan. ***Captain Awesome and the New Kid***. Little Simon, 2012. Looking for super-silly superhero adventures? It's Captain Awesome and Nacho Cheese Man to the rescue! In title number three Eugene and Charlie continue their hijinks and discover the "new kid" is Super Dude. *Series*.
- Larson, Kirby and Mary Nethery. ***Two Bobbies: A True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship, and Survival***. Walker, 2008. Bobbi the dog and Bob Cat show us how friendship and perseverance kept them together through the rough times of Hurricane Katrina.
- Lasky, Kathryn. ***Poodle and Hound***. Charlesbridge, 2009. This book contains three stories which follow the adventures of Hound and Poodle as they discover how much they enjoy each other's company in spite of--or possibly because of--their differences. *Series*

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- Lin, Grace. **Ling & Ting: Twice as Silly.** Little, Brown, 2014. Identical twins Ling & Ting like to be silly, tell jokes and laugh together. *Series*
- Liniers. **The Big Wet Balloon.** Toon Books, 2013. Sisters enjoy a rainy Saturday, even after Matilda lets go of Clemmie's red balloon
- Lobel, Arnold. **Frog and Toad Are Friends.** First published 1970. Be entertained by the classic, short, delightful tales about best friends Frog and Toad. *Series*
- Marko, Cyndi. **Let's Get Cracking!** Scholastic, 2014. Gordon Blue and his brother, Benny, unlikely superheroes, must save Fowladelphia from Granny Goosebumps, who has filled the city with cookies that cause innocent chickens' feathers to fall off. *Series*
- Marshall, James. **Fox On the Job.** Puffin, 1988. Fox tries several different jobs to earn money. *Series*
- Mattick, Lindsay. **Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear.** Little, Brown, 2015. A fictionalized account of Captain Harry Coleburn's relationship with a bear cub in 1914, which he rescued while on his way to care for soldiers' horses during World War I, and became the inspiration for A.A. Milne's Winnie-the-Pooh.
- McDonald, Megan. **Stink and the Ultimate Thumb-Wrestling Smackdown.** Candlewick, 2011. When Stink Moody gets a "U" (for "Unsatisfactory") in gym, he turns first to thumb-wrestling, then to karate, to give him a sporting edge. *Series*
- McKay, Hilary. **Lulu and the Duck in the Park.** Albert Whitman, 2012. Lulu loves animals. When Lulu finds a duck egg that has rolled out of its nest, she takes it to class to keep it safe. Lulu isn't allowed to bring pets to school, but she's not really breaking the rules because it's just an egg. Surely nothing bad will happen... *Series*
- McMullan, Kate. **Pearl and Wagner: Five Days Till Summer.** Penguin Press, 2012. Pearl and her friend Wagner, on the verge of moving up to Ms. Bean's first grade class, worry about their new teacher being "mean" until something surprising changes their mind... *Series*
- Numeroff, Laura. **The Jellybeans and the Big Art Adventure.** Abrams Books, 2012. Four friends who like to do different things such as paint, play soccer, read and dance --- paint a mural on an outside wall of Mrs. Petunia Dinkley-Sneezer's candy shop that depicts them each doing what they love best. *Series*
- O'Ryan, Ray. **Hello, Nebulon!** Little Simon, 2013. Moving from Earth to the futuristic planet Nebulon in 2120, eight-year-old Galaxy Zack is nervous about starting school and meeting people. *Series.*
- Parish, Herman. **Amelia Bedelia Means Business.** Greenwillow Books, 2013. Amelia Bedelia wants a new bike, but her parents will only pay for half of the bike. Amelia Bedelia needs to find a job to earn enough money for the bike of her dreams. *Series*

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- Pinkney, Andrea Davis. ***Martin & Mahalia: His Words, Her Songs.*** Little Brown, 2013. A beautiful intertwining of the lives of Martin Luther King, Jr. and singer Mahalia Jackson, both civil right activists as their journeys brought them together in 1963's March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.
- Potter, Alicia. ***Miss Hazeltine's Home for Shy and Fearful Cats.*** Albert A. Knopf, 2015. Miss Hazeltine opens her home to cats needing courage, and their new learned skills are put to use when she finds herself in trouble.
- Raczka, Bob. ***Guyku: A Year of Haiku for Boys.*** Houghton Mifflin, 2010. A collection of haiku poetry for boys that features poems about tree climbing, kite flying, and other related topics.
- Rex, Adam. ***XO, OX: A Love Story.*** Roaring Brook, 2017. This is the hilarious tale of an ox who is in love with a gazelle, told in series of letters.
- Reynolds, Peter. ***The Dot.*** Candlewick, 2003. "Just make a mark and see where it takes you." This sage advice, offered by her teacher, sets the young heroine on a journey of self-expression, artistic experimentation, and success.
- Rosensteihl, Agnes. ***Silly Lilly In What Will I Be Today?*** Toon Books, 2014. Each day of the week Silly Lilly tries out a new career through play in this fun graphic novel for beginning readers.
- Rosenstock, Barb. ***The Noisy Paint Box: The Colors and Sounds of Kandinsky's Abstract Art.*** Alfred A. Knopf, 2014. Describes how Wassily Kandinsky's creative life was profoundly shaped by a neurological condition called synesthesia which caused him to experienced colors as sounds and sounds as colors. Caldecott Honors 2015
- Rylant, Cynthia. ***Annie and Snowball and the Book Bugs Club.*** Simon Spotlight, 2011. Annie and Henry join the summer reading club at the library, and they vow to be "Book Bugs" for life. *Series*
- Rylant, Cynthia. ***The High-Rise Private Eyes: The Case of the Desperate Duck.*** Greenwillow, 2005. In this case, animal detectives Bunny and Jack help Mabel the duck find out who stole the sugar cubes from her tea room. *Series*
- Santat, Dan. ***The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend.*** Little, Brown, 2014. Tired of waiting to be "imagined," Beekle courageously embarks on a journey to find his special friend in the "real" world. *Randolph Caldecott Medal Winner, 2015.*
- Schneider, Josh. ***Tales for Very Picky Eaters.*** Clarion, 2011. A father tells outlandish stories while trying to get his young son, who is a very picky eater, to eat foods he thinks he will not like.
- Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman and Mitchell Sharmat. ***Nate the Great and the Hungry Book Club.*** Delacorte, 2009. Rosamond, who starts a book club, claims there is a monster on the loose that is ruining pages of her cookbook, which leads Nate the Great and his dog Sludge to investigate as undercover detectives. *Series*

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Grade 1 and Grade 2

- Sidman, Joyce. **Swirl by Swirl: Spirals in Nature.** Houghton Mifflin, 2011. An illustrated exploration of various examples of spirals appearing in nature, looking at snail shells, flower petals, elephant tusks, crashing waves, and more.
- Silverman, Erica. **Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa: Spring Babies.** Harcourt, 2010. Cowgirl Kate and her horse Cocoa watch over the new calves, a puppy, and some baby barn owls. *Series*
- Sklansky, Amy E. **Out of This World: Poems and Facts about Space.** Alfred A. Knopf, 2012. A collection of poems and facts about space, accompanied by color paintings.
- Steig, William. **Sylvester and the Magic Pebble.** First published 1969. In a moment of fright, Sylvester the donkey asks his magic pebble to turn him into a rock, but then he cannot hold the pebble to wish himself back to normal again! *Caldecott Medal 1970*
- Stewart, Melissa. **Feathers: Not Just for Flying.** Charlesbridge, 2014. This is a beautifully illustrated description of the many kinds of feathers and their uses.
- Stockdale, Susan. **Stripes of All Types.** Peachtree, 2013. Animals wearing all kinds of stripes parade across the page and additional information is included in an afterword along with a matching game.
- Stone, Tanya Lee. **Who Says Women Can't Be Doctors? : The Story of Elizabeth Blackwell.** Holt, 2013. This engaging and delightfully illustrated book brings to life Elizabeth Blackwell, the first woman doctor.
- Van Leeuwen, Jean. **Amanda Pig and the Wiggly Tooth.** Dial Books, 2008. When Amanda Pig has her first loose tooth, she is reluctant to pull it. *Series*
- Vernick, Audrey. **First Grade Dropout.** Clarion, 2015. Humor and empathy abound when an embarrassed first grader decides to quit school.
- Viorst, Judith. **Lulu's Mysterious Mission.** Atheneum, 2014. When her parents take a vacation, Lulu decides to misbehave to rid herself of Ms. Solinsky, the babysitter, until Ms. Solinsky reveals her secret. *Series*
- Watkins, Angela Farris. **My Uncle Martin's Words for America.** Abrams Books, 2011. Using words and phrases from Martin Luther King Jr.'s speeches, his niece explains the importance of his message and his contributions to the Civil Rights movement.
- Watkins, Rowboat **Rude Cakes.** Chronicle Books, 2015. A rude cake learns a valuable lesson from a Cyclops in a simple story of etiquette and kindness found in the most unlikely place.
- Willems, Mo. **The Story of Diva and Flea.** Hyperion, 2015. In the bustling city of Paris, a small but brave dog, Diva, and an adventurous cat named Flea become two unlikely friends.

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- Winter, Jeanette. ***Henri's Scissors***. Beach Lane Books, 2013. In a small weaving town in France, a young boy named Henri-Emile Matisse drew pictures everywhere, and when he grew up, he moved to Paris and became a famous artist who created paintings that were adored around the world. But late in life a serious illness confined him to a wheelchair, and amazingly, it was from there that he created among his most beloved works—enormous and breathtaking paper cutouts.
- Winter, Jonah. ***Roberto Clemente: Pride of the Pittsburgh Pirates***. Atheneum, 2005. This is the story of Roberto Clemente, a young Puerto Rican who followed his baseball dream to the big leagues and went on to help the poor in his homeland.
- Woodson, Jacqueline. ***Each Kindness***. Nancy Paulsen Books, 2012. It is only after Maya, the new girl, moves away that Chloe regretfully realizes that she and her friends have been unkind by excluding her from their games.
- Yee, Wong Herbert. ***Mouse and Mole: A Winter Wonderland***. Houghton Mifflin, 2010. Best friends Mouse and Mole enjoy playing in the snow with Sno-Mouse and Sno-Mole, two more best friends. *Series*
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Any available unabridged edition of a title is acceptable.

- Aston, Dianna Hutts. ***A Beetle Is Shy***. Chronicle Books, 2016. From flea beetles to bombardier beetles, an incredible variety of these beloved bugs are showcased in this carefully researched, visually striking book that is poetic in voice and elegant in design, perfect for sparking children's imaginations.
- Barton, Chris. ***Whoosh! : Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions***. Charlesbridge, 2016. A biography of Lonnie Johnson, an engineer at NASA who is best known for inventing the Super Soaker water gun.
- Bauer, Marion Dane. ***Little Dog, Lost***. Atheneum, 2012. A dog without a boy, a boy without a dog, and an elderly gentleman without a sense of belonging follow their star-crossed paths and find that love, compassion, and charity can cure loneliness and restore balance to their lives.
- Borden, Louise. ***The Journey That Saved Curious George: The True Wartime Escape of Margaret and H. A. Rey***. Houghton Mifflin, 2005. Tells how the creators of "Curious George" narrowly escaped capture by the Nazis while fleeing Paris on their bicycles during World War II.
- Brown, Jeffrey. ***Lucy and Andy Neanderthal***. Crown, 2016. Lucy and her brother Andy, two Neanderthal siblings living 40,000 years ago, take on a wandering baby sibling, bossy teens, cave paintings and a mammoth hunt, but the real adventure begins when they encounter a group of humans.
- Cleary, Beverly. ***Beezus and Ramona***. HarperTrophy, 2006. Four-year old Ramona has an imagination that makes her a menace to everyone around her, particularly her older sister, Beezus. *Series*
- Clements, Andrew. ***No Talking***. Simon & Schuster, 2007. The noisy fifth grade boys of Laketon Elementary School challenge the equally loud fifth grade girls to a "no talking" contest.
- Colfer, Chris. ***The Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell***. Little, Brown, 2012. Through the mysterious power of a cherished book of stories, twins Alex and Conner leave their world behind and find themselves in a foreign land full of wonder and magic where they come face-to-face with the fairytale characters they grew up reading about. *Series*
- Cousteau, Philippe. ***Follow the Moon Home: A Tale of One Idea, Twenty Kids, and A Hundred Sea Turtles***. Chronicle Books, 2016. A book about loggerhead sea turtles and a girl's attempts to help save their babies from man-made light.
- Cronin, Doreen. ***Chicken Squad: The First Misadventure***. Atheneum, 2014. Dirt, Sweetie, Poppy and Sugar, the chicks of the Chicken Squad, must figure out what is making Tail the squirrel so afraid. *Series*
- Dahl, Roald. ***The BFG***. Farrar, Straus, Giroux, First published in 1982. Sophie is kidnaped from her orphanage by a BFG--Big Friendly Giant--and the two set out to save the world.

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- Davies, Jacqueline. ***The Magic Trap***. Houghton Mifflin, 2014. Evan Treski is trying his hand at magic with his little sister's help while the unexpected appearance of a hurricane and their long-lost father make for some interesting twists. *Series*
- Divakaruni, Chitra Banerjee. ***Grandma and the Great Gourd: A Bengali Folk Tale***. Roaring Brook, 2013. On her way to visit her daughter on the other side of the jungle, Grandma encounters a hungry fox, bear, and tiger, and although she convinces them to wait for her return trip, she still must find a way to outwit them all.
- Edgers, Geoff. ***Who Was Stan Lee?*** Grosset and Dunlap, 2014. A biography of comic book author and creator Stan Lee. *Series*
- Elliott, David. ***On the Wing***. Candlewick, 2014. Clever verse and lovely artwork celebrate all things bird from the hummingbird to the majestic bald eagle.
- Gibbs, Stuart. ***Spaced Out***. Simon & Schuster, 2016. In 2041 twelve-year-old Dashiell Gibson is a resident of Moon Base Alpha, and at the moment he is faced with a number of problems: coping with the nasty Sjoberg twins, finding out how the commander of the base has managed to disappear from a facility no bigger than a soccer field, and dealing with the alien Zan who communicates with him telepathically from afar--and who is hiding a secret which may threaten the whole Earth. *Series*
- Grabenstein, Chris. ***Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library***. Random House, 2013. Nine children enter into a competition to "Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library," a game which the creator describes as "like *The Hunger Games* but with lots of food and no bows or arrows."
- Graff, Lisa. ***The Thing About Georgie: A Novel***. HarperTrophy, 2008. Georgie's dwarfism causes problems, but he could always rely on his parents, his best friend, and classmate Jeanie the Meanie's teasing, until a surprising announcement, a new boy in school, and a class project shake things up.
- Griffiths, Andy. ***The 13-Story Treehouse***. Feiwel and Friends, 2013. Under pressure by their publisher to finish their next book, two young authors graphically describe all the extraordinary distractions they face living in their 13-story treehouse. *Series*
- Gutman, Dan. ***Mission Unstoppable***. Harper, 2011. On a cross-country vacation with their parents, twins Coke and Pepsi, soon to be thirteen, fend off strange assassins as they try to come to terms with their being part of a top-secret government organization known as The Genius Files. *Series*
- Hale, Nathan. ***Alamo All-Stars***. Amulet Books, 2016. Hale recounts in graphic novel format, the story of the Alamo, featuring the exploits of historical legends Jim Bowie and Davy Crockett. *Series*

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- Halls, Kelly Milner. ***Saving the Baghdad Zoo: A True Story of Hope and Heroes.*** Greenwillow, 2010. This photo-illustrated book tells the poignant stories of abandoned lions who roamed an empty palace with no food or drink; the camel, Lumpy, who survived transport through sniper fire; the tigers, Riley and Hope, who traveled 7,000 miles from home; and shares first-hand accounts of how the United States soldiers and volunteers saved the animals of the Baghdad Zoo.
- Harley, Bill. ***Charlie Bumpers vs. the Really Nice Gnome.*** Peachtree, 2014. Charlie has looked forward to being in the fourth-grade play, but he is not at all happy when Mrs. Burke assigns him the role of the Nice Gnome. *Series*
- Henry, Marguerite. ***Misty of Chincoteague.*** Aladdin, 1947. Paul and his sister Maureen's determination to own a pony from the herd on Chincoteague Island, Virginia, is greatly increased when the Phantom and her colt are among the ponies rounded up for the yearly auction.
- Hodgkins, Fran. ***The Secret Galaxy.*** Tilbury House, 2014. A lyrical narrative voice (the voice of the Milky Way galaxy itself) is augmented by sidebars filled with amazing facts and insights about our galaxy, and by extension, our universe.
- Holm, Jennifer L. ***The Fourteenth Goldfish.*** Random House, 2014. Ellie's scientist grandfather has discovered a way to reverse aging and consequently has turned into a teenager, which makes for complicated relationships when he moves in with Ellie and her mother, his daughter.
- Holub, Joan. ***Zeus and the Thunderbolt of Doom.*** Aladdin, 2012. When ten-year-old Zeus is kidnapped, he discovers he can defend himself with a magic thunderbolt. *Series*
- Huey, Lois Miner. ***Ick! Yuck! Eew!: Our Gross American History.*** Millbrook, 2014. Discover many unusual and gross facts from America in the 1700s including many sights, smells and habits of the past.
- Jenkins, Steve. ***Eye to Eye: How Animals See the World.*** Houghton Mifflin, 2014. Profiles a series of animals with unusual eyes and explains how the animals use their uniquely evolved eyes to gain essential information about the biological world.
- Kalman, Maira. ***Thomas Jefferson Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Everything.*** Nancy Paulsen, 2014. Thomas Jefferson, interested in science, nature, architecture, math and botany, and best known for writing the Declaration of Independence, was also a slave owner who called slavery an "abomination."
- Keller, Laurie. ***Bowling Alley Bandit.*** Holt/Christy Ottaviano, 2013. Arnie the talking doughnut is delighted to be Mr. Bing's new pet "doughnut-dog, so when Mr. Bing starts rolling gutter balls during a big bowling tournament, Arnie suspects foul play and sets out to solve the mystery. *Series*
- Kimmel, Elizabeth Cody. ***A Taste of Freedom: Gandhi and the Great Salt March.*** Walker, 2014. An old man in India recalls how, when he was a young boy, he got his first taste of freedom as he and his brother joined the great Mahatma Gandhi on a march to the sea to make salt in defiance of British law.

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- Klise, Kate. ***The Show Must Go On!*** Algonquin, 2013. Two mice and a crow, who travel with a circus come to the rescue when a greedy con artist takes over the management of the circus. *Series*
- Lee, Jenny. ***Elvis and the Underdogs.*** Balzer + Bray, 2013. Benji, a young boy who suffers from seizures, has his life turned around when a talking therapy dog comes to live with him. *Series*
- Lewis, J. Patrick, ed. ***National Geographic Book of Animal Poetry: With Favorites From Robert Frost, Jack Prelutsky, Emily Dickinson, and More: 200 Poems With Photographs That Squeak, Soar, and Roar!*** National Geographic, 2012. Full-color photographs accompany two hundred poems about animals.
- MacLachlan, Patricia ***The Truth of Me: About a Boy, His Grandmother, and a Very Good Dog.*** Katherine Tegen, 2013. Robbie and his dog, Ellie, spend the summer at his grandmother Maddy's house, where Robbie learns many things about his emotionally distant parents and himself.
- Malam, John. ***You Wouldn't Want to Be a Ninja Warrior!: A Secret Job That's Your Destiny.*** Franklin Watts, 2012. Examines the skills needed to become a ninja, including practicing with weapons everyday, listening and not asking questions, and keeping your identity secret. *Series*
- McCarthy, Meghan ***Pop!: the Invention of Bubble Gum.*** Simon & Schuster, 2010. A collection of amusing historical facts on the invention of bubble gum.
- McCarthy, Meghan. ***The Wildest Race Ever: The Story of the 1904 Olympic Marathon.*** Simon & Schuster, 2016. The exciting and bizarre true story of the 1904 Olympic marathon, which took place at the St. Louis World's Fair.
- McMullan, Kate. ***Have a Hot Time, Hades!*** Stone Arch Books, 2012. In this story with a modern twist, Hades tells his own version of how he became King of the Underworld and Zeus became King of the Gods. *Series*
- Messner, Kate. ***Rescue on the Oregon Trail.*** Scholastic, 2015. Ranger, a golden retriever, could have been a great search-and-rescue dog except for the squirrels, but one day he unearths a mysterious box and finds himself transported back to the year 1850, where his faithful service is really needed by a family traveling west along the Oregon Trail. *Series*
- Michelson, Richard. ***Twice As Good: The Story of William Powell and Clearview, the Only Golf course Designed, Built and ~~owned~~ Owned by an African-American.*** Sleeping Bear Press, 2012. The true story of William Powell, who overcame great odds and obstacles to open Clearview Golf Course in Ohio; the first golf course that was designed, build, and owned by an African American.
- Mlynowski, Sarah. ***Upside-Down Magic.*** Scholastic, 2015. Nory, Elliott, Andres, and Bax find their lives forever changed when they attend the Dunwiddle Magic School's Upside-Down Magic class. *Series*
- Muntean, Michaela. ***Stay: The True Story of Ten Dogs.*** Scholastic, 2012. Luciano Anastasini, an injured circus performer, creates a fun, new act with his ten rescue dogs.

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- Nolan, Janet. ***Seven and a Half Tons of Steel***. Peachtree, 2016. This powerful story reveals how seven and a half tons of steel that had once been a beam in the World Trade Center became a navy ship's bow showing how something remarkable can emerge from a devastating event.
- Osborne, Mary Pope and Natalie Pope Boyce. ***Heroes For All Times: A Nonfiction Companion to Magic Tree House #51: High Time for Heroes***. Random House, 2014. Jack and Annie track the facts behind six people who have changed history, including Florence Nightingale, Martin Luther King, Jr., Mahatma Gandhi, Harriet Tubman, Susan B. Anthony, and John Muir. *Series*
- Patent, Dorothy Hinshaw. ***Dogs on Duty: Soldiers' Best Friends on the Battlefield and Beyond***. Walker, 2012. Explains the many ways that dogs are used in the military and how they are trained and cared for.
- Patterson, James. ***Jacky Ha-Ha***. Little Brown, 2016. Twelve-year-old Jacky "Ha-Ha" Hart is a class clown with a penchant for pranking--and when she's required to act in the school play to appease her frustrated teachers, she must conquer her stutter.
- Pearce, Jackson-. ***Pip Bartlett's Guide to Magical Creatures***. Scholastic, 2015. Pip is spending the summer with her aunt. At first it's all fun, games, and chatting until Fuzzles appear and --start bursting into flames. *Series*
- Pipe, Jim. ***You Wouldn't Want to Live Without Cell Phones!*** Franklin Watts, 2015. Uses humor in both text and illustrations to describe what it would be like to live without the cell phone and describes how people managed to communicate in the past. *Series*
- Polacco, Patricia. ***Tucky Jo and Little Heart***. Simon & Schuster, 2015. A heartwarming story of friendship, loyalty, and kindness based on a true account of a World War II Veteran who gave as much as he could and never expected his kindness would come back to him when he needed it most.
- Probst, Jeff and Chris Tebbetts. ***Stranded***. Puffin, 2013. Jane, Buzz, Carter, and Vanessa, aged nine to thirteen, are on a sailing trip in the South Pacific intended to help them bond in their newly-blended family when a massive storm strands them on a deserted island. *Series*
- Pyron, Bobbie. ***Lucky Strike***. Arthur A. Levine, 2015. Nathaniel Harlow lives with his grandfather in a trailer park in Franklin County, Florida, and he has always been unlucky--but when he is struck by lightning on his eleventh birthday and survives, it seems like his luck starts to change.
- Raczka, Bob. ***Wet Cement: A Mix of Concrete Poems***. Roaring Brook, 2016. A collection of concrete poetry written and shaped in surprising ways.
- Ripkin, Cal, Jr. ***Super-Sized Slugger***. Disney-Hyperion, 2012. Thirteen-year-old Cody Parker moves to Baltimore, Maryland, where as a fat eighth-grader, he has to deal with brutal teasing from a baseball teammate, and his school is beset by a rash of mysterious thefts that threaten to sideline Cody and ruin a golden season for his team. *Series*

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- Rissi, Anica Mrose. ***Anna, Banana and the Friendship Split***. Simon & Schuster, 2015. Anna and Sadie have always been best friends so when Sadie suddenly starts being mean, Anna is very sad and seeks support from her dog Banana and classmate Isabel, as well as advice from her brother Chuck and her parents. *Series*
- Roberts, Cokie. ***Founding Mothers: Remembering the Ladies***. Harper, 2014. A brief, behind the scene look at the women from the period of the Revolution and early United States.
- Rockliff, Mara. ***Anything But Ordinary Addie: The True Story of Adelaide Herrman, Queen of Magic***. Candlewick, 2016. Be astonished and dazzled by the true story of Adelaide Herrmann, the Queen of Magic!
- Rosenstock, Barb. ***The Noisy Paint Box: The Colors and Sounds of Kandinsky's Abstract Art***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2014. Describes how Wassily Kandinsky's creative life was profoundly shaped by a neurological condition called synesthesia which caused him to experienced colors as sounds and sounds as colors.
- Sachar, Louis. ***Sideways Stories from Wayside School***. HarperTrophy. Originally published in 1978. Humorous episodes from the classroom on the thirtieth floor of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story. *Series*
- Scroggs, Kirk. ***It Came From Beneath the Playground***. Little, Brown, 2014. Fifth-grade private eyes Logan and Gustavo use their doodling and detective skills to solve the mystery of a group of moles that have stolen the amusement park merry-go-round. *Series*
- Shurtliff, Liesl. ***Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2013. Relates the tale of Rumpelstiltskin's childhood and youth, explaining why his name is so important, how he is able to spin straw into gold, and why a first-born child is his reward for helping the miller's daughter-turned-queen.
- Silverstein, Shel. ***A Light in the Attic***. HarperCollins, 1981. A collection of poems and drawings by American poet and humorist, Shel Silverstein including "Backward Bill," "Day After Halloween," "Gumey Ball," "Nailbiter," "Sour Face Ann," and many others.
- Singer, Marilyn. ***Mirror Mirror: A Book of Reversible Verse***. Dutton, 2010. A collection of short poems which, when reversed, provide new perspectives on the fairy tale characters they feature.
- Sternberg, Julie. ***Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie***. Amulet Books, 2011. When nine-year-old Eleanor's beloved babysitter Bibi moves away to care for her ailing father, Eleanor must spend the summer adjusting to a new babysitter while mourning the loss of her old one. *Series*
- Tarshis, Lauren. ***The Battle of Gettysburg, 1863***. Scholastic, 2013. Eleven-year-old slave, Thomas, has been on the sidelines of the American Civil War, -when in 1863 the events of a hot week in July in Pennsylvania are about to change his life forever. *Series*

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- Tavares, Matt. ***Crossing Niagara: The Death-Defying Tightrope Adventures of the Great Blondin.*** Candlewick, 2016. An illustrated account of the daredevil of Niagara Falls, the Great Blondin, who walked from America to Canada across the Niagara River on a rope.
- Temple, Bob. ***The Golden Age of Pirates: An Interactive History Adventure.*** Capstone, 2016. Describes the people and events of the Golden Age of Piracy. The reader's choices reveal the historical details from the perspective of a pirate, a navy sailor, and a merchant ship crewmember. *Series*
- Turnage, Sheila. ***Three Times Lucky.*** Dial Books, 2012. Washed ashore as a baby in tiny Tupelo Landing, North Carolina, Mo LoBeau, now eleven, and her best friend Dale turn detective when the amnesiac Colonel, owner of a café and co-parent of Mo with his cook, Miss Lana, seems implicated in a murder. *Series*
- Van Allsburg, Chris. ***Jumanji.*** Houghton Mifflin, 1981. Left on their own for an afternoon, two bored and restless children find more excitement than they bargained for in a mysterious and mystical jungle adventure board game. *Randolph Caldecott Award 1982*
- Van Haeringen, Annemarie. ***Coco and the Little Black Dress.*** North-South, 2015. A picture book biography of the famous French fashion designer, Coco Chanel.
- Vande Velde, Vivian. ***Three Good Deeds.*** Magic Carpet, 2005. Caught stealing some goose eggs from a witch, Howard is cursed for his heartlessness and turned into a goose himself, and he can only become human again by performing three good deeds.
- Vernick, Audrey. ***The Kid from Diamond Street: The Extraordinary Story of Baseball Legend Edith Houghton.*** Clarion, 2016. A historical picture book about Edith Houghton, a female baseball phenomenon who joined the professional women's team the Bobbies at the age of 10.
- Walker, Sally M. ***Winnie: The True Story of the Bear who Inspired Winnie-the-Pooh.*** Holt, 2015. This is the true story of a bear named Winnie who was left behind at the London Zoo while her keeper went away fighting in World War I and becomes the inspiration for the fictional character Winnie-the-Pooh.
- Weiner, Ellis. ***The Templeton Twins Have an Idea.*** Chronicle Books, 2012. Abigail and John, the Templeton twins, and their dog Cassie, foil two inept kidnappers intent on stealing one of their father's newest inventions. *Series*
- Winick, Judd. ***Hilo: The Boy Who Crashed to Earth.*** Random House, 2016. When a mysterious boy falls from the sky, friends D.J. and Gina must discover the secrets of his identity and help him save the world. *Series*
- Winter, Jonah. ***Joltin' Joe DiMaggio.*** Atheneum, 2014. In the golden age of baseball, sports announcers ruled the radio, winning and losing was front-page news, and just about every young boy wanted to grow up to wear Yankee pinstripes, including Giuseppe Paolo DiMaggio, Jr., a first generation Italian from San Francisco.

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- Winter, Jonah. ***Lillian's Right To Vote : A Celebration of the Voting Rights Act of 1965***. Schwartz & Wade, 2015. As an elderly woman, Lillian recalls that her great-great grandparents were sold as slaves in front of a courthouse where only rich white men were allowed to vote, then the long fight that led to her right and determination to cast her ballot when the Voting Right Act gave every American the right to vote.
- Yep, Laurence. ***A Dragon's Guide to the Care and Feeding of Humans***. Crown, 2015. Feisty dragon Miss Drake's new pet human, precocious ten-year-old Winnie, not only thinks Miss Drake is her pet, she accidentally brings to life her "sketchlings" of mysterious and fantastic creatures hidden in San Francisco, causing mayhem among its residents. *Series*
- Yolen, Jane. ***Animal Stories: Heartwarming True Tales from the Animal Kingdom***. National Geographic, 2014. Presents a collection of true animal stories from different historical periods, including the tales of Balto the Alaskan sled dog, Smoky the Bear, and Internet sensation Christian the lion.
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- Appelt, Kathi. ***The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp***. Atheneum, 2013. Twelve-year-old Chap Brayburn, ancient Sugar Man, and his raccoon-brother Swamp Scouts Bingo and J'miah, try to save Bayou Tourterelle from feral pigs Clydine and Buzzie, greedy Sunny Boy Beaucoup, and world-class alligator wrestler and would-be land developer Jaeger Stitch in this hilarious tall tale from a Texas swamp.
- Applegate, Katherine. ***The One and Only Ivan***. Harper, 2012. When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life.
- Auxier, Jonathan. ***Sophie Quire and the last Storyguard: A Peter Nimble Adventure***. Amulet Books, 2016. Twelve-year-old Sophie knows little beyond the four walls of her father's bookshop, where she repairs old books and dreams of escaping the confines of her dull life, when she finds herself pulled into an adventure beyond anything she has ever read. *Series*
- Avi. ***Old Wolf***. Atheneum, 2015. A wolf and a bird, must fight the starving time and find food, while a human boy learns to hunt.
- Bell, Cece. ***El Deafo***. Amulet Books, 2014. This empowering graphic novel memoir of the author/illustrator's childhood struggle being accepted and finding friends with her severe deafness received a 2015 Newbery Honor.
- Brown, Peter. ***The Wild Robot***. Little, Brown, 2016. Roz the robot discovers that she is alone on a remote wild island with no memory of where she is from or why she is there, and her only hope of survival is to try and learn about her new environment from the island's hostile inhabitants.
- Creech, Sharon. ***Moo***. Joanna Cotler, 2016. Twelve-year-old Reena, who has recently moved to rural Maine, adjusts to a new environment and unexpectedly bonds with an ornery cow.
- Cushman, Karen. ***Grayling's Song***. Clarion, 2016. In a medieval kingdom, Grayling finds self-confidence when her mother is turned into a tree by evil forces, and Grayling must venture into the wilds to reverse the spell.
- Draper, Sharon. ***Stella by Starlight***. Atheneum, 2015. When a burning cross set by the Klan causes panic and fear in 1932 Bumblebee, North Carolina, fifth-grader Stella must face prejudice and find the strength to demand change in her segregated town.
- Graff, Lisa. ***Absolutely Almost***. Philomel, 2014. Ten-year-old Albie has never been the smartest, tallest, best at gym, greatest artist, or most musical in his class, as his parents keep reminding him, but his new nanny Calista helps him uncover his strengths and take pride in himself.

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- Holm, Jennifer L. ***Full of Beans***. Random House, 2016. Ten-year-old Beans Curry, a member of the best marble playing gang in Depression-era Key West, engages in various schemes to earn money while “New Dealers” from Washington, D.C., arrive to turn his town into a tourist resort.
- Flanagan, John. ***The Royal Ranger***. Philomel, 2013. Will Treaty is a shell of his former self, and his first apprentice may be the only one who can save him. *Series*
- Foxlee, Karen. ***Ophelia and the Marvelous Boy***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2014. Ophelia, a timid eleven-year-old girl grieving her mother, suspends her disbelief in things non-scientific when a boy, locked in the museum where her father is working, asks her to help him complete an age-old mission.
- Janeczko, Paul B. compiler. ***The Death of the Hat: a Brief History of Poetry in 50 Objects***. Candlewick, 2015. A celebrated duo reunites for a look through history inspired by objects-earthly and celestial- reflecting the time in which the poet lived.
- Johnson, Varian. ***The Great Greene Heist***. Arthur A. Levine, 2014. Jackson Greene has a reputation as a prankster at Maplewood Middle School, but after the last disaster he is trying to go straight -- but when it looks like Keith Sinclair may steal the election for school president from Jackson's former best friend Gabriela, he assembles a team to make sure Keith does not succeed.
- Kelly, Lynne. ***Chained***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2012. To work off a family debt, ten-year-old Hastin leaves his desert village in India to work as a circus elephant keeper; but many challenges await him, including trying to keep Nandita, a sweet elephant, safe from the cruel circus owner.
- Lai, Thanhha. ***Inside Out and Back Again***. Harper, 2011. Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.
- Lloyd, Natalie. ***A Snicker of Magic***. Scholastic, 2014. The Pickles are new to Midnight Gulch, Tennessee, a town which legend says was once magic – but Felicity is convinced the magic is still there, and with the help of her new friend Jonah the Beetle, she hopes to bring the magic back.
- Lord, Cynthia. ***Half a Chance***. Scholastic, 2014. When twelve-year-old Lucy enters a photography contest, she must decide if the picture that she wants to use showing Nate’s grandmother’s face and the telltale signs of early dementia is worth the truth it portrays.
- Magnin, Joyce. ***Cake***. Zonderkidz, 2012. Wilma Sue is wary of the eccentric sisters, Ruth and Naomi, at her new foster home, but wonders if she might have a true home with them, baking and delivering cakes and tending their chickens, until she is implicated in a series of neighborhood crimes.
- Markle, Sandra. ***The Case of the Vanishing Honeybees: A Scientific Mystery***. Millbrook, 2013. Large numbers of honeybees are disappearing every year...and and no one knows why. In this real-life science mystery, scientists and bee-keepers are working to answer these questions and save the world’s honeybees before it's too late.

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- Marshall, Joseph. ***In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse***. Amulet Books, 2015. Jimmy McClean is a part white and part Native American boy who embarks on a journey with his grandfather to learn more about his Lakota heritage while visiting places significant in the life of Crazy Horse, the 19th century Lakota leader and warrior.
- Messner, Kate. ***All the Answers***. Bloomsbury, 2015. Twelve-year-old Ava finds an old pencil in her family's junk drawer and discovers, during a math test, that it will answer factual questions, so she and her best friend, Sophie, have a great time and Ava grows in self-confidence until the pencil reveals a truth about her family that Ava would rather not know.
- Mull, Brandon. ***Sky Raiders***. Aladdin, 2014. Whisked through a portal to The Outskirts, an in-between world, sixth-grader Cole must rescue his friends and find his way back home before his existence is forgotten. *Series*.
- Newman, Patricia. ***Plastic, Ahoy! : Investigating the Great Pacific Garbage Patch***. Millbrook, 2014. Informative book about how our overuse of plastics is affecting ocean life and has created the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. Lots of photographs help tell the story of three female scientists doing research onboard ship in the middle of the patch.
- O'Connor, George. ***Hera, the Goddess and Her Glory***. First Second, 2011. Recounts the stories of the many heroes who sought and won the approval and patronage of Hera, the Queen of the Gods, including the story of Heracles. *Series*
- Oppel, Kenneth. ***The Boundless***. Simon & Schuster, 2014. In 1885 Will uses his wits and courage to face dangerous men and mythical creatures on his ride across the Canadian frontier on The Boundless, the greatest train ever built.
- Palacio, R.J. ***Wonder***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2012. Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, where he endures the taunting and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student.
- Pennypacker, Sara. ***Pax***. Blazer + Bray, 2016. After being forced to give up his pet fox Pax, a young boy named Peter decides to leave home and get his best friend back.
- Perl, Erica S. ***Aces Wild***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2013. Eleven-year-old Zelly Fried's parents will not allow her to have a slumber party until she teaches her mischievous puppy, Ace, to behave, but with Grandpa Ace around nothing is ever simple.
- Philbrick, Rodman. ***Zane and the Hurricane: a Story of Katrina***. Blue Sky Press, 2014. On a visit to New Orleans to visit his great-grandmother for the first time, Zane Dupree and his dog Bandy are caught in Hurricane Katrina. After weathering the storm, they face many challenges to survive in the aftermath while searching for his grandmother.
- Potter, Ellen. ***The Humming Room***. Feiwel and Friends, 2012. Twelve-year-old orphan Roo Fanshaw is sent to live with an uncle she never knew in a largely uninhabited mansion on Cough Rock Island and discovers a wild river boy, an invalid cousin, and the mysteries of a hidden garden.

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- Riordan, Rick. ***The Lost Hero***. Disney-Hyperion, 2010. Jason, Piper, and Leo, three students from a school for "bad kids," find themselves at Camp Half-Blood, where they learn that they are demigods and begin a quest to free Hera, who has been imprisoned by Mother Earth herself. *Series*
- Ross, Stewart. ***Into the Unknown: How Great Explorers Found Their Way By Land, Sea, and Air***. Candlewick, 2011. Fourteen amazing journeys by explorers throughout history and the methods they used by land, sea, and sky to find their way. Includes unfolding cross sections of vessels.
- Rusch, Elizabeth. ***Eruption: Volcanoes and the Science of Saving Lives***. Houghton Mifflin, 2013. An account of the work of volcanologists Andy Lockhart, John Pallister, and their team describes their life-risking efforts to investigate dangerous volcanoes that pose threats to more than one billion people worldwide.
- Scattergood, Augusta. ***The Way to Stay in Destiny***. Scholastic, 2015. Sixth-grader Theo moves to Destiny, Florida' to live with his Uncle Charlie, an isolated Vietnam War veteran. Theo meets Anabel, a baseball fanatic and the two work together to solve a mystery.
- Scott, Elaine. ***Our Moon: New Discoveries About Earth's Closest Companion***. Clarion, 2016. Highlighting the latest thrilling discoveries about the moon, this comprehensive book for kids covers the moon's history, scientific findings, and fun facts, with informative color photos.
- Selfors, Suzanne. ***The Sasquatch Escape***. Little, Brown, 2013. Spending the summer in his grandfather's rundown town, ten-year-old Ben meets an adventurous local girl and together they learn that the town's veterinarian runs a secret hospital for imaginary creatures. *Series*
- Selznick, Brian. ***Wonderstruck: A Novel in Words and Pictures***. Scholastic, 2011. Rose and Ben are deaf children living fifty years and worlds apart, yet both marvel and connect with the world around them. The American Museum of Natural History links their separate stories – one narrated in text and the other through cinematic illustrations.
- Silvey, Anita. ***Untamed: the Wild Life of Jane Goodall***. National Geographic, 2015. This biography of Jane Goodall highlights her work with chimpanzees and her fight for the protection of the environment so her beloved chimpanzees and other animals can not only survive, but thrive.
- Sovern, Megan Jean. ***The Meaning of Maggie***. Chronicle Books, 2014. Eleven-year-old Maggie Mayfield is an A-plus student with big plans for herself, but at this moment she is facing a lot of problems such as starting middle school and figuring out how to help her father who is out of work and in a wheelchair.
- Standiford, Natalie. ***The Secret Tree***. Scholastic, 2012. Sixth-graders Minty and her new friend Raymond discover a tree with a hollow trunk that holds the secrets of the people in their neighborhood. They begin to watch their neighbors, so they can solve the mysteries of the secrets and break a curse, but the friends will have to work through some of their own secrets as well.

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- Stead, Rebecca. ***When You Reach Me***. Wendy Lamb, 2009. As her mother prepares to be a contestant on the 1980's television game show "The \$20,000 Pyramid," a twelve-year-old New York City girl tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source that seem to defy laws of time and space. Newbery Award, 2010
- Stewart, Trenton Lee. ***The Extraordinary Education of Nicholas Benedict***. Little, Brown, 2012. Nine-year-old Nicholas Benedict is moved to one more orphanage: this one filled with nasty bullies who target him, a suspicious orphanage director, and a mystery about lost treasure. Using his superior intellect and fierce determination, Nicholas strives to solve the mystery and makes a couple of fast friends in the process. *Series*
- Telgemeier, Raina. ***Sisters***. Graphix, 2014. Raina wants a baby sister until she has one who tends to be cranky and difficult. When it appears that their parents are having issues, the girls must figure out how to get along. This humorous look at relationships between siblings will resonate with readers.
- Tingle, Tim. ***How I Became a Ghost: A Choctaw Trail of Tears Story***. RoadRunner, 2013. A Choctaw boy tells the story of his tribe's removal from the only land its people had ever known, and how their journey to Oklahoma led him to become a ghost—one with the ability to help those he left behind. *Series*
- Turnage, Sheila. ***The Odds of Getting Even***. Kathy Dawson, 2015. Desperado Detectives--aka Mo LoBeau and her best friend Dale, along with newly-appointed intern, Harm Crenshaw--must take on a new case when Dale's daddy goes on the lam just before his trial is about to start. *Series*
- Weeks, Sarah. ***Honey***. Scholastic, 2015. Melody, a girl living in Royal, Indiana learns that her dad may have a new secret girlfriend, so Melody and her best friend Nick try to figure out the secret.
- Yang, Gene Luen and Mike Holmes. ***Secret Coders***. First Second, 2015. A girl named Hopper is at a new school where everything seems creepy, until she makes a new friend named Eni and they work together to solve a mystery. *Series*
- Ziegler, Jennifer. ***Revenge of the Flower Girls***. Scholastic, 2014. Triplets try to thwart their older sister's wedding plans when they think she should marry someone else. Will their antics help or hinder the wedding?
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- Abbott, Tony. ***The Copernicus Legacy: The Forbidden Stone***. Katherine Tegen, 2014. Wade, Lily, Darrell, and Becca fly from Texas to Germany for the funeral of an old family friend. But instead of just paying their respects, they wind up on a dangerous, mind-blowing quest to unlock an ancient, guarded secret that could destroy the fate of the world. *Series*
- Allen, Crystal. ***The Laura Line***. Balzar + Bray, 2013. When Laura Dyson's seventh grade history teacher schedules a class trip to the slave shack on her grandmother's farm, Laura is forced to come to terms with her family's past and what it means for her future.
- Anderson, John David. ***Ms. Bixby's Last Day***. HarperCollins, 2016. When Ms. Bixby unexpectedly announces that she is very sick and won't be able to finish the school year, three students come up with a hilarious and heart-warming plan to tell her how much she means to them.
- Avi. ***Catch You Later, Traitor***. Algonquin, 2015. It's 1951, and twelve-year-old Pete Collison is a regular kid in Brooklyn, New York, who loves Sam Spade detective books and radio crime dramas. But when FBI agents show up at Pete's doorstep, accusing Pete's father of being a Communist, Pete is caught in a real-life mystery. Could there really be Commies in Pete's family?
- Balliett, Blue. ***Hold Fast***. Scholastic, 2013. On a cold winter day in Chicago, Early's father disappeared. Now she, her brother, and mother have been forced to flee their apartment and join the ranks of the homeless – leaving it up to Early to hold her family together and solve the mystery surrounding her father.
- Bartoletti, Susan Campbell. ***Terrible Typhoid Mary: A True Story of the Deadliest Cook in America***. Houghton Mifflin, 2015. In 1906, Irish immigrant Mary Mallon was a cook for some of the wealthiest families in New York City, never realizing she was passing on the typhoid disease through the food she cooked. Once health officials discovered she was a carrier, Mary was unwillingly imprisoned for much of her life to be studied by medical professionals, raising questions of human and civil rights for those who are held against their will in the name of science.
- Bausum, Ann. ***Stubby the War Dog: The True Story of World War I's Bravest Dog***. National Geographic, 2014. Smuggled onto a naval ship heading to battle in France by his faithful human friend, Stubby earned his place in World War I history by warning troops of gas attacks, killing rats that plagued the soldiers' barracks, and even capturing a German soldier by biting the seam of his pants.
- Benjamin, Ali. ***The Thing About Jellyfish***. Little, Brown, 2015. Twelve-year-old Suzy Swanson wades through her intense grief over the loss of her best friend by investigating the rare jellyfish she is convinced was responsible for her friend's death.

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- Blakemore, Megan Frazer. ***The Spy Catchers of Maple Hill***. Bloomsbury, 2014. Hazel Kaplansky and new student Samuel Butler investigate rumors that a Russian spy has infiltrated their small Vermont town, amidst the fervor of Cold War era McCarthyism, but more is revealed than they could ever have imagined.
- Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker. ***The War That Saved My Life***. Dial Books, 2015. A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother.
- Bragg, Georgia. ***How They Croaked: The Awful Ends of the Awfully Famous***. Walker, 2011. "If you don't have the guts for gore, do not read this book." This caveat from the publisher warns the reader that they will encounter lots of gory details of the deaths of nineteen famous people . . . fun and informative too.
- Brown, Don. ***The Great American Dust Bowl***. Houghton Mifflin, 2013. This graphic novel explores the American plains in the 1930's when millions of kinetic dust particles "rained down" causing the catastrophe known as the Dust Bowl.
- DeFelice, Cynthia. ***Fort***. Farrar Straus Giroux, 2015. Wyatt and his friend Augie are enjoying the fort they built, but when two older boys mess with it and with another kid who can't fight back, they launch Operation Doom to get back at the bullies.
- Draper, Sharon. ***Out of My Mind***. Atheneum, 2010. Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient, young girl with cerebral palsy discovers a way for her to speak for the first time.
- Engle, Margarita. ***Lion Island: Cuba's Warrior of Words***. Atheneum, 2016. A biographical novel about Antonio Chuffat, a Chinese-African-Cuban messenger boy in 1870s Cuba who became a translator and documented the freedom struggle on indentured Chinese laborers in this country.
- Flanagan, John. ***The Outcasts***. Philomel, 2011. In this action-packed companion series to Flanagan's *Rangers Apprentice* books, a sixteen-year-old Skandian-Araluen named Hal and his group of misfit friends compete against two other, more powerful, brotherbands, enduring three months of grueling training in seamanship, weapons, and battle tactics to determine who will win the coveted prize. *Series*
- Fox, Janet. ***The Charmed Children of Rookskill Castle, 2017***. Puffin, 2017. In 1940, during the Blitz, Katherine, Robbie and Amelie Bateson are sent north to a private school in Rookskill Castle in Scotland, a brooding place, haunted by dark magic from the past--but when some of their classmates disappear Katherine has to find out if the cause is hidden in the past or very much in the present.
- Freedman, Russell. ***Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass: The Story Behind an American Friendship***. Clarion, 2012. This fascinating account focuses on the lives of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, including their friendship and its effect on emancipation and the Civil War.

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- Gibbs, Stuart. ***Space Case: a Moon Base Alpha Novel***. Simon & Schuster, 2014. You'd think it would be awesome to be the first people to live on the moon, right? For 12-year old Dashiell Gibson and the other civilians on the base, however, life is extremely dull until the base's top scientist is found dead. Dash takes it upon himself to solve the mystery and find out what exactly happened to the doctor.
- Haddix, Margaret Peterson. ***Under Their Skin***. Simon & Schuster, 2016. Twelve-year-old twins Nick and Eryn investigate why their mother and new stepfather are keeping secrets; why they are forbidden to meet their stepsiblings; and most importantly, why their lives are in danger.
- Hale, Nathan. ***The Underground Abductor***. Amulet Books, 2015. With his characteristic humor and clever illustrations, the author relates the story of Harriet Tubman and her work with the Underground Railroad, in this fifth book of the popular graphic novel series, Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales. *Series*
- Haskell, Merrie. ***Handbook for Dragon Slayers***. Harper, 2013. Yearning for life in a cloistered scriptorium, thirteen-year-old Princess Matilda, whose lame foot brings fear of the evil eye, escapes her scheming cousin Ivo and joins her servant Judith and an old friend, Parz, in hunting dragons and writing about them. Schneider Family Book Award for 2014.
- Hiaasen, Carl. ***Chomp***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2012. A combination of wild animals and reality TV is mixed with a dose of humor, adventure, and mystery when the fame-seeking star of the show disappears in the Florida Everglades and Wahoo Cray, the young animal wrangler, and his new friend Tuna are the only ones who can find him.
- Hoffman, Alice. ***Nightbird***. Wendy Lamb, 2015. Due to a 200-year-old curse on her family and an enormous secret, twelve-year-old Twig and her mother avoid people and certainly do not have friendships in their quaint hometown of Sidwell, Massachusetts; yet when the descendants of the witch who placed the curse moves into the house next door, big changes begin to blossom.
- Hopkinson, Deborah. ***The Great Trouble: a Mystery of London, the Blue Death, and a Boy Called Eel***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2013. Eel, an orphan, and his best friend Florrie must help Dr. John Snow prove that cholera is spread through water, and not poisonous air, when an epidemic sweeps across their London neighborhood in 1854.
- Jamieson, Victoria. ***Roller Girl***. Dial Books, 2015. Twelve-year-old Astrid decides she wants to try something new this summer and signs-up for a Roller Derby Camp, but her long time best friend Nicole makes a different choice. How will this summer change Astrid and her friendship with Nicole?
- Johnson, Jaleigh. ***The Mark of the Dragonfly***. Delacorte, 2014. Since her father's death in a factory in the Dragonfly territories, thirteen-year-old Piper has eked out a living as a scrapper in Merrow Kingdom, but the arrival of a mysterious girl sends her on a dangerous journey to distant lands.

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- Kadohata, Cynthia. ***The Thing About Luck***. Atheneum, 2013. Just when twelve-year-old Summer thinks nothing else can possibly go wrong in a year of bad luck, an emergency takes her parents to Japan, leaving Summer to care for her little brother while helping her grandmother cook and do laundry for harvest workers.
- Kennedy, Caroline, ed. ***Poems to Learn by Heart***. Disney-Hyperion, 2013. A wonderful selection of poems -- some old favorites, some new -- arranged by everyday subjects like school, family, self, sports, etc., accompanied by watercolor illustrations so charmingly done by Jon J. Muth. A book to treasure and share!
- Kidd, Chip. ***Go: a Kidd's Guide to Graphic Design***. Workman, 2013. This is an appealing introduction to graphic design with chapters covering: form, typography, content, and concepts, including 10 design projects for you to try.
- Kirby, Matthew. ***Spell Robbers***. Scholastic, 2014. Ben Warner is invited to join a "science camp" led by a quantum physicist. With his new friend Peter he discovers the secret art of Actuation--the ability to change reality by imagining it differently--but he also finds that there are people willing to kill for that secret. Book One of the exciting spy, sci-fi adventure, *The Quantum League*.
- Korman, Gordon. ***Masterminds***. Balzer + Bray, 2015. The tiny town of Serenity, New Mexico, appears to be the most perfect town in the world, however, when thirteen-year-old Eli and his friend try to leave the city limits for the first time, Eli gets his first clue that all may not be as it seems, and that something sinister is going on all around them. *Series*
- LeGrand, Eric. ***Believe: the Victorious Story of Eric LeGrand***. HarperCollins, 2012. Eric LeGrand reflects on his life, discussing his childhood, family, success in high school and college sports, and the football injury which resulted in paralysis, rehabilitation, and more.
- Leyson, Leon. ***The Boy on the Wooden Box: How the Impossible Became Possible...on Schindler's List***. Atheneum, 2013. This memoir recounts the life and perseverance of the youngest survivor on Schindler's list. Mr. Leyson's incredible remembrances remind us of the atrocities of war and the humanity that one person can show to make a difference.
- Loftin, Nikki. ***Nightingale's Nest***. Razorbill, 2014. In this twist on "The Nightingale," Little John, despite his own poverty and grief, reaches out to Gayle, an unhappy foster child living next-door who sings beautifully and hides a great secret.
- Lupica, Mike. ***Fantasy League***. Philomel, 2014. Twelve-year-old Charlie gets a chance to work with a real NFL owner once his skills for picking Fantasy Football winners is discovered. On the field, the game is much more challenging.
- MacHale, D.J. ***Curse of the Boggin***. Random House, 2016. When supernatural phenomenon start following Marcus O'Mara around, he discovers a key that leads to The Library, a place where all the stories of the living and dead are kept that help him and his friends solve a terrifying mystery. *Series*

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- Napoli, Donna Jo. ***Treasury of Egyptian Mythology: Classic Stories of Gods, Goddesses, Monsters & Mortals.*** National Geographic, 2014. Presents illustrated retellings of Egyptian myths, sharing the stories of Ra, Isis, Osiris, Anubis, and Bastet with sidebars for each god, goddess, monster and mortal that link the tales to history, geography, and culture, and includes a timeline and other resources.
- Nelson, S.D. ***Sitting Bull: Lakota Warrior and Defender of His People.*** Abrams Books, 2015. Native American author combines archival images and his own drawings in the style of Lakota ledger book art of the 19th century to enhance this life story of one of the most important Lakota/Sioux chiefs to ever live, Sitting Bull.
- Nielsen, Jennifer A. ***The Mark of the Thief.*** Scholastic, 2015. In this fast-paced historical fantasy, Nic is a slave in the Roman mines who finds a magical amulet that once belonged to Julius Caesar. He learns very quickly that there are others who seek the amulet who want to use its powers to overthrow the Emperor and control Rome. *Series*
- Pearsall, Shelley. ***The Seventh Most Important Thing.*** Alfred A. Knopf, 2015. In 1963, thirteen-year-old Arthur is sentenced to community service helping the neighborhood Junk Man after he throws a brick at the old man's head in a moment of rage, but the junk he collects might be more important than he suspects. Inspired by the work of American folk artist
- Shusterman, Neal and Eric Elfman. ***Tesla's Attic.*** Disney-Hyperion, 2014. With a plot combining science and the supernatural, four kids are caught up in a dangerous plan concocted by the eccentric inventor, Nikola Tesla. *Series*
- Sloan, Holly Goldberg. ***Counting by 7s.*** Dial, 2013. Twelve-year-old genius and outsider Willow Chance must figure out how to connect with other people and find a surrogate family for herself after her parents are killed in a car accident.
- Smith, Roland. ***The Edge.*** Houghton Mifflin, 2015. Fifteen-year-old Peak Marcello is invited to participate in an "International Peace Ascent" in the Hindu Kush, with a team made up of under-eighteen-year-old climbers from around the world--but from the first something seems wrong, so when the group is attacked, and most of the climbers are either killed or kidnapped, Peak finds himself caught up in a struggle to survive, shadowed by the Shen, a mysterious snow leopard. *Series*
- Stevens, Robin. ***Poison is Not Polite.*** Simon & Schuster, 2016. A tea party takes a poisonous turn leaving Daisy and Hazel with a new mystery to solve in the second novel of the Wells & Wong Mystery series.
- Stone, Tanya Lee. ***Courage Has No Color: the True Story of the Triple Nickles: America's First Black Paratroopers.*** Candlewick, 2013. Examines the role of African-Americans in the military through the history of the Triple Nickles, America's first black paratroopers, who fought against attacks perpetrated on the American West by the Japanese during World War II.

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When on Earth: History as You've Never Seen it Before. DK, 2015. Divided into four sections covering the ancient, medieval, and modern worlds, this book features beautiful illustrations, 3-D graphics, clear text boxes, and fun facts that bring history to life and show how it fits into the world at large.

Wiles, Deborah. ***Revolution.*** Scholastic, 2014. It's 1964 in Greenwood, Mississippi, and Sunny's town is being invaded by people from up north who are coming to help people register to vote. Her personal life isn't much better, as a new stepmother, brother, and sister are crowding into her life, giving her little room to breathe. *Series*

Woodson, Jacqueline. ***Brown Girl Dreaming.*** Nancy Paulsen, 2014. The author shares her childhood memories and reveals the first sparks that ignited her writing career in free-verse poems about growing up in the North and South. *National Book Award Winner, The Coretta Scott King Author Award Winner*

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Any available unabridged edition of a title is acceptable.

- Acampora, Paul. ***I Kill the Mockingbird***. Roaring Brook, 2014. When best friends Lucy, Elena, and Michael receive their summer reading list, they are excited to see the book ***To Kill a Mockingbird*** included ... but not everyone in their class shares the same enthusiasm. So the three friends hatch a plot to get the entire town talking about the well-known Harper Lee classic.
- Alexander, Kwame. ***The Crossover***. Houghton Mifflin, 2014. Twins, Josh and Jordan, both of whom love basketball, begin to grow apart in adolescence at the same time as their father, a former basketball star, begins to experience health issues. Written in verse. *Newbery Award 2015*
- Aronson, Marc. ***Trapped: How the World Rescued 33 Miners From 2,000 Feet Below the Chilean Desert***. Atheneum, 2011. The true story of thirty-three miners trapped in a copper-gold mine in San Jose, Chile, and how experts from around the world, from drillers, to astronauts, to submarine specialists, came together to make their remarkable rescue possible.
- Asimov, Isaac. ***The Stars, Like Dust***. First published 1951. At the death of his father, Biron Farrill becomes involved in the plot to rebel against the Tyranni who have conquered many worlds. *Series*
- Barnhill, Kelly. ***The Girl Who Drank the Moon***. Algonquin, 2016. An epic fantasy about a young girl raised by a witch, a swamp monster, and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon, who must unlock the powerful magic buried deep inside her. *Newbery Medal 2017. Excellent audiobook.*
- Barrett, Tracy. ***The Stepsister's Tale***. Harlequin Teen, 2014. Jane and her sister struggle to live with their slightly deranged mother in a decaying mansion when their mother surprises them both by marrying again and bringing home not only a new husband but also a spoiled, exasperating stepsister.
- Bascomb, Neal. ***The Nazi Hunters: How a Team of Spies and Survivors Captured the World's Most Notorious Nazi***. Arthur Levine, 2013. Recounts how, sixteen years after the end of World War II, a team of undercover Israeli agents captured the Nazi war criminal, Adolf Eichmann, in a remote area of Argentina and brought him to trial in Israel for crimes committed during the Holocaust.
- Benway, Robin. ***Also Known As***. Walker Books, 2013. As the active-duty daughter of international spies, sixteen-year-old safecracker Maggie Silver never attended high school. So when she and her parents are sent to New York for her first solo assignment, Maggie is introduced to cliques, school lunches, and maybe even a boyfriend. *Series*
- Berry, Julie. ***The Scandalous Sisterhood of Prickwillow Place***. Roaring Brook, 2014. The students at St. Etheldreda's School for Girls face a difficult dilemma disguising inconvenient facts when their headmistress and her horrible brother are poisoned, and they decide that they would rather stay together and not go home to their unloving families. The audiobook version is highly recommended.

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- Bow, Erin. ***Sorrow's Knot***. Arthur A. Levine Books, 2013. Otter is a girl of the Shadowed People, and she is born to be a binder, a woman whose power it is to tie the knots that bind the dead - the only thing that keeps the living safe; but something is terribly wrong in their tribe. Can Otter find a way to save her people?
- Brody, Jessica. ***A Week of Mondays***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2016. Sixteen-year-old Ellison Sparks keeps reliving that terrible Monday when her boyfriend, Tristan, breaks up with her; and no matter how hard she tries, she cannot seem to set things right.
- Brown, Don. ***Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina & New Orleans***. Houghton Mifflin, 2015. On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina's monstrous winds and surging water overwhelmed the protective levees around low-lying New Orleans, Louisiana. The tale of this historic storm and the drowning of an American city is one of selflessness, heroism, and courage -- and also of incompetence, racism, and criminality. *Graphic novel*.
- Carriger, Gail. ***Etiquette & Espionage***. Little, Brown, 2013. In an alternate England of 1851, spirited fourteen-year-old Sophronia is enrolled in a finishing school where she is surprised to learn that lessons include not only the fine arts of dance, dress, and etiquette, but also diversion, deceit, and espionage. The audiobook version is highly recommended. *Series*
- Carson, Rae. ***Walk on Earth a Stranger***. Greenwillow, 2015. Lee Westfall, a young woman with the magical ability to sense the presence of gold, must flee her home to avoid people who would abuse her powers, so when her best friend Jefferson heads out across Gold Rush-era America to stake his claim, she disguises herself as a boy and sets out on her own dangerous journey. *Series*.
- Catmull, Katherine. ***Summer and Bird***. Dutton, 2012. In the world of Down, young sisters Summer and Bird are separated and go in very different directions as they seek their missing parents, try to vanquish the evil Puppeteer, lead the talking birds back to their Green Home, and discover the identity of the true bird queen.
- Choldenko, Gennifer. ***No Passengers Beyond This Point***. Puffin, 2012. With their house in foreclosure, sisters India and Mouse and their brother Finn are sent to stay with an uncle in Colorado until their mother can join them. However, when the plane lands, the children are welcomed by cheering crowds to a strange place where each of them has a perfect house and a clock that is ticking down the time. *The audiobook version is highly recommended*.
- Constable, Cathryn. ***The Wolf Princess***. Scholastic, 2013. Sophie Smith is an orphan stuck in a boarding school in London, but at night she dreams of Russia and wolves – then, on a class trip to Saint Petersburg, she finds herself and her two friends deliberately separated from the group and whisked off into the silver forest of her dreams, where a mystery awaits.
- Cooney, Caroline B. ***No Such Person***. Delacorte, 2015. One of the Allerton sisters has been charged with a pre-meditated killing, so when she says she did not do it, Miranda, who wants to believe her sister Lander, finds that everything is pointing to Lander's guilt.

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- Crossan, Sarah. ***The Weight of Water***. Bloomsbury, 2013. Told in verse, this story is about twelve-year-old Kasienka who immigrates to England from Poland with her mother in search of Kasienka's father. Sadly, everyone is not friendly except for one neighbor and a cute boy she meets at the swimming pool, which is her only refuge from bullies and an unfamiliar society.
- Dashner, James. ***The Eye of Minds***. Delacorte, 2013. Kaine, a cyberterrorist, has been holding players hostage in the VirtNet, a total mind/body virtual reality immersion. Michael and his friends, skilled gamers, are hired to go off the grid to track him down. *Series*
- Davies, Linda. ***Longbow Girl***. Chicken House, 2016. Sixteen-year-old expert archer Merry Owen is desperate to save her family's farm in Wales, when she finds a buried chest containing an ancient and hopefully valuable Welsh text, she hopes it will be the key to a fortune -- and so it is, but not in the way she expected, for it sends her and her friend James de Courcy into the past.
- Davies, Stephen. ***Outlaw: A Novel***. Clarion, 2011. The children of Britain's ambassador to Burkina Faso, fifteen-year-old Jake, who loves technology and adventure, and thirteen-year-old Kas, a budding social activist, are abducted and spend time in the Sahara desert with Yakuuba Sor, who some call a terrorist but others consider a modern-day Robin Hood.
- Deuker, Carl. ***Swagger***. Houghton Mifflin, 2013. Jonas' future looks bright with a college basketball scholarship within reach, but a team member is dead and Jonas knows who is responsible. Should he keep his head down or confront the killer and put his future in jeopardy?
- Doyle, Arthur Conan, Sir. ***The Hound of the Baskervilles***. First published 1902. Sherlock Holmes is asked to investigate the tale of a mysterious death and a hound that haunts the lonely moors around the Baskervilles' ancestral home.
- Elliott, Kate. ***Court of Fives***. Little, Brown, 2015. When a scheming lord tears Jess's family apart, she must rely on her unlikely friendship with Kal, a high-ranking Patron boy, and her skill at Fives, an intricate, multi-level athletic competition that offers a chance for glory, to protect her Commoner mother and mixed-race sisters and save her father's reputation. *Series*
- Eulberg, Elizabeth. ***Take a Bow***. Scholastic, 2012. The Senior Showcase recital at a performing arts high school in New York is approaching: Sophie is grateful for the support of her friends and boyfriend; Emme and Ethan wonder whether they could be more than friends and band-mates; and Carter does not know how to admit that he would rather be a painter than a performer.
- Falkner, Brian. ***The Assault***. Random House, 2012. In the year 2030, six teens have been modified to look like the aliens who are battling for control of Earth. Their mission: to go behind enemy lines to uncover and destroy a shocking, secret alien project. *Series*
- Fantaskey, Beth. ***Buzz Kill***. Houghton Mifflin, 2014. Seventeen-year-old Millie joins forces with her classmate, gorgeous but mysterious Chase Colton, to try to uncover who murdered head football coach "Hollerin' Hank" Killdare . . . and why.

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- Fleming, Candace. ***The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, & the Fall of Imperial Russia***. Schwartz & Wade, 2014. This book recounts the true story of the Romanovs, as both an intimate portrait of Russia's last royal family and as a compelling account of the family's and Czarist Russia's fall. Contains many photos and first person accounts.
- Russell, Freedman. ***Vietnam: A History of the War***. Holiday House, 2016. Presentation of American involvement in the Vietnam War with a good selection of primary source photos and quotes from public officials as well as diary accounts and viewpoints of veterans of the war.
- Friedman, Laurie B. ***Love or Something Like It***. Darby Creek, 2015. As summer approaches, April is conflicted about going to camp and missing time with new boyfriend Matt and her friend Sophie, who will be visiting. Is her flame with Matt strong enough to survive a long absence? *Series*
- Frost, Mark. ***The Paladin Prophecy***. Random House, 2012. Will West is careful to live life under the radar, but now he finds himself in the middle of a millennia-old struggle between titanic forces, as he is recruited by an exclusive prep school and followed by sinister agents. *Series*
- Gansworth, Eric L. ***If I Ever Get Out of Here***. Arthur A. Levine, 2013. Seventh-grader Lewis "Shoe" Blake from the Tuscarora Reservation has a new friend, George Haddonfield from the local Air Force base, but in 1975 upstate New York there is tension between Native Americans and Whites, and in spite of their friendship, Lewis hides many facts about his life.
- Gidwitz, Adam. ***The Inquisitor's Tale, or, The Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog***. Dutton, 2016. On a dark night, travelers from across France cross paths at an inn and begin to tell stories of three children whose adventures take them on a chase through medieval France.
- Gier, Kerstin. ***Ruby Red***. Translated from the German by Anthea Bell. Holt, 2011. Sixteen-year-old Gwyneth Shepherd unexpectedly travels through time to the eighteenth century where she discovers a mystery about her real birth date and finds to her dismay that she must work with Gideon -- another time traveler who hates her! *Series*
- Gleason, Colleen. ***The Clockwork Scarab***. Chronicle Books, 2013. In 1889 London, Evaline Stoker, sister of vampire hunter Bram Stoker, and Mina Holmes, niece of Sherlock Holmes, are summoned to investigate the disappearance of young society women using only an Egyptian scarab as a clue. Murder, time travel, and rivalries abound. *Series*
- Gonzalez, Christina Diaz. ***Moving Target***. Scholastic, 2015. An attempt on thirteen-year-old Cassie Arroyo's life results in her father's hospitalization, but not before he warns her that she is the target of a secret organization known as the Hastati, protectors of the mystical Spear of Destiny.
- Gratz, Alan. ***Projekt 1065: A Novel of World War II***. Scholastic, 2016. Living with his family in Berlin, Michael O'Shaunessey, the son of the Irish ambassador to Nazi Germany, works as a spy like his parents and participates in the horrific

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- activities of the Hitler Youth in order to gain inside information for the British Secret Service.
- Grimes, Nikki. ***Planet Middle School***. Bloomsbury, 2011. A series of poems describes all the baffling changes at home and at school in twelve-year-old Joylin's transition from tomboy basketball player to not-quite-girly girl.
- Hale, Nathan. ***One Dead Spy: The Life, Times, and Last Words of Nathan Hale, America's Most Famous Spy***. Amulet Books, 2012. After being swallowed by a giant history book moments before his own execution, Nathan Hale is given the chance to tell his own story as well as many other stories from American History.
- Halpern, Jake. ***Nightfall***. Putnam's, 2015. On a distant island where day and night exist on fourteen-year cycles, and the islanders migrate south each sunset, three children get left behind and must find a way off the island before the Night finds them.
- Hardinge, Frances. ***The Lie Tree***. Amulet Books, 2016. Gothic thriller set in the Victorian Age involves a young girl, Faith, in a desperate attempt to solve the suspected murder of her naturalist father, causing Faith to become entangled in the mysterious discovery of the Lie Tree.
- Harrington, Kim. ***The Dead and Buried***. Point, 2012. High School senior Jade is horrified to learn her father and stepmother have bought the house of a girl who was mysteriously killed just the year before they moved to town. She is even more horrified to realize the house is being haunted by the dead girl's very mean-spirited ghost.
- Hartman, Rachel. ***Seraphina***. Random House, 2012. Seraphina is half dragon and half human and, if people knew, would be considered an abomination. She lives a life in the shadows until her musical talent, a mysterious death, and her attraction to a handsome prince bring her life to a crisis. Morris Award for Best YA Debut Novel
- Hoose, Phillip M. ***The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2015. Deeply ashamed of Denmark's failure to resist the Nazi regime, fifteen-year-old Knud Pedersen resolved with his brother and a handful of schoolmates to take action against the Nazis themselves.
- Howard, Tim. ***The Keeper: The Unguarded Story of Tim Howard (Young Readers' Edition)***. Harper, 2015. Tim Howard's memoir about how he went from being a hyperactive kid from New Jersey with Tourette syndrome to becoming one of the world's premier goalkeepers.
- Jarrow, Gail. ***Bubonic Panic: When Plague Invaded America***. Calkins Creek, 2016. A bubonic plague death in 1900s San Francisco sets in motion medical attempts to contain the threat of the plague, however, the anti-Chinese immigration sentiment and the twin disasters of the San Francisco earthquake and fire complicate these efforts.
- Kelly, Erin Entrada. ***Blackbird Fly***. Greenwillow, 2015. Bullied at school, eighth-grader Apple, a Filipino American who loves the music of the Beatles, decides to change her life by learning how to play the guitar.

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- Kincaid, S.J. ***Insignia***. Katherine Tegen, 2012. Tom, a fourteen-year-old genius at virtual reality games, is recruited by the United States Military to begin training at the Pentagon Spire as a Combatant in World War III, controlling the mechanized drones that do the actual fighting off-planet. *The audiobook version is highly recommended. Series*
- Klass, David. ***Losers Take All: A Novel***. Farrar Straus and Giroux, 2015. At a sports-crazy New Jersey high school where all kids must play on a team, a group of rebels start a soccer team designed to undermine the jock-culture of the school.
- Klise, James. ***The Art of Secrets***. Algonquin, 2014. When some quirky art donated to a school fundraising effort to help a Pakistani American family who were victims of a possible hate crime is revealed to be a valuable unknown work by a famous outsider artist, adults and teenagers alike debate who should get the money and begin to question each other's motivations.
- LaFleur, Suzanne M. ***Listening for Lucca***. Wendy Lamb, 2013. When her younger brother, Lucca, stopped talking, Siena's family moved to Maine in hopes of a fresh start. Their home on the beach, however, has ghostly secrets of its own that connect Siena with a boy and girl who lived there during World War II.
- Leavitt, Lindsey. ***Going Vintage***. Bloomsbury, 2013. When sixteen-year-old Mallory learns that her boyfriend, Jeremy, is cheating on her with his cyber "wife," she rebels against technology and starts following her grandmother's list of goals from 1962, with help from her younger sister, Ginnie.
- Maguire, Gregory. ***Egg & Spoon***. Candlewick, 2014. Impoverished Russian peasant Elena Rudina and the aristocratic Ekaterina meet and set in motion an escapade that includes mistaken identity, a monk locked in a tower, a prince traveling incognito, and the witch Baba Yaga.
- McCall, Guadalupe Garcia. ***Under the Mesquite***. Lee & Low, 2011. Lupita, a budding actor and poet in a close-knit Mexican American immigrant family, comes of age as she struggles with adult responsibilities during her mother's long illness.
- McMann, Lisa. ***The Unwanted***. Aladdin, 2011. In a society that purges thirteen-year-olds who are creative, identical twins Aaron and Alex are separated -- one to attend University while the other, supposedly Eliminated, finds himself in a wondrous place where youths hone their abilities and learn magic. *Series*
- McNeal, Tom. ***Far Far Away***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2013. When Jeremy Johnson Johnson's strange ability to speak to the ghost of Jacob Grimm draws the interest of his classmate, Ginger Boultinghouse, the two find themselves at the center of a series of disappearances in their hometown.
- Meloy, Maile. ***The Apothecary***. Putnam's, 2011. During the early days of the Red Scare, Janie and her family must leave their home in Los Angeles and move to London. There, she encounters a fascinating boy named Benjamin Burrows who wants to become a spy. When Benjamin discovers his father has some secrets of his own, Janie and Benjamin begin a race against the Russians to prevent a global disaster. *Series*
- Meyer, Marissa. ***Cinder***. Feiwel and Friends, 2012. Cinder, a gifted mechanic and a cyborg with a mysterious past, is blamed by her stepmother for her stepsister's

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- illness while a deadly plague decimates the population of New Beijing. When Cinder's life gets intertwined with Prince Kai's, she finds herself at the center of an intergalactic struggle. *The audiobook version is highly recommended. Series*
- Mone, Gregory. ***The Boys in the Boat: The True Story of an American Team's Epic Journey to Win Gold at the 1936 Olympics.*** Viking, 2015. Adapted for young readers from Daniel Brown's book, this is the remarkable story of the University of Washington's 1936 eight-oar crew and their epic quest for an Olympic gold medal. The sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers, the boys defeat elite rivals first from eastern and British universities before challenging the German crew rowing for Adolf Hitler in the Olympic Games in Berlin, 1936.
- Moriarty, Jaclyn. ***A Corner of White.*** Arthur A. Levine, 2013. Fourteen-year-old Madeleine of Cambridge, England, struggling to cope with poverty and her mother's illness, and fifteen-year-old Elliot of the Kingdom of Cello in a parallel world, begin exchanging notes through a crack between their worlds and find they can be of great help to each other. *Series*
- Murdock, Catherine Gilbert. ***Dairy Queen.*** Houghton Mifflin, 2006. After spending her summer running the family farm and training the quarterback for her school's rival football team, sixteen-year-old D.J. decides to go out for the sport herself, not anticipating the reactions of those around her.
- Nelson, Marilyn. ***How I Discovered Poetry.*** Dial Books, 2014. Looking back on her childhood in the 1950s, the author tells the story of her development as an artist and young woman through fifty eye-opening poems that also offer a larger view of the world around her: racial tensions, the Cold War era, and the first stirrings of the feminist movement.
- Nielsen, Susin. ***We Are All Made of Molecules.*** Ember, 2016. Thirteen-year-old brilliant but socially-challenged Stewart and mean-girl Ashley must find common ground when, two years after Stewart's mother died, his father moves in with his new girlfriend--Ashley's mother, whose gay ex-husband lives in their guest house in the backyard.
- Nix, Garth. ***Sabriel.*** Eos, first published 1995. Sabriel, daughter of the necromancer Abhorsen, must journey into the mysterious and magical Old Kingdom to rescue her father from the Land of the Dead. *Series*
- Oliver, Mary. ***Dog Songs: Thirty-five Dog Songs and One Essay.*** Penguin, 2013. A collection of poems and one essay about dogs and their relationships with their owners.
- Oppel, Kenneth. ***The Nest.*** Simon & Schuster, 2015. Steve is an anxious boy who is visited in his dreams by wasps who say they want to save his sickly baby brother but can only do it with his help. But do they really, is he actually dreaming and can he really help?
- Peet, Mal. ***Keeper.*** Candlewick, 2005. An enthralling story of a poor and gawky Brazilian child who mysteriously becomes the world's greatest goalkeeper -- a seamless blend of magical realism and exhilarating soccer action.

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- Phelan, Matt. ***Snow White: A Graphic Novel***. Candlewick, 2016. This darkly stylized, noir adaptation of the classic story is set against a backdrop of Depression-era Manhattan and depicts, in vibrant graphic-novel detail, the story of a beleaguered girl who finds shelter with seven street urchins after the sudden death of her father, a former Wall Street king, and suffers cruelty at the hands of her Queen of the Follies stepmother. *Graphic Novel*.
- Preus, Margi. ***West of the Moon***. Amulet Books, 2014. Norwegian folktale and myth are woven into the story of Astri, a young girl whose evil aunt sells her to a goat herder. Astri plots to make a daring escape, rescue her younger sister and embark on a quest to find their father.
- Priest, Cherie. ***I Am Princess X***. Arthur A. Levine Books, 2015. Years after writing stories about a superheroine character she created with a best friend who died in a tragic car accident, sixteen-year-old May is shocked to see stickers, patches, and graffiti images of the superheroine appearing around Seattle.
- Raffin, Michele. ***The Birds of Pandemonium: Life Among the Exotic and the Endangered***. Algonquin, 2014. Pandemonium, the home and bird sanctuary that Raffin shares with some of the world's most remarkable birds, is a conservation organization dedicated to saving and breeding birds at the edge of extinction, with the goal of eventually releasing them into the wild. Their stories teach us volumes about the interrelationships of humans and animals.
- Reynolds, Jason. ***Ghost***. Atheneum, 2016. Ghost, a naturally talented runner and troublemaker, is recruited for an elite middle school track team. He must stay on track, literally and figuratively, to reach his full potential.
- Riggs, Ransom. ***Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children***. Quirk Books, 2011. Sixteen-year-old Jacob, having traveled to a remote island after a family tragedy, discovers an abandoned orphanage, and, after some investigating, he learns the children who lived there may have been dangerous and quarantined but may also still be alive. Haunting vintage photographs are dispersed throughout the book, giving the story a hint of creepiness. *Series*
- Ritter, William. ***Jackaby***. Algonquin, 2014. Abigail Rook has a gift for noticing ordinary but important details, making her perfect for the position of assistant to R. F. Jackaby, investigator of the unexplained. Abigail finds herself in the midst of a thrilling case: a serial killer is on the loose. The police are convinced it's an ordinary villain, but Jackaby is certain the foul deeds are the work of the kind of creature whose very existence the local authorities seem adamant to deny. *Series*
- Romero, Jordan. ***No Summit Out of Sight: the True Story of the Youngest Person to Climb the Seven Summits***. Simon & Schuster, 2014. The true story of Jordan Romero, who at the age of thirteen became the youngest person ever to reach the summit of Mount Everest. At age fifteen, he reached the summits of the world's seven highest mountains.
- Ruiz Zafón, Carlos. ***The Prince of Mist***. Little, Brown, 2010. In 1943, in a seaside town where their family has gone to be safe from war, thirteen-year-old Max Carver and his fifteen-year-old sister Alicia, along with new friend Roland, face off against an evil magician who is striving to complete a bargain made before he died.

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- Rusch, Elizabeth. ***The Mighty Mars Rovers: The Incredible Adventures of Spirit and Opportunity***. Houghton Mifflin, 2012. The story of the two robot vehicles, Spirit and Opportunity, that were sent to explore Mars, lasting far past their projected lives of three months and sending back invaluable images of the environmentally hostile planet.
- Sands, Kevin. ***The Blackthorn Key***. Aladdin, 2015. In 1665 London, fourteen-year-old Christopher Rowe, apprentice to an apothecary, and his best friend Tom try to uncover the truth behind a mysterious cult, following a trail of puzzles, codes, pranks, and danger toward an unearthly secret with the power to tear the world apart.
- Schlitz, Laura Amy. ***The Hired Girl***. Candlewick, 2015. Fourteen-year-old Joan Skraggs chronicles her life in a journal when she leaves her family's farm in Pennsylvania to work as a hired girl in Baltimore in the summer of 1911. *Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction, 2016*
- Scott, Traer. ***Nocturne: Creatures of the Night***. Princeton Architectural, 2014. Provides amazing photographs and an introduction to nocturnal animals, offering information on the habits and habitations of each animal, including sugar gliders, tarantulas, cougars, raccoons, beavers, hedgehogs, and more.
- Sedgwick, Marcus. ***She Is Not Invisible***. Roaring Brook, 2014. When her father disappears, a blind London teenager kidnaps her younger brother -- her eyes to the world -- and embarks on a quest to find her father and solve the mystery of his disappearance.
- Sepetys, Ruta. ***Between Shades of Gray***. Philomel, 2011. On a calm, beautiful night in 1941 Lithuania, fifteen-year-old Lina's life is torn apart as she and her family are forced from their home and sent to work in labor camps along the harsh Arctic Circle as part of Stalin's forced relocation program.
- Sheinkin, Steve. ***The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights***. Roaring Brook, 2014. Presents an account of the 1944 Civil Rights protest involving hundreds of African-American Navy servicemen who were unjustly charged with mutiny for refusing to work in unsafe conditions after the deadly Port Chicago explosion, which killed 320 servicemen.
- Stead, Rebecca. ***Goodbye, Stranger***. Wendy Lamb, 2015. As Bridge makes her way through seventh grade on Manhattan's Upper West Side with her best friends, curvaceous Em, crusader Tab, and a curious new friend - or more than friend - Sherm, she finds the answer she has been seeking since she barely survived an accident at age eight: "What is my purpose?"
- Stevenson, Robert Louis. ***Treasure Island***. First published 1883. A classic pirate story reproduced in movies and TV shows more than any other, *Treasure Island* tells the tale of the quest for treasure by Jim Hawkins and pirate Long John Silver. The book also introduced the now infamous pirate song "Fifteen men on the dead man's chest--Yo-ho-ho, and a bottle of rum!"
- Stroud, Jonathan. ***The Screaming Staircase***. Disney-Hyperion, 2013. All across London, ghosts, ghouls, and other otherworldly apparitions are appearing with malevolent intent. Only children can see and deal with them, so three capable

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- young operatives form a Psychic Detection Agency to battle this frightening epidemic. *Series*
- Thompson, Holly. **Orchards**. Ember, 2011. Sent to Japan for the summer after an eighth-grade classmate's suicide, half-Japanese, half-Jewish Kana Goldberg tries to fit in with relatives she barely knows and reflects on the guilt she feels over the tragedy back home.
- Thomson, Jamie. **Dark Lord, the Early Years**. Walker, 2012. Evil Dark Lord tries to recover his dignity, his power, and his lands when an arch-foe transports him to a small town and into the body of a thirteen-year-old boy. *Series*
- Tolkien, J. R. R. **The Hobbit, or, There and Back Again**. First published 1937. Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to take part in an adventure from which he may never return. *Series*
- Van Draanen, Wendelin. **Flipped**. Alfred A. Knopf, 2001. This is a classic romantic comedy of errors told in alternating chapters by two teenagers describing how their feelings about themselves, each other, and their families have changed over the years.
- Volponi, Paul. **Game Seven**. Viking, 2015. Julio Ramirez, a sixteen-year-old shortstop in Cuba, who dreams of playing with the national team finds that he must choose between his country and family and his father who long ago defected to the U.S..
- Wagenen, Maya Van. **Popular: A Memoir: Vintage Wisdom for a Modern Geek**. Dutton, 2014. Stuck at the bottom of the social ladder at "pretty much the lowest level of people at school who aren't paid to be here," Maya Van Wagenen decided to begin a unique social experiment: spend her eighth grade year following a 1950s popularity guide written by a former teen model. She documents her experience in this memoir.
- Walker, Sally M. **Their Skeletons Speak: Kennewick Man and the Paleoamerican World**. Carolrhoda Books, 2012. This book explores the discovery and controversy surrounding the identification of the Kennewick Man, a nine thousand year old skeleton whose remains were found in a riverbed in Washington State in 1996.
- Watson, Jude. **Loot: How to Steal a Fortune**. Scholastic, 2014. When Alfie McQuinn, the notorious jewel thief, is killed on a job, his last words to his son, March, are to "find jewels" and this instruction leads the boy to Jules, the twin sister he never knew he had - and the perfect partner to carry on the family business.
- Wolk, Lauren. **Wolf Hollow: A Novel**. Dutton, 2016. Twelve-year-old Annabelle must learn to stand up for what is right in the face of a manipulative and violent new bully who targets people Annabelle cares about, including a homeless World War I veteran.
- Wright, Barbara. **Crow**. Random House, 2012. Moses Thomas's summer vacation in 1898 North Carolina does not go as planned, and while he deals with family problems and fickle friends, he feels the mounting tension between the African American and white communities.

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Zinn, Bridget. **Poison**. Hyperion, 2013. Kyra is a potions master, so when she tries to save the kingdom by killing her best friend, the princess, she becomes a fugitive pursued by the king's army and her ex-boyfriend Hal.

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Any available unabridged edition of a title is acceptable.

- Ahdieh, Renee. ***The Wrath and the Dawn***. Putnam's, 2015. In this reimagining of the "Arabian Nights," Shahrzad plans to avenge the death of her dearest friend by volunteering to marry the murderous boy-king of Khorasan but discovers not all is as it seems within the palace. *Series*
- Archer, Jennifer. ***Through Her Eyes***. HarperTeen, 2011. Sixteen-year-old Tansy is used to moving every time her mother starts writing a new book. However, in the small Texas town where her grandfather grew up, she is lured into the world of a troubled young man whose death sixty years earlier is shrouded in mystery.
- Aveyard, Victoria. ***Red Queen***. HarperTeen, 2015. In a world divided by blood--those with common, Red blood serve the Silver-blooded elite, who are gifted with superhuman abilities--seventeen-year-old Mare, a Red, discovers she has an ability of her own. To cover up this impossibility, the king forces her to play the role of a lost Silver princess and betroths her to one of his own sons. But Mare risks everything and uses her new position to help the Scarlet Guard --a growing Red rebellion--even as her heart tugs her in an impossible direction. *Series*
- Bardugo, Leigh. ***Shadow and Bone***. Holt, 2012. Orphaned by the Border Wars, Alina Starkov is taken from obscurity and away from her only friend, Mal, to become the protégé of the mysterious Darkling, who trains her to join the magical elite in the belief that she can destroy the monsters of the Fold. *Series*
- Blake, Kendare. ***Three Dark Crowns***. HarperTeen, 2016. On the island of Fennbirn, a set of triplets, born to the queen, are separated at a young age and trained to use their individual special powers, a Naturalist, an Elemental, and a Poisoner. As tradition goes, on their sixteenth birthday, the sisters will engage in a battle to the death; the victor gains the right to be Queen. *Series*
- Bowman, Erin. ***Vengeance Road***. Houghton Mifflin, 2015. When her father is killed by the notorious Rose Riders for a mysterious journal that reveals the secret location of a gold mine, eighteen-year-old Kate Thompson disguises herself as a boy and takes to the gritty plains looking for answers--and justice.
- Bracken, Alexandra. ***The Darkest Minds***. Hyperion, 2012. Sixteen-year-old Ruby breaks out of a government-run rehabilitation camp for teens who acquired dangerous powers after surviving a virus that wiped out most American children. *Series*
- Brown, Jennifer. ***Torn Away***. Little, Brown, 2014. As Jersey copes with her tornado tragedies, the deaths of both mom and sister, as well as the loss of her home, she is further challenged when she is forced to live with her long estranged father.
- Card, Orson Scott. ***Ender's Game***. Tor Books, 1985. A very young Ender Wiggin might be the human race's last chance to defeat a deadly alien invasion. *Series*

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- Carleson, J. C. ***The Tyrant's Daughter***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2014. Exiled to the United States after her father, a Middle Eastern dictator, is killed in a coup, fifteen-year-old Laila must cope with a completely new way of life, the truth of her father's regime, and her mother's and brother's ways of adjusting.
- Cline, Ernest. ***Ready Player One***. Crown, 2011. In the year 2044, Wade Watts, like the rest of humanity, chooses to escape reality and spends his waking hours in the limitless, utopian virtual world of the OASIS. When Wade stumbles upon the first of the fiendish puzzles set up by OASIS creator James Halliday, he finds he must compete with thousands of others -- including those willing to commit murder -- in order to claim the prize of a massive fortune. *Alex Award 2012*
- Coelho, Paulo. ***The Alchemist***. Translated from the Portuguese by Alan R. Clarke. HarperCollins, 1993. In this uplifting fable, Santiago takes a journey to find his personal legend and live the life he is meant to live, meeting friends along the way who provide him with the wisdom he needs to fulfill his dreams.
- Cornwell, Betsy. ***Mechanica***. Clarion, 2015. A retelling of Cinderella about an indomitable inventor-mechanic who finds her prince but realizes she doesn't want a fairy tale happy ending after all.
- Crandall, Susan. ***Whistling Past the Graveyard: A Novel***. Gallery Books, 2013. Determined to get to Nashville to find her mother in 1963, nine-year-old spitfire Starla Claudelle runs away from her strict grandmother's Mississippi home, eventually accepting a ride from Eula, a black woman traveling alone with a white baby.
- Crossan, Sarah. ***One***. Greenwillow, 2015. Despite problems at home, sixteen-year-old conjoined twins Tippi and Grace are loving going to school for the first time and making real friends when they learn that a cardiac problem will force them to have separation surgery, which they have never before considered. *Novel told in verse*.
- Crutcher, Chris. ***Period.8***. Greenwillow, 2013. At lunchtime, Mr. Logs opens his classroom for students to unburden themselves, speak honestly, and figure things out. When regular attendee Mary Wells disappears, the Period 8 group must sort out the good guys from the bad.
- Dessen, Sara. ***Saint Anything***. Viking, 2015. Her brother and his problems have pushed Sydney to the back seat in her family. A random stop at a local pizzeria introduces her to an amazing journey which includes finding friends, family, love, and herself.
- Doty, James R. ***Into the Magic Shop : A Neurosurgeon's Quest to Discover the Mysteries of the Brain and the Secrets of the Heart***. Avery, 2016. James Doty, a distinguished neurosurgeon, reflects on his impoverished childhood, his alcoholic father, and his career in medicine to show readers how it is fundamentally possible to change the thinking patterns in one's brain.

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- Foxlee, Karen. ***The Midnight Dress***. Ember, 2015. Rose, nearly sixteen, is used to traveling around with her alcoholic father but connects with the people of a small, coastal Australian town, especially classmate Pearl and reclusive Edie, who teaches her to sew a magical dress for the Harvest Festival while a mystery unfolds around them. *The audiobook is also highly recommended.*
- Gaiman, Neil. ***The Ocean at the End of the Lane: A Novel***. William Morrow, 2013. A man returns to his childhood home and relives the harrowing summer when a girl, Lettie Hempstock, and her family save him from the darkness and evil that were unleashed by a suicide that occurred near the pond at the end of their street.
- Gardner, Sally. ***Maggot Moon***. Candlewick, 2012. Friendship and trust inspire Standish to rise up against an oppressive regime and expose the truth about a planned moon landing.
- Golding, William. ***The Lord of the Flies***. First published in 1954. A plane crash leaves a group of boys alone and unsupervised on a deserted island.
- Green, John, Maureen Johnson, and Lauren Myracle. ***Let It Snow! Three Holiday Romances***. Speak, 2008. In three intertwining short stories, several high school couples experience the trials and tribulations along with the joys of romance during a Christmas Eve snowstorm in a small town.
- Green, Sally. ***Half Bad***. Viking, 2014. In modern-day England where witches live alongside humans, Nathan, son of a White Witch and the most powerful Black Witch, must escape captivity before his seventeenth birthday to receive the gifts that will determine his future. *Series*
- Hemingway, Ernest. ***A Farewell to Arms***. First published 1929. A British nurse and an American ambulance driver fall in love during World War I.
- Herbert, Frank. ***Dune***. First published 1965. The story of a young prince, Paul Atreides, scion of a star-crossed dynasty, and of his journey from boy to warrior to ruler of a dying planet destined to become a paradise regained. *Series*
- Hesse, Monica. ***The Girl in the Blue Coat***. Little, Brown. 2016. In 1943 Nazi-occupied Amsterdam, teenage Hanneke--a 'finder' of black market goods--is tasked with finding a Jewish girl who has seemingly vanished into thin air, and is pulled into a web of resistance activities and secrets as she attempts to solve the mystery and save the missing girl.
- Hitchcock, Bonnie Sue. ***The Smell of Other People's Houses***. Wendy Lamb, 2016. In quite possibly the best titled novel in recent years, this redemptive coming of age story is told in four unique teen voices living in 1970s Alaska.
- Howe, Katherine. ***Conversion***. Putnam's, 2014. When girls at Colleen's high school start experiencing strange tics and other mysterious symptoms, the small town of Danvers, Massachusetts, falls victim to rumors that lead to full-blown panic. Only Colleen connects their fate to Salem Village where three centuries earlier another group of girls suffered a similarly bizarre epidemic.

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- Jennings, Ken. ***Maphead: Charting the Wide, Weird World of Geography Wonks.*** Scribner, 2011. Jennings, former software engineer turned multimillionaire *Jeopardy* game show winner, used his lifelong obsession with geography to pen this book about geography with topics ranging from historical maps to current geographical trends such as Google Earth and geocaching.
- Johnson, Maureen. ***The Name of the Star.*** Putnam's, 2011. An American girl, Rory, enrolls in a London boarding school for her senior year of high school and encounters a suspenseful ghost mystery closely tied to the Jack the Ripper murders of old. *Series*
- Katz, Jon. ***Saving Simon: How a Rescue Donkey Taught Me the Meaning of Compassion.*** Random House, 2015. In this heartfelt, thoughtful, and inspiring memoir, the author tells the story of his beloved rescue donkey, Simon, and the wondrous ways that animals make us wiser and kinder people.
- Konigsberg, Bill. ***Openly Straight.*** Arthur A. Levine, 2013. Rafe plays soccer, wins skiing prizes, likes to write, and hates tofu. In his junior year of high school, Rafe, tired of being known as "that gay guy," transfers across the country to an all-boys' boarding school and decides to be "openly straight." His scheme is wildly successful but gets complicated when he falls in love with one of his new friends.
- Kooser, Ted. ***Delights & Shadows: Poems.*** Copper Canyon Press, 2004. This collection of poems by former Poet Laureate of the United States describes the habits and struggles of daily life.
- Lockhart, E. ***We Were Liars.*** Delacorte, 2013. Spending summers on her family's private island off the coast of Massachusetts with her cousins and a special boy named Gat, teenaged Cadence struggles to remember what happened during her fifteenth summer.
- Luttrell, Marcus. ***Lone Survivor: The Eyewitness Account of Operation Redwing and the Lost Heroes of SEAL Team 10.*** Little, Brown, 2007. American Navy SEAL and team leader Marcus Luttrell tells his story of the loss of his teammates in July 2005 along the mountainous Afghanistan-Pakistan border to al-Qaida insurgents.
- Maberry, Jonathan. ***Rot & Ruin.*** Simon & Schuster, 2010. In a post-apocalyptic world in which zombies have overtaken civilization, fences and border patrols guard the few remaining people. Fifteen-year-old Benny Imura becomes convinced that he must follow in his older brother's footsteps and become a bounty hunter. *Series*
- Mandel, Emily St. John. ***Station Eleven.*** Alfred A. Knopf, 2014. Scenes from life before and after a great pandemic decimates the world's population depict life through the eyes of members of a traveling group of performers.

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- Mathieu, Jennifer. ***Devoted***. Roaring Brook, 2015. Rachel Walker loves her family and is devoted to God, but when she begins to question both her reclusive and sheltered life and her relationship with God, she must decide if she will stay or flee, leaving her family and community behind.
- McNamee, Graham. ***Defender***. Wendy Lamb, 2016. Seventeen-year-old Tyne and her boyfriend Stick investigate a decades-old murder after she finds the body of a girl in the basement wall of her apartment building.
- McStay, Moriah. ***Everything That Makes You***. Katherine Tegen, 2015. In alternating voices, Fiona "Fi" Doyle experiences her teen years in two ways, with and without a disfiguring accident that occurred at age six, dealing with its effects on her brother and parents, her friendships, her dating life, her involvement in sports and hobbies, her future plans, and especially her self-image.
- Miodownik, Mark. ***Stuff Matters: Exploring the Marvelous Materials that Shape Our Man-made World***. Mariner, 2014. Explores objects as ordinary as an envelope and as unexpected as concrete cloth, uncovering the fascinating secrets that hold together our physical world.
- Moore, Meredith. ***I am Her Revenge***. Razorbill, 2015. Obedient Vivian arrives at boarding school to attract fellow student, Ben, to toy with him, run away with him, and break his heart on her mother's orders. Ben is the son of a man who, long ago, jilted her teenage mother. Revenge is the motive but the instrument – Vivian – may not be the efficient hammer Mother envisions.
- Oliver, Mary. ***Swan: Poems and Prose Poems***. Beacon Press, 2010. Mary Oliver's adoration and awe of nature shines through in this slim collection of beautiful poetry evocative of the beauty, brutality, and mysteries found in the natural world.
- Orwell, George. ***Animal Farm***. First published in 1945. When Old Major, a prize-winning pig, has a dream, he calls the farm animals together to tell them about his vision of the animals working and living together without the supervision of a human. Old Major dies, but the other animals carry through with the revolution. Animal equality is a founding principle of the rebellion, but when a fight for leadership ensues, the only tenet that remains is "all animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others."
- Patrick, Cat. ***Forgotten***. Little, Brown, 2011. Each night at precisely 4:33 am, while sixteen-year-old London Lane is asleep, her memory of that day is erased. She relies on reminder notes and a trusted friend to get through the day, but things get complicated when a new boy at school enters the picture.
- Perkins, Mitali, ed. ***Open Mic: Riffs on Life Between Cultures in Ten Voices***. Candlewick, 2013. Using a mix of diverse styles and perspectives, ten authors of non-Caucasian background share their personal views on the ways race and discrimination affect children and teenagers.

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- Pung, Alice. ***Lucy and Linh***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2016. Set in Australia, Lucy tries to balance her life at home surrounded by her Chinese immigrant family, with her life at a pretentious private school.
- Raasch, Sara. ***Snow Like Ashes***. Balzar + Bray, 2014. Sixteen years ago the Kingdom of Winter was attacked by King Angra from the Kingdom of Spring. Most of the Winterians were killed or enslaved. Meira and a group of Winterians journey to find the magical conduit that will restore their Kingdom, not realizing that she is the key to their future. *Series*
- Rowell, Rainbow. ***Eleanor & Park: A Novel***. St. Martin's Griffin, 2013. Set over the course of one school year in 1986, this is the story of two star-crossed misfits -- smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts, but brave and desperate enough to try.
- Rowling, J.K., John Tiffany, and Jack Thorne. ***Harry Potter and the Cursed Child. Parts One and Two***. Arthur A. Levine, 2016. As an overworked employee of the Ministry of Magic, a husband, and a father, Harry Potter struggles with a past that refuses to stay where it belongs while his youngest son, Albus, finds the weight of the family legacy difficult to bear.
- Saeed, Aisha. ***Written in the Stars***. Nancy Paulsen, 2015. Naila's vacation to visit relatives in Pakistan turns into a nightmare when she discovers her parents want to force her to marry a man she's never met.
- Sales, Leila. ***This Song Will Save Your Life: A Novel***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2013. Nearly a year after a failed suicide attempt, sixteen-year-old Elise discovers that she has the passion and talent to be a disc jockey. This is a novel about identity, friendship, and the power of music to bring people together.
- Scotton, Christopher. ***The Secret Wisdom of the Earth***. Grand Central, 2015. Kevin comes to spend the summer with his grandfather and tries to help the townspeople save the woods in Appalachia from the devastation of strip mining.
- Sepetys, Ruta. ***Salt to the Sea: A Novel***. Philomel, 2016. World War II is drawing to a close in East Prussia, and thousands of refugees are on a desperate trek toward freedom. When their paths converge in route to the ship that promises salvation, Joana, Emilia, and Florian find their strength, courage, and trust in one another tested with each step closer toward safety. When tragedy strikes the Wilhelm Gustloff, they must fight for the same thing: survival.
- Sheinkin, Steve. ***Bomb: The Race to Build and Steal the World's Most Dangerous Weapon***. Roaring Brook, 2012. Scientists and spies are central characters in this engaging and informative book describing the process of creating the first atomic weapons. *National Book Award Finalist 2013, Sibert Medal 2013*.

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- Showalter, Gena. ***Firstlife***. Harlequin TEEN, 2016. Locked in an asylum for her refusal to let her parents dictate her afterlife choices, Ten Lockwood finds herself caught in a violent power struggle between the two leading Everlife realms that would do anything to claim her powerful soul. *Series*
- Shusterman, Neal. ***Scythe***. Simon & Schuster, 2016. In a Utopian world where there is no war, no unhappiness, and the creation of nannites has eliminated death, the only challenge facing the world is overpopulation. Scythes have been given the power to selectively kill or “glean” the population to keep growth in check. Rowan and Cirta, the newly selected apprentice scythes, internally struggle with “gleaning” and find that the world is really no utopia... *Series*
- Stevenson, Noelle. ***Nimona***. HarperTeen, 2015. Nimona is an impulsive young shapeshifter with a knack for villainy. Lord Ballister Blackheart is a villain with a vendetta. As sidekick and supervillain, Nimona and Lord Blackheart are about to wreak some serious havoc. *Eisner Award for Best Graphic Album 2016*
- Suma, Nova Ren. ***The Walls Around Us***. Algonquin, 2015. Orianna and Violet are ballet dancers and best friends, but when the ballerinas who have been harassing Violet are murdered, Orianna is accused of the crime and sent to a juvenile detention center where she meets Amber and they experience supernatural events linking the girls together.
- Tahir, Sabaa. ***An Ember in the Ashes***. Razorbill, 2015. Laia is a Scholar living under the iron-fisted rule of the Martial Empire. When her brother is arrested for treason, Laia goes undercover as a slave at the empire's greatest military academy in exchange for assistance from rebel Scholars who claim that they will help to save her brother from execution. *Series*
- Thompson, Holly. ***The Language Inside***. Delacorte, 2013. Emma’s mother contracts cancer and the American international high school sophomore moves from Japan to Massachusetts with her family for necessary medical treatment. This novel-inverse touches on feelings of homesickness, but ends in hope as Emma develops new friendships and finds her way in her home country.
- Tittle, Y. A. with Kristine Setting Clark. ***Nothing Comes Easy***. Triumph Books, 2009. Experience the early hard-hitting, blood-spilling days of the NFL *before* fancy helmets and a lot of protective padding were used. This autobiography of Yelberton Abraham Tittle, who grew up during the Depression in Marshall, Texas, is a history of the NFL and includes game records and statistics.
- Vonnegut, Kurt. ***Slaughterhouse-Five, or, The Children's Crusade: A Duty-Dance with Death***. First published 1969. After surviving the bombing of Dresden in World War II, Billy Pilgrim returns to civilian life and has a successful career until he is kidnapped by aliens and displayed in a zoo on the planet of Tralfamadore.
- Wallach, Tommy. ***We All Looked Up***. Simon & Schuster, 2015. The lives of four high school seniors intersect weeks before a meteor is set to pass through Earth's orbit, with a 66.6% chance of striking and destroying all life on the planet.

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- Wein, Elizabeth. **Code Name Verity**. Hyperion, 2012. In World War II, Maddie, a British transport pilot, attempts to deliver her best friend and Resistance spy, Julie (Code Name Verity), into Nazi-occupied France, but the plane crashes. Love, courage, bravado, and intrigue drive the story to its stunning conclusion. *Series*.
- Wilder, Thornton. **Our Town: A Play in Three Acts**. First published 1938. With the well-earned reputation of an American classic, this play brings themes of growing up, love, marriage, and death to the stage and portrays the dignity of the human spirit through life in Grover's Corner.
- Wilson, Daniel H. **Robopocalypse**. Doubleday, 2011. An artificial intelligence program has taken over the world, uniting all the computer programs residing in everything from dolls and toys to domestic service robots, airplanes, and military weapons. Its aim is to destroy all human life ... and the robots are winning. *Alex Award 2012. Series*
- Wilson, G. Willow. **Ms. Marvel. Vol. 1, No Normal**. Marvel, 2014. When Pakistani-American and Jersey City teenager Kamala Khan suddenly acquires superpowers, she sets out to protect her community and her city while balancing school and family life. *Hugo Award 2015. Series*.
- Yancey, Rick. **The 5th Wave**. Putnam's, 2013. Cassie Sullivan, the survivor of an alien invasion, must rescue her young brother from the enemy with help from a boy who may be one of them. *Series*
- Yoon, Nicola **Everything, Everything**. Delacorte, 2015. The story of a teenage girl who's literally allergic to the outside world. When a new family moves in next door, she begins a complicated romance that challenges everything she's ever known. The narrative unfolds via vignettes, diary entries, texts, charts, lists, illustrations, and more.
- Zentner, Jeff. **The Serpent King**. Crown, 2015. Small towns can be a hard place to grow up when you don't fit the mold, but for three high school seniors, it is nearly impossible. Dill whose father is incarcerated, Lydia who is a fashion blogger longing for New York, and Travis who is living in an abusive home find an unlikely friendship that bonds them together and helps them find hope for the future. *William C. Morris Award 2017*
- Zuckoff, Mitchell. **Frozen in Time: An Epic Story of Survival and a Modern Quest for Lost Heroes of World War II**. Harper, 2013. One search-and-rescue team is caught in a storm and crashes into the Greenland ice cap, leaving its members struggling to stay alive in the extreme, bitterly cold conditions. A second search-and-rescue team flies into a storm and vanishes. Parallel stories alternate between the crashed teams and a 2012 storyline of an expedition trying to solve the mystery of the vanished plane.

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Any available unabridged edition of a title is acceptable.

- Alexie, Sherman. ***The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian***. Little, Brown, 2007. Alexie tells the story of Junior, a budding cartoonist growing up on the Spokane Indian Reservation. Determined to take his future into his own hands, Junior leaves his troubled school on the “rez” to attend an all-white farm town high school where the only other Indian is the school mascot. *National Book Award for Young People’s Literature 2007*
- Anderson, Laurie Halse. ***The Impossible Knife of Memory***. Viking, 2014. Hayley and her father, who suffers from PTSD, return to their hometown to start over, but the Iraq war continues to haunt him and threatens to disrupt their lives.
- Backman, Fredrik. ***A Man Called Ove***. Translated from the Swedish by Henning Kock. Atria Books, 2014. A grumpy yet loveable man finds his solitary, well-ordered world turned on its head when a boisterous young family and their two daughters move in next door.
- Bardugo, Leigh. ***Six of Crows***. Holt, 2015. Six outcasts sign up for a dangerous heist that will not only fill their pockets but also save the world from its current path towards darkness and destruction. Each of these characters has a story to tell, but can they unite long enough to complete the mission? *Series*
- Barry, Max. ***Lexicon***. Penguin Press, 2013. Emily Ruff belongs to a secret organization whose “poets” can break down individuals by psychographic markers in order to take control of their thoughts. Then she makes a catastrophic mistake and falls in love, breaking her organization's rules. *Alex Award 2013*
- Brontë, Charlotte. ***Jane Eyre***. First published 1847. Jane finds terror and romance when she becomes a governess in a mysterious mansion.
- Brown, Dan. ***Inferno: A Novel***. Doubleday, 2013. Harvard professor Robert Langdon is once again drawn into a deadly quest, this time based on clues from Dante’s *Inferno*.
- Brown, Daniel James. ***The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics***. Viking, 2013. In Depression era America, nine dirt-poor, unskilled rowers at the University of Washington join the rowing team - and move on to compete in the Hitler Olympics.
- Cain, Susan. ***Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can’t Stop Talking***. Crown, 2012. In our American culture that values extroversion, the value of “quiet” people is often overlooked, but the one third of the population that fits the definition of introvert has much to offer.
- Carey, M.R. ***The Girl with All the Gifts***. Orbit, 2015. Not every gift is a blessing. Every morning, Melanie waits in her cell to be collected for class. When they come for her, Sergeant Parks keeps his gun pointing at her while two of his people strap her into the wheelchair. She thinks they don't like her. She jokes that she won't bite. But they don't laugh. Melanie is a very special girl.

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- Chamberlain, Diane. ***Necessary Lies***. St. Martin's Press, 2013. On a tobacco farm in rural North Carolina in the 1960s, fifteen-year-old Ivy Hart struggles with her grandmother's aging, her sister's mental illness, and her own epilepsy. When Jane Forrester takes a position as Grace County's newest social worker, she is asked to recommend which of her clients should be sterilized due to poverty, illness, or is in some other way unfit to have children. Based on real cases, this is the story of two young women who seem worlds apart, but are both faced with a life-changing battle.
- Chandler, Raymond. ***The Long Goodbye***. First published 1953. A classic hard-boiled detective story where Philip Marlowe, private eye, deals with a cast of reprehensible characters in a doom-laden city. *Edgar Award 1955*
- Choo, Yangsze. ***The Ghost Bride***. William Morrow, 2013. When she agrees to become a ghost bride for the wealthy Lim family's son, who recently died under mysterious circumstances, Li Lan must dive into a shadowy parallel world of the Chinese afterlife to find the truth about the son's death.
- Chwast, Seymour. ***Dante's Divine Comedy***. Bloomsbury, 2010. Chwast retells Dante's Divine Comedy in a graphic format. The visual presentation of all three stages of Dante's epic is appealing and humorous. The illustrations depict the details and complexity of this classic tale.
- Coates, Ta-Nehisi. ***Between the World and Me***. Spiegel & Grau, 2015. Written as a letter to his teenage son, Coates confronts racism through the ages in America. This book covers many uncomfortable but pertinent social issues, encouraging the reader to wrestle with the questions. *National Book Award 2015, Alex Award 2016*
- Collins, Billy. ***Ballistics: Poems***. Random House, 2008. A notable collection of verse from the U.S. Poet Laureate, expressing love, joy, and death in his inimitable language.
- Divakaruni, Chitra Banerjee. ***Before We Visit the Goddess***. Simon & Schuster, 2016. Life choices around love are powerful ones that have the potential to alter lives dramatically. Three generations of Indian mothers and daughters share their interconnected stories, even if they are themselves separated by thousands of miles.
- Doerr, Anthony. ***All the Light We Cannot See***. Scribner, 2014. The paths of a blind French girl and a young Nazi soldier collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II. *Alex Award 2015, National Book Award for Fiction 2014, Pulitzer Prize for Fiction 2015*
- Fink, Joseph and Jeffrey Cranor. ***Welcome to Night Vale: A Novel***. Harper Perennial, 2015. Stephen King meets *Tales from Lake Wobegon* in this first novel based on the hit podcast of the same name. In a city where all conspiracy theories are true, two women search for a hidden city and answers to mysteries in their own lives.
- Garcia Marquez, Gabriel. ***Chronicle of a Death Foretold***. Translated from the Spanish by Gregory Rabassa. Alfred A. Knopf, 1983. Nearly thirty years later, a

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man returns to town in an attempt to discover the truth behind the jumbled murder of Santiago Nasar.

- Hannah, Kristin. ***The Nightingale***. St. Martin's Press, 2015. During the Nazi occupation of France in World War II, sisters Vianne and Isabelle find very different ways of surviving the atrocities.
- Hillenbrand, Laura. ***Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption***. Random House, 2010. This biography chronicles the life of World War II bombardier Louis Zamperini from his wild youth to becoming a world-class runner in the 1936 Olympic Games to his enlistment in the U.S. Air Force where he must survive for forty-seven days in the Pacific Ocean after his plane goes down.
- Hosseini, Khaled. ***And the Mountains Echoed: A Novel***. Riverhead Books, 2013. Pari and Abdullah are siblings and best friends. When their father takes them across the desert in a red wagon to Kabul, Abdullah loses Pari and is forced to return to the village without her. The children live separate lives, but Abdullah never loses hope that he will find Pari. The children's separate lives unfold with incidents of love and hate, bravery and cowardice, want and fulfillment.
- Johnson, James Weldon. ***The Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man***. First published 1912. In this emotionally gripping and poignant look into race relations, a half-white, half-black man of very light complexion must choose between his heritage and the art that he loves or the ability to escape the inherent racism that he faces by passing as a white.
- Kean, Sam. ***The Disappearing Spoon: And Other True Tales of Madness, Love, and the History of the World from the Periodic Table of the Elements***. Little, Brown, 2010. Sam Kean presents the rationale behind the organization of the periodic table of the elements as well as many interesting anecdotes about the elements and the scientists who discovered them.
- Kibler, Julie. ***Calling Me Home: A Novel***. St. Martin's Press, 2013. In a novel based on a family story of her grandmother's forbidden love in 1930's Kentucky, the author chronicles the journey of an elderly woman and her hairdresser en route to a funeral and explores race relations both then and now.
- Kline, Christina Baker. ***Orphan Train***. William Morrow, 2013. Seventeen-year-old Molly Ayer, a foster child in Maine, and elderly widow Vivian Daley who, as a child, had been sent by train from New York City to depression era Minnesota, discover they have much in common.
- Knisley, Lucy. ***Relish: My Life in the Kitchen***. First Second, 2013. This graphic novel is a humorous memoir of cartoonist Lucy Knisley, the daughter of a chef and a gourmet, and her obsession with cooking and food. *Alex Award 2014*
- Koontz, Dean. ***The City***. Bantam, 2014. In a musically talented African American family living in New York in the sixties, a mother, her young son, and his grandfather lovingly interact with each other as well as with their diverse neighbors. However, something sinister threatens them all. Woven into the plot are a crime story and a thread of the supernatural.

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- Krueger, William Kent. **Ordinary Grace**. Atria Books, 2013. A boy on the threshold of adulthood observes the tumultuous world around him, and learns about loss, love, lies, mystery, wisdom and grace. The small town characters are authentic and the story revolves around four mysterious deaths. *Edgar Award 2014*
- Larson, Erik. **Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania**. Crown, 2015. With a false sense of security, the luxury ocean liner sailed on May 1, 1915, during World War I. The author tells the story of the many individuals who lost their lives or played a part in this famous maritime disaster involving an enemy torpedo. The story also offers a glimpse of the Progressive Era in the United States.
- Levithan, David. **Every Day**. Alfred A. Knopf, 2012. Every morning, A wakes in a different person's body, in a different person's life, learning over the years to never get too attached. Life goes along smoothly until A wakes up in the body of Justin and falls in love with Justin's girlfriend, Rhiannon. *Series*.
- Liu, Cixin, translated by Ken Liu. **The Three-Body Problem**. Tor Books, 2014. At the height of the Chinese Cultural Revolution, a young scientist sends a signal to an alien world knowing it will lead an invasion force to Earth and end the human race. Forty years later, humanity's first chance to avert destruction emerges. *Hugo Award 2015*
- Marra, Anthony. **A Constellation of Vital Phenomena**. Hogarth, 2013. Behind the backdrop of the Chechen conflicts, two doctors protect a girl named Havaa as they provide triage healthcare to a society experiencing loss and trauma from the atrocities of war. Both the extraordinary determination of the human spirit and its dark side are evident throughout the novel.
- McBride, Laura. **We Are Called to Rise**. Simon & Schuster, 2014. An immigrant youth struggling to assimilate, a middle-aged housewife with a troubled marriage, a Vegas social worker, and a wounded soldier connect with each other and rescue themselves in the wake of an unthinkable incident.
- McCarthy, Cormac. **The Road**. Alfred A. Knopf, 2006. In a post-apocalyptic landscape, a man and a boy struggle toward the unknown. This dark and doomed quest offers a spiritual sense of soul and humanity. *Pulitzer Prize, Fiction 2007*
- McCullough, David. **The Wright Brothers**. Simon & Schuster, 2015. An award-winning historian helps us understand the lives of these two modest men as they journey from a bike shop to aviation history.
- McDermott, Alice. **Someone**. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2013. Scattered recollections -- of childhood, adolescence, motherhood, and old age -- come together in this transformative narrative, stitched into a vibrant whole by McDermott's deft, lyrical voice.
- McEwan, Ian. **Atonement: A Novel**. Doubleday, 2001. In the summer of 1935, the lives of three people are changed forever by a young girl's scheming imagination.
- McLain, Paula. **Circling the Sun**. Ballantine Books, 2015. This novel is based on the life of Beryl Markham, who grew up training horses on her father's ranch in Nairobi, Africa in the 1920s. She led a full and sometimes difficult life,

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- befriending Karen Blixen and Denys Finch Hatton from *Out of Africa* fame. Being a strong woman for her times, Beryl's relationships were complicated, but her passion for flying was ignited by the friendships she made.
- Miranda, Lin-Manuel and Jeremy McCarter. ***Hamilton: the Revolution***. Grand Central, 2016. Includes the complete libretto of the Broadway musical with a true account of its creation and concise remarks on hip-hop, the power of stories and the new America.
- Miranda, Megan. ***All the Missing Girls***. Simon & Schuster, 2016. After graduating high school Nicolette 'Nic' Farrell leaves to get away from her small town life and the mystery of her best friend's death. Ten years later she comes home and the town is looking into another girl's disappearance. The story is told backwards from day 15 to day 1, and Nic finds out much more than she expected.
- Morgenstern, Erin. ***The Night Circus***. Doubleday, 2011. The circus arrives without warning, and what looks like clever illusions are actually magic. The two principal illusionists, Celia and Marco, have unknowingly been involved in a deadly contest created by their mentors. When they fall in love, it complicates the circus and their teachers' plans. *Alex Award 2012*
- Morrison, Toni. ***The Bluest Eye***. First published in 1970. Winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature, Morrison's first novel is the story of eleven-year-old Pecola Breedlove, a black girl in an America whose love for its blond, blue-eyed children can devastate all others. Pecola, who prays for her eyes to turn blue so she will be beautiful, so that people will look at her, so that her world will be different. This is the story of the nightmare at the heart of her yearning, and the tragedy of its fulfillment.
- Moyes, Jojo. ***Me Before You: A Novel***. Viking, 2012. A twenty-seven-year-old woman accepts a job caring for a paraplegic man, unaware that the experience will allow her to learn new skills, consider a bigger life than she could have ever imagined, and break her heart.
- Nelson, Jandy. ***I'll Give You the Sun***. Dial Books, 2014. A story of first love, family secrets, loss, and betrayal told from different points in time, and in separate voices, by artists Jude and her gay twin brother, Noah. *Printz Award 2015*
- Niven, Jennifer. ***All the Bright Places***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2015. When Theodore Finch and Violet Markey meet on the ledge of the bell tower at school, both teetering on the edge, it's the beginning of an unlikely relationship, a journey to discover the "natural wonders" of the state of Indiana, and two teens' desperate desire to heal and save one another.
- Percer, Elizabeth. ***An Uncommon Education***. Harper, 2012. In this coming-of-age story, Naomi Feinstein dreams of attending Wellesley College and being a doctor; everything changes in her life when she is introduced to the oldest honor society, the mysterious Shakespeare Society.
- Perkins, Stephanie, ed. ***Summer Days and Summer Nights: Twelve Love Stories***. St. Martin's Griffin, 2016. Maybe it's the long, lazy days, or maybe it's the heat

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making everyone a little bit crazy. Whatever the reason, summer is the perfect time for love to bloom.

- Rowell, Rainbow. **Fangirl**. St. Martin's Griffin, 2013. Feeling cast off when her twin sister outgrows their shared love for a favorite fictional character, Cath, a dedicated fan-fiction writer, struggles to survive on her own in her first year of college while avoiding a surly roommate, bonding with a handsome classmate who only wants to talk about words, and worrying about her fragile father.
- Ruby, Laura. **Bone Gap**. Balzer + Bray, 2015. Eighteen-year-old Finn, an outsider in his quiet Midwestern town, is the only witness to the abduction of town favorite Roza. His inability to distinguish between faces makes it difficult for him to help with the investigation and subjects him to even more ridicule and bullying. *Printz Award 2016*
- Schneider, Robyn. **The Beginning of Everything**. Katherine Tegen, 2013. Star athlete and prom king Ezra Faulkner's life is irreparably transformed by a tragic accident and the arrival of eccentric new girl Cassidy Thorpe.
- Schwab, V. E. **A Darker Shade of Magic**. Tor Books, 2015. Follow Kell, one of the last Antari, as he travels through parallel Londons in this urban fantasy. After colliding with Delilah Bard, a pickpocket roaming the streets of Grey London, Kell realizes he needs her help to stay alive amidst an invasion of dark magic. *Series*
- Sepetys, Ruta. **Out of the Easy**. Philomel, 2013. Josie, the seventeen-year-old daughter of a French Quarter prostitute, is striving to escape 1950s New Orleans and enroll at prestigious Smith College when she becomes entangled in a murder investigation.
- Shusterman, Neal. **Challenger Deep**. HarperTeen, 2015. A powerfully authentic and moving story about mental illness. This book has a heart and a soul and takes the reader on a journey to the deepest part of the ocean and the deepest corners of the mind. *National Book Award 2015*
- Simic, Charles. **The Voice at 3:00 A.M.: Selected Late & New Poems**. Harcourt, 2003. These poems convey vivid and quirky imagery. From "Sunday Papers" to "Frightening Toys" to "Blood Orange," the originality and sly humor of "everydayness" cheers the reader of this award-winning poet's work.
- Simsion, Graeme. **The Rosie Project**. Simon & Schuster, 2013. A college professor's analytical survey to find the perfect wife leads to a relationship with Rosie Jarman even though she is the opposite of his scientific criteria for a wife. *Series*
- Sittenfeld, Curtis. **Sisterland: A Novel**. Random House, 2013. Identical twins Kate and Violet have always been different -- able to sense other people's secrets and know about future events. As they grow up, Vi embraces her gift and pursues a career as a psychic medium, while Kate denies it and settles down with a family. An earthquake in their hometown of Saint Louis and Vi's vision of a more devastating quake to come, forces Kate to reconcile the strained relationship with her twin and come to grips with the truth about herself.
- Skloot, Rebecca. **The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks**. Crown, 2010. "HeLa" cells, named after Henrietta Lacks, a poor African American woman born in 1920, were

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taken from a tumor removed during Lacks' treatment for cervical cancer. While she died from the disease, her cancer cells proved uncommonly robust, reproducing at a rapid rate. Years later, billions of these cells are used in laboratories around the world.

- Sloan, Robin. **Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore.** Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2012. Clay Jannon is released from his job in San Francisco during the Great Recession and accepts a position working the night shift at a local bookstore. Clay soon realizes that there is something very strange and mysterious about that bookstore. *Alex Award 2013*
- Stanley, Shalanda. **Drowning is Inevitable.** Alfred A. Knopf, 2015. After seventeen-year-old Olivia and her friend Jamie accidentally kill Jamie's abusive father, two other friends, Max and Maggie, join them in running away from St. Francisville, Louisiana, to hide out in New Orleans while they try to figure out what to do next.
- Stein, Garth. **The Art of Racing in the Rain: A Novel.** HarperCollins, 2008. Enzo is an old soul who just happens to be a dog. He is devoted to Denny who is a race car driver. The reader will be captivated as Enzo tells his master's story and prepares for his next life...as a human.
- Steinbeck, John. **The Grapes of Wrath.** First published 1939. Forced out of their home in the Oklahoma Dust Bowl by economic desperation, a family of Oklahoma farmers drives west to California in search of work as migrant fruit pickers. *Pulitzer Prize, Fiction 1940*
- Szyborska, Wislawa. **Monologue of a Dog: New Poems.** Translated from the Polish by Clare Cavanagh and Stanislaw Baranczak. Harcourt, 2006. Crisp, elegant poetry is presented in original Polish alongside its English translation. Clouds, current events, and revolution are just a few of the themes addressed in this marvelous collection of twenty-six thought-provoking poems.
- Thoreau, Henry David. **Walden.** First published 1854. Thoreau's observations on nature and life were penned during his solitary stay at Walden Pond, outside Concord, Massachusetts, from 1845 to 1847.
- Towles, Amor. **Rules of Civility.** Viking, 2011. In 1938 Katey Kontent moves to New York City to find her first job. With a group of newly acquired friends she enjoys the jazz and glamour of the city and the adventure that comes with youth, relationships, and differing social classes.
- Vance, Jack. **The Moon Moth.** Graphic novel adaption by Humayoun Ibrahim. First Second, 2012. Lovers of the science fiction genre and graphic novels will enjoy Vance's classic short story set on planet Sirene where aliens wear masks to indicate their social status and communicate by playing musical instruments. Edwer Thissell is sent to Sirene to solve a murder and find the killer in a world where every face is hidden.
- Walton, Jo. **Among Others.** Tor Books, 2012. Morwenna Phelps' twin has been killed in an evil magical battle that has left Morwenna crippled. Now at a boarding school, where everyone avoids her, she discovers another magic – science fiction,

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libraries, and book clubs. All is recorded in a series of poignant, funny journal entries. *Hugo Award for Best Novel 2012*

- Wecker, Helene. ***The Golem and the Jinni***. Harper, 2013. Two magical creatures -- Chava, a golem made out of clay, and Ahmad, a jinni made of fire -- find themselves in New York City in 1899 in unfamiliar surroundings. The two eventually meet and form an unlikely friendship, only to realize the looming threat to their lives and to those around them.
- Weir, Andy. ***The Martian***. Crown, 2014. Astronaut Mark Watney, having been stranded on Mars during a dust storm, relies on his ingenuity and engineering skills to stay alive and try to contact NASA. *Alex Award 2015*
- Weisgarber, Ann. ***The Promise***. Skyhorse, 2014. 1900. Young pianist Catherine Wainwright flees the fashionable town of Dayton, Ohio, in the wake of a terrible scandal. Heartbroken and facing destitution, she finds herself striking up correspondence with a childhood admirer, the recently widowed Oscar Williams. In desperation, she agrees to marry him. But when Catherine travels to Oscar's farm on Galveston Island, Texas - a thousand miles from home - she finds she is little prepared for the life that awaits her.
- Wilson, August. ***Two Trains Running***. Plume, 1992. This historical African-American drama, part of a ten-part series by a Pulitzer Prize-winning author and playwright, takes place during the Civil Rights movement in Memphis Lee's diner in Pittsburgh, 1969. Characters wrestle with the changing political and social landscape of this American era expressed through everyday conversations as they gather in booths and the lunch counter. They exude strength with dignity and hope for a better future.
- Womack, Gwendolyn. ***The Memory Painter***. Picador, 2015. Bryan Pierce is an internationally famous artist whose paintings have dazzled the world. But there's a secret to his success: every canvas is inspired by an unusually vivid dream. When Bryan awakes, he possesses extraordinary new skills, like the ability to speak obscure languages and an inexplicable genius for chess. All his life, he has wondered if his dreams are recollections, or if he is re-experiencing other people's lives. A taut thriller and a timeless love story spanning six continents and 10,000 years of history, this is a riveting debut novel unlike any you've ever read.
- Wynne-Jones, Tim. ***The Emperor of Any Place***. Candlewick, 2015. When Evan's father dies suddenly, Evan finds a hand-bound yellow book on his desk—a book his dad had been reading when he passed away. The book is the diary of a Japanese soldier stranded on a small Pacific island in WWII. Why was his father reading it? What is in this account that Evan's grandfather, whom Evan has never met before, fears so much that he will do anything to prevent its being seen? And what could this possibly mean for Evan?
- Yang, Gene Luen. ***Boxers***. First Second, 2013. Companion volume to ***Saints***. In 1898 during the Boxer Rebellion, a boy named Little Bao recruits an army of Boxers to rid China of foreign missionaries and soldiers who bully and rob Chinese peasants.

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- Yang, Gene Luen. **Saints**. First Second, 2013. Companion volume to **Boxers**. In 1898 during the Boxer Rebellion, a girl named Vibiana, who is unwanted and unwelcome, turns to Christianity, but she finds herself torn between her nation and her Christian friends who are being murdered by bands of young men.
- Zevin, Gabrielle. **The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry**. Algonquin, 2014. Bookstore owner A.J. Fikry's prized book of rare Poe poems disappears, and he becomes increasingly isolated until a package in the mail compels him to rethink his life.
- Zusak, Markus. **The Book Thief**. Alfred A. Knopf, 2006. Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel, a young German girl, whose book stealing and storytelling talents help sustain her family, the Jewish man they are hiding, and her neighbors. *National Jewish Book Award 2006*

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