

The Town School

7th & 8th Grade Suggested Reading List

Author/Title	Description 7th/8th
Abdel-Fattah, Randa <i>Ten Things I Hate about Me</i>	Muslim Lebanese-Australian Jamilah, known in school as Jamie, just wants to fit in and tries to hide her heritage from her classmates by dyeing her hair blonde and wearing blue-tinted contact lenses, but when a boy she likes asks her out on a date, she realizes she must find a way to reconcile her conflicted feelings between who she pretends to be and who she wants to be. Also by this author: <i>Does My Head Look Big in This?</i>
Adams, Douglas <i>The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy</i>	This book chronicles the hilarious journey of Arthur Dent and his friend Ford Prefect, who escape Earth seconds before it is demolished and travel to numerous galactic civilizations. Sequel: <i>The Restaurant at the End of the Universe</i>
Alexie, Sherman <i>The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian</i>	Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.
Alvarez, Julia <i>How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents</i> <i>Return to Sender</i>	Fifteen tales vividly chronicle a Dominican family's exile in the Bronx, focusing on the four Garcia daughters' rebellion against their immigrant elders. Tyler befriends Mari, the oldest daughter of one of the migrant Mexican workers his family has hired. When he learns that some of them, including Mari, are in the country illegally, he struggles to reconcile his discomfort with the fact that his family is breaking the law, and his growing understanding of the poverty that led the Mexicans to risk a dangerous border crossing to live in constant fear.
Anderson, Laurie Halse <i>Speak</i> <i>Wintergirls</i>	A student becomes a social pariah when she calls the police to report a crime and breaks up an end-of-summer party. She tells no one why she called and spends the school year putting a traumatizing event into perspective. (P) Eighteen-year-old Lia tries to come to terms with her estranged best friend's death from bulimia as she herself struggles with anorexia. Also by this author: <i>Catalyst, The Impossible Knife of Memory, Twisted</i> , and others.
Anderson, M.T. <i>Feed</i>	For Titus and his friends, it started out like any ordinary trip to the moon - a chance to party during spring break. But that was before the crazy hacker caused all their feeds to malfunction, sending them to the hospital. And it was before Titus met Violet, a beautiful, brainy teenage girl who has decided to fight the feed and its omnipresent ability to categorize human thoughts and desires.
Angelou, Maya	The moving autobiography of the African American poet

<i>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</i>	who grew up in hard times in the Deep South. Also by this author: <i>I Shall Not Be Moved</i> and others
Asher, Jay <i>The Future of Us</i> <i>Thirteen Reasons Why</i>	It's 1996, and Emma has just gotten her first computer. When she and her best friend Josh access the Internet they find themselves on a mysterious site called Facebook, fifteen years in the future. When high school student Clay Jenkins receives a box in the mail containing thirteen cassette tapes recorded by his classmate Hannah, who has committed suicide, he spends a bewildering and heartbreaking night crisscrossing their town, listening to Hannah's voice recounting the events leading up to her death.
Austen, Jane <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> <i>Sense and Sensibility</i>	In early nineteenth-century England, a spirited young woman, Elizabeth Bennet, copes with a snobbish suitor, Fitzwilliam Darcy, as well as the romantic entanglements of her four sisters. In this satire, two sisters become enmeshed in the schemes and manipulations of the landed gentry to marry wisely and well in Victorian England, and neither sense nor sensibility can guarantee happiness for either romantic Marianne or reasonable Elinor. Austen's personal favorite among her novels. Also by this author: <i>Emma</i> , <i>Persuasion</i> , and others
Avi <i>Devil's Race</i>	Sixteen-year-old John Proud is tormented by the ghost of an evil ancestor, with the same name and the same face as his own, who proclaimed himself a demon as he stood on the gallows from which he was hanged in 1854.
Bacigalupi, Paolo <i>Ship Breaker</i>	In a futuristic world, teenaged Nailer scavenges copper wiring from grounded oil tankers for a living, but when he finds a beached clipper ship with a girl in the wreckage, he has to decide if he should strip the ship for its wealth or rescue the girl. (P) Sequel: <i>The Drowned Cities</i> , <i>Zombie Baseball Beatdown</i>
Barr, Emily <i>The One Memory of Flora Banks</i>	A girl with recurring memory loss chases down the boy she loves based on the one memory she is able to hold onto.
Baron, Jeff <i>I Represent Sean Rosen</i>	With the help of his "manager," a thirteen-year-old boy sells a movie idea to a major Hollywood studio. Sequel: <i>Sean Rosen is Not For Sale</i>
Bartoletti, Susan Campbell	In October of 1942, seventeen-year-old Helmuth Huebener,

<p><i>The Boy Who Dared</i></p> <p><i>Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow</i></p>	<p>imprisoned and facing execution for listening to the forbidden BBC and preparing and distributing news leaflets to counter Nazi propaganda, remembers how he went from ardent Nazi supporter to critic.</p> <p>This book discusses the tactics Hitler used to gain the loyalty and trust of German children, and how he aroused their passion. The Hitler Youth became the largest youth group in history. (N)</p>
<p>Bascomb, Neal</p> <p><i>The Nazi Hunters: How a Team of Spies and Survivors Captured the World's Most Notorious Nazi</i></p>	<p>Presents the history of the group of spies, Holocaust survivors, and lawyers who pursued Adolf Eichmann, a Nazi war criminal, for fifteen years in order to bring him to justice for his leadership role in the killing of thousands of Jews during World War II.</p>
<p>Beah, Ishmael</p> <p><i>A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier</i></p>	<p>When Beah Ismael was twelve, he fled his home to escape attacking rebels during Sierra Leone's civil war. By the time he was thirteen he had been absorbed into the government's army and had become just one more drug-abusing, atrocity-committing soldier.</p>
<p>Beddor, Frank</p> <p><i>The Looking Glass Wars</i></p>	<p>When she is cast out of Wonderland by her evil aunt Redd, 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 rightful throne.</p> <p>Book One in "The Looking Glass Wars" series</p>
<p>Behar, Ruth</p> <p><i>Lucky Broken Girl</i></p>	<p>Ruthie Mizrahi and her family recently emigrated from Castro's Cuba to New York City. Just when she's finally beginning to gain confidence in her mastery of English--and enjoying her reign as her neighborhood's hopscotch queen--a horrific car accident leaves her in a body cast and confines her to her bed for a long recovery. As Ruthie's world shrinks because of her inability to move, her powers of observation and her heart grow larger and she comes to understand how fragile life is, how vulnerable we all are as human beings, and how friends, neighbors, and the power of the arts can sweeten even the worst of times.</p>
<p>Behrens, Rebecca</p> <p><i>When Audrey Met Alice</i></p>	<p>When the Secret Service squashes yet another chance for the president's daughter, Audrey, to make any new friends, Audrey discovers former first daughter Alice Roosevelt's hidden diary, which gives Audrey endless ideas for having fun--and more problems than she can handle.</p>
<p>Berry, Julie</p> <p><i>The Passion of Dolssa</i></p>	<p>In mid-thirteenth century Provence, Dolssa de Stigata is a fervently religious girl who feels the call to preach, condemned by the Inquisition as an "unnatural woman," and hunted by the Dominican Friar Lucien who fears a resurgence of the Albigensian heresy; Botille is a matchmaker trying to protect her sisters from being branded</p>

	as gypsies or witches--but when she finds the hunted Dolssa dying on a hillside, she feels compelled to protect her, a decision that may cost her everything. (P)
Binchy, Maeve <i>Circle of Friends</i>	Benny Hogan and Eve Malone, grew up inseparable, in the village of Knockglen. There, they knew the sins and secrets behind every villager's lace curtains, except their own. Later, at the university, Benny and Eve met beautiful Nan Mahlon and Jack Foley, a doctor's handsome son. Soon, heartbreak and betrayal would bring the worlds of Knockglen and Dublin into explosive collision. Long-hidden lies would emerge to test the meaning of love and the strength of their friendship.
Birdsall, Olivia <i>Notes on a Near-Life Experience</i>	Fifteen-year-old Mia feels like a ghost watching her own life when her parents' arguments escalate into a separation, triggering counseling sessions, strange behavior in her brother and sister, and a new connection with her brother's best friend.
Black, Holly <i>The Iron Trial</i>	Warned away from magic all of his life, Callum endeavors to fail the trials that would admit him to the Magisterium only to be drawn into its ranks against his will and forced to confront dark elements from his past. Book One in the series. Also by this author: <i>The Coldest Girl in Coldtown</i> .
Blume, Judy <i>Deenie</i>	A thirteen-year-old girl seemingly destined for a modeling career finds she has a deformation of the spine called scoliosis. Also by this author: <i>Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret</i> , <i>Tiger Eyes</i> , and others
Bowers, Rick <i>Spies of the Mississippi: The True Story of the Spy Network that Tried to Destroy the Civil Rights Movement</i>	In the 1950s and 1960s, the Mississippi State Sovereignty Commission compiled secret files on more than 87,000 private citizens in the most extensive state spying program in U.S. history. Its mission: to save segregation.
Bradbury, Ray <i>Fahrenheit 451</i> <i>The Illustrated Man</i>	Guy enjoys his job as a book-burning "fireman" in a cruel future world until he hears forbidden tales of the past when books and ideas were respected. The narrator encounters a mysterious wanderer whose body is entirely covered with enchanted tattoos that become animated at night and present their stories. Also by this author: <i>The Halloween Tree</i> , <i>The Martian</i>

	<i>Chronicles</i> , and others
Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker <i>For Freedom: The Story of a French Spy</i>	Despite the horrors of World War II, a French teenager pursues her dream of becoming an opera singer, which takes her to places where she gains information about what the Nazis are doing--information that the French Resistance needs.
Brandt, Richard L. <i>The Google Guys: Inside the Brilliant Minds of Google Founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin</i>	Draws on interviews with the Google founders' employees, competitors, and professors to trace their early years, expansion strategies, and advertising restrictions while analyzing their user-focused philosophy.
Brashares, Ann <i>The Here and Now</i>	The world Prenna James comes from is in ruins. She and the others who escaped are here to prevent humanity's destruction. But if they don't follow The Rules, everything that matters will be gone: Friends. Families. Dreams. Love. Prenna's secret isn't that she's not from another place. She's from another time.
Brontë, Charlotte <i>Jane Eyre</i>	After a grim childhood as an orphan, Jane becomes a governess in the household of the moody and mysterious Mr. Rochester.
Brontë, Emily <i>Wuthering Heights</i>	The passionate love story of strong-willed Catherine Earnshaw and wild Heathcliff is set against the background of the English moor in the eighteenth century.
Brown, Daniel <i>The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics</i>	Tells how in 1936, the University of Washington's eight-oar crew went on to the Berlin Olympics where they defeated Adolf Hitler's German team to achieve the Olympic gold medal.
Buck, Pearl S. <i>The Big Wave</i>	A Japanese boy relearns the joys of living after surviving a tidal wave that killed his family and destroyed his village. Also by this author: <i>The Good Earth</i> and others
Card, Orson Scott <i>Ender's Game</i>	When aliens twice attack Earth and almost destroy the human race, the government prepares for the next encounter with "art of war" training games. (series) Also by this author: <i>First Meetings in the Enderverse</i> , and others
Carlson, Lori M., ed. <i>Cool Salsa: Bilingual Poems on Growing Up Latino in the United States</i>	This collection, by 36 authors, including Sandra Cisneros and Gary Soto, evokes the sights, sounds, and smells of Latino culture in America in vibrant, moving, angry, and beautiful voices.

Carman, Patrick <i>Thirteen Days to Midnight</i>	In the aftermath of the accident that killed his foster father, high school student Jacob Fielding discovers that he has acquired the power of indestructibility, and the more he learns about it the more he realizes that it is a heavy burden, if not a curse.
Carroll, Lewis <i>Alice's Adventures in Wonderland</i>	After falling down a rabbit hole, Alice experiences unusual adventures with a variety of nonsensical characters including the Mad Hatter, the Queen of Hearts, and the Cheshire Cat. Also by this author: <i>Through the Looking Glass & What Alice Found There</i>
Carter, Ally <i>Heist Society</i>	A group of teenagers uses their combined talents to re-steal several priceless paintings and save fifteen-year-old Kat Bishop's father, himself an international art thief, from a vengeful collector.
Chainani, Soman <i>The School for Good and Evil</i>	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
Chambers, Veronica <i>The Go-Between</i>	Cammi is the envy of every teenage girl in Mexico City. Her mother is a glamorous telenovela actress. Her father is the go-to voice-over talent for blockbuster films. Hers is a world of private planes, chauffeurs, paparazzi and gossip columnists. When Cammi's mom gets cast in an American television show and the family moves to LA, things change, and quickly. At the posh, private Polestar Academy, Cammi's new friends assume she's a scholarship kid, the daughter of a domestic. At first Cammi thinks playing along with the stereotypes will be her way of teaching her new friends a lesson. But the more she lies, the more she wonders: is she only fooling herself?
Chmakova, Svetlana <i>Awkward</i>	On her first day at her new school, Peppi Torres trips into a quiet boy in the hall, Jaime Thompson, the mean kids start calling her the "nerder girlfriend." How does she handle this crisis? By shoving poor Jaime and running away. Surrounding herself with new friends in the art club, Peppi still can't help feeling ashamed about the way she treated Jaime. Things are already awkward enough between the two, but to make matters worse, he's a member of her own club's archrivals--the science club. And when the two clubs go to war, Peppi realizes that sometimes you have to break the rules to survive middle school. Graphic novel. Also by this author: <i>Brave</i> .
Chotjewitz, David	In 1933, best friends Daniel and Armin admire Hitler, but as

<i>Daniel Half Human</i>	anti-Semitism helps bring Hitler to power, Daniel is bewildered when he learns he is half Jewish.
Christie, Agatha <i>And Then There Were None</i> <i>Murder on the Orient Express</i>	Ten people, each with a dark secret, are trapped on an otherwise deserted island and killed off one by one. Debonair Belgian sleuth Hercule Poirot searches for a killer among a group of suspects aboard the famed train. Also by this author: <i>The Labors of Hercules: A Hercule Poirot Novel</i> and others
Cisneros, Sandra <i>The House on Mango Street</i>	Esperanza Cordero, a girl coming of age in the Hispanic quarter of Chicago, uses lyrical stories to express thoughts and emotions about her oppressive environment. Also by this author: <i>Woman Hollering Creek, and Other Stories</i> and others
Cline, Ernest <i>Ready Player One</i>	In the year 2044, Wade Watts, like the rest of humanity, chooses to escape reality and spends his waking hours in the limitless, utopian virtual world of the OASIS, but when Wade stumbles upon the first of the fiendish puzzles set up by OASIS creator James Halliday, he finds he must compete with thousands of others--including those willing to commit murder--in order to claim a prize of massive fortune.
Colasanti, Susane <i>Something Like Fate</i>	Lani and Erin are best friends bonded for life by a tragic accident. From the minute Lani meets Jason, she can't deny the intense connection they share. It feels like she's known him forever. But Jason becomes Erin's boyfriend. Lani is determined to ignore her feelings for Jason, no matter how powerful they are, rather than risk hurting her best friend. Will Lani be able to put her friendship with Erin first, or will she be tempted by the boy who just might be her soul mate?
Collins, Suzanne <i>The Hunger Games</i>	In the ruins of a place once known as North America lies Panem, a totalitarian state whose prosperous Capitol controls twelve impoverished districts. Each district must send a boy and a girl between the ages of twelve and eighteen to fight to the death in the annual Hunger Games, broadcast live and mandatory viewing, until there is only one survivor. Book One of "The Hunger Games Trilogy"
Condie, Ally <i>Matched</i>	Cassia has always had complete trust in the Society to make decisions for her, but she begins to doubt its infallibility after she is paired with her supposedly ideal mate and realizes that she has two matches. Book One of the "Matched Trilogy"
Cormier, Robert <i>The Chocolate War</i>	A student who becomes a hero when he stands up to a gang eventually becomes a victim in this novel exploring intimidation and the misuse of power. Sequel: <i>Beyond the Chocolate War</i>

	Also by this author: <i>The Bumblebee Flies Anyway</i> , <i>I Am the Cheese</i> , and others
Corrigan, Eirann <i>The Accomplice</i>	High school juniors and best friends Finn and Chloe hatch a daring plot to fake Chloe's disappearance from their rural New Jersey town in order to have something compelling to put on their college applications, but unforeseen events complicate matters.
Crane, Stephen <i>The Red Badge of Courage</i>	A young soldier in the Civil War learns the meaning of both cowardice and true heroism in one of the first realistic stories about warfare.
Crutcher, Chris <i>Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes</i>	Friends and fellow outcasts since childhood, disfigured Sarah Byrnes and obese Eric "Moby" Calhoun have always faced their tormentors together. When Sarah Byrnes stops talking and is hospitalized in a psychiatric unit, Eric tries to uncover the reason for her silence. Also by this author: <i>King of the Mild Frontier: An Ill-Advised Autobiography</i>
Dahlquist, Gordon <i>The Different Girl</i>	Veronika. Caroline. Isobel. Eleanor. One blond, one brunette, one redhead, one with hair black as tar. Four otherwise identical girls who spend their days in sync, tasked to learn. But when May, a very different kind of girl--the lone survivor of a recent shipwreck--suddenly and mysteriously arrives on the island, an unsettling mirror is about to be held up to the life the girls have never before questioned.
Danziger, Paula <i>Remember Me to Harold Square</i>	When fifteen-year-old Frank spends the summer with fourteen-year-old Kendra's family in their New York City apartment, they become friends as they cooperate on a scavenger hunt and follow clues that lead them to the city's museums, restaurants, and other landmarks--always with Kendra's pesky ten-year-old brother in tow.
Dashner, James <i>The Maze Runner</i> <i>The Eye of Minds</i>	Sixteen-year-old Thomas wakes up with no memory in the middle of a maze and realizes he must work with the community in which he finds himself if he is to escape. Book One of "The Maze Runner Trilogy" Michael is a skilled internet gamer in a world of advanced technology. When a cyber-terrorist begins to threaten players, Michael is called upon to seek him and his secrets out. Book One of "The Mortality Doctrine" series
Davis, Tanita <i>Mare's War</i>	Fifteen-year-old Octavia and her moody seventeen-year-old sister, Tali, are forced by their parents to take a summer-long, cross-country car trip with their eccentric grandmother. Through the stories she tells of the rural South during the 1940s and serving in the Woman's Army Corps in Europe during World War II, the girls learn about strength, independence, and courage. (CSK)

Defoe, Daniel <i>Robinson Crusoe</i>	Shipwrecked and marooned on a desert island, the protagonist learns how to survive in the wild and befriends the outcast Polynesian man he names Friday.
de la Cruz, Melissa <i>Alex & Eliza</i>	When Alex and Eliza meet one fateful night, so begins an epic love story that would forever change the course of American history.
Desai Hidier, Tanuja <i>Born Confused</i>	As Dimple Lala turns seventeen, she realizes that life is about to become more complex as her best friend starts pulling away and her parents try to find a suitable boyfriend for Dimple, despite the fact that she is not interested.
Dickens, Charles <i>Oliver Twist</i>	After enduring harsh conditions during early childhood, Pip, an orphan growing up in Victorian England, is given the means to become a gentleman by an unknown benefactor and learns that appearances can be deceptive. Also by this author: <i>David Copperfield</i> , <i>Great Expectations</i> , and others
Doctorow, Cory <i>Little Brother</i>	Interrogated for days by the Department of Homeland Security in the aftermath of a major terrorist attack on San Francisco, California, seventeen-year-old Marcus is released into what is now a police state, and decides to use his expertise in computer hacking to set things right. Also by this author: <i>Homeland</i> , <i>Information Doesn't Want to Be Free</i> and others.
Doyle, Arthur Conan, Sir <i>The Hound of the Baskervilles</i>	Sir Charles Baskerville is found dead and the footprints of a giant hound are seen nearby. Sherlock Holmes undertakes to ensure that his heir won't meet the same fate. Also by this author: <i>The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes</i> and others
Dumas, Alexandre <i>The Three Musketeers</i>	Populated by some of the most famous names in literary and actual history--D'Artagnan, Athos, Porthos, Aramis, Cardinal Richelieu, Louis XIII--Dumas's peerless adventure offers a rousing read. It traces an aspiring Musketeer's path to 17th-century Paris, where he encounters intrigue, romance, and, of course, thrilling swordplay. Also by this author: <i>The Count of Monte Cristo</i> , <i>The Man in the Iron Mask</i> , and others
Duncan, Lois <i>I Know What You Did Last Summer</i>	Four teenagers who have desperately tried to conceal their responsibility for a hit-and-run accident are pursued by a mystery figure seeking revenge.
Du Maurier, Daphne <i>Rebecca</i>	A young bride is intimidated by the oppressive atmosphere of her husband's old English estate, the peculiar behavior of his housekeeper towards her, and the long shadow cast by his first wife, Rebecca.
Earl, Esther <i>This Star Won't Go Out: The Life</i>	A memoir told through the journals, letters, and stories of young cancer patient Esther Earl.

<i>and Words of Esther Grace Earl</i>	
Edge, Christopher <i>The Many Worlds of Albie Bright</i>	When Albie's mother dies from cancer, his father explains that she may be alive in a parallel universe, so he decides to universe-hop and find her with the help of a banana, a laptop, and a box.
Falkner, Brian <i>Brain Jack</i> <i>The Assault</i>	In a near-future New York City, fourteen-year-old computer genius Sam Wilson manages to hack into the AT&T network and sets off a chain of events that have a profound effect on human activity throughout the world. In the year 2030, six teens who have been modified to look like the aliens who are battling for control of Earth go behind enemy lines and discover a shocking, secret alien project. Also by this author: <i>The Project</i> and others
Finney, Jack <i>Time and Again</i>	Einstein's theory that the past co-exists with the present allows illustrator Simon Morley to be transported from the 1970s back to 1880s New York for a government operation.
Fleischman, Paul <i>Seedfolks</i>	One by one, a number of people of varying ages and backgrounds transform a trash-filled inner-city lot into a productive, beautiful garden, and in doing so are themselves transformed.
Frank, Anne <i>The Diary of a Young Girl</i>	The poignant diary of a Jewish teenager who, along with her sister, parents, and four other people, hid from the Nazis in a warehouse in Amsterdam for two years before they were discovered and sent to concentration camps.
Freitas, Donna <i>Gold Medal Summer</i>	After fourteen-year-old Joey experiences her first kiss and learns that her best friend wants to quit competitive gymnastics, she considers giving up her dream of winning gold medals in order to have a normal life, even as her sister and assistant coach urge her to reach a new level.
Gaines, Ernest J. <i>A Lesson Before Dying</i>	A young African American man teaching in a small Cajun town in 1940s Louisiana is asked to help an African American boy, who has been sentenced to die in the electric chair, face his death with dignity.
Gantos, Jack <i>Hole in My Life</i>	The author relates how, as a young adult, he became a drug user and smuggler, did time in prison, and went to college after his release, all the while hoping to become a writer. (P)
Gibbs, Stuart <i>Belly Up</i>	Twelve-year-old Teddy investigates when a popular Texas zoo's star attraction--Henry the hippopotamus--is murdered. Book One of the "FunJungle" series
Gleitzman, Morris <i>Once</i>	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

	<p>Poland in search of his parents and witnesses the atrocities of the war for the first time. Book One of the "Once/Then/Now/After" series</p>
<p>Golding, William <i>Lord of the Flies</i></p>	<p>A group of English schoolboys are left stranded on an unpopulated island. Their efforts to establish a community soon deteriorate as primal instincts clash with higher reason.</p>
<p>Grant, Michael <i>Gone</i></p>	<p>In a small town on the coast of California, everyone over the age of fourteen suddenly disappears, setting up a battle between the remaining town residents and the students from a local private school, as well as those who have "The Power" and are able to perform supernatural feats and those who do not. Book One in the "Gone" series</p>
<p>Green, John <i>Turtles All the Way Down</i></p>	<p>Sixteen-year-old Aza never intended to pursue the mystery of fugitive billionaire Russell Pickett, but there's a hundred-thousand-dollar reward at stake and her Best and Most Fearless Friend, Daisy, is eager to investigate. So together, they navigate the short distance and broad divides that separate them from Russell Pickett's son, Davis. Aza is trying. She is trying to be a good daughter, a good friend, a good student, and maybe even a good detective, while also living within the ever-tightening spiral of her own thoughts. Also by this author: <i>The Fault in Our Stars</i>, <i>Looking for Alaska</i> and others</p>
<p>Greenberg, Joanne <i>I Never Promised You a Rose Garden</i></p>	<p>A mentally ill but perceptive teenage girl battles against a fantasy world of her own creation with the help of her doctor.</p>
<p>Greene, Bette <i>Summer of My German Soldier</i></p>	<p>Sheltering an escaped German prisoner of war is the beginning of some shattering experiences for a Jewish girl living in Arkansas during World War II.</p>
<p>Grimes, Nikki <i>One Last Word</i></p>	<p>In this collection of poetry, Nikki Grimes looks afresh at the poets of the Harlem Renaissance -- including voices like Langston Hughes, Georgia Douglas Johnson, and many more writers of importance and resonance from this era -- by combining their work with her own original poetry.</p>
<p>Haddix, Margaret Peterson <i>Full-Ride</i></p>	<p>After her father is convicted of embezzlement, fourteen-year-old Becca Jones moves with her mother to a small town in Ohio where they live under assumed names. Three years later she learns that his misdeeds may have jeopardized not just her future, but also her life. Also by this author: <i>Double Identity</i>, <i>Game Changer</i>, "The Missing" series, <i>Running Out of Time</i>, <i>Turnabout</i> and others</p>
<p>Haddon, Mark <i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in</i></p>	<p>Despite his overwhelming fear of interacting with people, Christopher, a mathematically gifted, autistic fifteen-year-old boy, decides to investigate the murder of a neighbor's dog</p>

<i>the Night-time</i>	and uncovers a family secret in the process.
Hale, Shannon <i>Dangerous</i>	When aspiring astronaut Maisie Danger Brown, who was born without a right hand, and the other space camp students get the opportunity to do something amazing in space, Maisie must prove how dangerous she can be and how far she is willing to go to protect everything she has ever loved.
Hand, Cynthia <i>The Last Time We Say Goodbye</i>	After her younger brother, Tyler, commits suicide, Lex struggles to work through her grief in the face of a family that has fallen apart, the sudden distance between her and her friends, and memories of Tyler that still feel all too real.
Hansberry, Lorraine <i>A Raisin in the Sun</i>	Set on Chicago's South Side, the plot revolves around the divergent dreams and conflicts within three generations of the Younger family. The tensions and prejudice they face form this seminal American drama. Sacrifice, trust and love among the Younger family and their heroic struggle to retain dignity in a harsh and changing world is a searing and timeless document of hope and inspiration.
Heiligman, Deborah <i>Vincent and Theo: The Van Gogh Brothers</i>	The deep and enduring friendship between Vincent and Theo Van Gogh shaped both brothers' lives. Confidant, champion, sympathizer, friend -- Theo supported Vincent as he struggled to find his path in life. They shared everything, swapping stories of lovers and friends, successes and disappointments, dreams and ambitions. (P)
Hemingway, Ernest <i>The Old Man and the Sea</i>	This Pulitzer Prize winner is a tragic and timeless story of one man's extraordinary courage in the face of inevitable defeat.
Henry, O. <i>The Best of O. Henry</i>	This short story collection by the early twentieth-century master of the genre includes "The Gift of the Magi."
Herbert, Frank <i>Dune</i>	Paul moves with his family to the planet Dune and is forced into exile when his father's government is overthrown.
Hersey, John <i>Hiroshima</i>	The lives of six people who survived the August 6, 1945 atomic bombing of Hiroshima are documented over the course the following twelve months. [This edition includes a new chapter written by Mr. Hersey forty years after the bomb was dropped.]
Hilton, James <i>Lost Horizon</i>	Four people are brought to the mysterious community of Shangri-La, where they live happily until discovering the secret of this paradise.
Hinton, S.E. <i>The Outsiders</i>	When one member of their gang kills someone from another gang, three orphaned brothers struggle to stay together as violence erupts

<p>Hirsch, Jeff <i>The Eleventh Plague</i></p>	<p>Twenty years after the start of the war that caused the Collapse, fifteen-year-old Stephen, his father, and grandfather travel post-Collapse America scavenging, but when his grandfather dies and his father decides to risk everything to save the lives of two strangers, Stephen's life is turned upside down.</p>
<p>Hoose, Phillip <i>Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice</i></p>	<p>Fifteen-year-old Claudette Colvin was arrested for refusing to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama to a white passenger on March 2, 1955, nine months before Rosa Parks was arrested for making the same decision. She continued to challenge the Jim Crow segregation laws by consenting to be named as one of the four plaintiffs in the court case that integrated Montgomery's buses. (N)</p>
<p>Houston, Jeanne Wakatsuki <i>Farewell to Manzanar</i></p>	<p>The true story of seven-year-old Jeanne and her family, who were sent to the Manzanar internment camp along with 10,000 other Japanese Americans during World War II.</p>
<p>Howe, James <i>The Misfits</i> <i>Totally Joe</i></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.</p> <p>As a school assignment, a thirteen-year-old boy writes an alpha biography and explores issues of friendship, family, school, and the challenges of being a gay teenager. The first two books of "The Misfits" quartet</p>
<p>Hughes, Langston <i>The Dream Keeper and Other Poems</i></p>	<p>This is a vibrant collection of poems by the Harlem Renaissance writer. Also by this author: <i>Not Without Laughter</i> and others</p>
<p>Johnson, Angela <i>The First Part Last</i></p>	<p>Bobby's carefree teenage life changes forever when he becomes a father and must care for his adored baby daughter. (CSK) (P) Also by this author: <i>Heaven</i> (CSK) and others</p>
<p>Johnson, Maureen <i>13 Little Blue Envelopes</i></p>	<p>When seventeen-year-old Ginny receives a packet of mysterious envelopes from her favorite aunt, she leaves New Jersey to criss-cross Europe on a sort of scavenger hunt that transforms her life.</p>
<p>Jones, Sabrina <i>Isadora Duncan: A Graphic Biography</i></p>	<p>Myth and controversy still swirl around the dramatic figure of Isadora Duncan. The pioneering modern dancer emerged from provincial nineteenth-century America to captivate the cultural capitals of Europe, reinvent dance as a fine art, and leave a trail of scandals in her wake. From her unconventional California girlhood to her tragic death on the French Riviera fifty years later, Duncan's journey was an uncompromising quest for truth, beauty, and freedom.</p>
<p>Kesey, Ken <i>One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest</i></p>	<p>This novel, set in a psychiatric hospital, chronicles the battle of wits between hell-raising, life-affirming inmate Randle</p>

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	Patrick McMurphy and sadistic Big Nurse, who rules the ward with an iron fist.
Keyes, Daniel <i>Flowers for Algernon</i>	After having a developmental disability for all of his thirty-two years, Charlie Gordon undergoes an operation designed to change his life.
Kidd, Sue Monk <i>The Secret Life of Bees</i>	When Lily’s “stand-in mother,” Rosaleen, insults three of the town’s most vicious racists, Lily decides they should both escape to Tiburon, South Carolina—a town that holds the secret to her mother’s past. There they are taken in by an eccentric trio of black beekeeping sisters who introduce Lily to a mesmerizing world of bees, honey, and the Black Madonna who presides over their household.
Knowles, John <i>A Separate Peace</i>	During the early years of World War II, Gene, an introverted intellectual, and Phineas, a daredevil athlete, become friends, but their relationship is complicated after Phineas sustains a life-changing injury.
Konigsberg, Bill <i>The Porcupine of Truth</i>	Seventeen-year-old Carson Speier is bored of Billings, Montana, and resentful that he has to help his mother take care of his father, a dying alcoholic whom he has not seen in fourteen years--but then he meets Aisha, a beautiful African American girl who has run away from her own difficult family, and together they embark on a journey of discovery that may help them both come to terms with their lives.
Kontis, Alethea <i>Enchanted</i>	When Sunday Woodcutter, the youngest sibling to sisters named for the other six days of the week, kisses an enchanted frog, he transforms back into Rumbold, the crown prince of Arilland--a man Sunday's family despises.
Korman, Gordon <i>Jake, Reinvented</i>	In this <i>Gatsby</i> -esque novel, Rick becomes friends with popular new student Jake Garrett, a football player with a mysterious past who throws legendary parties. Also by this author: <i>The Juvie Three</i> , <i>Son of the Mob</i> , and others.
Krakauer, Jon <i>Into Thin Air</i>	The author relates his experience climbing Mount Everest during 1996, the deadliest single year in its mountaineering history, and examines what it is about the mountain that makes people willingly subject themselves to such risk, hardship, and expense. Also by this author: <i>Into the Wild</i>
Landman, Tanya <i>Hell and High Water</i>	Mystery turns to mortal danger as one young man's quest to clear his father's name ensnares him in a net of deceit, conspiracy, and intrigue in 1750s England.
Larson, Erik <i>Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania</i>	A chronicle of the sinking of the Lusitania discusses the factors that led to the tragedy and the contributions of such figures as Woodrow Wilson, bookseller Charles Lauriat, and architect Theodate Pope Riddle. Gripping and important, <i>Dead Wake</i> captures the sheer drama and

	emotional power of a disaster whose intimate details and true meaning have long been obscured by history.
Lee, Harper <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>	The explosion of racial hatred in a Depression-era Alabama town is viewed by a ten-year-old girl whose father defends an African American man accused of raping a young white woman.
Levithan, David <i>Boy Meets Boy</i> <i>Every Day</i>	Paul's simple high-school life is confused by his desire for another boy who seems unattainable, until Paul's friends help him find the courage to pursue the object of his affections. Every morning, A wakes in a different person's body, in a different person's life, learning over the years to never get too attached, until he wakes up in the body of Justin and falls in love with Justin's girlfriend, Rhiannon. Companion book: <i>Every You, Every Me</i>
Lewis, John <i>March: Book One</i>	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. (CSK) Also by this author: <i>March: Book Two, March: Book Three</i>
Lewis, Michael <i>The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game</i> <i>Moneyball: The Art of Winning an Unfair Game</i>	Details the life of University of Mississippi football player Michael Oher, who was raised by a crack addicted mother and then adopted at the age of sixteen by a wealthy family. The book explores the rising importance and salary of the offensive left tackle in the game of football. Examines the mathematical strategies by which manager Billy Beane handled the financially strapped Oakland Athletics' 2002 draft and led the baseball team to success despite its lack of high profile players.
Lockhart, E. <i>The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks</i>	Frankie, a sophomore, is dating a senior named Matthew Livingston and when he refuses to talk about the all-male secret society that he and his friends belong to, she infiltrates it, intending to enliven their pranks. (P) Also by this author: <i>We Were Liars</i>
London, Jack <i>The Call of the Wild</i>	An unusually large dog, part St. Bernard, part Scotch shepherd, is stolen and taken to the Klondike during the gold rush where he is worked hard and often treated cruelly. Also by this author: <i>The Sea Wolf, White Fang</i> and others
Lore, Pittacus <i>I Am Number Four</i>	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 of the "Lorien Legacies"
Lu, Marie	When teenage coder Emika Chen hacks her way into the

<i>Warcross</i>	opening tournament of the Warcross Championships, she glitches herself into the game as well as a sinister plot with major consequences for the entire Warcross empire. Also by this author: <i>Legend</i>
Mariz, Rae <i>The Unidentified</i>	In a futuristic alternative school set in a shopping mall where video game-playing students are observed and used by corporate sponsors for market research, Katey "Kid" Dade struggles to figure out where she fits in and whether she even wants to.
Marsh, Katherine <i>The Night Tourist</i>	After fourteen-year-old classics prodigy Jack Perdu has a near fatal accident he meets Euri, a young ghost who introduces him to New York's Underworld, where those who died in New York reside until they are ready to move on, and Jack vows to find his dead mother there.
Mazer, Norma Fox <i>The Missing Girl</i>	A middle-aged man watches the five Herbert sisters, aged eleven to seventeen, as the girls go about their ordinary lives and deal with assorted problems, conflicts, fears, and yearnings--all the while unaware of his scrutiny and his increasingly agitated and forbidden thoughts about them. A psychological thriller.
McBride, James <i>The Color of Water</i>	The true story of a rabbi's daughter who grew up amid anti-Semitism in the South, married an African American man from Harlem, founded a church, and put twelve children through college.
McMann, Lisa <i>Dead to You</i>	Ethan was abducted from his front yard when he was just seven years old. Now, at sixteen, he has returned to his family. It's a miracle, at first. Then the tensions start to build. His reintroduction to his old life isn't going smoothly, and his family is tearing apart all over again. If only Ethan could remember something, anything, about his life before, he'd be able to put the pieces back together. But there's something that's keeping his memory blocked. Something unspeakable...
Meyer, Melissa <i>Cinder</i>	Cinder, a gifted mechanic and a cyborg with a mysterious past, is blamed by her stepmother for her stepsister's illness while a deadly plague decimates the population of New Beijing, but when Cinder's life gets intertwined with Prince Kai's, she finds herself at the center of an intergalactic struggle. A futuristic take on the Cinderella story. Book One of "The Lunar Chronicles"
Meyer, Stephenie <i>Twilight</i>	When seventeen-year-old Bella leaves Phoenix to live with her father in Forks, Washington, she meets the exquisitely handsome Edward Cullen and is romantically drawn to him even after she discovers he is not human. Book One of "The Twilight Saga" Also by this author: <i>The Host</i>
Milanes, Janelle	Shy fifteen-year-old Cuban American Victoria Cruz feels

<i>The Victoria in My Head</i>	trapped by the monotony of running on the cross country team and keeping up with her studies to maintain her scholarship to her prestigious college prep school, but the chance to join a rock band in need of a lead singer gives her the opportunity to confront her anxieties, find love and disappointment, and create a new playlist for her life.
Miller, Arthur <i>The Crucible</i>	The place is Salem, Massachusetts, the time 1692, and accusations of witchcraft have embroiled the entire village.
Miranda, Megan <i>Fracture</i>	After falling through the ice of a frozen lake and being resuscitated by her best friend Decker, seventeen-year-old Delaney begins experiencing a strange affinity for the dead and wonders whether she is predicting death or causing it.
Mlynowski, Sarah <i>Gimme a Call</i>	After accidentally dropping her cell phone into a fountain at the mall, fourteen-year-old Devi Banks starts to get phone calls--and an earful of advice on how to live her life to avoid making disastrous choices--from her seventeen-year-old self. Also by this author: The "Magic in Manhattan" series
Muchamore, Robert <i>The Recruit</i>	Orphaned twelve-year-old James is recruited into CHERUB (Charles Henderson's espionage research unit B), a secret division of MI5 made up of spies under the age of eighteen. 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. Book One of the "CHERUB" series
Murdock, Catherine Gilbert <i>Dairy Queen</i>	After spending her summer running the family farm and training the quarterback on her school's rival football team, sixteen-year-old D. J. decides to go out for the sport herself, not anticipating the reactions of those around her. Sequel: <i>The Off Season</i>
Murphy, Julie <i>Dumplin'</i>	Sixteen-year-old Willowdean wants to prove to everyone in her small Texas town that she is more than just a fat girl, so, while grappling with her feelings for a co-worker who is clearly attracted to her, Will and some other misfits prepare to compete in the beauty pageant her mother runs.
Myers, Walter Dean <i>Monster</i>	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, Fallen Angels</i> , and others
Na, An <i>Wait for Me</i>	Korean American high-school senior Mina is overwhelmed by the lying, cheating, and stealing she has done to satisfy her mother's expectations, and is determined to protect her neglected little sister. She falls in love with Ysrael, a

	Mexican immigrant, and with his support begins to take responsibility for her actions and chart her own life's course. Also by this author: <i>A Step from Heaven</i> (P)
Northrop, Michael <i>Trapped</i>	Seven high school students are stranded at their New England high school during a week-long blizzard that shuts down the power and heat, freezes the pipes, and leaves them wondering if they will survive. Also by this author: <i>Plunked</i>
Nye, Naomi Shihab <i>19 Varieties of Gazelle</i>	These moving poems describe the Middle East and the experience of an Arab American living in the United States.
Oates, Joyce Carol <i>Big Mouth and Ugly Girl</i>	When Matt is falsely accused of threatening to blow up his high school and his friends turn against him, an unlikely classmate comes to his aid.
O'Brien, Anne Sibley <i>In the Shadow of the Sun</i>	Twelve-year-old Mia is on a five-day tour of North Korea with her older brother, Simon, and their father, Mark, an food aide worker. She is scared because her father keeps sneaking off at night, and terrified that her brother's sullen, rebellious behavior (which has absolutely nothing to do with the Koreans) is going to get them in trouble. Things get much worse when she is pulled into a deadly political game that seeks to expose North Korean atrocities, and her father is arrested.
O'Brien, Robert C. <i>Z for Zachariah</i>	Since the nuclear war ended a year ago and her family disappeared, sixteen-year-old Ann Burden has lived alone on her farm with no evidence of any other survivors and is both excited and afraid when a man arrives in the valley.
Odhiambo, Eukabeth <i>Auma's Long Run</i>	When AIDS devastates thirteen-year-old Auma's village in Kenya during the 1980s, Auma must choose between staying to help her family and working toward a track scholarship that will take her away from home.
Okorafor, Nnedi <i>Akata Witch</i>	Twelve-year-old Sunny Nwazue, an American-born albino child of Nigerian parents, moves with her family back to Nigeria, where she learns that she has latent magical powers which she and three similarly gifted friends use to catch a serial killer. Sequel: <i>Akata Warrior</i>
Oliver, Lauren <i>Delirium</i>	Lena is looking forward to turning eighteen and receiving the government-mandated cure that prevents the delirium of love and leads to a safe, predictable, and happy life until she falls in love ninety-five days before her birthday. Recommended for fans of the "Uglies" series. Book One of the "Delirium" series
Orwell, George <i>Animal Farm</i>	A farm is taken over by its mistreated animals. With flaming idealism and stirring slogans, they set out to create a paradise

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<p><i>Nineteen Eighty-Four</i></p>	<p>of progress, justice, and equality.</p> <p>Big Brother and his vast network of agents suffocate freedom in a totalitarian world.</p>
<p>Patterson, James <i>The Angel Experiment</i></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 of the "Maximum Ride" series</p>
<p>Peters, Julie Anne <i>Define "Normal"</i></p>	<p>When fourteen-year-old, straight "A" student and peer counselor Antonia Dillon is assigned to meet with Jasmine "Jazz" Luther, she never dreams that the girl with the black lipstick and pierced eyebrow will end up helping her deal with the problems she faces at home.</p>
<p>Picoult, Jodi <i>My Sister's Keeper</i> <i>Between the Lines: A Novel</i></p>	<p>Thirteen-year-old Anna, conceived specifically to provide blood and bone marrow for her sister Kate who was diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia at the age of two, decides to sue her parents for control of her body when her mother wants her to donate a kidney to Kate.</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 to seek his freedom.</p>
<p>Poe, Edgar Allan <i>Edgar Allan Poe</i> <i>The Tales of Edgar Allan Poe</i></p>	<p>A collection of thirteen poems and eight prose selections from larger works.</p> <p>This collection of stories by the well-known suspense author includes "The Tell-Tale Heart," "The Fall of the House of Usher," and "The Pit and the Pendulum."</p>
<p>Potok, Chaim <i>The Chosen</i></p>	<p>The odyssey of two young men journeying from boyhood to manhood is set against the background of the conflicts and traditions of Hasidic and Orthodox Jews.</p> <p>Also by this author: <i>The Promise</i> and others.</p>
<p>Preus, Margi <i>Heart of a Samurai: Based on the True Story of Manjiro Nakahama</i></p>	<p>In 1841, rescued by an American whaler after a terrible shipwreck leaves him and his four companions castaways on a remote island, fourteen-year-old Manjiro, who dreams of becoming a samurai, learns new laws and customs as he becomes the first Japanese person to set foot in the United States. (N)</p> <p>Also by this author: <i>Shadow on the Mountain: A Novel Inspired by the True Adventures of a Wartime Spy</i></p>
<p>Reck, Jared <i>A Short History of the Girl Next Door</i></p>	<p>After years of pining for the girl next door, fifteen-year-old Matthew Wainwright must deal with Tabby dating a popular senior just when he needs her most.</p>

Remarque, Erich Maria <i>All Quiet on the Western Front</i>	This harrowing account of World War I follows a German soldier who enthusiastically joins the Iron Youth movement but is soon appalled by the horrors of trench warfare.
Reynolds, Jason <i>Long Way Down</i>	As Will, fifteen, sets out to avenge his brother Shawn's fatal shooting, seven ghosts who knew Shawn board the elevator and reveal truths Will needs to know. (CSK) (P) Also by this author: <i>For Every One</i> , <i>Ghost</i> , <i>Patina</i> and more
Riggs, Ransom <i>Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children</i>	Sixteen-year-old Jacob, having traveled to a remote island after a family tragedy, discovers an abandoned orphanage, and, after some investigating, he learns the children who lived there may have been dangerous and quarantined and may also still be alive. Book One of the "Miss Peregrine's Peculiar Children" series
Rorby, Ginny <i>Hurt Go Happy</i>	Thirteen-year-old Joey Willis has been deaf since the age of six and her mother never allowed her to learn sign language. She strains to read the lips of those around her and often fails. Everything changes when Joey meets Dr. Charles Mansell and his baby chimpanzee, Sukari. Her new friends use sign language to communicate, and Joey secretly begins to learn to sign. Spending time with Charlie and Sukari, Joey has never been happier. But as Joey's world blooms with possibilities, Charlie's and Sukari's choices begin to narrow—until Sukari's very survival is in doubt.
Rowell, Rainbow <i>Eleanor & Park</i>	Set over the course of one school year in 1986, this is the story of two star-crossed misfits--smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts, but brave and desperate enough to try. (P)
Salinger, J.D. <i>Catcher in the Rye</i>	Holden Caulfield, knowing he is to be expelled from school, leaves early and spends three days on his own in New York City. Narrated in 1950's teen-speak, this is his cynical, but ultimately affecting, account of his exploits. Also by this author: <i>Franny and Zooey</i> and <i>Nine Stories</i>
Salwen, Kevin and Hannah Salwen <i>The Power of Half: One Family's Decision to Stop Taking and Start Giving Back</i>	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.
Satrapi, Marjane <i>Persepolis I</i>	Using black and white comic strip images, the author tells of growing up in Iran during the Islamic Revolution.
Schlitz, Laura Amy <i>The Hired Girl</i>	Fourteen-year-old Joan Skraggs, just like the heroines in her beloved novels, yearns for real life and true love. But what hope is there for adventure, beauty, or art on a hardscrabble farm in Pennsylvania where the work never ends? Over the summer of 1911, Joan pours her heart out into her diary as she seeks a new, better life for herself because maybe, just maybe, a hired girl cleaning and cooking for six dollars a week can become what a farm girl could only dream of - a

	woman with a future.
Shakespeare, William <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i> <i>Romeo and Juliet</i>	Hermia and Lysander, and Helena and Demetrius, are couples whose courtships are complicated by Hermia's father's disapproval, Helena's jealousy, and a mischievous fairy named Puck's misuse of a love potion during a night spent in the magical woods ruled by Oberon and Titania, King and Queen of the fairies. Two young people defy their warring families' prejudices and dare to fall in love.
Sheinkin, Steve <i>Bomb: The Race to Build and Steal the World's Most Dangerous Weapon</i>	Examines the history of the atomic bomb, discussing the discovery of the behavior of uranium when placed next to radioactive material, the race to build a bomb, and the impact of the weapon on societies around the world. (N) Also by this author: <i>Lincoln's Grave Robbers</i>
Shelley, Mary <i>Frankenstein</i>	Victor Frankenstein's creation of a monster from the remains of human corpses sets off a chain of horrific events.
Shulman, Mark <i>Scrawl</i>	When eighth-grade school bully Tod and his friends get caught committing a crime on school property, his penalty--staying after school and writing in a journal under the supervision of the school guidance counselor--reveals aspects of himself that he prefers to keep hidden.
Shulman, Polly <i>Enthusiasm</i>	Julie and Ashleigh, high school sophomores and Jane Austen fans, seem to fall for the same Mr. Darcy-like boy and struggle to hide their true feelings from one another while rehearsing for a school musical.
Shusterman, Neal <i>Full Tilt</i> <i>Unwind</i>	Sixteen-year-old Blake goes to a mysterious, by-invitation-only carnival knowing it's his only chance to save his comatose brother's life, but soon learns that much more is at stake if he fails to meet the challenge presented there by the beautiful Cassandra. In a future world where those between the ages of thirteen and eighteen can have their lives "unwound" and their body parts harvested for use by others, three teens go to extreme lengths to uphold their beliefs--and, perhaps, save their own lives. Book One of the "Unwind Dystology"
Sinclair, Upton <i>The Jungle</i>	Jurgis Rudkus is a Lithuanian immigrant working in Chicago's infamous Packingtown. Instead of finding the American Dream, Rudkus and his family inhabit an urban jungle dominated by greedy bosses, pitiless conmen, and corrupt politicians.

Skloot, Rebecca <i>The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks</i>	Documents the story of how scientists cultured cells from an African American woman's malignant cervical tumor in 1951, without her knowledge, and established the first human cell line, which is still alive today, enabling discoveries in such areas as cancer and polio research, in vitro fertilization, and gene mapping.
Slater, Dashka <i>The 57 Bus</i>	If it weren't for the 57 bus, Sasha and Richard never would have met. Both were high school students from Oakland, California, one of the most diverse cities in the country, but they inhabited different worlds. Sasha, a white teen, lived in the middle-class foothills and attended a small private school. Richard, a black teen, lived in the crime-plagued flatlands and attended a large public one. Each day, their paths overlapped for a mere eight minutes. But one afternoon on the bus ride home from school everything changed, igniting a firestorm that thrust both teenagers into the spotlight. A true crime story.
Sleator, William <i>Interstellar Pig</i>	Barney's boring seaside vacation becomes more interesting when the cottage next door is occupied by three exotic neighbors who are addicted to a game they call Interstellar Pig. Sequel: <i>Parasite Pig</i> Also by this author: <i>The Beasties</i> and others.
Smith, Betty <i>A Tree Grows in Brooklyn</i>	A girl from an impoverished family comes of age in Brooklyn during the early 1900s in this heartfelt and memorable book.
Smith, Dodie <i>I Capture the Castle</i>	Seventeen-year-old Cassandra Mortmain, an aspiring writer, and her eccentric family live in a run-down English castle in not-so-genteel poverty. Her 1934 journal entries, which chronicle six months of family upheaval and her first romantic interest, "capture the castle."
Smith, Roland <i>Peak</i>	A fourteen-year-old boy attempts to be the youngest person to reach the top of Mount Everest.
Sonnenblick, Jordan <i>Zen and the Art of Faking It</i>	Upon moving to a new town yet again, thirteen-year-old San Lee looks for a way to stand out and finds it in his knowledge of Zen Buddhism, but he will have some work to do if he is to be a convincing Zen master.
Spiegelman, Art <i>Maus: A Survivor's Tale</i>	A Jewish mouse's experiences in Nazi-occupied Europe and in German concentration camps are told with words and pictures to chilling effect in this Pulitzer Prize-winning graphic work. Sequel: <i>Maus II: A Survivor's Tale</i>
Springer, Nancy <i>Blood Trail</i>	After his best friend is murdered, seventeen-year-old Booger realizes he may know who committed the crime--but he's scared to tell anyone.

	Book One of the “Lockwood & Co” series
Taylor, Laini <i>Strange the Dreamer</i>	The dream chooses the dreamer, not the other way around. Lazlo Strange, war orphan and junior librarian, has always feared that his dream chose poorly. He’s obsessed with the mythic lost city of Weep, but it would take someone bolder than he to cross half the world in search of it. Then a stunning opportunity presents itself, in the form of a hero called the Godslayer and a band of legendary warriors, and he has to seize his chance or lose his dream forever. (P)
Thomas, Angie <i>The Hate U Give</i>	Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Khalil was unarmed. Soon afterward, his death is a national headline. What Starr does - or does not - say could upend her community. It could also endanger her life.
Tolkien, J. R. R. <i>The Fellowship of the Ring</i>	In this famed trilogy, elves, dwarves, hobbits, and men are caught in the spell of an evil ring that corrupts those who wear it. Also by this author: <i>The Hobbit</i> and others
Twain, Mark <i>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i> <i>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i>	A mischievous boy growing up in a Mississippi River town in the early nineteenth century fills his life with pranks and adventures. A teenage outcast finds himself floating on a raft down the Mississippi River with Jim, an escaped slave, in one of the greatest American novels. Also by this author: <i>The Mysterious Stranger and Other Stories</i> and others
Vande Velde, Vivian <i>All Hallows' Eve: 13 Stories</i>	A collection of thirteen tales of Halloween horrors, including ghosts, vampires, and pranks gone awry. Also by this author: <i>The Rumpelstiltskin Problem</i> and others
Verne, Jules <i>The Mysterious Island</i>	Five Americans imprisoned by Confederates during the Civil War hijack a hot air balloon and make their escape, only to crash-land on a deserted volcanic island. They soon realize that a mysterious force is helping them survive. Sequel to 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea Also by this author: <i>Around the World in Eighty Days, In Search of the Castaways, A Journey to the Center of the Earth</i> , and others
Voigt, Cynthia <i>Homecoming</i>	Abandoned in a parking lot by their mother, who left them with a bag of sandwiches and the address of a distant great-aunt, thirteen-year-old Dicey and her three younger siblings embark on an arduous and eventful journey. Sequel: <i>Dicey's Song</i> .

<p>Voorhoeve, Anne C. <i>My Family for the War</i></p>	<p>At the start of World War II ten-year old Franziska Mangold, raised Protestant though of Jewish ancestry, gets a coveted spot on the Kindertransport, which carries her from Berlin to London. Now called Frances, she is taken in by an Orthodox Jewish family and struggles to adjust to a new language, culture, school, and religion. Her return to Germany after the war is fraught with danger, tragedy, and complicated reunions.</p>
<p>Walker, Brian F. <i>Black Boy/White School</i></p>	<p>Anthony “Ant” Jones has never been outside his rough East Cleveland neighborhood when he’s given a scholarship to Belton Academy, an elite prep school in Maine. But at Belton things are far from perfect. Everyone calls him “Tony,” assumes he’s from Brooklyn, and expects him to play basketball. As Anthony tries to adapt to a world that will never fully accept him, he’s in for a rude awakening: Home is becoming a place where he no longer belongs.</p>
<p>Watson, Renee <i>Piecing Me Together</i></p>	<p>Tired of being singled out at her mostly-white private school as someone who needs support, high school junior Jade would rather participate in the school's amazing Study Abroad program than join Women to Women, a mentorship program for at-risk girls. (N) (CSK)</p>
<p>Wein, Elizabeth <i>Code Name Verity</i></p>	<p>In 1943, a British fighter plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France and the survivor tells a tale of friendship, war, espionage, and great courage as she relates what she must do to survive while keeping secret all that she can. (P) Companion to <i>Rose Under Fire</i></p>
<p>Weir, Andy <i>The Martian: A Novel</i></p>	<p>Astronaut Mark Watney, having been stranded on Mars during a dust storm, relies on his ingenuity and engineering skills to stay alive and try to contact NASA.</p>
<p>Wells, H.G. <i>The Time Machine</i></p>	<p>A scientist invents a time machine and uses it to travel hundreds of thousands of years into the future, where he discovers the childlike Eloi and the hideous Morlocks. Also by this author: <i>The War of the Worlds</i> and others</p>
<p>Wells, Robison <i>Variant</i></p>	<p>After years in foster homes, seventeen-year-old Benson Fisher applies to New Mexico's Maxfield Academy in hopes of securing a brighter future, but instead he finds that the school is a prison and no one is what he or she seems. Sequel: <i>Feedback</i></p>
<p>Westerfeld, Scott <i>Leviathan</i></p>	<p>In an alternate 1914 Europe, fifteen-year-old Austrian Prince Alek, on the run from the Clanker Powers who are</p>

<p><i>The Uglies</i></p>	<p>attempting to take over the globe using mechanical machinery, forms an uneasy alliance with Deryn who, disguised as a boy to join the British Air Service, is learning to fly genetically-engineered beasts. Book One of the “Leviathan Trilogy”</p> <p>Just before their sixteenth birthdays, when they will be transformed into beauties whose only job is to have fun, Tally’s best friend runs away and Tally must find her and turn her in, or never be made pretty. Book One of the “Uglies” series</p>
<p>White, T. H. <i>The Once and Future King</i></p>	<p>This magical epic tells of King Arthur and his shining Camelot, of Merlyn and Guinevere, of beasts that talk and men who fly, of wizardry and war. Also by this author: <i>The Sword in the Stone</i></p>
<p>Wiesel, Elie <i>Night</i></p>	<p>The gripping autobiographical account of the Nazi concentration camp horror that turns a young Jewish boy into an agonized witness to the death of his family, his innocence, and his God. Also by this author: <i>Dawn</i></p>
<p>Wilde, Oscar <i>The Picture of Dorian Gray</i></p>	<p>An uncommonly handsome young man mysteriously retains his physical beauty while safeguarding a portrait of himself that holds a secret.</p>
<p>Wolitzer, Meg <i>Belzhar: A Novel</i></p>	<p>Jam Gallahue, fifteen, unable to cope with the loss of her boyfriend Reeve, is sent to a therapeutic boarding school in Vermont, where a journal-writing assignment for an exclusive, mysterious English class transports her to the magical realm of Belzhar, where she and Reeve can be together.</p>
<p>Wright, Richard <i>Black Boy</i></p>	<p>This narrative of triumph against all odds follows an African American man making his way in a race-conscious and often cruel society. Also by this author: <i>Native Son</i> and others.</p>
<p>X, Malcolm <i>The Autobiography of Malcolm X</i></p>	<p>This absorbing personal history relates Malcolm X’s rise to become a dynamic leader of an African American revolution.</p>
<p>Yancey, Rick <i>The 5th Wave</i></p>	<p>Cassie Sullivan, a survivor of an alien invasion, wants to rescue her younger brother from the enemy and needs help from a boy who may be one of them. Book One of “The 5th Wave” series</p>
<p>Yang, Gene Lee <i>American Born Chinese</i></p>	<p>The three humorous, interrelated stories in this graphic novel focus on the very different experiences of two Chinese-American boys. (P)</p>
<p>Yolen, Jane <i>Briar Rose</i></p>	<p>Rebecca, who has grown up hearing her grandmother, Gemma, tell a frightening version of the Sleeping Beauty fairy tale, comes to realize that it contains clues to her</p>

	grandmother's experiences during the Holocaust. Also by this author: <i>Curse of the Thirteenth Fey: The True Tale of Sleeping Beauty</i> and others
Yousafzai, Malala <i>I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban</i>	Malala Yousafzai describes her fight for education for girls under Taliban rule, the support she received from her parents to pursue an education, and how the Taliban retaliated against her by trying to kill her in 2012, when she was fifteen.
Zevin, Gabrielle <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."
Zusak, Markus <i>The Book Thief</i>	This is the story of Liesel, an orphan growing up in Nazi Germany, as narrated by Death. She is a compulsive book thief, but by sharing their contents she helps her foster family, the Jewish man they are hiding, and her neighbors weather the difficult times. (P)

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