

# The Town School

## 5th & 6th Grade Suggested Reading List

Author/Title/Publication Date/Call No.	Description	5th/6th
“The 39 Clues” series (various authors): <b><i>The 39 Clues: Maze of Bones</i></b> , by Rick Riordan	What would happen if you discovered that your family was one of the most powerful in human history? What if you were told that the source of the family’s power was hidden around the world, in the form of 39 clues? What if you were given a choice--take a million dollars and walk away ... or get the first clue? If you’re Amy and Dan Cahill, you take the clue--and begin a very dangerous race. Book One in “The 39 Clues” series	
Alcott, Louisa May <b><i>Little Women</i></b>	Four New England sisters--Jo, Meg, Amy, and Beth--show courage, humor, and ingenuity as they live with their mother in genteel poverty while their father is away serving as a chaplain in the Union army. Also by this author: <i>Little Men</i> and others	
Alexander, Kwame <b><i>The Crossover</i></b>	Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health. (N) (CSK) Sequel: <i>Booked</i>	
Alexander, Lloyd <b><i>The Book of Three</i></b>	Taran, would-be hero and assistant pig-keeper, assembles a group of companions to rescue the oracular pig Hen Wen from the forces of evil. Book One of “The Chronicles of Prydain” series (N in series) Also by this author: <i>The Iron Ring</i> and others	
Anderson, Laurie Halse <b><i>Fever, 1793</i></b>	Philadelphia was the capital of the United States when an outbreak of yellow fever in the summer of 1793 killed ten percent of the city's population. In this historical narrative, sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook learns about self-reliance, perseverance, and compassion as she copes with the perils and sorrows of the epidemic. Also by this author: <i>Chains, Forge</i> and others	
Anderson, R.J. <b><i>A Pocket Full of Murder</i></b>	In Tarretton, where the rich have all the magic they wish and the poor can barely afford a spell to heat their homes, twelve-year-old Isaveth's father is accused of murdering an influential citizen and Isaveth, aided by eccentric street boy Quiz, tries to solve the magical murder mystery before her father is executed.	
Angleberger, Tom <b><i>Fake Mustache: Or, How Jodie O’Rodeo and Her Wonder Horse (and Some Nerdy Guy) Saved the U.S. Presidential Election from a Mad Genius Criminal Mastermind</i></b>	Lenny Flem Jr. is the only one standing between his evil-genius best friend, Casper, and world domination as Casper uses a spectacularly convincing fake mustache and the ability to hypnotize to rob banks, amass a vast fortune, and run for president.	
Applegate, Katherine	When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-	

<i>The One and Only Ivan</i>	out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the menagerie, he decides that he must find her a better life. (Based on a true story.) (N)
Auxier, Jonathan <i>The Night Gardener</i>	Irish orphans Molly, fourteen, and Kip, ten, travel to England to work as servants in a crumbling manor house where nothing is quite what it seems to be, and soon the siblings are confronted by a mysterious stranger and secrets of the cursed house.
Avi <i>The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle</i>	As the only passenger--and the only female--on a transatlantic voyage in 1832, thirteen-year-old Charlotte is caught between a murderous captain and a mutinous crew. (N) Also by this author: <i>The Fighting Ground</i> and others
Babbitt, Natalie <i>Tuck Everlasting</i>	The Tuck family faces a dilemma when a ten-year-old girl and a malicious stranger discover their secret, a spring that gives immortality to those who drink from it. Also by this author: <i>The Search for Delicious</i> , <i>The Devil's Story Book</i> and others
Balliett, Blue <i>Chasing Vermeer</i>	When strange events start to happen and a precious Vermeer painting disappears, eleven-year-olds Petra and Calder pool their talents to solve an international art scandal. Book One in the "Chasing Vermeer" series
Barrie, J. M. <i>Peter Pan</i>	The ever-popular adventures of the three Darling children in Neverland with Peter Pan, the boy who would not grow up.
Bartoletti, Susan Campbell <i>Terrible Typhoid Mary: A True Story of the Deadliest Cook in America</i>	With archival photographs and text among other primary sources, this riveting biography of Mary Mallon looks beyond the tabloid scandal of Mary's controversial life. Also by this author: <i>Hitler Youth: Growing up in Hitler's Shadow</i> , and others
Bauer, Marion Dane <i>On My Honor</i>	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. (N)
Baum, L. Frank <i>The Wonderful Wizard of Oz</i>	After a cyclone carries them to the land of Oz, Dorothy and her dog, Toto, anger a witch and make friends who accompany them to the Emerald City in search of a wizard able to send Dorothy and Toto home to their Kansas farm. Book One in "The Wizard of Oz" series
Beddor, Frank <i>The Looking Glass Wars</i>	When she is cast out of Wonderland by her evil aunt, young Alyss Heart finds herself living in Victorian England as Alice Liddell and struggles to keep memories of her kingdom intact until she can return to claim her throne.

	Book One in "The Looking Glass Wars" series
Bell, Cece <b><i>El Deafo</i></b>	A graphic novel memoir of author/illustrator Cece Bell who grew up hearing impaired.
Benjamin, Ali <b><i>The Thing About Jellyfish</i></b>	After her best friend dies in a drowning accident, Suzy is convinced that the true cause of the tragedy must have been a rare jellyfish sting--things don't just happen for no reason. Retreating into a silent world of imagination, she crafts a plan to prove her theory--even if it means traveling the globe, alone. Suzy's achingly heartfelt journey explores life, death, the astonishing wonder of the universe...and the potential for love and hope right next door.
Benson, Richard <b><i>F in Exams: The Very Best Totally Wrong Test Answers</i></b>	Collects creative ways students have answered difficult exam questions. Sequel: <i>F in Exams Pop Quiz: All New Awesomely Wrong Test Answers</i>
Birdsall, Jeanne <b><i>The Penderwicks</i></b>	While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshire mountains, four sisters share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother. Book One in "The Penderwicks" series
Bloor, Edward <b><i>Tangerine</i></b>	Paul, who lives in the shadow of his football hero brother Erik, fights for the right to play soccer despite his near blindness, and slowly begins to remember the incident that damaged his eyesight. Also by this author: <i>Story Time</i> and others.
Blume, Judy <b><i>Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret</i></b>  <b><i>Places I Never Meant to Be: Original Stories by Censored Writers</i></b>	Faced with the difficulties of growing up and choosing a religion, a twelve-year-old girl talks over her problems with her own private God.  Edited by Judy Blume, a collection of short stories accompanied by short essays on censorship by twelve authors whose works have been challenged in the past. Also by this author: <i>Deenie</i> , <i>Tiger Eyes</i> , and others
Bode, N.E. <b><i>The Anybodies</i></b>	Fern learns that she is not the biological daughter of boring Mr. and Mrs. Drudger and embarks on magical adventures with her real father. Book One in "The Anybodies" series
Bosch, Pseudonymous <b><i>The Name of this Book Is Secret</i></b>	Two eleven-year-old misfits try to solve the mystery of a dead magician and stop the evil Dr. L and Ms. Mauvais, who are searching for the secret of immortality. Book One in the "Secrets Series"
Boyne, John <b><i>The Boy in the Striped Pajamas</i></b>	Bored and lonely after his family moves from Berlin to a place called "Out-With" in 1942, Bruno, the son of a Nazi officer, befriends a boy in striped pajamas who lives behind a wire fence.

	Also by this author: <i>The Boy at the Top of the Mountain</i>
Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker <b><i>The War That Saved My Life</i></b>	A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother. (N) Sequel: <i>The War I Finally Won</i>
Brown, Don <b><i>America is Under Attack: September 11, 2001: The Day the Towers Fell</i></b>	Provides a chronological account of September 11, 2001, and the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and the hijacking of a plane that crashed in Pennsylvania.
Bryant, Annie <b><i>Worst Enemies/Best Friends</i></b>	Charlotte is the new girl again and wants to make friends, but after causing an embarrassing scene in the school cafeteria her assigned lunch partners--Katani, Avery and Maeve--can't wait to dump her. Book One in the "Beacon Street Girls" series
Burnett, Frances Hodgson <b><i>The Secret Garden</i></b>	An orphaned girl is sent to live with her uncle in England and finds happiness in a secluded garden. Also by this author: <i>The Little Princess</i> and others
Buyea, Rob <b><i>Because of Mr. Terupt</i></b>	Seven fifth-graders at Snow Hill School in Connecticut relate how their lives are changed for the better by "rookie teacher" Mr. Terupt. Book One in the "Mr. Terupt" series
Card, Orson Scott <b><i>Ender's Game</i></b>	When aliens twice attack Earth and almost destroy the human race, the government prepares for the next encounter by engaging specially selected children in "art of war" training games. Book One in the "Ender's Game" series
Carter, Ally <b><i>I'd Tell You I Love You, But Then I'd Have to Kill You</i></b>	Cammie, a sophomore at a secret spy school, is sheltered from "normal teenage life" until she meets a local boy while on a class surveillance mission. Book One of the "Gallagher Girls" series. Also by this author: The "Heist Society" series
Chainani, Soman <b><i>The School for Good and Evil</i></b>	Best friends Sophie and Agatha discover their true identities when they enter The School for Good and Evil, a school where ordinary boys and girls are trained to be fairy tale heroes and villains. Book One in "The School for Good and Evil" series
Childs, Tera Lynn <b><i>Forgive My Fins</i></b>	Seventeen-year-old mermaid Lily has been living on land and attending high school, where she develops a crush on a boy but is afraid to tell him of her true destiny as the ruler of the undersea kingdom of Thalassinia. Book One in the "Fins" series  When her mother suddenly decides to marry a near stranger,

<p><b><i>Oh. My. Gods.</i></b></p>	<p>Phoebe, whose passion is running, soon finds herself living on a remote Greek island, completing her senior year at an ancient high school where the students and teachers are all descended from gods or goddesses. Sequel: <i>Goddess Boot Camp</i></p>
<p>Clements, Andrew <b><i>Extra Credit</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Frindle</i></b></p>	<p>Sixth-grader Abbey, who lives in an Illinois prairie town, and ten-year-old Amira and her eleven-year-old brother, Sadeed, who live in a village in the mountains of Afghanistan, are pen pals who gain some insights into each other's cultures through their exchange of letters.</p> <p>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 sets off a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control. Also by this author: <i>About Average, The Landry News</i> and others</p>
<p>Cohen-Janca, Iréne <b><i>Mister Doctor: Janusz Korczak and the Orphans of the Warsaw Ghetto</i></b></p>	<p>A story about Doctor Janusz Korczak who showed respect and kindness to Jewish children who were orphans and forced to live in the Warsaw Ghetto.</p>
<p>Colfer, Chris <b><i>The Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell</i></b></p>	<p>Through the mysterious powers of a cherished book of stories, twins Alex and Conner leave their world behind and find themselves in a foreign land full of wonder and magic where they come face-to-face with the fairy tale characters they grew up reading about. Book One in "The Land of Stories" series</p>
<p>Colfer, Eoin <b><i>Artemis Fowl</i></b></p>	<p>When an evil kid genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic and technology. Book One in the "Artemis Fowl" series</p>
<p>Collins, Suzanne <b><i>Gregor the Overlander</i></b></p>	<p>When Gregor and his little sister are pulled underground into a strange world while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy, they trigger a battle involving men, bats, rats, and cockroaches. Book One in "The Underland Chronicles" series</p>
<p>Cooney, Caroline <b><i>The Face on the Milk Carton</i></b></p>	<p>Recognizing herself as the missing child pictured on a milk carton, Janie must choose between her love for the people she has always known as her parents and seeking the truth about her identity. Book One in "The Janie Books" series</p>
<p>Cooper, Susan <b><i>The Dark Is Rising</i></b></p>	<p>On his eleventh birthday, Will discovers that he is the last of the Old Ones, destined to seek the six magical Signs necessary for triumph over the evil forces of the Dark. (N) Book Two in "The Dark Is Rising" series Also by this author: <i>The Boggart, Dawn of Fear</i> and others</p>
<p>Cottrell Boyce, Frank</p>	<p>Hilarious adventures befall two brothers living outside Manchester, England when one finds a large bag stuffed</p>

<p><i>Millions</i></p>	<p>with British pound notes they must spend quickly before the Euro becomes the official currency. Also by this author: <i>Framed</i> and others</p>
<p>Creech, Sharon <i>The Wanderer</i></p> <p><i>Walk Two Moons</i></p>	<p>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. (N)</p> <p>As Salamanca Tree Huddle travels across the country with her eccentric grandparents, she tells the story of Phoebe Winterbottom, whose mother also mysteriously disappeared. (N) Also by this author: <i>Love That Dog</i> and others</p>
<p>Curtis, Christopher Paul <i>Bud, Not Buddy</i></p> <p><i>The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963</i></p>	<p>Bud, a motherless boy living during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the famous bandleader he believes to be his father. Humor contrasts with hardships faced by African Americans at the time. (N) (CSK) Sequel: <i>The Mighty Miss Malone</i></p> <p>An African American family drives from their home in Michigan through an unwelcoming South to visit Grandma in Alabama and is caught up in the brutal events that took place in Birmingham during the summer of 1963. (N) (CSK) Also by this author: <i>Elijah of Buxton</i> (N) (CSK) and others</p>
<p>D'Aulaire, Ingri &amp; Edgar <i>Norse Gods and Giants</i></p>	<p>A collection of Norse myths describing the exploits of the gods and goddesses of the Aesir beginning with the creation and ending when the gods and giants destroyed each other in battle. Also by these authors: <i>D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths</i> and <i>D'Aulaires' Book of Norse Myths</i> and others</p>
<p>deGrasse Tyson, Neil <i>Startalk: Everything You Ever Need to Know about Space Travel, Sci-Fi, the Human Race, the Universe, and Beyond</i></p>	<p>Offers facts about a variety of topics in science, including cosmology, outer space, earth science, human beings, science fiction, and more.</p>
<p>de la Cruz, Melissa <i>The Isle of the Lost: A Descendants Novel</i></p>	<p>Imprisoned on the Isle of the Lost, the teenaged children of Disney's most evil villains search for a dragon's eye--the key to true darkness and the villains' only hope of escape.</p>
<p>DiCamillo, Kate <i>Because of Winn-Dixie</i></p>	<p>Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie. (N) Also by this author: <i>Flora &amp; Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures</i> (N), <i>The Tale of Despereaux</i> (N), <i>The Magician's Elephant</i> and others</p>

<p>DiTerlizzi, Tony <b><i>The Search for WondLa</i></b></p>	<p>Living in isolation with a robot on what appears to be an alien world populated with bizarre life forms, a twelve-year-old human girl called Eva Nine sets out on a journey to find others like her. Book One in "The WondLa Trilogy"</p>
<p>Dowd, Siobhan <b><i>The London Eye</i></b></p>	<p>When Ted and Kat's cousin Salim disappears from the London Eye ferris wheel, the two siblings must work together--Ted with his brain that is "wired differently" and impatient Kat--to try to solve the mystery of what happened.</p>
<p>Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan <b><i>The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes</i></b></p>	<p>From his rooms in Baker Street, the famous detective Sherlock Holmes emerges into the streets of Victorian London to solve some of his most intriguing cases. Also by this author: <i>The Hound of the Baskervilles</i>, <i>The Lost World</i> and others</p>
<p>Draper, Sharon <b><i>Out of My Mind</i></b></p>	<p>Considered by many to be developmentally delayed, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time.</p>
<p>DuPrau, Jeanne <b><i>City of Ember</i></b></p>	<p>After 241 years, the generator that powers Ember, an underground city built to shelter humans for 200 years after a surface disaster, is failing and twelve-year-old Lina and her friend, Doon, realize they must decipher an old document they have found bearing the title "Instructions for Egress" to save the city dwellers. Book One in "The Books of Ember" series</p>
<p>Farmer, Nancy <b><i>The Ear, the Eye, and the Arm</i></b>  <b><i>The House of the Scorpion</i></b></p>	<p>In Zimbabwe in the year 2194, General Matsika's three children are kidnapped by an assortment of threatening characters. Three mutant detectives use their special powers to search for them. (N)  In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patrón, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States. (N) (P) Sequel: <i>The Lord of Opium</i> Also by this author: The "Sea of Trolls" trilogy</p>
<p>Federle, Tim <b><i>Better Nate Than Ever</i></b></p>	<p>An eighth-grader who dreams of performing in a Broadway musical concocts a plan to run away to New York and audition for the role of Elliot in the musical version of "E.T."</p>
<p>Feiffer, Jules <b><i>The Man in the Ceiling</i></b></p>	<p>Although not very good at sports or schoolwork, Jimmy, age 10 ½, can draw and dreams of being a great cartoonist. Also by this author: <i>A Barrel of Laughs</i>, <i>a Vale of Tears</i></p>
<p>Frederick, Heather Vogel <b><i>The Mother-Daughter Book Club</i></b></p>	<p>When the mothers of four sixth-grade girls with very different personalities pressure them into forming a book club, they find, as they read and discuss "Little Women," that they have much more in common than they could have imagined. Book One in "The Mother-Daughter Book Club" series</p>

<p>Freedman, Russell <b><i>Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass: The Story Behind an American Friendship</i></b></p>	<p>Looks at the lives of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, including their friendship and their affect on Emancipation and the Civil War.</p>
<p>Frost, Robert <b><i>Robert Frost</i></b></p>	<p>A collection of poems about the four seasons by one of the best-known American poets. “Poetry for Young People” series</p>
<p>Funke, Cornelia <b><i>Inkheart</i></b>  <b><i>The Thief Lord</i></b></p>	<p>Twelve-year-old Meggie learns that her father can “read” fictional characters to life. Book One in the “Inkheart” series  Two brothers, having run away from the aunt who plans to adopt only the younger one, find shelter with Venice’s “Thief Lord” after their aunt hires a detective to track them down. Also by this author: <i>Dragon Rider</i> and others</p>
<p>Gaiman, Neil <b><i>The Graveyard Book</i></b></p>	<p>After the grisly murder of his entire family, a toddler wanders into a graveyard where the ghosts and other supernatural residents decide to raise him as one of their own. (N) Also by this author: <i>Coraline</i> and others</p>
<p>Gantos, Jack <b><i>Heads or Tales: Stories from the Sixth Grade</i></b>  <b><i>Dead End in Norvelt</i></b></p>	<p>Jack's diary helps him deal with his problems which include dog-eating alligators, a terror for an older sister, a younger brother who keeps breaking parts of himself, and next-door neighbors who are really weird. Book One in the "Jack Henry" series  In the historic town of Norvelt, Pennsylvania, twelve-year-old Jack Gantos spends the summer of 1962 grounded for various offenses until he is assigned to help an elderly neighbor with a most unusual chore involving the newly dead, molten wax, twisted promises, Girl Scout cookies, underage driving, lessons from history, typewriting, and countless bloody noses. (N) Also by this author: The “Joey Pigza” series (N in series)</p>
<p>George, Jean Craighead <b><i>My Side of the Mountain</i></b></p>	<p>A young boy tells of his adventures during the year he spends living alone in the Catskill Mountains, and of his struggle for survival. (N) Book One in the "My Side of the Mountain series Also by this author: The "Julie of the Wolves" series (N in series) and others</p>
<p>Gibbs, Stuart <b><i>Belly Up</i></b>  <b><i>Space Case: A Moon Base Alpha Novel</i></b></p>	<p>Twelve-year-old Teddy investigates when a popular Texas zoo's star attraction--Henry the hippopotamus--is murdered. Book One in the “FunJungle” series  Dashiell Gibson, who lives on Moon Base Alpha, has to solve a murder of one of the moon's most prominent doctors Book One in the “Moon Alpha Base” series</p>

<b><i>Spy School</i></b>	Twelve-year-old Ben Ripley leaves his public middle school to attend the CIA's highly secretive Espionage Academy, which everyone is told is an elite science school. Book One in the "Spy School" series
Gidwitz, Adam <b><i>A Tale Dark and Grimm</i></b>	Follows Hansel and Gretel as they walk out of their own story and into eight more tales, encountering such wicked creatures as witches, along with kindly strangers and other helpful folk. Based in part on several of the Grimms' fairy tales. Book One in the "A Tale Dark and Grimm" series
Giff, Patricia Reilly <b><i>Storyteller</i></b>	Forced to spend months at an aunt's house, Elizabeth feels a connection to her look-alike ancestor Zee, whose picture hangs on the wall. Zee's story of the hardships she and her family suffered during the Revolutionary War is gradually revealed. Also by this author: <i>Eleven</i> , <i>Lily's Crossing</i> (N), <i>Pictures of Hollis Woods</i> (N), and others
Gilbreth, Frank & Ernestine Gilbreth Carey <b><i>Cheaper by the Dozen</i></b>	The escapades of an early twentieth-century family of twelve redheaded children whose parents are efficiency experts make for hilarious reading. Sequel: <i>Belles on Their Toes</i>
Gino, Alex <b><i>George</i></b>	When people look at George, they think they see a boy. But she knows she's not a boy. She knows she's a girl. George thinks she'll have to keep this a secret forever. Then her teacher announces that their class play is going to be <i>Charlotte's Web</i> . George really, really, REALLY wants to play Charlotte. But the teacher says she can't even try out for the part . . . because she's a boy. With the help of her best friend, Kelly, George comes up with a plan. Not just so she can be Charlotte -- but so everyone can know who she is, once and for all.
Gleitzman, Morris <b><i>Once</i></b>	After living for nearly four years in the Catholic orphanage in which his parents hid him when he was six, naive Felix runs away and embarks on a journey across Nazi-occupied Poland in search of his parents and witnesses the atrocities of the war for the first time. Book One in "Once/Then/Now/After" series
Goodman, Carol <b><i>The Metropolitans</i></b>	Meeting at the Metropolitan Museum of Art on the day Japan bombs Pearl Harbor, four thirteen-year-olds help track down a missing book of Arthurian legends that may hold the key to preventing a second attack on American soil.
Grabenstein, Chris <b><i>Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library</i></b>	Twelve-year-old Kyle gets to stay overnight in the new town library, designed by his hero (the famous gamemaker Luigi Lemoncello), with other students but finds that come morning he must work to solve puzzles in order to escape. Sequels: <i>Mr. Lemoncello's Library Olympics</i> ; <i>Mr. Lemoncello's Great Library Race</i>

<p>Graff, Lisa <b><i>A Tangle of Knots</i></b></p>	<p>Destiny leads 11-year-old Cady to a peanut butter factory, a family of children searching for their own Talents, and a Talent Thief who will alter her life forever. Includes recipes. Also by this author: <i>Absolutely Almost</i></p>
<p>Green, Tim <b><i>Baseball Great: A Baseball Great Novel</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Football Genius: A Football Genuine Novel</i></b></p>	<p>All twelve-year-old Josh wants to do is play baseball but when his father, a minor league pitcher, signs him up for a youth championship team, Josh finds himself embroiled in a situation with potentially illegal consequences. Book One in “Baseball Great Novels” series</p> <p>Troy, a sixth-grader with an unusual gift for predicting football plays before they occur, attempts to use his ability to help his favorite team, the Atlanta Falcons, but he must first prove himself to the coach and players. Book One in “Football Genius Novels” series</p>
<p>Greenwald, Lisa <b><i>My Life in Pink and Green</i></b></p>	<p>When the family's drugstore is failing, seventh-grader Lucy uses her problem solving talents to come up with solution that might resuscitate the business, along with helping the environment. Book One in the “Pink &amp; Green” series</p>
<p>Grimes, Nikki <b><i>Bronx Masquerade</i></b></p>	<p>While studying the Harlem Renaissance, students at a Bronx high school read aloud poems they've written, revealing their innermost thoughts and fears to their formerly clueless classmates.</p>
<p>Grisham, John <b><i>Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer</i></b></p>	<p>In the small city of Strattenburg there are many lawyers, and thirteen-year-old Theo Boone thinks he is one of them, but his inside knowledge of the justice system means trouble when a cold-blooded killer is about to go free and only Theo can stop him. Book One in “Theodore Boone” series</p>
<p>Haddix, Margaret Peterson <b><i>Found</i></b></p>	<p>When thirteen-year-olds Jonah and Chip, who are both adopted, learn they were discovered on a plane that appeared out of nowhere, full of babies with no adults on board, they realize that they have uncovered a mystery involving time travel and two opposing forces, each trying to repair the fabric of time. Book One in “The Missing” series Also by this author: <i>Double Identity, Running Out of Time, Turnabout</i> and others</p>
<p>Hale, Shannon <b><i>Ever After High: The Storybook of Legends</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Real Friends</i></b></p>	<p>At Ever After High, a boarding school for the sons and daughters of famous fairy-tale characters, students Apple White and Raven Queen face the moment when they must choose whether to follow their destinies, or change them. Sequel: <i>Ever After High: The Unfairest of Them All</i></p> <p>The graphic memoir of Shannon Hale in which she reflects on her childhood friendships.</p> <p>Also by this author: <i>The Goose Girl, Princess Academy</i> and</p>

	others
Hale, Nathan <b><i>One Dead Spy: The Life, Times, and Last Words of Nathan Hale, America's Most Famous Spy</i></b>	Retells, in graphic novel format, the history of the author's namesake, an officer and spy for the American rebels during the Revolutionary War, revealing facts about Nathan Hale's earlier days at Yale and his unlucky experiences as an military officer. Also by this author: <i>Lafayette! A Revolutionary War Tale</i> and others
Hatke, Ben <b><i>Zita the Spacegirl, Book One, Far from Home</i></b>	Zita rushes to the rescue after her best friend is abducted by an alien doomsday cult, and, before long, finds herself hailed as an intergalactic hero. Book One in "Legends of Zita" series
Helfer, Ralph <b><i>Mosey: The Remarkable Friendship of a Boy and His Elephant</i></b>	Tells the true story of a boy's devotion to a beloved circus elephant and the ordeals they endured to stay together.
Henkes, Kevin <b><i>Olive's Ocean</i></b>	On a summer visit to her grandmother's seaside cottage, twelve-year-old Martha gains perspective on the accidental death of a classmate, on her grandmother's mortality, on her feelings for an older boy, and on her plans to be a writer. (N) Also by this author: <i>Junonia</i> and others
Hesse, Karen <b><i>Letters from Rifka</i></b>	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 temporarily when the others emigrate to America. Also by this author: <i>Out of the Dust</i> (N), <i>Witness</i> , and others
Hiaasen, Carl <b><i>Chomp</i></b>	When the difficult star of the reality television show "Expedition Survival" disappears while filming an episode in the Florida Everglades using animals from the wildlife refuge run by Wahoo Crane's family, Wahoo and classmate Tuna Gordon set out to find him while avoiding Tuna's gun-happy father. Also by this author: <i>Flush</i> , <i>Hoot</i> (N), and <i>Scat</i>
Higson, Charles <b><i>Silverfin: A James Bond Adventure</i></b>	Prequel to the adventures of James Bond, 007, introduces the young James when he is just starting boarding school in England and is about to be involved in his first adventure. Book One in "Young Bond" series
Hiranandani, Veera <b><i>The Whole Story of Half a Girl</i></b>	When Sonia's father loses his job and she must move from her small, supportive private school to a public middle school, the half-Jewish half-Indian sixth-grader experiences culture shock as she tries to navigate the school's unfamiliar social scene, and after her father is diagnosed with clinical depression, she finds herself becoming even more confused about herself and her family.
Holm, Jennifer L.	After her older brother starts acting strangely, Sunny Lewin

<p><b><i>Sunny Side Up</i></b></p>	<p>is shipped off to Florida to spend the summer with her grandfather. She makes a friend her age and tries to enjoy her stay but, other than Buzz, everyone is really old. Besides, Sunny just knows her parents sent her away because she somehow made her brother the way he is. She just wants things to go back to how they were before. Also by this author: <i>Swing It, Sunny!</i> and <i>The Fourteenth Goldfish</i></p>
<p>Hoose, Phillip M. <b><i>Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice</i></b></p>	<p>On March 2, 1955, an impassioned teenager, fed up with the daily injustices of Jim Crow segregation, refused to give her seat to a white woman on a segregated bus in Montgomery, Alabama. Instead of being celebrated as Rosa Parks would be just nine months later, fifteen-year-old Claudette Colvin found herself shunned by her classmates and dismissed by community leaders. Undaunted, a year later she dared to challenge segregation again as a key plaintiff in <i>Browder v. Gayle</i>, the landmark case that struck down the segregation laws of Montgomery and swept away the legal underpinnings of the Jim Crow South. (N)</p>
<p>Horowitz, Anthony <b><i>Stormbreaker</i></b></p>	<p>After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider is coerced into continuing his uncle's dangerous work for the British intelligence agency. Book One in the "Alex Rider Adventure" series</p>
<p>Howe, James <b><i>The Misfits</i></b></p>	<p>Four students who do not fit in at their small-town middle school decide to create a third party for the student council elections to represent all students who have ever been called names. Book One in "The Misfits" quartet</p>
<p>Hunt, Linda Mullaly <b><i>Fish in a Tree</i></b></p>	<p>Ally's greatest fear is that everyone will find out she is as dumb as they think because she doesn't know how to read.</p>
<p>Irving, Washington <b><i>The Legend of Sleepy Hollow</i></b></p>	<p>This shiver-inducing classic tells of a superstitious schoolmaster and his encounter with a headless horseman. Also by this author: <i>Rip Van Winkle</i> and others</p>
<p>Jacques, Brian <b><i>Redwall</i></b></p>	<p>When the peaceful life of Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of the evil rat, Cluny, and his hordes, Matthias, a young mouse, vows to help destroy the enemy. Book One in the "Redwall" series</p>
<p>Jamieson, Victoria <b><i>All's Faire in Middle School</i></b></p>	<p>Homeschooled by Renaissance Fair enthusiasts, eleven-year-old Imogene has a hard time fitting in when her wish to enroll in public school is granted. Also by this author: <i>Roller Girl</i></p>
<p>Juster, Norman <b><i>The Phantom Tollbooth</i></b></p>	<p>Milo drives his toy car through a miniature tollbooth and travels to The Lands Beyond. This original, witty book abounds in wordplay.</p>
<p>Kelly, Jacqueline <b><i>The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate</i></b></p>	<p>In central Texas in 1899, eleven-year-old Callie Vee Tate studies the natural world with her grandfather, which leads</p>

	to an important discovery. (N)
Kelly, Lynne <b><i>Chained</i></b>	To work off a family debt, ten-year-old Hastin leaves his desert village in India to work as a circus elephant keeper but many challenges await him, including trying to keep Nandita, a sweet elephant, safe from the cruel circus owner.
Kessler, Liz <b><i>The Tail of Emily Windsnap</i></b>	After finally convincing her mother that she should take swimming lessons, twelve-year-old Emily discovers a terrible and wonderful secret about herself that opens up a whole new world. Book One in the “Emily Windsnap” series
Kipling, Rudyard <b><i>The Jungle Book</i></b>	The adventures of Mowgli, a young boy raised by wolves, as he learns the ways of the jungle from Baloo the bear and matches wits with his archenemy, Shere Khan the tiger. Also by this author: <i>Just So Stories</i>
Klise, Kate <b><i>Trial by Jury Journal</i></b>	In this illustrated novel told through journal entries, news clippings, and letters, twelve-year-old Lily finds herself on the jury of a murder trial while conducting her own undercover investigation of the case. Also by this author: <i>Regarding the Fountain</i> , the “43 Old Cemetery Road” series, and others
Konigsburg, E. L. <b><i>The View from Saturday</i></b>	Four students develop a special bond and attract the attention of their teacher, who chooses them to represent their class in the Academic Bowl competition. (N) Also by this author: <i>From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler</i> (N) and others
Korman, Gordon <b><i>The Hypnotists</i></b>  <b><i>Son of the Mob</i></b>	Twelve-year-old Jackson Opus is descended from two powerful hypnotist bloodlines, but he has just begun to realize that he can control other peoples' actions with sometimes frightening results--especially when the head of the Sentia Institute plans to use Jackson for his own benefit. Book One in “The Hypnotists” series  Seventeen-year-old Vince is the son of a powerful Mafia boss, a fact that complicates his romantic interest in the daughter of an FBI agent. Sequel: <i>Son of the Mob: Hollywood Hustle</i> Also by this author: <i>The Juvie Three</i> , <i>The Sixth Grade Nickname Game</i> , and others
Koss, Amy Goldman <b><i>Gossip Times Three</i></b>	The relationships between three friends change in seventh grade when they discover that two of them have a crush on the same boy.
Lanier, Sidney <b><i>The Boy's King Arthur</i></b>	The adventures of King Arthur, Launcelot, Gareth, Tristram, Galahad and others come to life in this retelling of Sir Thomas Malory's classic compilation of the legends of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table.

<p>Law, Ingrid <b><i>Savvy</i></b></p>	<p>Each member of the Beaumont family has a unique magical power, or savvy, that is revealed on his or her thirteenth birthday. Mibs has just celebrated hers and hopes she can use her savvy to save her father's life. (N) Sequel: <i>Scrumble</i></p>
<p>Lawrence, Caroline <b><i>The Thieves of Ostia</i></b></p>	<p>In Rome in the year 79 A.D., a group of children from very different backgrounds work together to discover who beheaded a pet dog--and why. Book One in "The Roman Mysteries" series</p>
<p>Lebenson, Terri <b><i>Invisible Emmie</i></b></p>	<p>Crushes. Humiliation. Drama. Middle school. This is the story of two totally different girls--quiet, shy, artistic Emmie and popular, outgoing, athletic Katie--and how their lives unexpectedly intersect one day, when an embarrassing note falls into the wrong hands. Sequel: <i>Positively Izzy</i></p>
<p>L'Engle, Madeleine <b><i>A Wrinkle in Time</i></b></p>	<p>Meg and Charles Wallace, with the help of three witches and other creatures, must attempt time travel to free their father from the evil IT. (N) Book One in the "Time Quintet" series Also by this author: The "Austin Family" series and others</p>
<p>Levine, Gail Carson <b><i>Ella Enchanted</i></b></p> <p><b><i>The Two Princesses of Bamarre</i></b></p>	<p>In this novel based on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the childhood curse that compels her to obey any order she is given. (N)</p> <p>With her adventurous sister, Meryl, suffering from the Grey Death, timid Princess Addie sets out to find a cure, encountering dragons, ogres, and sorcerers along the way. Also by this author: <i>Ever, Fairest</i>, "The Princess Tales" series, and others</p>
<p>Levine, Kristin <b><i>The Lions of Little Rock</i></b></p>	<p>In 1958 Little Rock, Arkansas, painfully shy twelve-year-old Marlee sees her city and family divided over school integration, but her friendship with Liz, a new student, helps her find her voice and fight against racism.</p>
<p>Levinson, Cynthia <b><i>We've Got a Job: The 1963 Birmingham Children's March</i></b></p>	<p><i>We've Got a Job</i> tells the little-known story of the 4,000 black elementary-, middle-, and high school students who voluntarily went to jail in Birmingham, Alabama, between May 2 and May 11, 1963. Fulfilling Mahatma Gandhi's and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s precept to fill the jails, they succeeded where adults had failed in desegregating one of the most racially violent cities in America. Focusing on four of the original participants who have participated in extensive interviews, <i>We've Got a Job</i> recounts the astonishing events before, during, and after the Children's March.</p>
<p>Lewis, C.S.</p>	<p>Four English school children find their way through the back</p>

<b><i>The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe</i></b>	of a wardrobe into the land of Narnia, where they assist Aslan the lion in his battle with the White Witch. Book One in the "Chronicles of Narnia" series
Lewis, J. Patrick <b><i>When Thunder Comes: Poems for Civil Rights Leaders</i></b>	A collection of poems featuring civil rights leaders, including Gandhi, Coretta Scott King, Harvey Milk, Nelson Mandela, Jackie Robinson, and Mamie Carthan Till.
Lewis, John <b><i>March: Book One</i></b>	Presents in graphic novel format events from the life of Georgia congressman John Lewis, focusing on his youth in rural Alabama, his meeting with Martin Luther King Jr., and the birth of the Nashville Student Movement. Sequels: <i>March: Book Two</i> , <i>March: Book Three</i>
Lore, Pittacus <b><i>I Am Number Four</i></b>	In rural Ohio, friendships and a beautiful girl prove distracting to a fifteen-year-old who has hidden on Earth for ten years waiting to develop the Legacies, or powers, he will need to rejoin the other six surviving Garde members and fight the Mogadorians who destroyed their planet, Lorien. Book One in the "Lorien Legacies" series
Lowry, Lois <b><i>The Giver</i></b>  <b><i>The Willoughbys</i></b>	Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives. (N) Companion books: <i>Gathering Blue</i> , <i>Messenger</i> , and <i>Son</i>  In this parody of children's books on classic themes, the four Willoughby children set about becoming "deserving orphans" and lure their neglectful parents into taking an around-the-world trip fraught with perilous activities. Also by this author: <i>Gossamer</i> , <i>Looking Back: A Book of Memories</i> , and others
Lyons, Jayne <b><i>100% Wolf</i></b>	At the time of his first transformation, a young werewolf of noble and proud ancestry is driven from his pack when he changes not into a fierce wolf, but into a toy poodle.
MacHale, D. J. <b><i>The Merchant of Death</i></b>	Fourteen-year-old Bobby Pendragon, having learned he is a Traveler--someone who can ride "flumes" through time and space--is soon off to the alternative dimension of Denduron where he teams up with Loor, a girl his age from the warrior-territory of Zadaa, in an attempt to save the gentle Milago people from slavery. Book One in the "Pendragon" series
Mack, W. C. <b><i>Athlete vs. Mathlete</i></b>	When their two worlds collide in seventh grade, fraternal twins and opposites Owen and Russell find themselves in direct competition at school, on the court, and at home.
Mah, Adeline Yen	A Chinese proverb says, "Falling leaves return to their

<p><b><i>Chinese Cinderella: The True Story of an Unwanted Daughter</i></b></p>	<p>roots." In <i>Chinese Cinderella</i>, Adeline Yen Mah returns to her roots to tell the story of her painful childhood and her ultimate triumph and courage in the face of despair. Adeline's affluent, powerful family considers her bad luck after her mother dies giving birth to her. Life does not get any easier when her father remarries. She and her siblings are subjected to the disdain of her stepmother, while her stepbrother and stepsister are spoiled. Although Adeline wins prizes at school, they are not enough to compensate for what she really yearns for -- the love and understanding of her family.</p>
<p>Martin, Ann M. <b><i>Ten Rules for Living with My Sister</i></b></p>	<p>Nine-year-old Pearl and her popular, thirteen-year-old sister, Lexie, do not get along very well, but when their grandfather moves in and the girls have to share a room, they must find common ground. Sequel: <i>Ten Good and Bad Things About My Life</i>.</p>
<p>Mass, Wendy <b><i>11 Birthdays</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Every Soul A Star</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life</i></b></p>	<p>Amanda and Leo have celebrated their first nine same-day birthdays together, but plan to celebrate their eleventh. After celebrating their first nine same-day birthdays together, Amanda and Leo, having fallen out on their tenth and not speaking to each other for the last year, prepare to celebrate their eleventh birthday separately but peculiar things begin to happen as the day of their birthday begins to repeat itself over and over again. Book One in the "Willow Falls" series</p> <p>Ally, Bree, and Jack meet at Moon Shadow, an isolated campground, to watch a total eclipse of the sun; but soon they begin to learn a great deal about themselves, each other, and the universe.</p> <p>Just before his thirteenth birthday, Jeremy Fink receives a keyless locked box--set aside by his father before his death five years earlier--that purportedly contains the meaning of life. Also by this author: <i>Candymakers, Every Soul a Star, A Mango-Shaped Space</i></p>
<p>McCann, Michelle Roehm <b><i>Boys Who Rocked the World</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Girls Who Rocked the World</i></b></p>	<p>Recounts the stories of forty-six men throughout history who impacted the world when they were teenagers or younger, covering Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Steve Jobs, Crazy Horse, Stephen King, and others.</p> <p>Recounts the stories of forty-six women throughout history who impacted the world when they were teenagers or younger, covering Harriet Tubman, Coco Chanel, S.E. Hinton, Maya Lin, and others. Also by this author: <i>Luba: The Angel of Bergen-Belsen, as told to Michelle R. McCann by Luba Trzyszyńska-Frederick</i></p>
<p>McClafferty, Carla Killough</p>	<p>Explores the lives and work of six figures who have had an</p>

<b><i>Tech Titans: One Frontier, Six Bios</i></b>	influence on technology: Bill Gates, Steve Jobs, Mark Zuckerberg, Larry Page, Sergey Brin, and Jeff Bezos. Book Three in the "Profiles" series
McGowan, Keith <b><i>The Witch's Guide to Cooking with Children</i></b>	Eleven-year-old inventor Sol must recover his self-confidence if he and his eight-year-old sister, Connie, are to escape the clutches of Hansel and Gretel's witch, to whom they have been led by their new stepmother and the man they believe to be their father.
McKay, Hilary <b><i>Saffy's Angel</i></b>	After learning that she was adopted, thirteen-year-old Saffron's relationship with her eccentric, artistic family changes, and a friend helps her go to Italy, where she was born, to look for a special memento of her past. Book One in the "Casson Family" series
McMann, Lisa <b><i>The Unwanteds</i></b>	In a society that purges thirteen-year-olds who are creative, identical twins Aaron and Alex are separated, one to attend University while the other, supposedly Eliminated, finds himself in a wondrous place where youths hone their abilities and learn magic. Book One in "The Unwanteds" series
Mebus, Scott <b><i>Gods of Manhattan</i></b>	Thirteen-year-old Rory discovers a spirit world that thrives alongside his contemporary New York City. Populated by fantastical creatures and people from the city's colorful past who have become gods and goddesses, they have chosen Rory to perform a dangerous mission. Book One in the "Gods of Manhattan" series
Messenger, Shannon <b><i>Keeper of the Lost Cities</i></b>	Twelve-year-old Sophie discovers the abilities that have always caused her to stand out are because she is actually an elf and, after she is brought to Eternalia where she can hone her skills, Sophie learns she harbors certain secrets that others would kill to learn.
Miller, Kirsten <b><i>Kiki Strike: Inside the Shadow City</i></b>	After twelve-year-old Ananka Fishbein discovers the entrance to an underground city sprawling under Manhattan, she is one of five girls recruited by the mysterious Kiki Strike to explore it. Sequel: <i>Kiki Strike: The Empress's Tomb</i>
Mills, Claudia <b><i>Zero Tolerance</i></b>	Seventh-grade honor student Sierra Shepard faces expulsion after accidentally bringing a paring knife to school, violating the school's zero-tolerance policy.
Montgomery, L. M. <b><i>Anne of Green Gables</i></b>	Anne, an orphan, is sent to live on a farm with a lonely, middle-aged brother and sister who had requested a boy, but who soon cannot imagine their lives without her. Book One in the "Anne of Green Gables" series
Muchamore, Robert <b><i>The Recruit</i></b>	Orphaned twelve-year-old James is recruited into CHERUB and his first assignment is to infiltrate a hippy commune,

	current home to four suspected members of Help Earth, an environmental terrorist group whose leaders are known to be planning to murder oil company representatives at an upcoming global meeting.
Mull, Brandon <b><i>Beyonders: A World without Heroes</i></b>	Fourteen-year-old Jason Walker is transported to a strange world called Lyrian, where he joins Rachel, who was also drawn there from our world, and a few rebels, to piece together the Word that can destroy the malicious wizard emperor, Surroth. Book One in the “Beyonders” series Also by this author: “Fablehaven” series
Murphy, Jim <b><i>The Great Fire</i></b>  <b><i>The Giant and How He Humbugged America</i></b>	Vivid firsthand descriptions by persons who lived through the 1871 Chicago fire are woven into a gripping account of the conflagration that virtually wiped the city from the map. (N)  A description of the Cardiff Giant mystery in which a man in upstate New York buried a ten-foot-tall, petrified model of a man, which was discovered by well diggers a year later, and set into motion a money-making spectacle. Also by this author: <i>Across America on an Emigrant Train, An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793</i> (N), <i>Truce: The Day the Soldiers Stopped Fighting</i> , and others
Myers, Walter Dean <b><i>Monster</i></b>	While on trial as an accomplice to a murder, Steve Harmon records his experiences in prison and in the courtroom and as he tries to come to terms with the course his life has taken. (CSK) (P) Also by this author: <i>145th Street: Stories</i> and others
Napoli, Donna Jo & David Wiesner <b><i>Fish Girl</i></b>	Fish Girl, a young mermaid living in a boardwalk aquarium, has never interacted with anyone beyond the walls of her tank until a chance encounter with an ordinary girl, Livia. Their growing friendship inspires Fish Girl's longing for freedom, independence, and a life beyond the aquarium tank.
Nix, Garth <b><i>Frogkisser!</i></b>	Princess Anya has a big problem: Duke Rikard, her step-stepfather is an evil wizard who wants to rule the kingdom and has a habit of changing people into frogs, and her older sister Morven, the heir, is a wimp--so with the help of the librarian Gotfried (who turns into an owl when he is upset), and the Royal Dogs, she must find a way to defeat Rikard, save her sister, and maybe even turn Prince Denholm back into a human being.
O'Brien, Robert C. <b><i>Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH</i></b>	Having no one to help her with her problems, a widowed mouse turns to the rats of NIMH, a scientifically engineered breed of highly intelligent creatures. (N) Book One of "The Rats of NIMH" series

<p>O'Connor, George <b><i>Olympians: Athena, Grey-Eyed Goddess</i></b></p>	<p>An illustrated retelling of the Greek myth that details the story of Athena, the Greek goddess of wisdom and war. Also by this author: <i>Olympians: Zeus, King of the Gods</i> and others</p>
<p>O'Dell, Scott <b><i>Island of the Blue Dolphins</i></b></p>	<p>A young Native American girl spends eighteen years alone on an isolated island off the coast of California, surviving by dint of her enormous courage and self-reliance and also finding a measure of happiness in her solitary life. (N)</p>
<p>O'Hearne, Kate <b><i>The Flame of Olympus</i></b></p>	<p>Thirteen-year-old Emily's life is transformed when Pegasus, the mythological winged horse, crashes onto the roof of her building during a New York City blackout and takes her to Olympus where she faces monsters, a corrupt governmental agency, and the quest to keep the Olympic flame burning. Book One in the "Pegasus" series</p>
<p>Osborne, Mary Pope, ed. <b><i>Favorite Norse Myths</i></b></p>	<p>A collection of rarely retold tales from the "Elder Edda" and the "Younger Edda," two six-hundred-year-old Norse manuscripts. Also by this author: <i>Favorite Medieval Tales</i></p>
<p>Palacio, R. J. <b><i>Wonder</i></b></p>	<p>Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, transitions from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, where he endures the taunting and fear of his classmates while struggling to be seen as just another student. Sequel: <i>Auggie &amp; Me: Three Wonder Stories</i></p>
<p>Paolini, Christopher <b><i>Eragon</i></b></p>	<p>In Alagaesia, a 15-year-old boy of unknown lineage called Eragon finds a strange stone that entangles his life in an intricate web of destiny, magic, and power in a realm populated with dragons, elves, and monsters. Book One in "The Inheritance Cycle" series</p>
<p>Park, Linda Sue <b><i>A Long Walk to Water: A Novel Based on a True Story</i></b></p>	<p>When the Sudanese civil war reaches his village in 1985, eleven-year-old Salva becomes separated from his family and must walk with other Dinka tribe members through southern Sudan, Ethiopia, and Kenya in search of safe haven. Based on the life of Salva Dut, who, after emigrating to America in 1996, began a project to dig water wells in Sudan. Also by this author: <i>A Single Shard</i> (N) and others</p>
<p>Paterson, Katherine <b><i>Bridge to Terabithia</i></b></p>	<p>Rural Virginian fifth-grader Jesse welcomes imaginative tomboy Leslie, who has moved into the farmhouse next door, and together they create a secret hideaway, Terabithia. (N) Also by this author: <i>Master Puppeteer</i> and <i>Jacob Have I Loved</i></p>

<p>Patterson, James <b><i>Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment</i></b></p>	<p>After the mutant Erasers abduct the youngest member of their group, the "birdkids," who are the result of genetic experimentation, take off in pursuit and find themselves struggling to understand their own origins and purpose. Book One: "Maximum Ride: The Fugitives Trilogy" series</p>
<p>Paulsen, Gary <b><i>Hatchet</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Guts: The True Stories Behind Hatchet and the Brian Books</i></b></p> <p><b><i>The Transall Saga</i></b></p>	<p>The sole survivor of a small plane crash in the Canadian wilderness, thirteen-year-old Brian, whose only tool initially is his hatchet, learns the skills he needs to survive. (N) Book One in the "Brian's Saga" series</p> <p>The author relates incidents in his life and tells how they inspired parts of his books about Brian, the character from <i>Hatchet</i>.</p> <p>While backpacking in the desert, thirteen-year-old Mark falls into a tube of blue light and is transported into a more primitive world, where he must summon his knowledge and skills to survive. Also by this author: <i>Lawn Boy</i>, <i>Mudshark</i>, and others</p>
<p>Peck, Richard <b><i>A Long Way from Chicago</i></b></p>	<p>A boy from Chicago shares hilarious anecdotes about the summers he and his sister spent with their larger-than-life grandmother in rural Illinois during the Great Depression. (N) Book One in the "A Long Way from Chicago" series (2 Ns in series) Also by this author: <i>The River Between Us</i> and others</p>
<p>Pérez, Celia C. <b><i>The First Rule of Punk</i></b></p>	<p>Twelve-year-old María Luisa O'Neill-Morales (who really prefers to be called Malú) reluctantly moves with her Mexican-American mother to Chicago and starts seventh grade with a bang--violating the dress code with her punk rock aesthetic and spurning the middle school's most popular girl in favor of starting a band with a group of like-minded weirdos.</p>
<p>Picoult, Jodi &amp; Samantha van Leer <b><i>Between the Lines</i></b></p>	<p>Told in their separate voices, sixteen-year-old Prince Oliver, who wants to break free of his fairy-tale existence, and fifteen-year-old Delilah, a loner obsessed with Prince Oliver and the book in which he exists, work together seeking his freedom. Sequel: <i>Off the Page: A Novel</i></p>
<p>Pinkney, Andrea Davis <b><i>Let it Shine: Stories of Black Women Freedom Fighters</i></b></p>	<p>Presents profiles of ten African-American women whose efforts on behalf of racial justice and freedom have influenced the course of history.</p>
<p>Poe, Edgar Allan <b><i>Edgar Allan Poe</i></b></p>	<p>A collection of thirteen poems and eight prose selections from larger works. "Poetry for Young People" series (CSK in series)</p>

<p>Pohlen, Jerome  <b><i>Gay &amp; Lesbian History for Kids: The Century-Long Struggle for LGBT Rights, with 21 Activities</i></b></p>	<p>Presents personal stories and first-hand accounts of the struggle for civil rights in the LGBT community. Includes twenty-one activities, such as poetry writing and monologue performance.</p>
<p>Ponti, James  <b><i>Framed!: A T.O.A.S.T. Mystery</i></b></p>	<p>In Washington, D.C., twelve-year-old Florian Bates, a consulting detective for the FBI, and his best friend Margaret help thwart the biggest art heist in United States history.  Book One in series</p>
<p>Preus, Margi  <b><i>Shadow on the Mountain: A Novel Inspired by the True Adventures of a Wartime Spy</i></b></p>	<p>In Nazi-occupied Norway, fourteen-year-old Espen joins the resistance movement, graduating from deliverer of illegal newspapers to courier and spy.  Also by this author: <i>Heart of a Samurai: Based on the True Story of Manjiro Nakahama</i> (N)</p>
<p>Pullman, Philip  <b><i>The Golden Compass</i></b></p>	<p>In a parallel world, the disappearance of several children, including her best friend, prompts Lyra and her familiar to undertake a journey to the Arctic to save them from being used as subjects in gruesome experiments.  Book One in “His Dark Materials” trilogy</p>
<p>Pyle, Howard  <b><i>The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood</i></b></p>	<p>Robin Hood, Maid Marian, and the outlaws of Sherwood Forest outwit the sheriff of Nottingham and befriend the poor.</p>
<p>Raskin, Ellen  <b><i>The Westing Game</i></b></p>	<p>The mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his demise before they receive their inheritances. (N)</p>
<p>Reeder, Carolyn  <b><i>Shades of Gray</i></b></p>	<p>At the end of the Civil War, twelve-year-old Will, having lost all his immediate family, must leave his city home to live in the Virginia countryside with his aunt and the uncle he considers a “traitor” because he refused to take part in the war.</p>
<p>Rex, Adam  <b><i>The True Meaning of Smekday</i></b></p>	<p>Aliens known as the Boov have conquered Earth and shipped all humans to reservations. Eleven-year-old Gratuity “Tip” Tucci, in hiding with her cat, Pig, forms an uneasy alliance that soon turns into friendship with a Boov on the lam calling himself J. Lo.</p>
<p>Rhodes, Jewell Parker  <b><i>The Ninth Ward</i></b></p>	<p>In New Orleans' Ninth Ward, twelve-year-old Lanesha, who can see spirits, and her adopted grandmother have no choice but to stay and weather the storm as Hurricane Katrina bears down upon them. (CSK)</p>

<p>Riordan, Rick <b><i>The Lightning Thief</i></b></p> <p><b><i>The Lost Hero</i></b></p>	<p>After learning that he is the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea, twelve-year-old Percy is sent to a summer camp for demigods and joins his new friends on a quest to prevent a war between the gods. Book One in the “Percy Jackson and the Olympians” series</p> <p>Jason, Piper, and Leo, three students from a school for “bad kids,” find themselves at Camp Half-Blood, where they learn that they are demigods and begin a quest to free Hera, who has been imprisoned by Mother Earth herself. Book One in the “Heroes of Olympus” series, sequel series to the “Percy Jackson and the Olympians” series Also by this author: “The Kane Chronicles” series and others</p>
<p>Rowling, J.K. <b><i>Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone</i></b></p>	<p>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 Wizards and Witches. Year One in the “Harry Potter” series</p>
<p>Ryan, Pam Muñoz <b><i>Echo</i></b></p>	<p>Lost in the Black Forest, Otto meets three mysterious sisters and finds himself entwined in a prophecy, a promise, and a harmonica--and decades later three children, Friedrich in Germany, Mike in Pennsylvania, and Ivy in California find themselves caught up in the same thread of destiny in the darkest days of the twentieth century, struggling to keep their families intact, and tied together by the music of the same harmonica. (N) Also by this author: <i>Esperanza Rising</i></p>
<p>Sachar, Louis <b><i>Holes</i></b></p>	<p>Stanley Yelnats is sent to a correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a cure for a long-standing family curse. (N) Sequel: <i>Small Steps</i> Also by this author: <i>Dogs Don’t Tell Jokes</i>, <i>Sixth Grade Secrets</i>, and others</p>
<p>Sage, Angie <b><i>Magyk</i></b></p>	<p>Jenna learns that she is a princess found as a baby by the man she believed was her father. Now, she and Septimus, who was pronounced dead by the midwife who helped at his birth, are being threatened by the evil wizard, DomDaniel, who intends to finish off the entire royal line. Book One in the “Septimus Heap” series</p>
<p>Salwen, Kevin &amp; Hannah Salwen <b><i>The Power of Half: One Family’s Decision to Stop Taking and Start Giving Back</i></b></p>	<p>Fourteen-year old Hannah Salwen, troubled by a sense of social injustice, inspired her family to sell their Atlanta mansion, buy a house half its size, and give half the profits to charity.</p>
<p>Scamander, Newt <b><i>Fantastic Beasts and Where to</i></b></p>	<p>An essential companion to the Harry Potter novels, now fully illustrated! This classic compendium of magical</p>

<b><i>Find Them</i></b>	creatures, has delighted generations of wizarding readers.
Schlitz, Laura Amy <b><i>Splendors and Glooms</i></b>	When Clara vanishes after the puppeteer Grisini and two orphaned assistants were at her twelfth birthday party, suspicion of kidnapping chases the trio away from London and soon the two orphans are caught in a trap set by Grisini's ancient rival, a witch with a deadly inheritance to shed before it is too late. (N)
Scott, Elaine <b><i>Buried Alive!: How 33 Miners Survived 69 Days Deep Under the Chilean Desert</i></b>  <b><i>Space, Stars, and the Beginning of Time: What the Hubble Telescope Saw</i></b>	Describes the 2010 mining accident in San José, Chile, in which thirty-three men became trapped underground for over sixty days, and details the rescue efforts and the worldwide media coverage of the event.  The Hubble Space Telescope has helped astronomers find new galaxies, look back in time almost to the Big Bang, and verify the existence of dark energy, the mysterious force that is causing the expansion of the universe to accelerate.
Scott, Michael <b><i>The Alchemist: The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel</i></b>	While working at pleasant but mundane summer jobs in San Francisco, fifteen-year-old twins, Sophie and Josh, suddenly find themselves caught up in the deadly, centuries-old struggle between rival alchemists, Nicholas Flamel and John Dee, over the possession of an ancient and powerful book holding the secret formulas for alchemy and everlasting life. Book One in "The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel" series
Selznick, Brian <b><i>The Invention of Hugo Cabret</i></b>  <b><i>Wonderstruck</i></b>	When twelve-year-old Hugo, an orphan living within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mean old man who confiscates his notebook full of drawings, his undercover life and the great secret he is protecting are jeopardized. This is a spellbinding mystery told in pictures and words. (N)  Having lost his mother and his hearing in a short time, twelve-year-old Ben leaves his Minnesota home in 1977 to seek the father he never knew in New York City, and meets Rose, who is also longing for something missing from her life, in the American Museum of Natural History. Ben's story is told in words; Rose's in pictures. Also by this author: <i>The Boy of a Thousand Faces</i> , <i>The Marvels</i> and others
Sheinkin, Steve <b><i>Lincoln's Grave Robbers</i></b>	An account of how counterfeiter Benjamin Boyd's gang stole the body of Abraham Lincoln and demanded Boyd's release from jail and two hundred thousand dollars as ransom, and the efforts of the Secret Service to recover the remains. Also by this author: <i>Bomb: The Race to Build and Steal the World's Most Dangerous Weapon</i> (N)
Sherry, Maureen <b><i>Walls Within Walls</i></b>	When the Smithfork family moves into a lavish Manhattan apartment building, they discover clues to a decades-old mystery hidden behind the walls of their new home.

<p>Shulman, Polly <b><i>The Grimm Legacy</i></b></p>	<p>New York high school student Elizabeth gets an after-school job as a page at the New-York Circulating Material Repository, and when she gains coveted access to its Grimm Collection of magical objects, she and the other pages are drawn into a series of frightening adventures involving mythical creatures and stolen goods. Companion book: <i>The Wells Bequest</i> Also by this author: <i>Enthusiasm</i></p>
<p>Shusterman, Neal <b><i>Everlost</i></b></p>	<p>When Nick and Allie are killed in a car crash, they end up in Everlost, a limbo for lost souls. While Nick is content, Allie will stop at nothing--even skinjacking--to break free. Book One in the "Skinjacker Trilogy" Also by this author: <i>Full Tilt</i> and others</p>
<p>Smith, Jeff <b><i>Bone: Out From Boneville</i></b></p>	<p>The <i>Bone</i> adventures tell the story of a young bone boy, Fone Bone, and his two cousins, Phoney Bone and Smiley Bone, who are banned from their homeland of Boneville. When the cousins find themselves mysteriously trapped in a wonderful but often terrifying land filled with secrets and danger - and special new friendships - they are soon caught up in adventures beyond their wildest dreams. Book One in the "Bone" series</p>
<p>Smith, Ronald L. <b><i>Hoodoo</i></b></p>	<p>In 1930s Alabama, twelve-year-old Hoodoo Hatcher is the only member of his family who seems unable to practice folk magic, but when a mysterious man called the Stranger puts the entire town at risk from his black magic, Hoodoo must learn to conjure to defeat him. (CSK)</p>
<p>Snyder, Laurel <b><i>Orphan Island</i></b></p>	<p>A group of orphans wait each year for a boat to arrive on the island, replacing the eldest with the youngest, never to be seen again, as each remaining child learns what it means to say goodbye to childhood forever.</p>
<p>Speare, Elizabeth George <b><i>The Witch of Blackbird Pond</i></b></p>	<p>In 1687 Kit Tyler, feeling out of place in her aunt's Puritan household in Connecticut, befriends an old woman considered to be a witch by the community and finds herself standing trial for witchcraft. (N) Also by this author: <i>The Bronze Bow</i> (N) and others</p>
<p>Spinelli, Jerry <b><i>Stargirl</i></b></p>	<p>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. Sequel: <i>Love, Stargirl</i> Also by this author: <i>Crash, Maniac Magee</i> (N), <i>Wringer</i> (N), and others</p>
<p>Springer, Nancy <b><i>Dussie</i></b></p>	<p>At age thirteen Dusie makes the horrifying discovery that she, like her New York artist mother, is a Gorgon--a Greek mythological monster sprouting snakes from her head who is capable of turning humans into stone with one angry look.</p>
<p>Stead, Rebecca <b><i>When You Reach Me</i></b></p>	<p>As her mother prepares to be a contestant on the 1970s television game show "The \$20,000 Pyramid," a twelve-</p>

	<p>year-old New York City girl tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source that seems to defy the laws of time and space. Fans of <i>A Wrinkle in Time</i> will enjoy this book. (N)</p> <p>Also by this author: <i>Liar &amp; Spy</i> and <i>Goodbye Stranger</i></p>
<p>Stevenson, Robert Louis <b><i>Treasure Island</i></b></p>	<p>After a boy and his mother discover a treasure map among the personal effects of a deceased boarder, the boy finds himself on a treasure-seeking adventure with pirates.</p> <p>Also by this author: <i>The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde</i> and others</p>
<p>Stewart, Trenton Lee <b><i>The Mysterious Benedict Society</i></b></p>	<p>Having passed a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules.</p> <p>Book One in "The Mysterious Benedict Society" series</p>
<p>Stoddard, Lindsey <b><i>Just Like Jackie</i></b></p>	<p>Things have been hard lately for biracial fifth-grader Robinson. Named after the baseball great, she lives in rural Vermont with her African American grandfather, who struggles to remember basic things. He has dementia, which she hides for fear of losing the only person on her family tree. Robinson wants to know more about her birth mother, and she keeps having run-ins with the class bully. A beautiful story about the true meaning of family.</p>
<p>Sullivan, George <b><i>Tom Thumb: The Remarkable True Story of a Man in Miniature</i></b></p>	<p>Explores the life and career of the dwarf Tom Thumb, who toured the world as a curiosity at the behest of showman P.T. Barnum.</p>
<p>Sutcliff, Rosemary <b><i>The Wanderings of Odysseus: The Story of The Odyssey</i></b></p>	<p>A retelling of the adventures of Odysseus on his long voyage home from the Trojan War.</p>
<p>Taylor, Mildred <b><i>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</i></b></p>	<p>This vivid story depicts an African American family living in Mississippi whose strong emotional ties to each other and their land give them the strength to defy racism during the Depression. (N) Book One in the "Logan Family series (CSK in series)</p>
<p>Telgemeier, Raina <b><i>Smile</i></b></p>	<p>The author relates, in graphic form, her experiences after she injured her two front teeth and had to have surgeries and wear embarrassing braces and headgear, all while also dealing with the trials and tribulations of middle school.</p> <p>Also by this author: <i>Drama, Sisters, "Babysitters Club"</i> series</p>
<p>Tolkien, J.R.R. <b><i>The Hobbit</i></b></p>	<p>Bilbo Baggins, a respectable hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until the wizard Gandalf chooses him to take part in an adventure from which he may never return.</p> <p>Prequel to "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy</p>

<p>Twain, Mark <b><i>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i></b></p> <p><b><i>The Prince and the Pauper</i></b></p>	<p>The adventures and pranks of a mischievous boy growing up in a Mississippi River town in the early nineteenth century.</p> <p>As a lark, Prince Edward, heir to the throne of England, changes clothes and identities with a look-alike pauper, Tom Canty, but things get complicated when they are not able to switch back because no one believes them when each claims to be the other boy.</p> <p>Also by this author: <i>A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court</i> and others</p>
<p>Vail, Rachel <b><i>Well, That Was Awkward</i></b></p>	<p>There are unexpected consequences when thirteen-year-old Gracie sends texts pretending to be her bashful best friend, Sienna, and their friend Emmett starts texting back pretending to be shy A.J.</p> <p>Also by this author: <i>Justine Case: School, Drool, and Other Daily Disasters</i></p>
<p>Van Allsburg, Chris <b><i>The Chronicles of Harris Burdick: 14 Amazing Authors Tell the Tales</i></b></p>	<p>Fourteen contemporary authors, including M. T. Anderson, Kate DiCamillo, Jules Feiffer, Lois Lowry, Walter Dean Myers, Linda Sue Park, Louis Sachar, Jon Scieszka, and Stephen King, have written stories attempting to explain the mysteries presented in the illustrations of the mysterious Harris Burdick, first published in 1984 by Chris Van Allsburg.</p>
<p>Van Draanen, Wendelin <b><i>Flipped</i></b></p>	<p>The first time Juli saw Bryce, she flipped. The first time Bryce saw Juli, he ran. That was in second grade; not much has changed by seventh. But in eighth grade everything gets turned upside down. This comedy of errors is told in alternating chapters by two teenagers figuring out who they are, who they want to be, and who they want to be with.</p> <p>Also by this author: The "Sammy Keyes" series and others</p>
<p>Vande Velde, Vivian <b><i>The Rumpelstiltskin Problem</i></b></p>	<p>A collection of variations on the familiar story of a boastful miller and the daughter he claims can spin straw into gold.</p> <p>Also by this author: <i>Curses, Inc.</i> and others</p>
<p>Verne, Jules <b><i>20,000 Leagues under the Sea</i></b></p> <p><b><i>A Journey to the Center of the Earth</i></b></p>	<p>Seeking a strange and monstrous creature that has been sighted in the ocean depths, Professor Armax begins an incredible underwater journey from Ceylon to the South Pole.</p> <p>Sequel: <i>The Mysterious Island</i></p> <p>Professor Hardwigg, his nephew Harry, and their guide, Hans, explore a volcanic crater in Iceland that leads them to the center of the Earth and to incredible and horrifying discoveries.</p> <p>Also by this author: <i>Around the World in Eighty Days</i> and others</p>
<p>Voigt, Cynthia</p>	<p>Abandoned in a parking lot by their mother, who left them with a bag of sandwiches and the address of a distant great-</p>

<b><i>Homecoming</i></b>	aunt, thirteen-year-old Dicey and her three younger siblings embark on an arduous and eventful journey. Book One in the "Tillemans" series (N in series)
Watkins, Richard <b><i>Gladiator</i></b>	Describes the history of gladiators, including types of armor, use of animals, amphitheaters, and how the practice fit into Roman society for almost 700 years.
Weatherford, Carole Boston <b><i>Sink or Swim: African-American Lifesavers of the Outer Banks</i></b>	Tells the story of the U.S. Lifesaving Service, which was the precursor of the Coast Guard, and its only all black crew, operating off Pea Island on the North Carolina coast, led by Richard Etheridge.
Weeks, Sarah and Gita Varadarajan <b><i>Save Me a Seat</i></b>	Ravi has just moved to the United States from India and has always been at the top of his class; Joe has lived in the same town his whole life and has learning problems--but when their lives intersect in the first week of fifth grade they are brought together by a common enemy (the biggest bully in their class) and the need to take control of their lives. Also by this author: <i>Pie</i>
Wells, H.G. <b><i>The War of the Worlds</i></b>	With advanced machines of destruction, aliens from another planet swoop down on Planet Earth and begin their conquest. Also by this author: <i>The Time Machine</i> and others
White, Andrea <b><i>Surviving Antarctica: Reality TV 2083</i></b>	Five fourteen-year-olds with no wilderness experience are chosen to reenact Scott's 1910-1913 expedition to the South Pole as reality show contestants. No one tells them they will not be accompanied by adults (not even camera crews thanks to a technological breakthrough) or that the producers hope to raise ratings by sabotaging their efforts.
White, T. H. <b><i>The Sword in the Stone</i></b>	This is the magical story of the young King Arthur and his teacher, the wizard Merlyn. Also by this author: <i>The Once and Future King</i>
Williams-Garcia, Rita <b><i>One Crazy Summer</i></b>	In the summer of 1968, after travelling from Brooklyn to Oakland, California, to spend a month with the mother they barely know, eleven-year-old Delphine and her two younger sisters arrive to a cold welcome as they discover that their mother, a dedicated poet and printer, is resentful of the intrusion of their visit and wants them to attend a nearby Black Panther summer camp. (N) (CSK) Sequel: <i>Gone Crazy in Alabama</i> (CSK)
Wolk, Lauren <b><i>Beyond the Bright Sea</i></b>	Crow has lived her entire life in the starkly beautiful Elizabeth Islands off the coast of Massachusetts. Her only companions are Osh, the man who rescued her from a tiny skiff as an infant and raised her, and Miss Maggie, their neighbor across the sandbar. But it isn't until the night when a mysterious fire appears across the water and an unstoppable chain of events is triggered. Using her bravery and perseverance, Crow follows clues that lead to a personal

	treasure, her lost identity and, ultimately, understanding what it means to be a family. Also by this author: <i>Wolf Hollow: A Novel</i> (N)
Woodrow, Allan <i>Class Dismissed</i>	Class 507 is terrible, and one day, after a particularly disastrous science experiment, Ms. Bryce quits and walks out. The school office never finds out. At first the fifth graders enjoy goofing off, but after a few days they realize that school without a teacher is not easy, cooperating is difficult, and keeping a secret is harder than they thought.
Woods, Brenda <i>The Blossoming Universe of Violet</i>	Violet is a smart, funny, brown-eyed, brown-haired girl in a family of blonds. Her mom is white, and her dad, who died before she was born, was black. She attends a mostly white school where she sometimes feels like a brown leaf on a pile of snow. She's tired of people asking if she's adopted. Now that Violet's eleven, she decides it's time to learn about her African American heritage. And despite getting off to a rocky start trying to reclaim her dad's side of the family, she can feel her confidence growing as the puzzle pieces of her life finally start coming together.
Woodson, Jacqueline <i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i>	The author shares her childhood memories and reveals the first sparks that ignited her writing career in free-verse poems about growing up in the North and South. (N) (CSK)
Wyss, Johann David <i>The Swiss Family Robinson</i>	When a Swiss couple and their four sons are shipwrecked on an isolated island, they find imaginative ways to farm and tame animals as they adapt to their new life.
Yolen, Jane <i>The Devil's Arithmetic</i>	Hannah resents the traditions of her Jewish heritage until time travel places her in the middle of a small Jewish village in Nazi-occupied Poland. Also by this author: <i>Curse of the Thirteenth Fey: The True Tale of Sleeping Beauty</i> and others
Zevin, Jane <i>Elsewhere</i>	After fifteen-year-old Liz Hall is hit by a taxi and killed, she finds herself in a place that is both like and unlike Earth, where she must adjust to her new status and figure out how to "live."

### Awards

**Coretta Scott King Award:** Presented annually by the Coretta Scott King Task Force of the American Library Association's Social Responsibilities Round Table. Recipients are authors and illustrators of African descent whose distinguished books promote an understanding and appreciation of the "American Dream."

**John Newbery Medal:** Awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children.

**Michael L. Printz Award:** Awarded annually by the Young Adult Library Services Association, a division of the American Library Association, for a book that exemplifies literary excellence in young adult literature.

