

Clovis Unified School District
Supplemental Literature for Grade 6

Book title	Author	Summary
20,000 Leagues Under the Sea	Jules Vern	Descending beneath the sea in his secret submarine, the Nautilus, Captain Nemo and his crew terrorize other ships.
Absolutely Normal Chaos	Sharon Creech	Thirteen-year-old Mary Lou grows up considerably during the summer while learning about romance, homesickness, death, and her cousin's search for his biological father.
Across Five Aprils	Irene Hunt	Young Jethro Creighton grows from a boy to a man when he is left to take care of the family farm in Illinois during the difficult years of the Civil War.
Adam of the Road	Elizabeth Janet Gray	The adventures of eleven-year-old Adam as he travels the open roads of thirteenth-century England searching for his missing father, a minstrel, and his stolen red spaniel, Nick.
Adventures of Captain Underpants, The	Dav Pilkey	When George and Harold hypnotize their principal into thinking that he is the superhero Captain Underpants, he leads them to the lair of the Dr. Diaper, where they must defeat his evil robot henchmen.
Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	Mark Twain	Huck, escaping from his father, who had imprisoned him in a lonely cabin, meets Jim, a runaway slave, on Jackson's Island on the Mississippi River. Together they float down the Mississippi in this classic about friendship and caring. Dialogue reflects local dialect of the times.
Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, The	Arthur Conan Doyle	It was these tales penned by Arthur Conan Doyle that first introduced the magical and eccentric character of Sherlock Holmes to the readers of <i>The Strand Magazine</i> . In his consulting room at 221B Baker Street, the master sleuth receives a stream of clients all presenting him with baffling and bizarre puzzles for him to solve.
Adventures of Tom Sawyer, The	Mark Twain	The adventures of a mischievous young boy and his friends growing up in a Mississippi River town in the nineteenth century.
Alice in Wonderland	Lewis Carroll	A British mathematician tells a tale of high adventure underground, including mathematical and verbal riddles. This children's classic has many unforgettable characters.
Aliens Ate my Homework	Bruce Coville	Rod is surprised when a miniature spaceship lands in his school science project and reveals five tiny aliens, who ask his help in apprehending an interstellar criminal.
All the World's a Stage!	Rebecca Piatt Davidson	A picture-book tribute to Shakespeare and nine of his well-known plays. The poem brings to life characters ranging from the long-lost twins in <i>The Comedy of Errors</i> to the star-crossed lovers of <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> .
Amelia Earhart	Jane Sutcliffe	Traces the life of the famous pilot, focusing on her record setting flights in the 1920s and 1930s and her inspiration to other women.
Among the Hidden	Margaret Peterson Haddix	In a future where the Population Police enforce the law that limits a family to only two children, third-child Luke lives in isolation and fear on his family's farm. Eventually the twelve-year-old encounters another "third" child, who convinces him that the government is wrong.

And Now Miguel	Joseph Krumgold	Twelve-year-old Miguel Chavez aspires to be allowed to go on the long annual sheep drive with the older men of his family. When he attempts to prove his readiness, his requests are ignored, so he prays to the saint of farmers, San Ysidro. His prayer is answered, but the journey proves treacherous for Miguel.
Anne of green Gables	L. M. Montgomery	Anne, an eleven-year-old orphan, is sent by mistake to live with a lonely, middle-aged brother and sister on a Prince Edward Island farm and proceeds to make an indelible impression on everyone around her.
April Morning	Howard Fast	A novel about the Battle of Lexington, which took place on April 19, 1775.
Arabian Nights	Anonymous	Sheherezade, daughter of King Shahryar's advisor, tells her husband a different story every night to keep the king from killing her.
Around the World in 80 days	Jules Verne	In 1872 Phileas Fogg wins a bet by traveling around the world in seventy-nine days, twenty-three hours, and fifty-seven minutes.
Artemis Fowl	Eoin Colfer	When a twelve-year-old evil genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll.
At Her Majesty's Request	Walter Dean Myers	Sarah Forbes Bonetta was an African princess whose parents were murdered by enemy warriors. A British naval officer rescued her and brought her to England, where she became the protégé of Queen Victoria herself.
Bad Case of Stripes	David Shannon	Camilla Cream loves lima beans but won't eat them because her friends hate them. Her constant concern over what others think of her causes Camilla to break out in a "bad case of stripes," for which she finally finds the perfect solution.
Bad Day at Riverbed	Lynn Stone	Describes the anatomy, life cycle, and behavior of the bald eagle.
Ballad of Lucy Whipple	Karen Cushman	In 1849, twelve-year-old California Morning Whipple, who renames herself Lucy, is distraught when her mother moves the family from Massachusetts to a rough California mining town.
Battle for the Castle, The	Elizabeth Winthrop	Twelve-year-old William uses the magic token to return, through the toy castle in his attic, to the medieval land of Sir Simon, which is now menaced by a skeleton ship bearing a plague of ravenous rats.
Because of Winn Dixie	Kate DiCamillo	When Opal and her father, the preacher, move to Florida, Opal goes into a Winn-Dixie supermarket and comes out with a dog. With the help of her new pal, Opal makes a variety of new, interesting friends. She spends the summer collecting stories about them and thinking about her absent mother.
Belle Teal	Ann M. Martin	Belle Teal Harper is from a poor family in the country and beginning fifth-grade is a challenge as her grandmother's memory is slipping away and her brother and father are fighting again.
Bernie Magruder and the Bats in the Belfry	Phyllis Reynolds Naylor	There are strange goings-on once again in Middleburg, and Bernie Magruder is determined to get to the bottom of things, and maybe get his picture in the paper in the process. Someone has put up posters all over town warning townspeople that the dreaded Indiana Aztec bat, whose bite is often fatal, has been sighted in the area.
Between the Dragon and the Eagle	Mical Schneider	A relay of courageous adventure-seekers forms caravans to transport precious items including a special blue silk along the Silk Road in the year 100 A.D.

BFG	Roald Dahl	Kid snatched from her orphanage by a BFG (Big Friendly Giant), who spends his life blowing happy dreams to children, Sophie concocts with him a plan to save the world from nine other man-gobbling cannybull giants.
Big Red	Jim A. Kjelgaard	A story about an orphaned French Canadian boy and his red setter, Big Red.
Bird's Christmas Carol, The	Kate D. Wiggin	A well-known Christmas story, first published in 1888, which has both humor and sadness.
Black Beauty	Anna Sewall	A handsome horse with a glossy black coat and a pretty white star on his forehead, Black Beauty seems to lead a charmed life. Although his mother warns him that there are 'bad, cruel men' in the world, he begins his life in a happy home, with a friendly groom to look after him and plenty to eat. However, when a change of circumstances means that he is sold, he soon discovers the truth of his mother's words.
Black Pearl, The	Scott O'Dell	A coming-of-age story in which Ramon learns the family art of pearl diving and respect for the legend that surrounds the giant pearl he finds in a sea creature's cave.
Boy Who Saved Baseball, The	John H. Ritter	The fate of a small California town rests on the outcome of one baseball game, and Tom Gallagher hopes to lead his team to victory with the secrets of the now disgraced player, Dante Del Gato.
Boy's Will and North of Boston, A	Robert Frost	Here in one volume are Robert Frost's first two collections of poetry. <i>A Boy's Will</i> (1913) is the book that introduced readers to Frost's unmistakable poetic voice, and <i>North of Boston</i> (1914) includes two of his most famous poems, "Mending Wall" and "Death of a Hired Man."
Brian's Return	Gary Paulsen	After having survived alone in the wilderness, Brian finds that he can no longer live in the city but must return to the place where he really belongs.
Brian's Song		The story of football players Gale Sayers and his friend Brian Piccolo.
Brian's Winter	Gary Paulsen	The story of what would have happened to Brian had he not been rescued before the icy Canadian winter.
Brocaded Slipper and other Vietnamese Tales	Lynette Vuong	The five fairy tales presented here offer an exotic twist to such traditional stories as Thumbelina and Rip Van Winkle.
Bud, Not Buddy	Christopher Paul Curtis	Ten-year-old Bud - "not Buddy" - Caldwell is an orphan on the run during the Great Depression. He escapes from an abusive foster home to find the man he believes to be his father. One dilemma after another uncovers a tough character who perseveres and triumphs in his quest.
Bunnicula	Deborah Howe	Though scoffed at by Harold the dog, Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their foundling baby bunny must be a vampire.
Call it Courage	Armstrong SPerry	Ever since his mother was killed in a hurricane, Mafatu, the son of the Great Chief of the people of Hikuera, an island in the southern Pacific ocean, has feared that Moana, the Sea God, would kill him, too. Tired of being called a coward and saddened by the shame he has brought his father, 12-year-old Mafatu decides to face and conquer Moana on his own.
Call of the Wild, The	Jack London	Tells the story of the magnificent dog Buck, who is a loyal pet until cruel men make him a pawn in their search for the gold of the Klondike, where he breaks free and becomes the leader of a ferocious wolf pack.
Catherine Called Birdie	Karen Cushman	The thirteen-year-old daughter of an English country knight keeps a journal in which she records the events of her life, particularly her longing for adventures beyond the usual role of women and her efforts to avoid being married off.

Cay, The	Theodore Taylor	When the freighter on which they are traveling is torpedoed by a German submarine during World War II, an adolescent white boy, blinded by a blow on the head, and an old black man are stranded on a tiny Caribbean island where the boy acquires a new kind of vision and courage, with help from his old companion.
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	Roald Dahl	Charlie Bucket, so poor that he can only afford one candy bar a year, wins candy for life and a tour of Willie Wonka's top-secret chocolate factory. There are four other prizewinners, each a selfish child with a nasty personality. The story is filled with excitement, fantasy, humor, and moral lessons. This selection is the first of a series about Charlie Bucket.
Chocolate Fever	Robert Kimmel Smith	Chocolate lovers will identify with Henry Green who eats chocolate wherever and however he wants. What a shock when he breaks out in a rash of brown spots that smell like chocolate! After running away from the doctor at the hospital, Henry stands up to a gang of boys, hitches a ride with a truck driver and is hijacked along with him.
Chocolate Touch, The	Patrick Skene Catling	The story tells of the two days after John acquired the chocolate touch-the magic that turned everything his lips touched into chocolate. At first, John was elated with his discovery. Now at last he could have all the chocolate he wanted. Chocolate toothpaste was delicious; chocolate bacon and chocolate eggs were even better. But soon he began to get awfully thirsty, and before the day was over John suspected that his sweet dream-come-true might have its bitter side.
Chocolate War	Robert Cormier	Does Jerry Renault dare to disturb the universe? You wouldn't think that his refusal to sell chocolates during his school's fundraiser would create such a stir, but it does; it's as if the whole school comes apart at the seams.
Crispin: The Cross of Lead	Avi	Set in 14 th -century England; the story begins with the funeral of an outcast woman who leaves behind her adolescent son, who is only known as "Asta's son". Mired in grief for his mother, the boy learns his given name, Crispin, from the village priest, although his presumably dead father's identity remains obscure. The words etched on his mother's treasured lead cross may provide some clue, but the priest is murdered before he can tell the illiterate lad what they say. Worse, Crispin is fingered for the murder by the manor steward, and he is forced to flee the village and the only life he's ever known. Crispin is a story of self-discovery and identity.
Christmas Carol, A	Charles Dickens	Scrooge was a miser. His money was his life. Then, one Christmas Eve, Scrooge received a trio of visitors who showed him not only the true meaning of Christmas, but the true meaning of his life as well...Probably one of the most beloved Christmas stories in history, Charles Dickens' <i>A Christmas Carol</i> has it all: heroes, villains, ghosts, time travel, long-lost love, and a happy ending.
Christmas Rat	Avi	Alone in his apartment during Christmas vacation, eleven-year-old Eric finds himself caught in a battle between a strange exterminator and the rat he wants to kill.
City of Ember, The	Jeanne Duprau	In the year 241, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.
Clay Marble	Minfong Ho	Dara's is one of the thousands of Cambodian families separated or destroyed by war, but there is hope as she and her brother and mother head for a refugee camp on the Thailand border. Once safely there, Dara makes friends with Jantu. When the camp is bombed, Jantu makes a magic marble out of clay that helps Dara track down her family and then return to the hospital for Jantu and her brother.

Cloud catcher	Alethea McCollin	A town is suffering severe drought. As the effects of the drought persist, one young man decides that he must do something to bring relief to his city. After trying several rain dances without success he makes up his mind to capture the clouds and obtain water from them.
Coraline	Neil Gaiman	Coraline lives with her preoccupied parents in part of a huge old house--a house so huge that other people live in it, too. Coraline contents herself for weeks with exploring the vast garden and grounds. But with a little rain she becomes bored--so bored that she begins to count everything blue, the windows, and the doors. And it is the 14th door that--sometimes blocked with a wall of bricks--opens up for Coraline into an entirely alternate universe.
Corner of the Universe, A	Ann Martin	Told from the perspective of a compassionate 12 year old girl, A Corner of the Universe tells the story of a girl's uneventful summer that is twist-turned upside down when her uncle who is said to have "mental problems" comes to town for a visit. With characteristic tenderness and wisdom the author portrays the complex relationship between the sympathetic heroine and her uncle. Readers will relate to the heroine's fear of being as "different" as her uncle, and will also admire her willingness to befriend an outcast.
Day No Pigs Would Die, A	Robert Newton Peck	To a thirteen-year-old Vermont farm boy whose father slaughters pigs for a living, maturity comes early as he learns "doing what's got to be done," especially regarding his pet pig who cannot produce a litter.
Dead Sea Scrolls	Theodor Herzl Gaster	This volume contains the translated text of the ancient Hebrew writings found in caves near the Dead Sea, plus separate introductions for each scroll as well as new translations of the Hymns and paraphrases of the Bible narratives by Professor Gaster, one of the world's leading Hebraists.
Dear America – Mirror, Mirror on the Wall	Barry Denenberg	In 1932, a twelve-year-old girl who lost her sight in an accident keeps a diary, recorded by her twin sister, in which she describes life at Perkins School for the Blind in Watertown, Massachusetts.
Dear America – My Secret War	Mary Pope Osborne	Thirteen-year-old Madeline's diaries for 1941 and 1942 reveal her experiences living on Long Island during World War II while her father is away in the Navy.
Dear Mr. Henshaw	Beverly Cleary	Leigh Botts, now a sixth-grader, began writing to his favorite author, Boyd Henshaw, when Leigh was in the second grade. The reader journeys with Leigh and learns how he adjusts to new situations, including the absence of his father from the home.
Deep-Sea Explorer – the Story of Robert Ballard, Discoverer of the Titanic	Rick Archbold	This fast-paced biography begins with a description of Ballard's first view of the wreckage of the Titanic and then flashes back to his childhood by the Pacific Ocean. The twists and turns his life took, which led to his pioneering work in undersea exploration, are then described. The man's brash, sometimes abrasive, personality comes through, along with his determination in the face of setbacks and obstacles, resulting in a multifaceted portrayal.
DIVE, Book One: The Discovery	Gordon Korman	When four kids are recruited as interns for the Poseidon Oceanographic Institute, they expect cool underwater diving in the warm Caribbean waters. But Taz Cutter and the other leaders ignore them, and Dante, Adriana, Kaz, and Star begin wondering about the true mission of their "scientific research." After they discover an old anchor and a silver coin -- and learn plenty about sharks, firsthand -- the four interns realize they're really helping lead a group of treasure hunters to sunken gold.

Divorce Express, The	Paula Danziger	Resentful of her parents' divorce, a young girl tries to accommodate herself to their new lives and also find a place for herself.
Doll People, The	Ann M. Martin	A family of porcelain dolls that has lived in the same house for one hundred years is taken aback when a new family of plastic dolls arrives and doesn't follow The Doll Code of Honor.
Double – Digit Club, The	Marion Dane Bauer	Nine-year-old Sarah is excited about summer vacation, but she faces unexpected crises when her best friend Paige becomes old enough to join a local girls' clique, and when she makes choices which affect her relationship with an elderly blind neighbor.
Double Fudge	Judy Blume	His younger brother's obsession with money and the discovery of long-lost cousins Flora and Fauna provide many embarrassing moments for twelve-year-old Peter.
Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde and Other Stories	Robert Louis Stevenson	<i>The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr. Hyde</i> is a masterpiece of Victorian literature, and one of the most potent and enduring of modern myths. The adventures of Prince Florizel of Bohemia and his running battle with the sinister machinations of the Suicide Club are also included in this volume as well as <i>'The Body Snatchers'</i> , <i>'Markheim'</i> and <i>'Olalla'</i> : three of Stevenson's memorable and well observed short stories, which deal with similarly gothic themes
Dragon's Gate	Laurence Yep	When he accidentally kills a Manchu, a fifteen-year-old Chinese boy is sent to America to join his father, an uncle, and other Chinese working to build a tunnel for the transcontinental railroad through the Sierra Nevada mountains in 1867. Sequel to "Mountain light."
Dream Boat	Marilyn Todd	Claudia Seferius is broke, so when her teenage stepdaughter Flavia is abducted, she can't just throw money at the problem. With the Games of Apollo, a series of festivals and frolics, due to start in two days, Claudia has saddled herself with the job of playing tag with the kidnapper.
Drifting Snow	Houston	Having been taken from her Arctic home when a tiny child, a teenager returns to look for her parents and learn once again about her Eskimo culture
Egypt Game, The	Zilpha Keatley Snyder	The A-Z Antique Shop is a shabby store run by an older man known as the Professor. The shop's abandoned storage yard features a few curios and soon draws the attention of 11-year-old April Hall, her friend Melanie Ross, and Melanie's younger brother, Marshall. Inspired by their mutual love of Egypt, April and Melanie turn the storage yard into the land of Egypt--a land filled with altars, oracles, and sacred rituals created by the girls.
Eight Tales of Terror	Edgar Allen Poe	A collection of horror stories includes depictions of a man haunted by the spirit of his dead wife, strange plots of revenge, and a traveler trapped on ghost ship.
Ella Enchanted	Gail Carson Levine	In this novel based on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her.
Esperanza Rising	Pam Muñoz Ryan	Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression.
Family Under the Bridge	Natalie Savage Carlson	Old Armand, a Parisian hobo, enjoyed his solitary, carefree life (until he) found that three homeless children and their working mother had claimed his shelter under the bridge.
Farewell to Manzanar	Jeanne W. Houston	Farewell to Manzanar is the true story of one spirited Japanese American family's attempt to survive the indignities of forced detention...and of a native-born American child who discovered what it was like to grow up behind barbed wire in the United States.

Fellowship of the Ring, The	JRR Tolkien	Sauron, the Dark Lord, has gathered to him all the Rings of Power except one -- the One Ring that rules them all -- which has fallen into the hands of the hobbit Bilbo Baggins. Young Frodo Baggins finds himself faced with an immense task when Bilbo entrusts the Ring to his care. Frodo must make a perilous journey across Middle-earth to the Cracks of Doom, there to destroy the Ring and foil the Dark Lord in his evil purpose.
Fever 1793	Laurie Halse Anderson	In 1793 Philadelphia, sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic.
Fire Bug Connection – an Ecological Mystery, The	Jean Craighead George	Maggie Mercer, lover of bugs, bats, and beetles, is very happy with her pet firebugs- until they start exploding! Even more suspicious, only the firebugs in the jars are dying! Who, or what, could possibly be murdering her favorite birthday present?
Flags	William Crampton	Each country of the world appears in this book, with its flag. Organized in alphabetical order, each entry contains simple facts about the country.
Flipped	Wendelin Van Draanen	In alternating chapters, two teenagers describe how their feelings about themselves, each other, and their families have changed over the years.
Flowers for Algernon	Daniel Keyes	Mentally retarded Charlie Gordon participates in an experiment which turns him into a genius but only temporarily.
Following Fake Man	Barbra Ware Holmes	During his summer in Maine, twelve-year-old Homer, together with his new friend Roger, is determined to find the truth about himself, his long-dead father, and a mysterious costumed man.
Frankenstein	Marry Shelley	A monster assembled by a scientist from parts of dead bodies develops a mind of his own as he learns to loathe himself and hate his creator.
From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil	E. L. Konigsburg	Having run away with her younger brother to live in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, twelve-year-old Claudia strives to keep things in order in their new home and to become a changed person and a heroine to herself.
From Where I sit, Making my way with Cerebral Palsy	Shelley Nixon	Shelley Nixon loves to laugh, to write stories and poetry, and to challenge herself. In this heartfelt autobiography, she tells readers how she does all this while confined to a wheelchair and living with all the other challenges of cerebral palsy.
Ghosts of mercy Manor, The	Betty Ren Wright	Twelve-year-old Gwen, an orphan who comes to live with the Mercy family, discovers that the house is haunted by the ghost of a sad-looking young girl and is determined to solve the mystery behind her appearances.
Gift of Magi	O' Henry	A Christmas story.
Glory of a Unicorn, A	Bruce Coville	In these 11 short stories and a poem, settings vary from the here and now to the long ago and far away, with some fantasy worlds included as well. All of the stories have young protagonists.
Godzilla Ate my Homework	Marcia Thornton Jones	Parker's pet guinea pig, Godzilla, is out of control and chews on everything, including his homework.
Gold Bug and other Tales	Edgar Allan Poe	Nine gripping tales of psychological terror and the supernatural, by the undisputed master of the American Gothic horror story: The Murders in the Rue Morgue, The Fall of the House of Usher, The Masque of the Red Death, The Tell-Tale Heart, The Pit and the Pendulum and four others.

Gold nugget Trip	Candri Hodges	The story of Betsy Hale, a ten-year-old who desperately wants to reunite her parents. Her father, a miner in the California gold mines, lives so far away from Philadelphia where Betsy and her mother have returned after a family tragedy. Realistic historical information is woven into a heart-tugging story of life in the 1850s.
Good Dog	Avi	McKinley, a malamute, is torn between the domestic world of his human family and the wild world of Lupin, a wolf that is trying to recruit dogs to replenish the dwindling wolf pack.
Great Billy Hopkins	Katherine Peterson	Gilly has been in the foster system all her life and she dreams of getting back to her (as she imagines) wonderful mother. (The mother makes these longings worse by writing the occasional letter.) Gilly is all the more determined to leave after she's placed in a new foster home with a "gross guardian and a freaky kid." But she soon learns about illusions--the hard way.
Great Expectations	Charles Dickens	Pip, an orphan in Victorian England, is plucked from a life of poverty and informed that he is to be educated and reared as a gentleman. A critical introduction, a chronology, and bibliographical references are included in this 1998 edition.
Gulliver' Travels	Jonathan Swift	The voyages of an Englishman carry him to such strange places as Lilliput, where people are six inches tall; Brobdingnag, a land of giants; an island of sorcerers; and a country ruled by horses.
Hamlet	William Shakespeare	Shakespeare's tragedy about the dark Prince of Denmark offers much for contemporary discussion.
Hannibal	Robert Green	Presents the life and military exploits of the famous Carthaginian general
Hardy Boys Series, The	Franklin W. Dixon Stratemeyer Syndicate	The Hardy boys are active, inquisitive amateur detectives who become involved in all manner of local intrigue, involving thieves, kidnappers, counterfeiters, and thugs. They are always on a roller-coaster of danger, lurching from one precarious situation to another as they try to outwit criminals and solve mysteries.
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone	J. K. Rowling	Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry.
Hatchet	Gary Paulsen	After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian survives 54 days in the wilderness, initially with only the aid of a hatchet given to him by his mother. Brian also learns to survive his parents' divorce. THE RIVER is the sequel; BRIAN'S WINTER is an alternate ending to the story; and BRIAN'S RETURN chronicles what happens three years after Brian's wilderness ordeal.
Hatchet, The	Gary Paulsen	Thirteen-year-old Brian Robeson, the sole survivor of a plane crash in the Canadian wilderness, must draw on his untested skill and strength to survive.
Haunting Tales	Nathaniel Hawthorne	"Tales and Sketches" offers --an authoritative edition of Hawthorne's complete stories in a single comprehensive volume. Here is everything from his three collections, "Twice-told Tales," "Mosses from an Old Manse," "The Snow-Image, and Other Twice-told Tales," his two books of stories for children based on classical myths, "A Wonder Book for Girls and Boys" and "Tanglewood Tales," and sixteen uncollected stories.
Heartland	Lauren Brooke	The Heartland series is really good for anyone to read who is in love with horses.
Henry V	William Shakespeare	This popular, much-studied drama focuses on the young warrior king--from Henry's decision to continue the military exploits of his royal ancestors and press England's claim to the French throne, to his nervous watch before the Battle of Agincourt and his role in one of the greatest military triumphs in English history.

His Majesty, Queen Hatshepsut	Dorothy Sharp Carter	Hatshepsut, whom readers first meet as a teenager, barely endures the indignities of being an Egyptian princess. She detests having creams rubbed onto her face and feet and learning to read and write. Later she has to rule as a widowed queen-regent until her late husband's son can become king; but Hatshepsut dares to presume that she is to be the next pharaoh. She seizes power and spends the next several years ruling her people and defending her right to the title.
Hitler's Daughter	Jackie French	What if Hitler had a physically disabled daughter he kept hidden because she didn't fit his prototype for breeding a superior Aryan race? In Australia today Mark listens to his friend Anna make up a story about Heidi, a Nazi leader's child who knows her dad only as a kind visitor. Her story makes Mark ask questions about his own family.
Hobbit, The	J.R.R. Tolkien	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.
Holes	Louis Sachar	Young Stanley Yelnats is sent to a correctional boot camp for a crime he did not commit. Through a series of flashbacks and subplots, the reader solves the puzzle of Camp Green Lake. One of these flashbacks reveals a racially motivated murder. This young adult novel is very useful for studying prediction, foreshadowing, and plot structure.
Holy Enchilada!	Henry Winkler	Efforts to impress a visiting student from Japan cause Hank to hide his dyslexia while the gang makes enchiladas for a Multi-Cultural Day lunch, and Hank is afraid he was very wrong about the amount of chili powder called for in the recipe.
Hound of the Baskervilles, The	Arthur Conan Doyle	When a second member of the Baskerville family dies, Sherlock Holmes investigates and finds murderous greed behind the supposed curse.
How to Eat Fried Worms	Thomas Rockwell	Two boys set out to prove that worms can make a delicious meal.
Hunchback of Notre Dame, The	Victor Hugo	Feared and hated by all, Quasimodo is looked after by Dom Claude Frollo, a stern, cold priest who ignores the poor hunchback in the face of his frequent public torture. But someone steps forward to help—the beautiful gypsy Esmeralda, whose single act of kindness fills Quasimodo with love.
Hundred Dresses, The	Eleanor Estes	Wanda wears the same faded blue dress to school every day -- yet she says she has one hundred beautiful dresses at home. The other girls don't believe it, and when Peggy starts a daily game of teasing Wanda about the hundred dresses, everyone joins in. Maddie, Peggy's best friend, goes along with the game, but she secretly wonders whether she can find the courage to speak up in Wanda's defense.
I was a 6 th grade Alien	Bruce Coville	When aliens come to Earth on an interplanetary trade mission, sixth-grader Tim makes friends with the ambassador's son and together they uncover a plot to sabotage the mission.
Iliad, The	Homer	Helen, queen of Sparta and the most beautiful woman in the world, is kidnapped by Paris, a Trojan prince. Hungry for revenge, the Greek Army lays siege on Troy. For nine long years they are unsuccessful -- until they come up with a plan for their greatest-ever attack on the city. For victory or death the two armies will collide for the final time ...
In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson	Bette Bao Lord	In 1947, a Chinese child comes to Brooklyn where she becomes Americanized at school, in her apartment building, and by her love for baseball.
Indian in the Cupboard, The	Lynne Reid Banks	A nine-year-old boy receives a plastic Indian, a cupboard, and a little key for his birthday and finds himself involved in adventure when the Indian comes to life in the cupboard and befriends him.

Invisible Man, The	H.G. Wells	A quiet English country village is disturbed by the arrival of a mysterious stranger who keeps his face hidden and his back to everyone.
Island of the Blue Dolphins	Scott O'Dell	Left alone on a beautiful but isolated island off the coast of California, a young Indian girl spends eighteen years, not only merely surviving through her enormous courage and self-reliance, but also finding a measure of happiness in her solitary life.
Island Series – Books 1, 2, 3	Gordan Korman	Island is a thrilling trilogy of stories. Luke, Charla, Will, Lyssa, J.J., and Ian aren't alone on their desert island. They've survived so far, but now their enemies are closing in. They have only one chance to escape.
Island, The	Gary Paulsen	Fifteen-year-old Will discovers himself and the wonders of nature when he leaves home to live on an island in northern Wisconsin.
It's Our World, Too!	Phillip Hoose	A collection of essays about children who have made notable achievements, arranged in the categories "Taking a Stand," "Reaching Out to Others," "Healing the Earth," and "Creating a Safer Future," accompanied by a handbook for young activists.
Jacob have I Loved	Katherine Peterson	Sarah Louise, who lives with her family on a Chesapeake Bay island, grows up feeling less important than her twin sister, until she finally begins to find her own identity.
Johnny Tremain	Esther Forbes	After injuring his hand, a silversmith's apprentice in Boston becomes a messenger for the Sons of Liberty in the days before the American Revolution.
Journal, The	Merideth Costain	Presents the three adventures of Mowgli, a young boy raised by the animals in an Indian jungle, as well as other animal stories and songs. Includes illustrated notes throughout the text explaining the historical background of the story.
Journey to America	Sonia Levitin	A Jewish family fleeing Nazi Germany in 1938 endures innumerable separations before they are once again united.
Julie of the Wolves	Jean Craighead George	While running away from home and an unwanted marriage, a thirteen-year-old Eskimo girl becomes lost on the North Slope of Alaska and is befriended by a wolf pack.
Julius Ceasar	William Shakespeare	Brutus, best friend of the Roman ruler Caesar, reluctantly joins a successful plot to murder Caesar and subsequently destroys himself.
Junie B. Jones – Smells Something Fishy	Barbra Park	Frustrated because the rules for her class's Pet Day will not let her take her dog to school, Junie B. Jones considers taking a raccoon, a worm, a dead fish, and other unusual replacements.
Junie B. Jones is not a Crook	Barbra Park	Junie B. Jones experiences glee while showing off her new furry mittens in kindergarten, but disaster strikes when they disappear from the playground.
Just Juice	Karen Hesse	Realizing that her father's lack of work has endangered her family, nine-year-old Juice decides that she must return to school and learn to read in order to help their chances of surviving and keeping their house.
Just so Stories	Rudyard Kipling	A collection of the well-known stories including "The Butterfly that Stamped," "How the Whale Got his Throat," and "The Sing-Song of Old Man Kangaroo."
Kid in the Red Jacket, The	Barbara Park	When ten-year-old Howard has to move with his family to a distant state, he is forced to live on a street named Chester Pewe, adjust to a new school, and get used to being shadowed by the little girl in a nearby house.

King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table	Richard Lancelyn Green	A retelling of the story of the boy fated to be the "true-born King of Britain," covering his glorious reign and his tragic, yet triumphant, passing.
King Lear	William Shakespeare	The most gripping of Shakespeare's plays, King Lear tells the sad story of a father and his folly with the treatment of his daughters and their treatment of him. Set in the obscure period of early Britain, this play is a masterpiece of misjudgments and misunderstandings that lead to tragic results.
King of the Wind	Marguerite Henry	Sham and the stable boy Agba travel from Morocco to France to England where, at last, Sham's majesty is recognized and he becomes the "Godolphin Arabian," ancestor of the most superior Thoroughbred horses.
Knights of the Kitchen Table	Jon Scieszka,	When Joe, Fred, and Sam are sent back in time by a magic book, they find themselves face-to-face with giants, dragons, wizards, and the Knights of the Round Table.
Lady or the Tiger, The	Frank R. Stockton	In ancient times, a king devised a system of justice where guilt or innocence was determined entirely by chance. The person who committed a crime had to choose between two doors. One containing a tiger and the other a beautiful woman. When the criminal is the lover of the king's daughter she must decide this fate.
Land I lost, The	Huynh Quang Nhuong	A collection of personal reminiscences of the author's youth in a hamlet on the central highlands of Vietnam.
Legend of Jimmy Spoon	Kristiana Gregory	In the middle of the nineteenth century, twelve-year-old Jimmy leaves his Mormon family in Utah and ends up living with the Shoshoni Indians as the younger brother of Chief Washakie.
Legend of Sleepy Hollow, The	Washington Irving	A superstitious schoolmaster, in love with a wealthy farmer's daughter, has a terrifying encounter with a headless horseman.
Letter from Rifka	Karen Hesse	In letters to her cousin, a young Jewish girl chronicles her family's flight from Russia in 1919 and her own experiences when she must be left in Belgium for a while when the others immigrate to America.
Letters from Camp	Kate Klise	Sent to Camp Happy Harmony to learn how to get along with each other, pairs of brothers and sisters chronicle in letters home how they come to suspect the intentions of the singing family running the camp.
Library Card, The	Jerry Spinelli	The lives of four young people in different circumstances are changed by their encounters with books.
Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe	C.S. Lewis	Four English schoolchildren find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia and assist Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch, who has cursed the land with eternal winter.
Little Women	Louisa May Alcott	Four poor sisters in New England experience the Civil War at home. The social customs, the economic conditions, and health problems faced by people in that era are presented in realistic detail. The author shared many of her experiences in this novel.
Long Way from Chicago, A	Richard Peck	A boy recounts his annual summer trips to rural Illinois with his sister during the Great Depression to visit their larger-than-life grandmother.
Lorna Doone	R.D. Blackmore	Lorna Doone is the story of how John Ridd, an unsophisticated farmer, falls in love with the beautiful and aristocratic Lorna Doone, kidnapped as a child by the outlaw Doones on Exmoor.
Lost World, The	Arthur Conan Doyle	Two scientists, a big game hunter, and a journalist travel to the Amazon rain forest. On a volcanic plateau, they discover an isolated world still inhabited by dinosaurs, climaxing in a chase scene with a Tyrannosaurus Rex.

Lostman's River	Cynthia DeFelice	In the early 1900s, thirteen-year-old Tyler encounters vicious hunters whose actions threaten to destroy the Everglades ecosystem, and as a result joins the battle to protect that fragile environment
Love that Dog	Sharon Creech	A young student, who comes to love poetry through a personal understanding of what different famous poems mean to him, surprises himself by writing his own inspired poem.
Love, Ruby Lavender	Deborah Wiles	When her quirky grandmother goes to Hawaii for the summer, nine-year-old Ruby learns to survive on her own in Mississippi by writing letters, befriending chickens as well as the new girl in town, and finally coping with her grandfather's death.
MacBeth	William Shakespeare	Urged by his power-hungry, ambitious wife, Macbeth murders his king, Duncan, to become king himself. Macbeth's doom is fixed after this first evil act, from which he descends deeper and deeper into degradation in an attempt to conceal the crime and guarantee his new position of power.
Magicians Nephew, The	C.S. Lewis	When Digory and Polly try to return the wicked witch Jadis to her own world, the magic gets mixed up and they all land in Narnia where they witness Aslan blessing the animals with human speech.
Maniac Magee	Jerry Spinelli	After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary, as he accomplishes athletic and other feats which awe his contemporaries.
Marvin Redpost Class President	Louis Sachar	Even though they have all come to school in holey clothes, Marvin and his third grade class manage to impress their surprise visitor--the President of the United States.
Matilda	Roald Dahl	Matilda applies her untapped mental powers to rid the school of the evil, child-hating headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, and restore her nice teacher, Miss Honey, to financial security.
Mick Harte was here	Barbra Park	Thirteen-year-old Phoebe recalls her younger brother Mick and his death in a bicycle accident.
Midwife's Apprentice, The	Karen Cushman	In medieval England, a nameless, homeless girl is taken in by a sharp-tempered midwife, and in spite of obstacles and hardship, eventually gains the three things she most wants: a full belly, a contented heart, and a place in this world.
Million Dollar Shot	Dan Gutman	Eleven-year-old Eddie gets a chance to win a million dollars by sinking a foul shot at the National Basketball Association finals.
Mississippi Bridge	Mildred D. Taylor	During a heavy rainstorm in 1930s rural Mississippi, a ten-year-old white boy sees a bus driver order all the black passengers off a crowded bus to make room for late-arriving white passengers and then set off across the raging Rosa Lee River.
Moby Dick	Herman Melville	A rich, complex, highly symbolic narrative that explores the deepest reaches of our moral and metaphysical dilemma through the extraordinary tale of Captain Ahab's quest for the great white whale.
Morgan's Zoo	James Howe	When the Chelsea Park Zoo is about to close, Morgan, the desolate animal keeper, receives help from a television newscaster to keep it open--and from the animals themselves.
Morning Girl	Michael Dorris	Morning Girl, who loves the day, and her younger brother Star Boy, who loves the night, take turns describing their life on an island in pre-Columbian America; in Morning Girl's last narrative, she witnesses the arrival of the first Europeans to her world.
Mr. Popper's Penguins	Richard Atwater	The unexpected delivery of a large crate containing an Antarctic penguin changes the life and fortunes of Mr. Popper, a house painter obsessed by dreams of the Polar regions.
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh	Robert C. O'Brien	Having no one to help her with her problems, a widowed mouse visits the rats whose former imprisonment in a laboratory made them wise and long lived.

Music of the Dolphins	Karen Hesse	After rescuing an adolescent girl from the sea, researchers learn she has been raised by dolphins and attempt to rehabilitate her to the human world.
My Brother Sam is Dead	James Lincoln Collier,	Recounts the tragedy that strikes the Meeker family during the Revolution, when one son joins the rebel forces while the rest of the family tries to stay neutral in a Tory town.
My Friend Flicka	Mary O'Hara	Through his intense devotion to the colt Flicka, a young boy, living on a Wyoming ranch, begins to learn about responsibility and gain a better understanding of his brusque father.
My Side of the Mountain	Jean Craighead George	A young boy relates his adventures during the year he spends living alone in the Catskill Mountains including his struggle for survival, his dependence on nature, his animal friends, and his ultimate realization that he needs human companionship.
Mystery of the Green Ghost, The	Alfred Hitchcock	The Three Investigators become entangled in the theft of a string of rare pearls and a fraudulent scheme involving family inheritance when they try to solve the mystery of a ghost's appearance in the old Green Mansion.
Nancy Drew Mysteries	Carolyn Keene	Most young readers find Nancy's adventures interesting, entertaining, and exciting. Nancy Drew books describe positive qualities including a sense of independence, poise in unusual social situations, persistence, initiative, and resourcefulness. The series also emphasizes not only respect for elders and authority, but also the ability of a young woman to hold her own in the world of adults and men.
Night Journeys	Avi	In the spring of 1768, twelve-year-old Peter, living with his Quaker guardian near the Pennsylvania-New Jersey border, joins in the search for two runaway indentured servants.
Night of the Twisters	Ivy Ruckman	A fictional account of the night devastating tornadoes hit Grand Island, Nebraska, as experienced by a twelve-year-old, his family, and friends.
Night Swimmers, The	Betsy Byars	With their mother dead and their father working nights, Retta tries to be mother to her two younger brothers.
Nightmare	Joan Lowery Nixon	Emily is sent to a camp for underachievers where she discovers a murderer on the staff who might provide an explanation for her recurring nightmares.
Nighty-Nightmare	James Howe	When scary strangers appear at the Monroes' overnight campsite, Chester the cat tries to convince the family's two dogs that foul play is intended.
No Trouble at All	Sally Grindley	Grandfather Bear thinks his cubs are so wonderful, he cannot imagine them being naughty.
Number the Stars	Lois Lowry	In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.
Nutcracker, The	E.T.A. Hoffman	One Christmas after hearing how the toy nutcracker made by her godfather got his ugly face, a little girl helps break the spell and watches him change into a handsome prince.
O' Pioneers!	Willa Cather	A rich evocation of 19th-century American life on the prairie, Cather's novel of immigrant homesteaders in Nebraska celebrates the landscape.
Odyssey, The	Homer	The greatest adventure story of all time, this epic work chronicles Odysseus's return from the Trojan War and the trials he endures on his journey home. Filled with magic, mystery, and an assortment of gods & goddesses who meddle freely in the affairs of men.
Old Ben	Jesse H. Stuart	When young Shan befriends a bull black snake, his Kentucky mountain family decides that perhaps the only good snake isn't a dead snake after all.

Old Yeller	Fred Gipson	A faithful dog named Old Yeller helps a boy named Travis and his family survive life on the Texas frontier.
On My Honor	Marion Dane Bauer	When his best friend drowns while they are both swimming in a treacherous river that they had promised never to go near, Joel is devastated and terrified at having to tell both sets of parents the terrible consequences of their disobedience.
Once Upon a Marigold	Jean Ferris	A young man with a mysterious past and a penchant for inventing things leaves the troll who raised him, meets an unhappy princess he has loved from afar, and discovers a plot against her and her father.
Otis Spofford	Beverly Cleary	Otis is the most irritating--and irresistible--troublemaker in school and his string of misadventures will amuse readers.
Our Only May Amelia	Jennifer L. Holm	As the only girl in a Finnish American family of seven brothers, May Amelia Jackson resents being expected to act like a lady while growing up in Washington state in 1899.
Outsiders, The	S. E. Hinton	Ponyboy can count on his brothers. And on his friends. But not on much else besides trouble with the Socs, a vicious gang of rich kids whose idea of good time is beating up "greasers" like Ponyboy. At least he knows what to expect--until the night someone takes things too far.
Pacific Crossing	Gary Soto	Fourteen-year-old Mexican American Lincoln Mendoza spends a summer with a host family in Japan, encountering new experiences and making new friends.
Pearl, The	John Steinbeck	For the diver Kino, finding a magnificent pearl means the promise of a better life for his impoverished family. His dreams blind him to the greed that the pearl arouses in him and his neighbors.
Phoenix Rising	Karen Hesse	Thirteen-year-old Nyle learns about relationships and death when fifteen-year-old Ezra, who was exposed to radiation leaked from a nearby nuclear plant, comes to stay at her grandmother's Vermont farmhouse.
Philip Hall Likes Me, I Reckon Maybe	Bette Greene	Eleven-year-old Beth thinks that Philip Hall likes her, but their on-again, off-again relationship sometimes makes her wonder.
Pistachio Prescription, The	Paula Danziger	Cassandra (Cassie) Stephens is thirteen, a "mousy-brown" in a family of blonds and redheads, a totem pole among shapelies, a nonentity in a world of achievers. On top of that, she's got asthma. World War III is waged daily in her home, beginning at the breakfast table and ending with slammed doors at night. "Operation Overthrow" is under way at school, with Cassie running for freshperson class president.
Pleasing the Ghost	Sharon Creech	Nine-year-old Dennis, whose uncle and father died within a year of one another is visited by the ghost of his uncle, and together they settle some unfinished business.
Preacher's Boy	Katherine Paterson	In 1899, ten-year-old Robbie, son of a preacher in a small Vermont town, gets himself into all kinds of trouble when he decides to give up being Christian in order to make the most of his life before the end of the world.
Prince and the Pauper, The	Mark Twain	When young Edward VI of England and a poor boy who resembles him exchange places, each learns something about the other's very different station in life.
Rats on the Roof and Other Stories	James Marshall	An illustrated collection of seven stories about various animals, including a frog with magnificent legs, a hungry brontosaurus, and a mouse who gets married.

Raven and Other Poems	Edgar Allan Poe	Forty-one of Poe's most memorable poems-among them The Bells, Ulalume, Israfel, To Helen, The Conqueror Worm, Eldorado and Annabel Lee-reveal the spectrum of Poe's personality and his virtuoso command of poetic language, rhythms and figures of speech.
Red Badge of Courage, The	Stephen Crane	During his service in the Civil War a young Union soldier matures to manhood and finds peace of mind as he comes to grips with his conflicting emotions about war.
Reluctant Dragon, The	Kenneth Grahame	The story of the last dragon on earth who is far more interested in reading and writing poetry than pillaging villages as dragons of old always did. Even though St. George, the dragon slayer, is called in to slay the dragon because of the bad reputation of all dragon's who snort fire and cause danger, the village sees his good qualities and allows him to remain.
Return to Hawk's Hill	Allan W. Eckert	Running away from a vicious trapper, seven-year-old Ben MacDonald is separated from his family and eventually ends up on the shores of Lake Winnipeg, where he is taken in by a tribe of Metis Indians.
Riding Freedom	Pam Muñoz Ryan	By the age of 12, Charlotte Parkhurst knows the world of the 1860s holds more opportunities for boys than girls. So she cuts off her hair, dons boy's clothing and begins a new life that gives her many privileges, including the right to vote.
Riding the Tiger	Eva Bunting	Danny, new to town, is proud when a glittery-eyed tiger invites him for a ride. He climbs up onto the tiger's massive back, and together they cruise the neighborhood. Everyone gives them respect—shopkeepers and passersby, even other kids. Danny feels powerful and much older than ten. Soon, though, he realizes it isn't respect people feel for him and the tiger—it's fear. And when he decides to get down off the tiger's back, he discovers it's a lot harder than climbing on.
Rikki-Tikki-Tavi	Jerry Pinkney	A courageous mongoose thwarts the evil plans of Nag and Nagaina, two big black cobras who live in the garden.
Rip Van Winkle & Other Stories	Washington Irving	The legendary enchantment of Rip Van Winkle in the Kaatskill Mountains; the gruesome end of Ichabod Crane, who met the Headless Horseman of Sleepy Hollow; the Spectre Bridegroom who turned out to be happily substantial; the pride of an English village and the come-uppance of the over-zealous Mountjoy - these witty, perceptive and captivating tales range from fantasy to romance.
River, The	Gary Paulsen	Because of his success surviving alone in the wilderness for fifty-four days, fifteen-year-old Brian, profoundly changed by his time in the wild, is asked to undergo a similar experience to help scientists learn more about the psychology of survival.
Road Not Taken, The	Robert Frost	The poems in this volume are selected from Frost's first three books: <i>A Boy's Will</i> , <i>North of Boston & Mountain Interval</i> . Poems of rural life and universal wisdom including; "Mending Wall," "The Road Not Taken," and "Mowing,"
Robin Hood of Sherwood Forest	Anne McGovern, Tracy Sugarman	In a time when laws were unfair and the poor were left to starve, Robin Hood was a friend to those in need. Ann McGovern's retelling of this classic tale transports young readers to an era of adventure and heroism.
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	Mildred D. Taylor	A black family living in Mississippi during the Depression of the 1930s is faced with prejudice and discrimination which its children do not understand.
Romeo and Juliet	William Shakespeare	Two lovers are destroyed by the hatred of their families for one another in this play about prejudice, innocence, and power.

Rosa Parks – My Story	Rosa Parks, James Haskins	“The only tired I was, was tired of giving in.” These are the words of Rosa Parks, who on December 1, 1955, refused to give up her seat to a white man on a segregated bus, sparking the Montgomery, Alabama, bus boycott. Written in her own language, this is Parks's story.
Royal Diaries – Isabel, The	Carolyn Meyer	King Enrique of Spain sees his 14-year-old sister, Princess Isabel, as a pawn to be used to strengthen his rule over the kingdom. He tries to marry her off to any patron who would benefit his political cause. Luckily, Isabel manages to escape each unfavorable suitor, avert danger from warring forces in the land, and find the one man she actually wants to marry.
Royal Diaries – Kaiulani, The	Ellen Emerson White	Hawaii in 1889 is a pristine island paradise. Thirteen year old Princess Ka’iulani lives a carefree life at Ainachau, her home by the sea in Waikiki, Oahu. Used to having personal governesses as tutors, her family has decided that as a future monarch, she is to be educated abroad at a boarding school in England. While abroad Hawaii is transforming from a monarchy to a provisional government, a movement strongly opposed by the Hawaiian people. The young princess rallies to her people's cause.
Royal Diaries – Marie Antoinette, The	Kathryn Lasky	In 1769, thirteen-year-old Maria Antonia Josepha Johanna, daughter of Empress Maria Theresa, begins a journal chronicling her life at the Austrian court and her preparations for her future role as queen of France. Includes information about the history of the period, a family tree, and contemporary portraits.
Ruby Holler	Sharon Creech	Dallas and Florida have been dubbed the "trouble twins." They have been shuffled between foster families and orphanages all their lives, longing only for a loving place to call home, though mistrustful that one exists for the likes of them. Tiller and Sairy are an eccentric older couple whose children are grown and long gone, and they're each restless for one more big adventure while their bodies are still spry enough to paddle a river or climb a mountain. Ruby Holler is the beautiful, mysterious place that changes all their lives forever.
Sadako and the thousand paper cranes	Eleanor Coerr	Hospitalized with the dreaded atom bomb disease, leukemia, a child in Hiroshima races against time to fold one thousand paper cranes to verify the legend that by doing so a sick person will become healthy.
Sarah Bishop	Scott O’Dell	Left alone after the deaths of her father and brother who take opposite sides in the War for Independence, and fleeing from the British who seek to arrest her, Sarah Bishop struggles to shape a new life for herself in the wilderness.
Secret Garden	Frances Hodgson Burnett	Ten-year-old Mary, a spoiled and sour child, has not known love or discipline. She moves to her uncle’s house in Yorkshire, England, after the death of her parents. There she discovers the mysteries hidden away in his dark and gloomy estate.
Secret School, The	Avi	In 1925, fourteen-year-old Ida Bidson secretly takes over as the teacher when the one-room schoolhouse in her remote Colorado area closes unexpectedly.
Sense and Sensibility	Jane Austen	The Dashwood sisters are very different from each other in appearance and temperament; Elinor's good sense and readiness to observe social forms contrast with Marianne's impulsive candor and warm but excessive sensibility. Both struggle to maintain their integrity and find happiness in the face of a competitive marriage market.

Series of Unfortunate Events – The Bad Beginning, A	Lemony Snicket	This book tells an unhappy tale about three very unlucky children, who despite being clever and charming lead lives filled with misery and woe. From the very beginning of this volume, when the children are at the beach and receive terrible news, continuing onto the last page of this distressing story, disaster lurks at their heels.
Series of Unfortunate Events – The Slippery Decent, A	Lemony Snicket	In the perilous Mortmain Mountains, Klaus and Violet Baudelaire meet another well-read person, who helps them try to rescue Sunny from the villainous Count Olaf and his henchmen as they all near "the last safe place."
Seth of the Lion People	Bonnie Pryor	Although Seth, the young teenager with the twisted leg, is only tolerated by his tribe for his storytelling abilities, he senses his people are on the brink of a transition from hunters to artisans and growers of food, if only he can become their leader.
Shadow of the Bull	Maia Wojciechowska	Manolo Olivar has to make a decision: to follow in his famous father's shadow and become a bullfighter, or to follow his heart and become a doctor.
Shiloh	Phyllis Reynolds Naylor	When he finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, Marty tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner, a mean-spirited man known to shoot deer out of season and to mistreat his dogs.
Silent to the Bone	E. L. Konigsburg	When he is wrongly accused of gravely injuring his baby half-sister, thirteen-year-old Branwell loses his power of speech and only his friend Connor is able to reach him and uncover the truth about what really happened.
Single Shard, A	Linda Sue Parker	Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself.
Six Great Sherlock Holmes Stories	Arthur Conan Doyle	Masterfully written detective fiction featuring the famed Victorian supersleuth and a multitude of sinister characters and unprincipled villains. Choice selections include A Scandal in Bohemia, The Red-headed League, and The Adventure of the Speckled Band, The Adventure of the Engineer's Thumb, The Final Problem, and The Adventure of the Empty House.
Sixth Grade Secrets	Louis Sachar	When Laura Sibbie starts a club called Pig City, she incites a near-war among her sixth-grade classmates and generates the creation of a rival club that has designs on Pig City's precious box of secrets.
Slump	Dave Jarzyna	When thirteen-year-old Mitch finds himself at odds with everyone in his life: brother, sister, friends, teachers, and coach, he worries that the situation will never change.
Small Steps, The Year I Got Polio	Peg Kehret,	The author describes her battle against polio when she was thirteen and her efforts to overcome its debilitating effects.
Snake and Lizard	Rod Theodorou	Compares and contrasts the physical attributes, habits, and habitat of snakes and lizards.
Socks	Beverly Cleary	The happy home life of Socks, the cat, is disrupted by the addition of a new baby to the household.
Some Fine Dog	Patti Sherlock	Terry Riley, age 12, finds a smart, handsome collie that, after the boy's clever maneuvering, his indigent mother lets him keep. The dog mustn't interfere with Terry's obligations as a choir soloist, however--his key to a music scholarship and a better life. Yet when the boy discovers how quickly Duffy learns tricks, he decides that his time is better spent plotting the animal's show business career.
Souder	William Howard Armstrong	Angry and humiliated when his sharecropper father is jailed for stealing food for his family, a young black boy grows in courage and understanding by learning to read and through his relationship with his devoted dog Souder.

Sparrow Hawk Red	Ben Mikaelson	Thirteen-year-old Ricky, the Mexican American son of a former Drug Enforcement Agency man, tries to avenge his mother's murder by crossing over into Mexico to steal a high-tech radar plane from drug smugglers.
Spy X, Hide and Seek	Peter Lerangis	Evie and Andrew have always wondered what happened to their mother after she disappeared on their birthday. Now they are starting to find out and the results are very surprising. Their mother was into something big, and now the twins are being drawn in as well. Nobody - not their baby-sitter, not their new school friend, not a pair of doddering professors - is who he or she appears to be. But Evie and Andrew will have to uncover the truth if they ever want to see their mother again.
Stargirl	Jerry Spinelli	In this story about the perils of popularity, the courage of nonconformity, and the thrill of first love, an eccentric student named Stargirl changes Mica High School forever.
Stone Fox	John Reynolds Gardiner	In spite of tremendous odds, a ten-year-old boy and his dog are determined to win a dogsled race and the five-hundred-dollar prize.
Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde	Robert Louis Stevenson	Idealistic young scientist Henry Jekyll struggles to unlock the secrets of the soul. Testing chemicals in his lab, he drinks a mixture he hopes will isolate—and eliminate—human evil. Instead it unleashes the dark forces within him, transforming him into the hideous and murderous Mr. Hyde.
Stranger with my Face	Lois Duncann	Have you ever been haunted by the feeling that someone is spying on you, lurking around your house and yard, even entering your bedroom? Are your friends plotting against you when they say they've seen you do things you know you haven't done? What's going on — and does Laurie really want to find out?
Stranger, The	Chris Van Allsburg	The enigmatic origins of the stranger Farmer Bailey hits with his truck and brings home to recuperate seem to have a mysterious relation to the changing season.
Summer of the Monkeys	Wilson Rawls	In the late 1800's, a fourteen-year-old Ozark mountain boy spends the summer trying to recapture monkeys escaped from a traveling circus.
Summer of the Swans	Betsy Byars	A teenage girl gains new insight into herself and her family when her mentally handicapped brother gets lost.
Supernaturalist, The	Eoin Colfer	In futuristic Satellite City, fourteen-year-old Cosmo Hill escapes from his abusive orphanage and teams up with three other people who share his unusual ability to see supernatural creatures, and together they determine the nature and purpose of the swarming blue Parasites that are invisible to most humans.
Surviving the Applewhites	Stephanie S. Tolan	Jake, a budding juvenile delinquent, is sent for home schooling to the arty and eccentric Applewhite family's Creative Academy, where he discovers talents and interests he never knew he had.
Swiss Family Robinson	Johann David Wyss	When a Swiss couple and their four sons are shipwrecked on an isolated island, they adapt to their "New Switzerland" using many imaginative methods of farming and animal taming.
Taking Sides	Gary Soto	Fourteen-year-old Lincoln Mendoza, an aspiring basketball player, must come to terms with his divided loyalties when he moves from the Hispanic inner city to a white suburban neighborhood.
Tales From Shakespeare	Charles Lamb, Mary Lamb	Shakespeare's fourteen comedies and six tragedies retold in prose.
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing	Judy Blume	Peter finds his demanding two-year-old brother an ever increasing problem.

There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom	Louis Sachar	An unmanageable, but lovable, eleven-year-old misfit learns to believe in himself when he gets to know the new school counselor, who is a sort of misfit too.
They Led The Way	Johanna Johnston	A collection of biographies about women who have made a difference in American history. From Anne Hutchinson to Carrie Chapman Catt, these women all worked for women's rights.
Thief and the Beanstalk, The	P. W. Catanese	Everyone knows the story of Jack and the beanstalk. Everyone <i>also</i> knows that Jack's little adventure made him a very rich man. But what they don't know is what happened a long time <i>after</i> Jack.... That's where Nick comes in. Orphaned and desperate, Nick joins a rugged band of thieves in hopes of a warm meal and a little protection. In exchange Nick must help them break into the lavish white castle rumored to belong to an old man named Jack.
Throwing Shadows	E. L. Konigsburg	Five short stories in which young people gain a sense of self.
Time Machine, The	H.G. Wells	A scientist invents a time machine and uses it to travel hundreds of thousands of years into the future, where he discovers the childlike Eloi and the hideous underground Morlocks.
Touching Spirit Bear	Ben Mikaelson	After his anger erupts into violence, Cole, in order to avoid going to prison, agrees to participate in a sentencing alternative based on the native American Circle Justice, and he is sent to a remote Alaskan Island where an encounter with a huge Spirit Bear changes his life.
Treasure Island	Robert Louis Stevenson	While going through the possessions of a deceased guest who owed them money, the mistress of the inn and her son find a treasure map that leads them to a pirate's fortune.
Tree Castle Island	Jean Craighead George	After building his own canoe, fourteen-year-old Jack Hawkins goes to try it out in his beloved Okefenokee Swamp, where an accident tests his survival skills and leads him to a shocking discovery.
Trespassers, The	Zilpha Keatly Snyder	Having trespassed and explored the empty Hutchinson mansion, which seems haunted by the presence of a long-dead young girl, sixth grader Neely and her little brother become regular visitors when emotionally disturbed Curtis Hutchinson moves in.
Tuck Everlasting	Natalie Babbitt	The Tuck family is confronted with an agonizing situation when they discover that a ten-year-old girl and a malicious stranger now share their secret about a spring whose water prevents one from ever growing older.
Two Towers, The	J.R.R. Tolkein	In this second volume of Tolkein's trilogy <i>The Lord of the Rings</i> , the intrepid hobbit Frodo Baggins moves toward Mordor, Sauron's stronghold, where he must attempt to destroy the dangerous ring that could destroy the world.
Undying Glory	Clinton Cox	Describes the formation of the all-black 54th Massachusetts Regiment and its valiant battle history from 1863 to 1865.
Upstairs Room, The	Johanna Reiss	A Dutch Jewish girl describes the two-and-one-half years she spent in hiding in the upstairs bedroom of a farmer's house during World War II.
View from Saturday, The	E. L. Konigsburg	Four students, with their own individual stories, develop a special bond and attract the attention of their teacher, a paraplegic, who chooses them to represent their sixth-grade class in the Academic Bowl competition.
Viking Claw, The	Michael Dahl	Finn and his mystery-writer uncle head to the Haunted City of Tquuli, in Iceland, where Finn's archaeologist parents were last seen -- before they'd disappeared, eight years before.
Vikings, The	Elizabeth Janeway	An account of the explorations of Eric the Red and his son, Leif Ericson, in the New World, 500 years before Columbus.

Voyage of Doctor Dolittle	Hugh Lofting	When his colleague Long Arrow disappears, Dr. Dolittle sets off with his assistant, Tommy Stubbins, his dog, Jip, and Polynesia the parrot on an adventurous voyage over tropical seas to floating Spidermonkey Island.
Walk Two Moons	Sharon Creech	After her mother leaves home suddenly, thirteen-year-old Sal and her grandparents take a car trip retracing her mother's route. Along the way, Sal recounts the story of her friend Phoebe, whose mother also left.
Wanderer	Sharon Creech	Thirteen-year-old Sophie and her cousin Cody record their transatlantic crossing aboard the Wanderer, a forty-five foot sailboat, which, along with uncles and another cousin, is en route to visit their grandfather in England.
War of the Worlds	H. G. Wells	As life on Mars becomes impossible, Martians and their terrifying machines invade the earth.
War with Grandpa, The	Robert Kimmel Smith	Upset that he has to give up the room he loves to his grandfather, Pete decides to declare war in an attempt to get it back.
War Within, The	Carol Matas	In 1862, after Union forces expel Hannah's family from Holly Springs, Mississippi, because they are Jews, Hannah reexamines her views regarding slavery and the war.
Watch Out – Man Eating Snake	Patricia Reilly Giff	Stacy Arrow's first day of school isn't going well at all. She was only trying to help when she told Jiwon, the girl with the black hair, that her drawing of herself looked like a cow. Now Jiwon refuses to be Stacy's best friend. What's Stacy doing wrong? "You have to be nice to a friend," says Stacy's sister Emily, and suddenly Stacy knows what she has to do.
Westing Game, The	Ellen Raskin	The mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim their inheritance.
Wheel on the School, The	Meindert DeJong	Why did the storks no longer come to the little Dutch fishing village of Shora to nest? It was Lina, one of the six schoolchildren, who first asked the question, and she set the others to wondering. And sometimes when you begin to wonder, you begin to make things happen. So the children set out to bring the storks back. They had to overcome many obstacles, including the fierce and threatening sea. But they wouldn't give up -- and soon their determination and their vision got the whole village working, until at last the dream began to come true.
Where the Red Fern Grows	Wilson Rawls	A young boy living in the Ozarks achieves his heart's desire when he becomes the owner of two redbone hounds and teaches them to be champion hunters.
Whipping Boy, The	Sid Fleischman	A bratty prince and his whipping boy have many adventures when they inadvertently trade places after becoming involved with dangerous outlaws.
White Fang	Jack London	Part wolf and part dog, orphaned White Fang relies on his instincts as well as his inborn strength and courage to survive in the Yukon wilderness despite both animal and human predators but eventually comes to make his peace with man.
Widow's Broom, The	Chris Van Allsburg	A witch's worn-out broom serves a widow well, until her neighbors decide the thing is wicked and dangerous.
Wild Man Island	Will Hobbs	After fourteen-year-old Andy slips away from his kayaking group to visit the wilderness site of his archaeologist father's death, a storm strands him on Admiralty Island, Alaska, where he manages to

		survive, encounters unexpected animal and human inhabitants, and looks for traces of the earliest prehistoric immigrants to America.
Wind in the Willows	Kenneth Grahame	One of the true classics of English literature, here are the adventures of Mole, Water Rat, Badger, and Toad. Grahame's idyllic world is as fresh now as when they first discovered his enchanting tales--of Ratty sculling his boat on the River, Badger grumpily entertaining his friends in his comfortable underground home, and the exasperating Toad being driven into one tangle after another by his obsession with motor cars.
Witch of Blackbird Pond	Elizabeth George Speare	In 1687 in Connecticut, Kit Tyler, feeling out of place in the Puritan household of her aunt, befriends an old woman considered a witch by the community and suddenly finds herself standing trial for witchcraft.
Worm, The	Michael Dahl	Finnegan, his uncle, and their friend are off to an archeological dig in Angular, land of giant cacti, jungles, and buried dinosaurs. The crew digs up a very valuable dinosaur egg. But digging too deeply can stir up trouble, not to mention a murder or two.
Wringer	Jerry Spinelli	As Palmer comes of age, he must either accept the violence of being a wringer at his town's annual Pigeon Day or find the courage to oppose it.
Wrinkle in Time, A	Madeleine L'Engle	Meg Murry and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers and a search for Meg's father, who has disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.
Year Down Yonder, A	Richard Peck	Chicago-bred Mary Alice has been sentenced to a year-long stay in rural Illinois with her irrepressible, rough and gruff grandmother. Soon, however, she becomes Grandma's partner in crime, helping to carry out schemes to benefit friends and avenge enemies
You Come Too	Robert Frost	A collection of poems chosen by Frost to be read and enjoyed by children including; "Acquainted with the Night," "A Patch of Old Snow," "Not of School Age," and "Mending Wall."
You're a Brave Man, Mr. Julius Zimmerman	Claudia Mills	Twelve-year-old Julius has his hands full over the summer when his mother attempts to improve his grades and teach him responsibility by signing him up for a French class and getting him a job babysitting.
Zeely	Virginia Hamilton	Geeder's summer at her uncle's farm is made special because of her friendship with a very tall, composed woman who raises hogs and who closely resembles the magazine photograph of a Watutsi queen.
Zippity Zinger	Henry Winkler	The pressure is on when Hank Zipzer is chosen as pitcher for the softball team at Public School 87's annual Olympiad, the most anticipated day of the school year.