

2010 Summer Reading List
Kindergarten-Twelfth Grade
Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District

NOTE: All of the books on this list are from the California Department of Education Adopted Literature List. All books should be previewed by parents prior to being read by students. Books that are required reading for particular grade levels have been removed from the list.

We also recommend the reading of non-fiction including National Geographic for Kids, All Aboard Science Readers, and other non-fiction material.

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Kindergarten

Fancy Nancy

O'Connor, Jane

PICTURE BOOK O'Connor, J.

Nancy believes that more is always better when it comes to being fancy.

Old Bear

Henkes, Kevin

PICTURE BOOK Henkes, K.

During his annual hibernation, Old Bear dreams of the seasons of his youth. Seasonal changes and Old Bear's sense of wonder are gently evoked in Henkes' ink and watercolor pictures.

Skippyjon Jones in the Doghouse

Schachner, Judy

PICTURE BOOK Schachner, J.

Skippyjon Jones is a Siamese cat who wants to be a Chihuahua dog.

First the Egg

Seeger, Laura Vaccaro

PICTURE BOOK Seeger, L.

Simple die-cuts present transformation--from seed to flower, tadpole to frog, caterpillar to butterfly.

Deep in the Swamp

Bateman, Donna M.

PICTURE BOOK Bateman, D

Rhyming text and facts are used to teach about life in the Okefenokee Swamp.

Pigeon wants a puppy!

Willems, Mo

PICTURE BOOK Willems, M.

The pigeon really, really wants a puppy, but when a puppy arrives the pigeon changes its mind.

What will Fat Cat sit on?

Thomas, Jan

PICTURE BOOK Thomas, J.

A group of animals is terrified at the prospect of being sat upon by the imposing Fat Cat, until the mouse comes up with a solution that satisfies everyone.

Leaving the Nest

Gerstein, Mordicai

PICTURE BOOK Gerstein, M.

The lives of a baby jaybird, a young girl, a kitten, and a small squirrel intersect as they venture out into the world.

Little Red Riding Hood (Adapted)

Pinkney, Jerry

PICTURE BOOK Pinkney, J.

A sweet little girl meets a hungry wolf in the forest while on her way to visit her grandmother.

My Life as a Chicken

Kelley, Ellen A.

PICTURE BOOK Kelley, E.

After escaping the frying pan, a chicken has an adventure that includes pirates, a typhoon, and a balloon ride before landing happily in a petting zoo.

Smash! Crash!

Scieszka, Jon

PICTURE BOOK Scieszka, J.

Jack Truck and Dump Truck Dan spend the day smashing and crashing throughout the whole town.

Me I am!

Prelutsky, Jack

PICTURE BOOK Prelutsky, J.

Three different kids reveal themselves and their worlds, and then discover the fun of meeting many different "me's"--each one unique.

Over in the Jungle: A Rainforest Rhyme

Berkes, Marianne Collins

PICTURE BOOK Berkes, M.

Rhyming text and illustrations introduce characteristics of rain forest animals.

Sheep blast off!

Shaw, Nancy

PICTURE BOOK Shaw, N.

Upon finding a spaceship, sheep climb aboard and bumble around until they blast off into orbit.

Dirt on My Shirt

Foxworthy, Jeff

CHILDREN 811.54 FOX

This collection of poems captures the very essence of being a kid.

Dinosaur vs. Bedtime

Shea, Bob

PICTURE BOOK Shea, B.

Nothing can stop little dinosaur. But what happens when he faces the biggest challenge of all...bedtime?

The House in the Night

Swanson, Susan Marie

PICTURE BOOK Swanson, M.

This timeless bedtime verse offers reassurance to young children that there is always light in the darkness. Elegant lines, with touches of golden watercolor, evoke the warmth and comfort of home, as well as the joys of exploring the wider world. (2009 Caldecott Medal Book)

One Boy

Seeger, Laura Vaccaro

PICTURE BOOK Seeger, L.

Seeger's eye-catching picture book leads readers to discover words within words through a distinctive die-cut design and clean, bold illustrations. (2009 Geisel Honor Book)

A Visitor for Bear

Becker, Bonny

PICTURE BOOK Becker, B.

The simple backdrop of bear's forest home sets the stage for a visit from the persistent and irritating mouse who insists the two will become friends.

How to Heal a Broken Wing

Graham, Bob

PICTURE BOOK Graham, B.

On a busy city street, young Will stops for an injured pigeon. Soft watercolor panels depict the family's care of the bird and its subsequent release into the sky over the city.

First Grade

Stone Soup (Adapted)

Muth, John

CHILDREN 398.2 MUT

Three wise monks trick a frightened community into finding happiness by teaching them the magic of generosity.

Don't say that word!

Katz, Alan

PICTURE BOOK Katz, A.

Michael's rhyming description of his day at school has his mother repeatedly interrupting to prevent him from saying impolite words.

Hinky Pink

McDonald, Megan

PICTURE BOOK McDonald, M.

Summoned to the Great Castle to make a dress for the princess, Anabel is first excited but then despairs when her work is subverted by an unseen sprite.

Composer is Dead

Snicket, Lemony

PICTURE BOOK Snicket, L.

An inspector seeks to solve a murder mystery at the symphony by questioning each of the musical instruments.

Cowboy and Octopus

Scieszka, Jon

PICTURE BOOK Scieszka, J.

Although Cowboy and Octopus have different opinions about beans and knock-knock jokes, their friendship endures.

I Am Invited to a Party! (An Elephant and Piggie Book)

Willems, Mo

READER 1 Willems, M.

Piggie asks her best friend Gerald the elephant for advice on what to wear to her first party and tries on all sorts of zany outfits before finally arriving at the party for a surprise.

Dog and Bear: Two Friends, Three Stories

Vaccaro Seeger, Laura

PICTURE BOOK Seeger, L.

Three easy-to-read stories reveal the close friendship between Dog and Bear.

Wabi Sabi**Reibstein, Mark**PICTURE BOOK Reibstein, M.

Wabi Sabi, a cat living in the city of Kyoto, learns about the Japanese concept of beauty through simplicity as she asks various animals she meets about the meaning of her name.

I Stink!**McMullan, Kate**PICTURE BOOK McMullen, K.

A big city garbage truck makes its rounds, consuming everything from apple cores and banana peels to leftover ziti with zucchini.

How I Became a Pirate**Long, Melinda**PICTURE BOOK LON

Jeremy Jacob joins Braid Beard and his pirate crew and finds out about pirate language, pirate manners, and other aspects of their life.

Hi! Fly Guy**Arnold, Tedd**READER 2 Arnold, T.

When Buzz captures a fly to enter in The Amazing Pet Show, his parents and the judges tell him that a fly cannot be a pet, but Fly Guy proves them wrong.

The Story of Ferdinand**Leaf, Munro**PICTURE BOOK Leaf, M.

Ferdinand likes to sit quietly and smell the flowers, but one day he gets stung by a bee and his snorting and stomping convince everyone that he is the fiercest of bulls.

Never take a shark to the dentist (and other things not to do)**Barrett, Judi**PICTURE BOOK Barrett, J.

A list of things one should not do with various animals, such as "hold hands with a lobster."

Wolf's coming!**Kulka, Joe**PICTURE BOOK Kulka, J.

All of the animals go into hiding because the wolf is coming, but why they are hiding is the big surprise.

Scared Silly

Howe, James

PICTURE BOOK Howe, J.

Harold, Chester, and Howie worry about Bunnacula.

A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever

Frazee, Marla

PICTURE BOOK Frazee, M.

With lively, detailed, subtly retro cartoons, Frazee gently pokes fun at adult expectations and captures the unbounded joy of two friends experiencing a parent-free summer adventure. (2009 Caldecott Honor Book)

Horse in the house and other strange but true animal stories

Ablow, Gail

CHILDREN 590 ABL

A collection of amazing real-life tales of animals derived from newspaper reports around the world.

Mr. Putter & Tabby Run the Race

Rylant, Cynthia

READER 2 Rylant, C.

Mr. Putter is convinced to run in a senior marathon with his neighbor, Mrs. Teaberry, when he learns that second prize is a train set.

Birthday Tree

Fleischman, Paul

PICTURE BOOK Fleischman, P.

When Jack goes to sea, his parents watch as the tree planted at his birth reflects his fortunes and misfortunes.

Second Grade

Cool zone with the Pain & the Great One

Blume, Judy

CHILDREN FICTION Blume, J.

More adventures at school and at home with Jake, a first-grader, and his older sister Abigail, known to each other as the Pain and the Great One.

Just in Case: A Trickster Tale and Spanish Alphabet Book

Morales, Yuyi

PICTURE BOOK Morales, Y.

Vibrant jewel-tone colors masterfully capture the story of Señor Calavera's quest to find the perfect birthday gift for Grandma Beetle. Part ghost story, part trickster tale, the book features motifs from Mexican culture that represent each letter of the Spanish alphabet.

Second grade rules, Amber Brown

Danziger, Paula

READER 3 Danziger, P.

Amber Brown loves the second grade but wonders if she will ever receive an award from Deskarina, the desk fairy, for keeping her desk clean.

Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride

Kate Dicamillo

READER 3 DIC

Mr. Watson's usual Saturday drive with his favorite pig, Mercy, turns into an adventure with an unexpected passenger in the back seat and Mercy behind the wheel.

Junie B., First Grader: Cheater Pants

Barbara Park

CHAPTER BOOK Park, B.

When her father will not let her stay up late to do her homework, first grader Junie B. copies a classmate's paper.

Frogs

Bishop, Nic

CHILDREN 597.89 BIS

Bishop presents salient facts about frogs through clear text, augmented with fascinating photographs of species around the world. Even the frog-phobic will be fascinated.

What to Do About Alice? How Alice Roosevelt Broke the Rules, Charmed the World, and Drove Her Father Teddy Crazy!

Kerley, Barbara.

BIOGRAPHY Roosevelt, Alice

A biography of a maverick American heroine--the outspoken daughter of Teddy Roosevelt. (2009 Sibert Honor Book)

Stink: The Incredible Shrinking Kid

Megan McDonald

CHILDREN FICTION McDonald, M.

The shortest kid in second grade learns all about the shortest president of the United

Henry and Mudge and the big sleepover: the twenty-eighth book of their adventures

Rylant, Cynthia

READER 2 RYL

Henry and his dog Mudge are invited to a sleepover in Patrick's attic.

Amelia Bedelia and the Baby

Parish, Peggy

READER 3 PAR

Amelia Bedelia follows to the letter the list of instructions for looking after the Lanes' baby.

Judy Moody: around the world in 8 1/2 days

McDonald, Megan

CHILDREN FICTION McDonald, M.

Judy Moody's new friendship with Amy Namey causes problems with her old friends and the school project they are working on together.

Fairy Dust and the Quest for the Egg

Levine, Gail Carson

CHILDREN FICTION Levine, G.

A hurricane, a selfish fairy, Captain Hook, snobby mermaids, a golden hawk, and the evil dragon Kyto test Mother Dove's wisdom, Tink's courage, and Prilla's mettle.

Pinky and Rex and the Bully

Howe, James

READER 3 Howe, J.

Pinky learns the importance of identity as he defends his favorite color, pink, and his friendship with a girl, Rex, from the neighborhood bully.

Aunt Eater Loves a Mystery

Cushman, Doug

READER 2 Cushman, D.

Aunt Eater loves mystery stories so much that she sees mysterious adventures wherever she looks.

Nate the Great saves the King of Sweden

Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman

READER 2 SHA

As Nate the Great sets to work on his first international case, he searches for a lost "something" and saves the King of Sweden from a troublesome traveler.

Missing Tooth

Cole, Joanna

READER 3 Cole, J.

Best friends Arlo and Robby are almost identical in what they wear, what they like, and even where they have teeth missing, but when Robby insists on betting on who is going to lose the next tooth, their friendship is endangered.

Fox on the Job

Marshall, James

READER 3 MAR

Fox tries to earn the money for a new bicycle in several different jobs.

Amazing Buildings

Hayden, Kate

READER 2 Hayden, K.

Showcases such unusual buildings as Stadium Australia, the Eiffel Tower, and the Roman Colosseum.

Minnie and Moo: wanted dead or alive

Cazet, Denys

READER 2 Cazet, D.

Trying to help Mr. Farmer with his finances, Minnie and Moo go to the bank to ask for money and are mistaken for the Bazooka sisters, dangerous outlaws.

Amanda Pig and the Really Hot Day

Van Leeuwen, Jean

READER 2 Van Leeuwen, J.

Amanda Pig and her family and friends try to find different ways to beat the heat.

Henry and Mudge Books

Mr. Putter and Tabby Books

Amelia Bedelia Books

The Magic School Bus Books

Third Grade

Toys Go Out

Emily Jenkins

CHILDREN FICTION Jenkins, E.

Relates the adventures of three best friends, who happen to be toys.

Fabled fourth graders of Aesop Elementary School

Fleming, Candace

CHILDREN FICTION Fleming, C.

An unlikely teacher takes over the disorderly fourth-grade class of Aesop Elementary School with surprising results.

Cam Jansen and the Summer Camp Mysteries

Adler, David A.

CHAPTER BOOK Adler, D.

Cam Jansen spends three weeks at camp, playing sports, doing crafts, and solving three mysteries.

Frantastic Voyage

Benton, Jim

CHAPTER BOOK Benton, J.

When her dog Igor swallows her Doomsday Device, Franny has no choice but to shrink herself and go where no mad scientist has gone before to save the world.

Geronimo and the Gold Medal Mystery

Stilton, Geronimo

CHAPTER BOOK Stilton, G.

With the Olympics coming up, sports are all anyone in New Mouse City can talk about.

Insect Invaders

Capeci, Anne

CHAPTER BOOK Capeci, A.

Mrs. Frizzle and her class learn all about insects.

Mrs. Dole is Out of Control!

Gutman, Dan

CHAPTER BOOK Gutman, D.

A.J. is graduating to third grade and the PTA President has some surprises for him and his classmates on the last day of school.

X'ed-out X-ray

Roy, Ron

CHAPTER BOOK Roy, R.

Ruth Rose, Josh, and Dink attend a concert during which someone steals the star's diamond pendant, and they trail the thief.

Horrible Harry Bugs the Three Bears

Kline, Suzy

CHAPTER BOOK Kline, S.

Harry incorporates his fascination with earwigs into Miss Mackle's class project of acting out a fairy tale in front of the other third graders.

Mystery at the Washington Monument

Roy, Ron

CHAPTER BOOK Roy, R.

KC and Marshall's latest investigation turns up a monkey, a hole in one of the Washington monument stones, and a hundred-year-old mystery.

Bride of Frankenstein Doesn't Bake Cookies

Dadey, Debbie

CHAPTER BOOK Dadey, D.

The kids wonder if the new cookie chef at the ice rink is really the Bride of Frankenstein.

Runny Babbit: A Billy Sook

Silverstein, Shel

CHILDREN 811 SIL

A collection of wordplay, rhymes, and spoonerisms featuring Runny Babbit and his friends.

Ivy and Bean Take Care of the Babysitter

Barrows, Annie

CHILDREN FICTION Barrows, A.

When Bean's parents let her older sister Nancy watch her for the afternoon, she invites Ivy over to teach Nancy how to be a good babysitter.

Arthur and the World Record

Krensky, Stephen

CHAPTER BOOK Brown, M.

Arthur and his friends set out to make the world's largest pizza so that their feat can be recorded in "The Book of Incredible and Amazing World Records."

Dragon of Doom

Coville, Bruce

CHAPTER BOOK Coville, B.

Life in the village of Pigbone is boring until an aspiring magician and his talking toad come to town and ask Edward to help them slay the Dragon of Doom.

Cookies and Crutches

Delton, Judy

CHAPTER BOOK Delton, J.

Molly is worried about getting a badge for baking and skating since she has done neither before.

Dark Day in the Deep Sea

Osborne, Mary Pope

CHAPTER BOOK Osborne, M.

Jack and his sister Annie join 19th-century explorers on the H.M.S. Challenger to learn about the ocean, a fabled sea monster, and compassion for other creatures.

Hank the Cowdog, The Case of the Blazing Sky

Erickson, John R.

CHILDREN FICTION Erickson, J.

With the threat of prairie fires looming, security expert Hank the Cowdog becomes Head of Fire Safety.

Arthur Accused!

Krensky, Stephen

CHAPTER BOOK Brown, M.

Arthur's friend Buster is searching for a crime to solve. When the money Arthur has been collecting for a charity drive mysteriously disappears, Buster is committed to crack the case.

The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins: An Illuminating History of Mr.

Waterhouse Hawkins, Artist and Lecturer

Barbara Kerley

CHILDREN 567.9 KER

While the cover looks like a large picture book fantasy story about dinosaurs, you'll quickly realize that this is the astonishing true account of Benjamin Waterhouse Hawkins, who in 1853 put together the first ever life-sized cement-cast models of dinosaurs, including an iguanodon and a forty-foot long megalosaurus.

Fourth Grade

Lost and Found

Clements, Andrew

CHILDREN FICTION Clements, A.

Identical twins Jay and Ray resent everyone treating them as one person, so they take advantage of a clerical error at their new school and pretend they are just one.

Seer of shadows

Avi

CHILDREN FICTION Avi

Horace, a photographer's apprentice, becomes tangled in a plot to create fake spirit photos, but when he accidentally frees the real ghost of a girl, his life takes a fearful turn.

The Talented Clementine

Sara Pennypacker

CHILDREN FICTION Pennypacker, S.

Eight-year-old Clementine, convinced that she has no talents, tries to find a way to avoid participating in the class talent show.

Babymouse: Puppy Love

Holm, Jennifer L.

CHILDREN GRAPHIC NOVEL Holm, J.

When Bean's parents let her older sister Nancy watch her for the afternoon, she invites Ivy over to teach Nancy how to be a good babysitter.

Clarice Bean, Don't Look Now

Child, Lauren

CHILDREN FICTION Child, L.

Clarice Bean writes her worries in a notebook, things like Worry no. 1: infinity, and Worry no. 3: change.

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing

Blume, Judy

CHILDREN FICTION Blume, J.

Peter finds his demanding two-year-old brother an ever increasing problem.

Frindle

Clements, Andrew

CHAPTER BOOK Clements, A.

When he decides to turn his fifth grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.

Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher
Coville, Bruce

CHILDREN FICTION Coville, B.

Small for his age but artistically talented, twelve-year-old Jeremy Thatcher unknowingly buys a dragon's egg.

Love That Dog
Creech, Sharon

TEEN FICTION Creech, S.

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.

Ginger Pye
Estes, Eleanor

CHILDREN FICTION Estes, E.

When the Pye family's puppy disappears on Thanksgiving Day, the children are convinced that he has been abducted by a stranger in a yellow hat.

Half Magic
Eager, Edward

CHILDREN FICTION Eager, E.

Faced with a dull summer in the city, Jane, Mark, Katharine, and Martha suddenly find themselves involved in a series of extraordinary adventures after Jane discovers an ordinary-looking coin that seems to grant wishes.

Piper Reed, Navy Brat
Holt, Kimberly Willis

CHILDREN FICTION Holt, K.

Piper is sad about moving when her father is transferred, but her family helps her enjoy their new home in Pensacola, FL.

From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler
E.L. Konigsburg

CHILDREN FICTION Konigsburg, E.L. [PB]

Twelve-year-old Claudia and her brother run away to live in the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Bad Beginning
Snicket, Lemony

CHILDREN FICTION Snicket, L.

After the sudden death of their parents, the three Baudelaire children must depend on their wits when a distant relative tries to get their fortune.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Dahl, Roald

CHILDREN FICTION Dahl, R.

Each of five children lucky enough to discover an entry ticket into Mr. Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory takes advantage of the situation in his own way.

How to Eat Fried Worms

Rockwell, Thomas

CHILDREN FICTION Rockswell, T.

Two boys set out to prove that worms can make a delicious meal.

Misty of Chincoteague

Henry, Marguerite

CHILDREN FICTION Henry, M.

Paul and his sister Maureen's determination to own a pony from the herd on Chincoteague Island is increased when the Phantom and her colt are among the ponies rounded up for the yearly auction.

Black Beauty: the Autobiography of a Horse

Sewell, Anna

CHILDREN FICTION Sewell, A.

A horse in nineteenth-century England recounts his experiences with both good and bad masters.

The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain

Peter Sis

CHILDREN BIOGRAPHY SIS, P.

A personal history of the Cold War as experienced by a boy growing up under Communism in Czechoslovakia.

Fifth Grade

Inkheart

Funke, Cornelia Caroline

CHILDREN FICTION Funke, C.

Twelve-year-old Meggie learns that her father, who repairs and binds books for a living, can "read" fictional characters to life.

Calder Game

Balliett, Blue

CHILDREN FICTION Balliett, B.

Seventh-grader Calder Pillay disappears from an English village along with an Alexander Calder sculpture and his friends fly from Chicago to help his father find him.

Black Stallion

Farley, Walter

CHILDREN FICTION Farley

Pulled to a desert island by a wild black stallion he has freed during a shipwreck at sea, then rescued by a southbound freighter, a seventeen-year-old boy befriends the horse, trains him by night, and rides him to victory in a match race.

Willoughbys

Lowry, Lois

CHILDREN FICTION Lowry, L.

The four Willoughby children set about to become "deserving orphans" after their neglectful parents embark on a treacherous adventure, leaving them in the care of an odious nanny.

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH

O'Brien, Robert C.

CHILDREN FICTION O'Brien, R.

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.

Call of the Wild

London, Jack

CHILDREN FICTION London, J.

The classic adventure story of a dog's savage struggle for survival in the Alaskan wilderness.

More Horowitz Horror: more stories you'll wish you'd never read

Horowitz, Anthony

CHILDREN FICTION Horowitz, A.

A collection of nine horror stories including "The hitchhiker" and "The sound of murder" in which things are never as they appear.

The Graveyard Book

Gaiman, Neil

TEEN FICTION Gaiman, N.

A child marked for death by an ancient league of assassins' escapes into an abandoned graveyard, where he is reared and protected by its spirit denizens. A delicious mix of murder, fantasy, and humor, Gaiman's tale is told in magical, haunting prose. (2009 Newbery Medal Book)

Matilda Bone

Cushman, Karen

CHILDREN FICTION Cushman, K.

Fourteen-year-old Matilda, an apprentice bonesetter and practitioner of medicine in a village in medieval England, tries to reconcile the various aspects of her life, both spiritual and practical.

Savvy

Law, Ingrid

CHILDREN FICTION Law, I

Recounts the adventures of Mibs Beaumont, whose thirteenth birthday has revealed her "savvy"--a magical power unique to each member of her family--just as her father is injured in a terrible accident. (2009 Newbery Honor Book)

Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Jeff Kinney

CHILDREN FICTION Kinney, J.

Greg records his experiences in a middle school where he and his best friend, Rowley, hope just to survive, but when Rowley grows more popular Greg must take drastic measures to save their friendship.

The Invention of Hugo Cabret

Brian Selznick

CHILDREN FICTION Selznick, B.

When twelve-year-old Hugo, an orphan in 1931, meets a mysterious toy seller and his goddaughter his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized. (Caldecott Winner)

Swindle

Gordon Korman

CHILDREN FICTION Korman, G.

After a mean collector named Swindle cons him out of his most valuable baseball card, Griffin Bing must break into Swindle's compound and recapture the card.

The Mysterious Benedict Society

Trenton Lee Stewart

CHILDREN FICTION Stewart, T.

Four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened.

Bodies from the Ice: Melting Glaciers and the Recovery of the Past

Deem, James M.

CHILDREN 569.9 DEE

In this exploration of the archaeology of glacier science, Deem's visual presentation engages readers through period newspaper illustrations, paintings, maps and photographs of ice mummies and artifacts from four continents. (2009 Sibert Honor Book)

Freaky Friday

Rodgers, Mary

CHILDREN FICTION Rodgers, M

A thirteen-year-old girl gains a much more sympathetic understanding of her relationship with her mother when she has to spend a day in her mother's body.

Escape From Horrorland

Stine, R. L.

CHILDREN FICTION Stine, R.

Luke and Lizzy Morris dared to spend one day at HorrorLand, the terrifying theme park where nightmares come to life. They thought that nothing could lure them back, but their travel plans are about to change...

Anne of Green Gables

Montgomery, L. M.

CHILDREN FICTION Montgomery,

Anne, an eleven-year-old orphan, is sent to live with a brother and sister on Prince Edward Island and makes an indelible impression on everyone around her.

Little house in the Big Woods

Wilder, Laura Ingalls

CHILDREN FICTION Wilder, L.

Laura and her family experience joy and hardship in a log house far from any other settlers.

Sixth Grade

The Westing Game

Ellen Raskin

CHILDREN FICTION Raskin, E.

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.

Chains

Anderson, Laurie Halse

CHILDREN FICTION Anderson, L

Sold as a slave to an influential New York Tory family, 13-year-old Isabel spies for the patriot side during the American Revolution in a desperate hope to gain freedom for herself and her 5-year-old sister.

The City of Ember

Jeanne DuPrau

CHILDREN FICTION DuPrau, J.

In the year 241, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a messenger, to run to new places in her beloved but decaying city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.

The Lightning Thief

Rick Riordan

TEEN FICTION Riordan, R.

Twelve-year-old Percy Jackson, a demigod, and his friends set out on a road trip to find and return Zeus' stolen property and bring peace to a warring Mount Olympus.

Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark

Alvin Schwartz

CHILDREN 398.2 SCH

On the American Library Association's list of the 100 most-challenged books of the 1990's, Alvin Schwartz's Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark is number one with a bullet.

Hoot

Hiaasen, Carl

TEEN FICTION Hiaasen, C.

Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.

View from Saturday
Konigsburg, E. L.

CHILDREN FICTION Konigsburg, E.L.

Four students, with their own individual stories, develop a special bond and attract the attention of their teacher, who chooses them to be in the Academic Bowl competition.

Glitch in Sleep
Hulme, John

CHILDREN FICTION Hulme, J.

Becker Drane is recruited as a Fixer by The Seems, a parallel universe that runs The World.

I Am Not Joey Pigza
Gantos, Jack

CHILDREN FICTION Gantos, J.

Joey's father returns, calling himself Charles Heinz, and he insists that if Joey and his mother change their names and help him fix up an old diner, their lives will change for the better.

Arrival
Tan, Shaun

CHILDREN GRAPHIC NOVEL Tan, S.

In this wordless graphic novel, a man leaves his homeland and sets off for a new country, where he must build a new life for himself and his family.

Pictures of Hollis Woods
Giff, Patricia Reilly

CHILDREN FICTION Giff, P.

A troublesome twelve-year-old orphan, staying with an elderly artist who needs her, remembers the only other time she was happy in a foster home, with a family that truly seemed to care about her.

Catherine, Called Birdy
Cushman, Karen

CHILDREN FICTION Cushman, K.

The thirteen-year-old daughter of an English country knight keeps a journal in which she records her longing for adventures beyond the usual role of women and her efforts to avoid being married off.

Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! : Voices from a Medieval Village
Schlit, Laura Amy
CHILDREN 812.6 SCH

A collection of short one-person plays featuring characters, between ten and fifteen years old, who live in or near a thirteenth-century English manor.

Dragon Rider

Funke, Cornelia Caroline

CHILDREN FICTION Funke, C.

Firedrake, a silver dragon, is joined by a brownie and an orphan boy in a quest to find the legendary valley known as the Rim of Heaven, encountering creatures along the way, and struggling to evade the relentless pursuit of an old enemy.

Surviving the Applewhites

Tolan, Stephanie S.

CHILDREN FICTION Tolan, S.

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.

The Capture

Lasky, Kathryn

CHILDREN FICTION Lasky, K.

Soren, Gylfie, Twilight, and Digger band together to seek the truth and protect the owl world from unimaginable danger.

Midnight for Charlie Bone

Nimmo, Jenny

CHILDREN FICTION Nimmo, J.

Charlie Bone's life with his widowed mother and two grandmothers undergoes a dramatic change when he discovers that he can hear people in photographs talking.

Ella Enchanted

Levine, Gail Carson

CHILDREN FICTION Levine, G.

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

Ryan, Pam Munoz

CHILDREN FICTION RYA

Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth in Mexico to work in the labor camps of California.

Seventh Grade

Eragon (Inheritance Cycle series)

Christopher Paolini

TEEN FICTION Paolini, C.

In Alagaesia, a fifteen-year-old boy of unknown lineage called Eragon finds a mysterious stone that weaves his life into an intricate tapestry of destiny, magic, and power, peopled with dragons, elves, and monsters.

Princess Diaries

Cabot, Meg

TEEN FICTION Cabot, M.

Fourteen-year-old Mia is shocked to learn that her father is the Prince of Genovia, a small European principality, and that she is a princess and the heir to the throne.

The Wednesday Wars

Gary D. Schmidt

TEEN FICTION Schmidt, G.

In 1967, on Wednesday afternoons, seventh-grader Holling Hoodhood and his teacher, Mrs. Baker, read the plays of William Shakespeare while his classmates go to Catechism or Hebrew School.

Al Capone Does My Shirts

Gennifer Choldenko

TEEN FICTION Choldenko, G.

A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.

The Angel Experiment (Maximum Ride series)

James Patterson

TEEN FICTION Patterson, J.

After the mutant Erasers abduct the youngest member of the "bird kids," who are the result of genetic experimentation, the group takes off in pursuit as they struggle to understand their own origins and purpose.

Thief Lord

Funke, Cornelia Caroline

CHILDREN FICTION FUN

Two brothers, having run away from the aunt who plans to adopt the younger one, have found shelter with--and protection from--Venice's "Thief Lord."

Here Lies the Librarian

Peck, Richard

CHILDREN FICTION Peck, R.

Fourteen-year-old Eleanor "Peewee" McGrath, a tomboy and automobile enthusiast, discovers new possibilities for her future after the 1914 arrival of four young librarians to her small Indiana town.

Witness

Hesse, Karen

CHILDREN FICTION Hesse, K.

A series of poems express the views of various people in a small Vermont town, including a young black girl and a young Jewish girl, during the early 1920s when the Ku Klux Klan is trying to infiltrate the town.

Rakkety Tam

Jacques, Brian

CHILDREN FICTION Jacques, B.

Two warrior squirrels lead the battle against Gulo, a bloodthirsty wolverine who will stop at nothing to recover the Walking Stone that will give him the authority to rule the lands of ice beyond the Great Sea.

Hobbit, or, There and back again

Tolkien, J. R. R.

CHILDREN FICTION Tolkien, J.R.R.

Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to share in an adventure.

Wrinkle in Time

L'Engle, Madeleine

CHILDREN FICTION L'Engle, M.

The story of the adventures in space and time of Meg, Charles Wallace, and Calvin O'Keefe while searching for Meg's father, a scientist who disappeared while engaged in secret government research.

Tuck Everlasting

Babbitt, Natalie

CHILDREN FICTION Babbitt, N.

The Tuck family is apprehensive when they discover that a ten-year-old girl and a malicious stranger now know about their own fountain of youth.

The Dangerous Days of Daniel X

James Patterson

EXPRESS TEEN FICTION Patterson, J.

Daniel, like his parents, is an Alien Hunter of beings on The List of Alien Outlaws, but when facing the first of the top ten outlaws, the existence of Earth and another planet are at stake.

True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle

Avi

CHILDREN FICTION Avi

As the only passenger, and the only female, on a transatlantic voyage in 1832, thirteen-year-old Charlotte finds herself caught between a murderous captain and a mutinous crew.

Kira-Kira
Kadohata, Cynthia

CHILDREN FICTION KAD

Chronicles the close friendship between two Japanese-American sisters growing up in rural Georgia during the late 1950s, and the despair felt when one sister becomes terminally ill.

Wanderer
Creech, Sharon

CHILDREN FICTION Creech, S. [PB]

Sophie and her cousin Cody record their transatlantic crossing aboard the Wanderer, along with uncles and cousins, en route to visit their grandfather in England.

Schwa Was Here
Shusterman, Neal

CHILDREN FICTION Shusterman, N

A Brooklyn eighth-grader nicknamed Antsy befriends the Schwa, an "invisible-ish" boy who is tired of blending into his surroundings and going unnoticed by nearly everyone.

Leonardo da Vinci
Krull, Kathleen

CHILDREN BIOGRAPHY LEONARDO DA VINCI

A biography of Leonardo da Vinci, focusing on his work as a scientist

Eighth Grade

Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian

Alexie, Sherman

TEEN FICTION Alexie, S.

Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school.

Speak

Anderson, Laurie Halse

TEEN FICTION Anderson, L.

A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda's freshman year in high school.

Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants

Brashares, Ann

TEEN FICTION Brashares, A.

Four best girlfriends spend the summer apart, but stay connected through a pair of jeans they send to one another to wear on their adventures.

Things Not Seen

Clements, Andrew

TEEN FICTION CLE

When fifteen-year-old Bobby wakes up and finds himself invisible, he and his parents and his new blind friend Alicia try to find out what caused his condition and how to reverse it.

Bound

Napoli, Donna Jo

Fourteen-year-old stepchild Xing-Xing endures a life of neglect and servitude, as her stepmother cruelly mutilates her own child's feet so that she alone might marry well.

Brave story

Miyabe, Miyuki

TEEN FICTION Napoli, D.

Wataru Mitani journeys to the magical world of Vision to collect gemstones that will improve his dismal life in the real world.

Brisingr, or, The seven promises of Eragon Shadeslayer and Saphira Bjartskular

Paolini, Christopher

EXPRESS TEEN FICTION Paolini, C.

The further adventures of Eragon and his dragon Saphira as they continue to aid the Varden in the struggle against the evil king, Galbatorix.

Bread and Roses, Too
Paterson, Katherine

CHILDREN FICTION Paterson, K.

Jake and Rosa, two children, form an unlikely friendship as they try to survive and understand the 1912 Bread and Roses strike of mill workers in Lawrence, Massachusetts.

H.I.V.E.: Higher Institute of Villainous Education
Walden, Mark

TEEN FICTION Walden, M.

Thirteen-year-old orphan Otto Malpense is handpicked to become the world's next supervillain.

Chalice
McKinley, Robin

FICTION Doner, M.

A beekeeper by trade, Mirasol's life changes completely when she is named the new Chalice, the most important advisor to the new Master, a former priest of fire.

Bella at Midnight
Stanley, Diane

CHILDREN FICTION Stanley, D.

Raised by peasants, Bella discovers that she is the daughter of a knight and becomes caught up in a plot that will change her life and the kingdom forever.

Diamond Willow
Frost, Helen

CHILDREN FICTION Frost, H

In a remote area of Alaska, Willow takes care of sled dogs but wishes she was popular, all the while unaware that the animals around her carry the spirits of the dead who care for her.

Black Duck
Lisle, Janet Taylor

TEEN FICTION Lisle, J.

Ruben Hart tells the story of how his family and his best friend's family were caught up in a competition among groups trying to control the local rum-smuggling trade in 1929 Newport, Rhode Island,.

Chronicles of Vladimir Tod: eighth grade bites
Brewer, Heather

TEEN FICTION Brewer, H.

For thirteen years, Vlad has kept secret that he is half-vampire, but when he has a sinister substitute teacher, he learns there is more to being a vampire, and to his parents' deaths, than he knew.

Heat**Lupica, Mike**CHILDREN FICTION Lupica, M.

Pitching prodigy Michael Arroyo is on the run from social services after being banned from playing Little League baseball because rival coaches doubt he is only twelve years old and he has no parents to offer them proof.

Click**Park, Linda Sue**TEEN FICTION Click

Stories within a story, written as separate chapters by ten juvenile authors, reveal the adventurous life and legacy of George "Gee" Keane, a photojournalist and world traveler.

Happy Kid!**Gauthier, Gail**CHILDREN FICTION Gauthier, G.

After his mother bribes him into reading a self-help book on how to form satisfying relationships and enjoy a happy life, cynical eighth-grader Kyle finds there may be more to the book than he realized.

Curse of the Bane**Delaney, Joseph**TEEN FICTION Delaney, J.

Thirteen-year-old Tom Ward continues his apprenticeship with the Spook as they confront a dangerous bane who can control people's thoughts.

Day of the Scarab**Fisher, Catherine**TEEN FICTION Fisher, C.

As she works to return peace to Two Lands, Mirany travels through the Gates of the Underworld.

Gossamer**Lowry, Lois**CHILDREN FICTION Lowry, L.

While learning to bestow dreams, a young dream giver tries to save an eight-year-old boy from the effects of both his abusive past and the nightmares inflicted on him by the frightening Sinisteads.

Ninth Grade

3 willows: The Sisterhood Grows

Brashares, Ann

EXPRESS TEEN FICTION Brashares, A.

Ama, Jo, and Polly, three close friends from Bethesda, Maryland, spend the summer before ninth grade learning about themselves, their families, and the changing nature of their friendship.

Suck It Up

Meehl, Brian

TEEN FICTION Meehl, B.

Teenaged vampire Morning tries to fulfill his childhood dream of becoming a superhero when he is the first vampire to reveal his identity to humans and to show how vampires can use their powers to help humanity.

How To Be Popular

Cabot, Meg

TEEN FICTION Cabot, M.

Sixteen-year-old Steph Landry finds an old book on how to be popular and decides to change her social status by following its advice, much to the bafflement of her two best friends.

Peak

Smith, Roland

TEEN FICTION Smith, R.

A fourteen-year-old boy attempts to be the youngest person to reach the top of Mount Everest.

The Magician

Scott, Michael

Fifteen-year-old twins Sophie and Josh Newman continue their magical training in Paris with Nicholas Flamel, Scatty, and the Comte de Sant Germaine, pursued by Doctor Dee and the immortal Niccolo Machiavelli.

Memoirs of a Teenage Amnesiac

Zevin, Gabrielle

TEEN FICTION Zevin, G.

After a nasty fall, Naomi realizes that she has no memory of the last four years and finds herself reassessing every aspect of her life.

Storm Thief

Wooding, Chris

TEEN FICTION Wooding, C.

With the help of a golem, two teenaged thieves try to survive on the city island of Orokos, where unpredictable probability storms continually change both the landscape and the inhabitants.

Twilight

Stephenie Meyer

EXPRESS TEEN FICTION Meyer, S.

When 17-year-old Bella leaves Phoenix to live with her father in Forks, Washington, she meets a boy at school for whom she feels an overwhelming attraction and who is not wholly human.

Melting Stones

Pierce, Tamora

TEEN FICTION Pierce, T.

Residents of the island of Starns send for help from Winding Circle temple, and when mage Rosethorn and mage trainee Evvy respond, Evvy finds that the problem is a long-dormant volcano and tries to use her talents to avert destruction.

Perfect Shot

Alphin, Elaine Marie

TEEN FICTION Alphin, E.

Brian uses basketball to block out memories of his girlfriend and her family, who were gunned down a year ago, but the murder trial and a history assignment force him to face the past and decide how far he should go to see justice served.

Drums, Girls, & Dangerous Pie

Sonnenblick, Jordan

TEEN FICTION Sonnenblick, J.

When his younger brother is diagnosed with leukemia, thirteen-year-old Steven tries to deal with his complicated emotions, his school life, and his desire to support his family.

Peaches : A Novel

Anderson, Jodi Lynn

TEEN FICTION Anderson, J.

Three teenaged girls from very different backgrounds, thrown together to pick peaches in a Georgia orchard, spend a summer in pursuit of the right boy, the truest of friends, and the perfect peach.

Mislaid Magician, or, Ten Years After

Wrede, Patricia C.

Mislaid Magician, or, Ten Years After

In 1828, English cousins Cecy and Kate and their husbands uncover a plot, with the help of their wizardry skills, that could endanger the unity of England.

Spud

Van de Ruit, John

TEEN FICTION Van de Ruit, J.

In 1990, thirteen-year-old John "Spud" Milton, a prepubescent choirboy, keeps a diary of his first year at an elite, boys-only boarding school in South Africa, as he deals with housemates, crushes and dysfunctional parents.

Extras

Westerfeld, Scott

TEEN FICTION Westerfeld, S.

After rebel Tally Youngblood brings down the uglies/pretties/specials regime, fame, instead of beauty, becomes the new world order, and fifteen-year-old Aya Fuse embarks on a dangerous plan to boost her popularity ranking.

Hattie Big Sky

Larson, Kirby

TEEN FICTION Larson, K.

In 1917, sixteen-year-old orphan Hattie Brooks makes a home for herself in Montana and encounters some unexpected problems related to the war in Europe.

Rash

Hautman, Pete

TEEN FICTION Hautman, P.

In a future society, sixteen-year-old Bo's anger control problems land him in a tundra jail where he survives with the help of his running skills and an artificial intelligence program named Bork.

Here Lies Arthur

Reeve, Philip

TEEN FICTION Reeve, P.

When her village is attacked and burned, Gwyna seeks protection from the bard Myrddin, who uses Gwyna in his plan to transform young Arthur into the heroic King Arthur.

Smile

Napoli, Donna Jo

TEEN FICTION Napoli, D.

Elisabetta longs for romance, and when Leonardo da Vinci introduces her to Guiliano de Medici, whose family rules Florence, she has no inkling of the romance--and sorrow--that will ensue.

House of Djinn

Staples, Suzanne Fisher

TEEN FICTION Staples, S

An unexpected death brings Shabanu's daughter, Mumtaz, and nephew, Jameel, both fifteen, to the forefront of a push to modernize Pakistan, but they must sacrifice their own dreams to meet family and tribal expectations.

Tenth Grade

Sword of the Rightful King: A Novel of King Arthur

Yolen, Jane

TEEN FICTION Yolen, J.

Merlinus devises a way for King Arthur to prove himself the rightful king of England--pulling a sword from a stone--but trouble arises when someone else removes the sword first.

Friend at Midnight

Cooney, Caroline B.

TEEN FICTION Cooney, C.

After rescuing her younger brother abandoned at a busy airport by their divorced father, fifteen-year-old Lily finds her faith in God sorely tested as she struggles to rescue herself from the bitterness and anger she feels.

Voices

Le Guin, Ursula K.

TEEN FICTION Le Guin, U.

Young Memer takes on a pivotal role in freeing her war-torn homeland from its oppressive captors.

Endymion Spring

Skelton, Matthew

TEEN FICTION Skelton, M.

Twelve-year-old Blake Winters stumbles across a magical book secretly brought to England in 1453 by Gutenberg's mute apprentice to save it from evil forces.

Twisted

Anderson, Laurie Halse

TEEN FICTION Anderson, L.

Seventeen-year-old Tyler enjoys his tough new reputation and the attention of a popular girl, but when life starts to go bad, he must choose between transforming himself or giving in to his destructive thoughts.

Taste for Rabbit

Zuckerman, Linda

FICTION Zuckerman, L.

Quentin, a rabbit who lives in a walled compound run by a militaristic government, must join forces with Harry, a fox, to stop the sinister disappearances of outspoken and rebellious rabbit citizens.

Can't Get There From Here

Strasser, Todd

TEEN FICTION Strasser, T.

Tired of being hungry, cold, and dirty from living on the streets of New York City with a tribe of other homeless teenagers who are dying one by one, a girl named Maybe ponders her future and longs for someone to care about her.

Warrior Heir

Chima, Cinda Williams

TEEN FICTION Chima, C.

After learning about his magical ancestry and his own warrior powers, sixteen-year-old Jack embarks on a training program to fight enemy wizards.

Fell

Clement-Davies, David

TEEN FICTION Clement-Davies, D.

In Transylvania during the middle ages, Fell, a lone wolf with unusual abilities, learns that his destiny is entwined with that of one human, whose mysterious origins have villagers believing she is a changeling.

Telling Pool

Clement-Davies, David

TEEN FICTION Clement-Davies, D.

A Welsh teenager named Rhodri embarks on a quest to remove an ancient curse from Great Britain during the reign of Richard the Lionheart.

In the Belly of the Bloodhound: being an account of a particularly peculiar adventure in the life of Jacky Faber

Meyer, L. A.

TEEN FICTION Meyer, L.

Jacky Faber and her classmates are kidnapped and transported in a ship bound for the slave markets of North Africa.

What I Saw and How I Lied

Blundell, Judy

TEEN FICTION Blundell, J.

In 1947, teenage Evie, smitten by the handsome young ex-GI who seems to have a secret hold on her stepfather, finds herself caught in a web of lies whose outcome changes her and her family forever.

Boy in the Striped Pajamas

Boyne, John

TEEN FICTION Boyne, J.

In 1942, Bruno, the son of a Nazi officer, befriends a boy who lives behind a wire fence.

Terrier

Pierce, Tamora

CHILDREN FICTION Pierce, T.

When sixteen-year-old Beka becomes "Puppy" to a pair of "Dogs," as the Provost's Guards are called, she uses her police training, natural abilities, and a touch of magic to help them solve the case of a murdered baby in Tortall's Lower City.

One of Those Hideous Books Where the Mother Dies

Sones, Sonya

TEEN FICTION Sones, S.

Fifteen-year-old Ruby reluctantly leaves Boston for Los Angeles to live with her father, a famous movie star.

Wicked Lovely

Marr, Melissa

TEEN FICTION Marr, M.

Seventeen-year-old Aislinn, who has the rare ability to see faeries, is drawn against her will into a centuries-old battle between the Summer King and the Winter Queen, and the survival of life, her love, and summer all hang in the balance.

Best Foot Forward

Bauer, Joan

TEEN FICTION Bauer, J.

Between school and Al-Anon meetings, Jenna helps Mrs. Gladstone cope with problems that result from the merger of Gladstone Shoes with Shoe Warehouse Corporation, while managing a new employee with a shoplifting record.

Trickster's Choice

Pierce, Tamora

TEEN FICTION Pierce, T.

Alianne must call forth her mother's courage and her father's wit in order to survive on the Copper Isles in a royal court rife with political intrigue and murderous conspiracy.

Ophelia: A Novel

Klein, Lisa M.

TEEN FICTION KLE [YOUNG ADULT]

In a story based on Shakespeare's Hamlet, Ophelia tells of her life in the court at Elsinore, her love for Prince Hamlet, and her escape from the violence in Denmark.

Wyvernhaul

Atwater-Rhodes, Amelia

TEEN FICTION Atwater-Rhodes, A.

In order to protect the people and the world she loves from the future she sees in increasingly horrific visions, Hai is forced to throw away her own happiness and ascend the serpente throne.

Eleventh Grade

Truesight

Stahler, David

TEEN FICTION Stahler, D.

In a distant frontier world, thirteen-year-old Jacob is uncertain of his future in a community that considers blindness a virtue and "Seers" as aberrations.

Firestorm

Klass, David

FICTION Klass, D.

After learning that he has been sent from the future for a special purpose, eighteen-year-old Jack receives help from an unusual dog and a shape-shifting female fighter.

Freaks: Alive, on the Inside!

Klause, Annette Curtis

TEEN FICTION Klause, A.

After leaving home in search of adventure, seventeen-year-old Abel, the 'normal' son of freak show entertainers is haunted by a mysterious spirit.

Graceling

Cashore, Kristin

EXPRESS TEEN FICTION Cashore, K.

In a world where some people are born with extreme and often-feared skills called Graces, Katsa struggles for redemption from her own horrifying Grace, the Grace of killing, and teams up with another young fighter to save their land from a corrupt king.

Ironside: A Modern Faery's Tale

Black, Holly

TEEN FICTION Black, H.

As the possessor of Roiben's true name, sixteen-year-old Kaye returns to Faeryland to try to complete a nearly-impossible quest that will release him from the spell of the faery queen who holds him in thrall.

Looking for Alaska: A Novel

Green, John

TEEN FICTION Green, J.

Sixteen-year-old Miles' first year at Culver Creek Preparatory School in Alabama includes good friends and great pranks, but is defined by the search for answers about life and death after a fatal car crash.

Paper Towns

Green, John

TEEN FICTION Green, J.

One month before graduating from his Florida high school, Quentin basks in his predictable boring life until his beautiful neighbor and classmate, Margo, takes him on a midnight adventure before disappearing.

The Scarlet Letter

Hawthorne, Nathaniel

FICTION Hawthorne, N.

Hawthorne's novel of sin and the quest for utopia.

Tantalize

Smith, Cynthia Leitich

TEEN FICTION Smith, C.

When multiple murders in Austin, Texas, threaten the grand re-opening of her family's vampire-themed restaurant, a teenaged orphan worries that her friend, a werewolf-in-training, may be the prime suspect.

Will of the Empress

Pierce, Tamora

TEEN FICTION Pierce, T.

While visiting her vast land holdings in Namorn and her devious cousin, Empress Berenene, eighteen-year-old Sandry must rely on her childhood friends and fellow mages, Daja, Tris, and Briar.

A Great and Terrible Beauty

Bray, Libba

TEEN FICTION Bray, L.

After the suspicious death of her mother in 1895, sixteen-year-old Gemma returns to England, after many years in India, to attend a finishing school where she becomes aware of her magical powers and ability to see into the spirit world.

The Alchemist

Coelho, Paulo

TEEN FICTION Coelho, P. [CLASSICS]

Timeless and entertaining, exotic yet simple, this fable breaks down the steps in the journey we all take to find the most meaningful riches in our lives.

Anansi Boys

Gaiman, Neil

TEEN FICTION Gaiman, N.

Mythology and modern times collide again in this masterpiece from Neil Gaiman. This follow-up to American Gods is equal parts humorous, terrifying, adventurous, and epic in the standard mythological style --- but it is also an intimate story about the beauty, and danger, of family.

Angela's Ashes: a Memoir

McCourt, Frank

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"When I look back on my childhood I wonder how I managed to survive at all. It was, of course, a miserable childhood: the happy childhood is hardly worth your while,"

Bee Season: a novel

Goldberg, Myla

FICTION Goldberg, M.

The bestselling, critically acclaimed debut novel about an ordinary girl with an extraordinary talent for spelling.

Beginner's Luck

Pedersen, Laura

FICTION Pedersen, L.

The second of seven children, Hallie Palmer has one dream: to make it to Vegas.

Twelfth Grade

Breaking Point

Flinn, Alex

TEEN FICTION Flinn, A.

Paul is new to Gate, a school whose rich students make life miserable for anyone not like them. And Paul is definitely not like them.

The Minister's Daughter

Hearn, Julie

TEEN FICTION Hearn, J.

Julie Hearn spins a darkly complex dual tale of deception, witchcraft, hypocrisy, and betrayal set in seventeenth-century England during the conflicted days of the Civil War.

Dandelion Wine

Bradbury, Ray

FICTION Bradbury, R.

DANDELION WINE is Ray Bradbury's semi-autobiographical novel about 12-year-old Douglas Spaulding of Green Town, Illinois, who discovers that summer is more than the repetition of established rituals whose mystical power holds time at bay.

The Kite Runner

Hosseini, Khaled

FICTION Hosseini, K.

An epic tale of fathers and sons, of friendship and betrayal, THE KITE RUNNER takes us from Afghanistan in the final days of the monarchy to the atrocities of the present. The unforgettable, heartbreaking story of the unlikely friendship between a wealthy boy and the son of his father's servant, it is a beautifully crafted novel set in a country that is in the process of being destroyed.

A Brief History of the Dead

Brockmeier, Kevin

FICTION Brockmeier, K.

When a virus wipes out mankind, the dead gather in "The City" to remain as long as someone on Earth remembers them.

Feed

Anderson, M.T.

TEEN FICTION Anderson, M.

In a future where most people have computer implants in their heads to control their environment, Titus meets an unusual girl who is in serious trouble. Violet, a beautiful, brainy teenage girl, has decided to rebel against the system --- to fight the feed and its omnipresent ability to categorize human thoughts and desires.

Catalyst**Anderson, Laurie Halse**TEEN FICTION Anderson, L.

The unexpected twists and turns that occur in teenager Kate Malone's life force her to take a hard look at her relationships with her family, her friends, her boyfriend, and even her deceased mother. As she struggles with needing to be popular and the desire to please everyone at the expense of herself, Kate discovers that she is only human, fraught with insecurities, doubts, and questions --- and that's okay.

Gathering Blue**Lowry, Lois**TEEN FICTION Lowry, L.

Kira, an orphan with a twisted leg, fears for her future until she is spared by the all-powerful Council of Guardians. A gifted weaver, Kira is given a task that no other community member can do. While her talent keeps her alive, Kira soon realizes she is surrounded by many mysteries and secrets. No one must know of her plans to uncover the truth about her world and see what places exist beyond.

Elsewhere**Zevin, Gabrielle**TEEN FICTION Zevin, G.

Fifteen-year-old Liz Hall is looking forward to earning her driver's license, graduating high school and attending college. But on the way to help her best friend shop for a prom dress, Liz is killed by a hit-and-run driver. End of story? Not even close. In Gabrielle Zevin's witty and wise new novel, Liz awakens on a cruise ship bound for the afterlife.

Catch-22**Heller, Joseph**FICTION Heller, J.

Malingering bombardier Yossarian is a hero endlessly inventive in his schemes to save himself from the horrors of war. And yet he is trapped by the bureaucratic rule from which the novel takes its title: a man is considered insane if he willingly flies dangerous combat missions, but if he makes a formal request to be relieved of such missions, the very act of making the request proves that he is sane and therefore ineligible to be relieved.

King Dork**Portman, Frank**TEEN FICTION Portman, F.

Pseudo-slacker Tom Henderson (a.k.a. King Dork) becomes obsessed with deciphering mysterious messages left behind in his deceased father's copy of THE CATCHER IN THE RYE.

Les Miserables**Hugo, Victor**

FICTION Hugo, V.

In Victor Hugo's classic tale, ex-convict Jean Valjean struggles for redemption in the punishing world of post-Napoleonic France.

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

Adams, Douglas

TEEN FICTION Adams, D.

Seconds before the Earth is demolished to make way for a galactic freeway, Arthur Dent is plucked off the planet by his friend Ford Prefect, a researcher for the revised edition of THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY who, for the last fifteen years, has been posing as an out-of-work actor. Together this dynamic pair begins an unusual journey through space.

Gifts

Le Guin, Ursula K.

TEEN FICTION Le Guin, U.

In the first book in the *Annals of the Western Shore* series, each family who resides in the Uplands possesses powerful gifts, which can either help or harm others. The Uplanders live in constant fear that one family might unleash its gift against another, but two young people --- friends since childhood --- decide not to use their gifts.

The Children of Hurin

Tolkien, J.R.R. edited by Tolkien, Christopher

SCIENCE FICTION Tolkien, J.

The first complete book by the late J.R.R. Tolkien in three decades --- since the publication of THE SILMARILLION in 1977 --- THE CHILDREN OF HURIN reunites fans of THE HOBBIT and THE LORD OF THE RINGS with elves and men, dragons and dwarves, eagles and orcs.

The Host

Meyer, Stephenie

EXPRESS SCIENCE FICTION Meyer, S.

Alien "souls" have taken over the minds and bodies of humans. Melanie Stryder, a captured rebel, resists the takeover of her mind by Wanderer, the soul implanted in her body. Under the influence of Melanie's emotions, Wanderer is compelled to search for Melanie's love Jared and Brother Jamie, who are still in hiding.

I am the Cheese

Cormier, Robert

TEEN FICTION Cormier, R.

In this psychological thriller, 14-year-old Adam Farmer's life is turned upside down by a sudden revelation that his whole life has been a fiction and his identity has been changed. As he tries to unlock secrets of his past --- a missing father, government corruption, espionage --- the shy and confused Adam must hide these memories if he wants to stay alive.

The Lovely Bones

Sebold, Alice

FICTION Sebold, A.

When we first meet Susie Salmon, she is already in heaven. From this strange new place, she watches life on Earth continuing without her and tells us, in the fresh and spirited voice of a fourteen-year-old girl, a tale that is both haunting and full of hope.

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time

Mark Haddon

FICTION Haddon, M.

Christopher John Francis Boone is a fifteen-year-old autistic savant obsessed with Sherlock Holmes. He relates well to animals but has no understanding of human emotions. He cannot stand to be touched. And he detests the color yellow. This improbable story of Christopher's quest to investigate the suspicious death of a neighborhood dog makes for a captivating and unusual tale.